Henderson County
Farmland Preservation Taskforce

Monday, May 13th - 6:00 PM
King Street Meeting Room
100 N. King Street, Hendersonville, NC 28792

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Taskforce Background
3. Taskforce Goals and Outcomes
4. Discuss Meeting Schedule
5. Adjourn
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What is your background and/or experience in agriculture?

What do you hope to accomplish through this Taskforce?
Taskforce Background
Past Efforts

- BOC Adopts VAD Ordinance
- Ag Advisory Board Created
- ADFPTF Ag Preservation Plan
- AgHC Established
- Ag Board Bylaws Updated
- AgHC Non-Profit Agreement with County
- Taskforce Established

Timeline:
- Jan 4, 2010
- Jan 3, 2011
- April 1, 2024
- Dec 4, 2023
- Dec 15, 2021
- Oct 28, 1992
- 1991
### 2020 Comprehensive Plan

#### Recommendation A - 01: Reduce Farmland Loss

A. Consider the costs and practicality of establishing a farmland protection fund for Henderson County.

B. Promote and expand voluntary agricultural districts to minimize land use conflicts and protect farmers’ right to farm.

C. Ensure that County-funded economic development programs and projects support farmland protection.

#### Recommendation A - 02: Expand access for agricultural enterprises to economic development and tourism promotion programs and support services.

D. Explore ways to make County economic development incentives more readily available to agriculture-related businesses.

E. Provide maximum benefits under Present Use Value Taxation program.

F. Provide ongoing training and technical assistance to farmers.

G. Promote agricultural products that are produced in Henderson County.

H. Identify an agricultural proponent or facilitator.
2045 Comprehensive Plan

AgHC
NC Cooperative Extension
Soil & Water Advisory Board
NC Farm Bureau
Blue Ridge Apple Growers
Future Farmers of America
NC Apple Festival
Goal 2: Protect and Conserve Rural Character and Agriculture

Rec 2.1: Support agriculture as an economic driver.

Rec 2.2: Preserve existing farmland.

Rec 2.3: Promote cooperation between existing agriculture and new residential development.

Rec 2.4: Encourage non-farm development outside of agricultural areas.

Rec 2.5: Utilize zoning tools to help conserve rural character.
NC ADFPTF Easements (2023)
Conserving Carolina

Plumlea Farm
~200 acres

Brown Farm
~70 acres

Skybrook Farm
50 acres
Taskforce Goals & Outcomes
“The purpose of the Farmland Preservation Taskforce is to preserve and protect agricultural land throughout Henderson County while supporting local producers and the rural character of the County. The Henderson County Board of Commissioners hereby create the Henderson County Farmland Preservation Taskforce. The Taskforce shall assist the Board of Commissioners by providing input on the preservation of farmland in Henderson County.”
Taskforce Goals Discussion

Example Goals:

• Understand the agriculture needs in Henderson County
• Research existing agriculture preservation programs.
• Develop and recommend a Henderson County Agriculture Preservation Program
# 2024 Meeting Schedule

**Second Monday of the Month**
- **6:00 PM**
- **100 N. King Street**
- **King Street Meeting Room**

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Looking ahead.....

Future Topic Development

Guest Speakers
Organizations  Individuals
Thanks!

Next Meeting: June 10th @ 6:00 PM
King St Meeting Room

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www.hendersoncountync.gov/planning/page/agricultural-preservation-0
Adjourn!