

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE 2045 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ADOPTED MARCH 20, 2024

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Matrix

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2045 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN SUMMARY OF IMPLEMENTATION

The 2045 Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners on March 20, 2024.

The adoption of this Comprehensive Plan is the first step in the implementation process. Now that the plan goals, recommendations, and action steps are finalized, an implementation matrix can be crafted to prioritize the steps to accomplish the outcomes of this 20-year plan. Although many of the recommendations will take years to complete, some actions are priorities for Phase I, like amending the Land Development Code (LDC).

Zoning is the primary tool for implementing the Comprehensive Plan's policies, particularly the Future Land Use Map. Maintaining consistency between the County's Land Development Code and the 2045 Comprehensive Plan is vital to ensure that regulations facilitate, and do not prevent, the implementation of Plan outcomes and goals. Updating the LDC will take many months to complete if done correctly and with the proper public involvement.

Whereas the Comprehensive Plan has a 20-year horizon, the Implementation Plan will provide guidance for specific action items and implementation roles and responsibilities for four, five-year periods. This phasing allows the Implementation Plan to be updated at regular intervals in response to unanticipated opportunities and challenges and to support the long-term vision and goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

In the Implementation Plan Matrix, each of the Plan's action items is assigned to a responsible party and given a time frame for targeted completion. There is also coordinating resources, action types, and action levels listed for each step. All of the actions listed in the Action Plan Matrix are

excerpted from the elements of the Plan and the reader is advised to consult the relevant section for more information and context. The matrix is a mechanism for decision-making, creates accountability, and is a way to measure the progress of plan implementation.

For the 2045 Comprehensive Plan to be an effective tool for guiding the County's land use vision for the next 20 years, it must be implemented in a deliberate manner with a focus toward achieving the three main outcomes:

- Intentional Land Use
- Connectivity
- Opportunity

These outcomes are further divided into eight goals that cover a range of land use issues. These eight goals each correspond to a specific topic area, demonstrating the logical flow between area of concern and desired resolution. The goals are the overarching desires of the County as derived from the public engagement and analysis process that occurred during the Comprehensive Planning process from 2021-2022. Each goal may correspond to and accomplish multiple outcomes.

Land use issues are interconnected and often are reliant upon other decisions to satisfy the goal. The eight goals are:

- 1. Coordinate development near existing community anchors.
- 2. Protect and conserve rural character and agriculture.
- 3. Improve resiliency of the natural and built environments.
- 4. Prioritize multi-modal transportation options and connectivity.
- 5. Create a reliable, connected utility and communication network.
- 6. Stimulate innovative economic development initiatives, entrepreneurship, and local businesses.
- 7. Diversify housing choices and increase availability.
- 8. Promote healthy living, public safety, and access to education



Highland Lake Falls by Michele Schwartz

Within each of these goals, there are several significant action steps that should be taken to ensure the success of the 2045 Comprehensive Plan. The responsibility for implementation is spread across a range of entities, both within and outside Henderson County government, but ultimately the Board of Commissioners will bear the final responsibility for successfully implementing the plan.

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Common Acronyms and Abbreviations- please use the table below to reference acronyms or abbreviations that may be used in the matrix to maximize space:

| ACRONYM/ABBREVIATION | PROPER NAME |
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| AARP | American Association of Retired Persons |
| ACPT | Apple Country Public Transit |
| BOC | Board of Commissioners |
| BRBC | Blue Ridge Bicycle Club |
| BRCC | Blue Ridge Community College |
| EAC | Environmental Advisory Committee |
| FBRMPO | French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization |
| FFA | Future Farmers of America |
| HCPS | Henderson County Public Schools |
| HOUSING ASSISTANCE | Hendersonville Housing Assistance Corporation |
| HRC | Historic Resources Commission |
| LAND OF SKY/LOS | Land of Sky Regional Council |
| LDC | Land Development Code |
| MSD | Metropolitan Sewerage District |
| NC COOP EXT. | North Carolina Cooperative Extension |
| NCDEQ | North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality |
| NCDOT | North Carolina Department of Transportation |
| PARKS & REC | Henderson County Parks & Recreation Department |
| RTAC | Rail Trail Advisory Committee |
| SOIL & WATER | Henderson County Soil & Water Conservation District |
| TAC | Transportation Advisory Committee |
| TDA | Tourism Development Authority |
| THE PARTNERSHIP | Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development |
| TRC | Technical Review Committee |
| USGS | United State Geological Survey |

"Target Completion Date" refers to when a specific action step is anticipated to be completed or fully implemented. 2045 is the end of the plan horizon, so some ongoing actions may state a completion date of Phase IV when a new plan with new goals and action steps would be created.

All words highlighted in blue italics are defined in the plan glossary for reference.

Please Note: The Utility Service Area (USA) boundary changed after the recommendations and action steps were finalized. Action steps calling for direct action in the USA should not be misconstrued as directives to property where the County does not have land use jurisdiction, like the City of Hendersonville. When written and voted upon, the recommendations and action steps referred to the past USA boundary that contained all areas with existing utilities or planned expansions.





Each action step is given an action type. The types have broad definitions, but a description for each is listed below for reference. The matrix begins on page 10.

| ACTION TYPE | DESCRIPTION |
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| DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS | Zoning, codes, ordinance-related; site planning and development |
| STUDY/PLAN | Studies, plans, evaluations, research into options, inventories, pilot projects |
| COORDINATION/ OUTREACH | Convening and coordinating; educating, promoting, marketing, lobbying |
| FINANCIAL | Issues of funding and financing |
| PROGRAM/ ORGANIZATION | Programmatic changes/additions; de- velopment of new tools, processes, and programs; creation of new institutions |

2045 Comprehensive Plan

IMPLEMENTING PLAN PHASING **20 YEAR VISION**

IMPLEMENTATION MATRIX ACTION STEPS & PRIORITY

| ACTION STEP | COORDINATING RESOURCES | RESPONSIBLE Party | TARGET COMPLETION | ACTION TYPE | LEVEL OF Action |
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| Rec 1.1: Grow where infrastructure and se | rvices exist, in and ar | ound municipalit | PHASE ies, community i | nvestments, and | anchors. |
| A. Coordinate with municipalities and oth- er service providers to update the Utility Service Area (USA) and utility service agreements to best fit he Future Land Use Map and municipal land use plans. | City of Hendersonville | BOC | Phase I | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| B. Encourage higher-density residential developments to be located within the USA. | City of Hendersonville and Asheville Regional Housing Consortium | BOC, City of Hendersonville | Ongoing | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| C: Locate commercial and residential growth near community anchors (i.e. Neighborhood Anchors and Community Centers on the FLU Map). | County Staff | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| D: Utilize appropriate tools to encourage growth in-line with the Future Land Use Map. | County Staff | Planning Board | Ongoing | Development Regulations | Local |
| E: Develop a mechanism that could expand allowable uses that are compati- ble with the Ecusta Rail Trail. | Ecusta Trail Business Partners, RTAC | Planning Board | Phase II | Development Regulations | Local |
| F: Ensure zoning districts around Neighborhood Anchors and Community Centers allow, by right, consistent land uses. | County Staff | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| Rec 1.2: Use available zoning tools to enco | ourage context-appro | priate rural busin | esses. | | |
| A: Continue to allow for administrative approval for small to medium-scale uses that meet basic standards in rural areas (e.g. AG on FLUM). | County Staff | Planning Board | Ongoing | Development Regulations | Local |
| B: Modify thresholds for administrative approval requirements for certain types or sizes of new nonresidential uses. | County Staff | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |

| ACTION STEP | COORDINATING RESOURCES | RESPONSIBLE Party | TARGET Completion Phase | ACTION TYPE | LEVEL OF Action |
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| C: Collaborate with the Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development to encourage redevelopment of underuti- lized industrial and/or commercial properties." | The Partnership | Board of Commissioners | Phase IV | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| D: The size and intensity of uses in Neighborhood Anchors should be evaluated to maintain the local business economy. | The Partnership, Chamber of Commerce | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| Rec 2.1: Support agriculture as an econon | nic driver. | | | | |
| A: Continue to collaborate with Agribusiness Henderson County (AgHC) on supporting existing agriculture. | AgHC, other farm stakeholders | NC Cooperative Ext., Soil and Water, County Staff | Phase IV | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| B: Recruit and prepare the next gen- eration of farmers through the 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA) programs in coordination with Henderson County Schools and Blue Ridge Community College. | BRCC, FFA, and HCPS | NC Cooperative Ext. (4-H) | Ongoing | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| C: Leverage partnership with Blue Ridge Community College to advance workforce development assets and respond to specific agri-business needs. | BRCC | AgHC | Phase II | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| D: Assist the three government-supported agricultural entities (AgHC, Henderson County Soil & Water Conservation District, and NC Cooperative Extension) on joint issues and encourage collaboration. | AgHC, Henderson County Soil & Water Conservation District, and NC Cooperative Extension | Board of Commissioners | Phase IV | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| E: Continue to allow for a flexible ap- proach to rural business development. | Chamber of Commerce | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |



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| F: Identify and address barriers to integration, extension, and diversification of agribusiness and agritourism (i.e. packing facilities, processing, value-add- ed production, distribution, retail). | Farmland Preservation Taskforce, BOC, NC Cooperative Ext., Soil & Water, other ag stakeholders | AgHC | Phase III | Development Regulations | Local |
| "G: Study the creation of an Agricultural Visitor Center and incorporated offices for agricultural related agencies." | AgHC, Henderson County Soil & Water Conservation District, and NC Cooperative Ext. | Board of Commissioners | Phase III | Study/Plan | Local |
| H: Collaborate with the NC Cooperative Extension and other organizations to connect current and future farmers to federal and state agricultural funding programs. | NC Cooperative Extension | Farmland Preservation & Soil & Water | Phase IV | Financial | Local |
| Rec 2.2: Preserve existing farmland | | | | | |
| A: Encourage enrollment in Present Use Value (PUV) and Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) programs. | AgHC, NC Cooperative Ext., Farm Bureau, Soil & Water | Tax Department | Phase IV | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| B: Formulate a plan to create a Voluntary Farmland Preservation Program to purchase farmland development rights and establish agricultural conservation easements. | AgHC, Soil and Water, NC Cooperative Ext., Farm Bureau, other agriculture stakeholders | Board of Commissioners, Farmland Preservation Taskforce | Phase I | Program/ Organization | Local |
| C: Study the creation of a County-wide Farmland Mapping & Monitoring Program. | NC Cooperative Extension and Soil & Water Conservation Dist., AgHC, Tax Dept. | County Staff | Phase I | Study/Plan | Local |

| ACTION STEP | COORDINATING Resources |
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| Rec 2.3: Promote cooperation between e | xisting agriculture |
| A: Discourage rezonings for higher den- sity residential subdivisions outside the defined Utility Service Area (USA) and in the Agriculture/Rural (AR) area identified on the Future Land Use Map.* | County Staff |
| B: Review the requirement for a 100 foot setback for all buildings from Voluntary Agricultural Districts (VAD). | Farmland Preservation Taskforce |
| C: Consider zoning updates to reduce development pressure in agricultural areas. | Ag stakehold- ers, Farmland Preservation Taskforce |
| Rec 2.4: Encourage non-farm developme | nt outside of agricu |
| A: Continue to provide incentives for revitalizing existing commercial and industrial sites through economic development ventures. | The Partnership |
| B: Encourage industrial growth in areas away from large concentrations of farmland and agricultural operations. | AgHC, Farmland Preservation Taskforce |
| C: Carefully evaluate potential utility extensions that could impact large concentrations of productive farmland. | City of Hendersonville, MS and Etowah Sewe |
| Rec 2.5: Utilize zoning tools to help conse | erve rural character |
| A: Study existing rural character and identify defining elements that can be modeled. | Planning & Zoning Departments |
| B: Work with developers to strategically locate required open space. | Developers |

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| e and | l new residential | development | | |
| | Planning Board | Ongoing | Development Regulations | Local |
| l | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| - 1 1 | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| cultu | ral areas. | | | |
| ip | Board of Commissioners | Phase IV | Development Regulations | Local |
| nd | The Partnership | Phase IV | Development Regulations | Local |
| MSD, wer | Board of Cmmissioners - future Edneyville Sewer | Phase IV | Study/Plan | Local |
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| ing S | Planning Board | Phase II | Study/Plan | Local |
| | Planning & Zoning Departments | Phase IV | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |

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| C: Clarify buffers or "green belts" between commercial and residential development and between residential development and farmland. | Farmland Preservation Taskforce, EAC | Planning Board | Phase II | Development Regulations | Local |
| Rec 3.1: Protect and conserve sensitive e | nvironmental habitats | , steep slopes, ar | nd ridge tops | | |
| A: Encourage conservation subdivision design in areas with sensitive environ- mental resources. | EAC, Planning Board, TRC | Planning and Zoning Departments | Phase IV | Development Regulations | Local |
| B: Consider allowing for administrative approval for conservation subdivisions that meet certain criteria as defined in the Land Development Code. | | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| C: Encourage the reservation of sensitive natural resources as open space in new development. | EAC, NCDEQ, Conserving Carolina | Planning and Zoning Departments | Phase IV | Development Regulations | Local |
| D: Study the creation of guidelines for if development occurs on public lands. | Pisgah National Forest, Dupont State Forest, Green River Gamelands, and other public lands | Planning Board | Phase I | Study/Plan | Local |
| E: Consider incentivizing open space con- servation in new industrial developments of a certain size and where appropriate. | The Partnership | Planning Board | Phase II | Development Regulations | Local |
| F: Consolidate steep slope requirements within the Land Development Code for simplification. | EAC, local developers | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| G: Consider the creation of a voluntary program with a land conservancy fund to purchase development rights and establish conservation easements on im- portant natural lands and other sensitive environmental habitats. | Conserving Carolina | Board of Commissioners, Farmland Preservation Taskforce | Phase I | Program/ Organization | Local |

| ACTION STEP | COORDINATING Resources |
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| Rec 3.2: Improve the resiliency of natura | l areas and critical |
| A: In collaboration with existing organi- zations, study how to protect sensitive habitats, farmland, and land adjacent to creeks and rivers throughout Henderson County. | Conserving Carolina, Farmlan Preservation Taskforce, & EAC |
| B: Coordinate efforts between Emergency Services and the Planning Department regarding emergency response and critical infrastructure. | Emergency Management, TR |
| C: Regularly review implementation prog- ress and update the Hazard Mitigation Plan to strengthen emergency manage- ment and response in the County. | Planning Department |
| D: Ensure the Land Development Code is consistent with state and federal regulations. | County Attorney |
| E: Continue work with local, state, and federal land managers to develop plans for wildfire management, especially in interface areas. (See also Rec 3.3 F) | Public lands, loca governments, EA |
| F: Continue to work with the community to increase emergency preparedness awareness and educate the community regarding existing response plans. | NC Department o Public Safety |
| Rec 3.3: Decrease the potential exposure | e to hazards by man |
| A: Within new subdivisions consider the reservation of open space and conser- vation areas in and around areas with a high potential for landslides. | Regional Resilienc Advisory Board, Emergency Management |
| B: Use available vulnerability and risk assessment tools to guide development design and rezoning decisions. | Regional Resilience Advisory Board, N Office of Recovery Besiliency |

Resiliency

| IG | RESPONSIBLE Party | TARGET Completion Phase | ACTION TYPE | LEVEL OF Action |
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| lass | ets against hazaı | rds | | |
| and AC | County Staff | Phase III | Study/Plan | Local |
| RC | Planning Department | Ongoing | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| | Emergency Management | Ongoing | Study/Plan | Local |
| ey | Planning Department | Ongoing | Development Regulations | Local |
| cal AC | Emergency Management | Ongoing | Coordination/ Outreach | Regional |
| of | Emergency Management | Ongoing | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| nagi | ing future develo | oment | | |
| ncy d, | Site Development | Ongoing | Development Regulations | Local |
| ncy NC ′y & | Planning Board, Board of Commissioners | Phase IV | Development Regulations | Local |

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| C: Discourage the amount of land disturbed in steep slope developments, including construction of roads, as well as density of development. | County Staff, USGS, Regional Resiliency Advisory Board | Site Development | Phase IV | Development Regulations | Local |
| D: Continue to limit fill in floodplains unless additional standards are met. | Site Development, Floodplain Administrator, Planning Board | Board of Commissioners | Phase II | Development Regulations | Local |
| E: Utilize the fire, building, and land development codes to mitigate risk of fire hazards in areas with limited access. | Henderson County Fire Departments, County Staff | TRC | Phase III | Development Regulations | Local |
| F: Encourage wildfire mitigation prin- ciples in new developments located in the Wildland Urban interface including: - Design recreation space and access roads to double as firebreaks - Design each home site to have defined defensible space - Encourage fire resistant building design and provide defensible space around clustered development | US Forest Service, NC Forest Service, Planning Board, TRC, GIS Coordinator | Emergency Management | Phase II | Development Regulations | Local |
| G: Encourage best practice design standards for new construction within the Wildland Urban Interface. | US Forest Service, NC Forest Service, Emergency Management, Planning Board, TRC, GIS Coordinator | County Staff | Phase IV | Development Regulations | Local |
| H: Encourage additional street trees within new developments to enhance the environmental benefits of the requirement. | EAC, Environmental Programs Coordinator | Planning Board | Phase IV | Development Regulations | Local |

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| Rec 3.4: Improve stormwater management s | strategies and water q | uality protections | ; | | |
| A: Continue to limit built-upon area within the watersupply watersheds and provide standards for stormwater management. | County Staff, Town of Mills River, NCDEQ | Site Development, Planning Board | Phase III | Development Regulations | Local |
| B: Monitor water quality trends to determine effectiveness of existing regulations and other trends. | RiverLink, NCDEQ | Soil & Water | Phase IV | Study/Plan | Regional |
| C: Consider additional site development standards to reduce stormwater and erosion impacts of new major subdivisions. | Planning Board, NCDEQ, Soil & Water | Site Development | Phase III | Development Regulations | Local |
| D: Identify regulatory barriers and consider incentives for green infrastructure projects, which can lessen stress on natural systems. | EAC, Conserving Carolina, NCDEQ, NC Wildlife - Green Growth Toolbox | Site Development | Phase III | Study/Plan | Local |
| Rec 4.1: Address traffic and road maintenand | ce priorities | | | | |
| A: Advocate for the County's transporta- tion priorities at the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO) board meetings regarding project prioritization, roadway design, and safety. | TAC, NCDOT | BOC Liasons to MPO Board & TCC Staff Liasons | Ongoing | Coordination/ Outreach | Regional |
| B: Coordinate with NCDOT and municipalities via the Henderson County Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). | FBRMPO, NCDOT, the municipalities | TAC | Ongoing | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| C: Advocate for the NCDOT to update the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, which was adopted in 2008, and focus improve- ments around active transportation options and transit. | ACPT, NCDOT, FBRMPO | TAC | Phase I | Study/Plan | Regional |
| "D: Collaborate with NCDOT and the French Broad River MPO to develop a county-wide Rural Roadway Design Manual to provide clear recommendations to NCDOT and developers for expanding and improving the transportation network throughout the County." | NCDOT, FBRMPO | TAC | Phase II | Program/ Organization | Local |

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| Rec 4.2: Adopt policies and regulations that r | educe or mitigate im | pacts of new deve | elopment | | |
| A: Encourage adequate roadway connectivity with appropriate access (ingress and egress) and limit dead ends/cul-de-sacs in new subdivisions. | TRC, Emergency Management, TAC, Planning Board | County Staff | Phase II | Development Regulations | Local |
| B: Consider reducing Henderson County's Traffic Impact Study (TIS) threshold for developments located along specific road classifications. | NCDOT | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| C: Consider amending the Land Development Code to allow for integration of residential and commercial uses to allow for shorter travel time between destinations. | NCDOT, TAC, ACPT, Chamber of Commerce | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| D: Consider additional sidewalk/trail con- nections for new commercial developments, especially when adjacent to an existing trail. | RTAC, Recreation Advisory Board, NCDOT | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| E: Encourage connections between existing and new commercial developments to re- duce curb cuts and make it easier to access the businesses. | NCDOT, TAC | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| Rec 4.3: Promote the development of Hender | son County's transpo | ortation system in | ways that bene | fit the communi | ty |
| A: The County should continue to seek grant | | | | | |

A: The County should continue to seek grant funding (through the French Broad River MPO and other sources) for corridor studies along primary roadways throughout the County. B: Establish a vision for significant roadway corridors and its surrounding land use, with input from the community they serve.

C: Identify creative solutions for roadway congestion and safety during seasonal peak demand and at public schools.

|) | TAC, FBRMPO Liasons | Planning Department | Phase IV | Financial | Local |
|---|--|------------------------|-----------|------------|-------|
| | NCDOT, FBRMPO, im- pacted communities | TAC | Phase II | Study/Plan | Local |
| | HCPS, NCDOT, Safe Routes to Schools Coordinator, NC Highway Patrol, BRBC | TAC | Phase III | Study/Plan | Local |

| ACTION STEP | COORDINATING Resources | RESPONSIBLE Party | TARGET COMPLETION PHASE | ACTION TYPE | LEVEL OF Action |
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| D: Support NCDOT with the on-going corridor studies for major roadways. | NCDOT | TAC | Ongoing | Study/Plan | Local |
| E: Collaborate through the TAC and the NCDOT on intersections with safety and congestion issues in the County. | NCDOT, TAC | Planning Board | Phase II | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| F: Communicate the desire to NCDOT for prioritization of continuous traffic flow to allow for safer speeds and EMS access in strategic rural intersections especially during high traffic seasons. | Emergency Management, NCDOT, NC Highway Patrol | TAC | Ongoing | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| G: Encourage NCDOT to accept and maintain all public subdivision roads and drainage infrastructure which were dedicated, record- ed, approved, or installed prior to October 1, 1975, without requiring the private property owners who adjoin the improvement to pay the costs of bringing them up to current NCDOT standards. | NCDOT | BOC, State Legislature | Phase I | Coordination/ Outreach | State |
| Rec 4.4: Improve active transportation optio | ns (i.e. transit, sidewa | lks and bicycle fa | cilities) in the C | ounty. | |
| A: Identify opportunities to incorporate transit, cycling, and pedestrian facilities into roadway upgrades. | NCDOT, FBRMPO, RTAC, BRBC | TAC | Phase III | Study/Plan | Local |
| B: Encourage NCDOT, where appropriate, to install paths along key roadways, giving people an option for bicycle and pedestrian commuting or for recreational use when applicable. | NCDOT, FBRMPO, RTAC, BRBC | TAC | Phase III | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| C: Conduct studies of the transportation network surrounding County schools to identify deficiencies in safety and access. | Safe Routes to Schools Coordinator, NCDOT, TAC | Planning Department | Phase IV | Study/Plan | Local |
| D: Identify safe cycling routes and create maps to community members and visitors and update as needed. | Blue Ridge Bicycle Club, GIS Coordinator, County Staff | TAC | Ongoing | Study/Plan | Local |

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| E: Support the State Legislature to improve solutions for the funding, construction, and maintenance of bike, public transit, and pedestrian infrastructure. | NCDOT, FBRMPO, State Legislature | BOC, TAC | Phase IV | Coordination/ Outreach | State |
| F: Work with NCDOT and the municipalities to create guidance for businesses that want to connect to a greenway identified in the Greenway Master Plan. - Advocate for safety of pedestrians and bicyclists through parking lots and via roadway access. - Encourage adjacent businesses to develop connections along existing trails. | NCDOT, local businesses, munici- palities, BRBC | TAC | Phase II | Program/ Organization | Local |
| Rec 4.5: Maintain Apple Country Public Trans | sit's service levels and | l invest in infrastr | ructure to suppo | ort transit. | |
| A: Conduct a transit feasibility study to identify gaps in transit service, particularly to schools, large employers, and greenways and recreational facilities as needed. | Transit Steering Committee, transit riders, other transit stakeholders | County Staff | Phase I | Study/Plan | Local |
| B: Use the Future Land Use Map to identify potential stops along transit routes. | NCDOT, WNCSource, municipal stakeholders | County Staff | Phase IV | Program/ Organization | Local |
| C: Support higher density housing develop- ments along transit routes. | Housing Assistance, Council on Aging, Habitat for Humanity | Planning Board | Phase IV | Development Regulations | Local |
| D: Consider directing development to within 3/4 mile of the fixed-route transit system by extending the distance of the routes, and adding new routes. | WNCSource, NCDOT | Planning Board, County Staff | Phase IV | Development Regulations | Local |
| E: Continue to work with regional partners and explore the concept of a Regional Transit Authority (RTA) that would focus on regional transit service while preserving local control of existing systems. | FBRMPO, NCDOT, other transit systems | County Staff, ACPT | Phase II | Coordination/ Outreach | Regional |

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| F: Explore mechanisms to provide express routes to connect Hendersonville to Asheville and other destinations in Buncombe, Madison, and Haywood County, while focusing on regional mobility management, employee training, maintenance, and funding administration. | FBRMPO, NCDOT, other transit systems | County Staff, ACPT | Phase I | Study/Plan | Regional |
| G: Explore possible connections between transit and greenways to help reduce traffic and vehicle miles traveled. | RTAC, Recreation Advisory Board, NCDOT | County Staff, ACPT | Ongoing | Study/Plan | Local |
| H: Continue to improve existing bus stops through amenities like benches and shelters. | NCDOT, WNCSource | County Staff, ACPT | Ongoing | Program/ Organization | Local |
| I: Explore solutions to solve the garbage collection issue at bus stops. | Facility Services, City of Hendersonville | County Staff, ACPT | Phase I | Study/Plan | Local |
| J: Collaborate with the City of Hendersonville on a joint planning effort for a more robust transfer station in downtown Hendersonville. | City of Hendersonville | County Staff, ACPT | Phase I | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| K: Encourage diversification of the Henderson County vehicle fleet, including transit buses, for optimum resiliency and to reduce costs of operations. | Facility Services, NCDOT Public Transit Division | County Staff, ACPT | Phase II | Program/ Organization | Local |
| Rec 4.6: Complete the trail and greenway ne | twork. | | | | |
| A: Implement the Greenway Master Plan's policy to incorporate the use of existing and future sewer utility easements for public-use greenways. | County Staff, RTAC, community stakeholders | BOC - Edneyville Sewer District; City of Hendersonville Sewer | Phase III | Program/ Organization | Local |
| B: Work with municipalities, employers, nonprofits, and schools to provide additional amenities for existing greenways and trails (i.e. parking, benches, lighting, restrooms, water fountains, bike repair stations, mile markers, and educational signage). | Ecusta Business Partners, Friends of Ecusta Trail, munic- ipalities, employers, nonprofits, and schools | RTAC | Phase IV | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |

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| C: Coordinate with partners to advance, complete, and maintain the entire 19 miles of the Ecusta Rail Trail. | NCDOT, City of Brevard, City of Hendersonville, Town of Laurel Park, ETAB | RTAC | Ongoing | Coordination/ Outreach | Regional |
| D: Coordinate with NCDOT to ensure that all Ecusta Rail Trail roadway crossings follow safety standards for vehicles and pedestri- ans, are highly visible for drivers, and have appropriate signage. | NCDOT | RTAC | Phase II | Coordination/ Outreach | Regional |
| E: Coordinate with the Rail Trail Advisory Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), Planning Board, and Recreation Advisory Board on priority greenway implementation. | RTAC, TAC, Planning Board, Recreation Advisory Board, Conserving Carolina | Greenway Master Plan Steering Committee | Phase IV | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| F: Prioritize planning and design for green- way segments to connect existing trails. | NCDOT, FBRMPO | County Staff | Ongoing | Development Regulations | Local |
| G: Incorporate spurs and short connections (where feasible) to hospitals and County- owned properties, like parks, into greenway planning. | NCDOT, FBRMPO, Recreation Advisory Board, Pardee Hospital | County Staff | Phase IV | Development Regulations | Local |
| H: Update the Henderson County Greenway Master Plan to reflect current progress, new initiatives, updated funding opportunities, and tentative community partners. | RTAC, NCDOT, FBRMPO, Conserving Carolina, etc. | Greenway Master Plan Steering Committee | Phase II | Study/Plan | Local |
| I: Prioritize the design of new trails to be adequately designed, resilient, and withstand extreme weather events, as well as design for stormwater best management practices (BMPs), when cost effective, and other flood prevention strategies. | Local Floodplain Administrators and Water Quality Administrators | Site Development, County Staff | Ongoing | Development Regulations | Local |
| J: Appropriate hydraulic modeling should be performed whenever a greenway is to be constructed in a floodplain. | Local Floodplain Administrators and Water Quality Administrators | NCDEQ | Ongoing | Development Regulations | Local |

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| K: Create a user-friendly, online method for people to report maintenance issues on County maintained greenways. | Recreation Advisory Board, RTAC, munici- pal stakeholders | County Staff | Phase I | Program/ Organization | Local | | | |
| Rec 4.7: Support education and encourage activities related to bicycling. | | | | | | | | |
| A: Encourage skills clinics that teach novice riders how to ride safely and efficiently when riding alone or in groups. | Blue Ridge Bicycle Club | Parks & Recreation | Ongoing | Coordination/ Outreach | Local | | | |
| B: Encourage bicycle riding and utilization of the Ecusta Rail Trail and other greenways. | Blue Ridge Bicycle Club; NCDOT | RTAC | Ongoing | Coordination/ Outreach | Local | | | |
| Rec 5.1: Improve communications infrastruct | ture. | | | | | | | |
| A: Strive to improve the County's Broadband Availability Index ranking per the NC Broadband Infrastructure Office. | Land of Sky, local providers, NC Broadband Infrastructure Office | Broadband Taskforce | Phase I | Program/ Organization | Local | | | |
| B: Pursue the extension of broadband Internet, especially trunk-line improvements or extensions between major population centers, including improvements along I-26. | Land of Sky, local providers, NC Broadband Infrastructure Office | Broadband Taskforce | Phase II | Financial | Regiona | | | |
| C: Continue participation in broadband planning programs. Work with the State to receive and distribute funding for building broadband infrastructure grants, such as the Completing Access to Broadband Grant Program and others. | Land of Sky, local providers, NC Broadband Infrastructure Office | Broadband Taskforce | Phase I | Financial | Local | | | |
| D: Continue County participation in the BAND-NC grant program to complete the county-wide digital inclusion plan. | Land of Sky, local providers, NC Broadband Infrastructure Office | Broadband Taskforce | Phase IV | Study/Plan | Local | | | |
| E: Consider implementation of the Henderson County Broadband Taskforce's recommen- dations concerning the most effective and legal role for Henderson County to take in assisting and promoting improvements and growth of broadband infrastructure. | Broadband Taskforce | BOC | Phase IV | Program/ Organization | Local | | | |

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| Rec 5.2: Locate utilities to maximize efficiency environment. | Rec 5.2: Locate utilities to maximize efficiency of services, minimize cost of service, and minimize impacts on the natural environment. | | | | | | | |
| A: Initiate and conduct utility planning efforts that align with land use policies and commu- nity goals. | City of Hendersonville, Edneyville Sewer, Etowah Sewer, Metropolitan Sewerage District | BOC | Phase I | Study/Plan | Local | | | |
| B: Coordinate with local governments and regional entities to address service issues and secure long-term water and sewer capacity. | City of Hendersonville, Edneyville Sewer, Etowah Sewer, Metropolitan Sewerage District | BOC | Phase II | Coordination/ Outreach | Regional | | | |
| C: Coordinate targeted utility and service enhancements within the defined Utility Service Area. | City of Hendersonville, Edneyville Sewer, Etowah Sewer, Metropolitan Sewerage District | BOC | Phase IV | Coordination/ Outreach | Local | | | |
| D: Discuss with Henderson County Schools regarding alignment of future school plan- ning with water and sewer infrastructure planning. | HCPS | City of Hendersonville and BOC | Ongoing | Coordination/ Outreach | Local | | | |
| Rec 5.3: Use utilities to incentivize economic | development and co | nservation opport | unities. | | | | | |
| A: County staff and elected officials should coordinate with partners to plan for effective site readiness for specific economic develop- ment projects. | The Partnership, AgHC | BOC, County Staff | Ongoing | Coordination/ Outreach | Local | | | |
| B: Encourage conservation subdivision designs for all new major residential subdi- visions of a certain size in unincorporated areas tied to sewer infrastructure. | County Staff, MSD | Planning Board | Phase II | Development Regulations | Local | | | |

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| Rec 5.4: Take a leadership role in sewer and | water planning |
| A: Recommend a water and sewer man- agement structure including County and municipal participation to manage growth within the entire County. | MSD, City of Hendersonv Water & Sew Etowah Sewer of Asheville W other utility p viders, stakeho municipaliti |
| B: Coordinate transportation studies with the City to evaluate and prioritize development potential for future commercial and/or industrial development. | City of Hendersonville Partnership, NO FBRMPO |
| C: Encourage the development of a capital improvement program and capital reserve fund to help implement planned investments in sewer infrastructure and other services. | The Partners |
| Rec 6.1: Increase high-wage employment an | d foster growth |
| A: Using the Future Land Use Map, identify and publicize key sites for diverse indus- trial development in cooperation with The Partnership. | The Partners |
| B: Encourage rezonings to commercial and industrial zoning districts in areas identified as Employment and Industry on the Future Land Use Map. | The Partners |
| C: Consider small scale business devel- opment in the Neighborhood Anchors to promote local spending. | The Chamber, Ecusta Busin Partners |
| Rec 6.2: Coordinate workforce education. | |
| A: Leverage partnership with Blue Ridge Community College to advance workforce development assets and respond to specific industry needs via curriculum updates and employer partnerships. | Blue Ridge Community Co |

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| g by hel | ping to foster inte | ergovernmental | cooperation. | |
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| f lle, The NCDOT, O | County Staff | Phase III | Study/Plan | Local |
| rship | BOC | Phase IV | Financial | Local |
| th in the | local tax base. | | | |
| rship | County Staff | Ongoing | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| rship | Planning Board | Ongoing | Development Regulations | Local |
| er, TDA, iness rs | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
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| ge College | The Partnership, AgHC | Phase IV | Program/ Organization | Local |

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| B: Support Blue Ridge Community College in their mission to educate students for direct, local employment. | Blue Ridge Community College | The Partnership, AgHC, Chamber of Commerce, TDA | Phase IV | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| Rec 6.3: Advance small businesses and entre | epreneurs. | | | | |
| A: Encourage development of office, retail and light industrial space through land use and zoning decisions. | The Partnership | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| B: Prioritize expansion of small business infrastructure needs such as high-speed Broadband. | Chamber of Commerce | Broadband Taskforce | Phase II | Financial | Local |
| C: Support the assets of Blue Ridge Community College to respond to in- dustry, consumer trends, and emerging opportunities. | BRCC | BOC | Phase IV | Financial | Local |
| Rec 6.4: Facilitate placemaking efforts to rei | nforce community cha | aracter and attrac | t businesses ar | nd investment. | |
| A: Work with the Henderson County Tourism Development Authority (TDA) to develop a uniform signage style and place directional, gateway and/or historical signage within established communities. | Communities, RTAC, HRC, RAB, munici- palities, Chamber of Commerce | TDA | Phase IV | Financial | Local |
| B: Encourage NCDOT to improve the safety of intersections for pedestrians. | NCDOT | TAC | Phase IV | Program/ Organization | Local |
| Rec 7.1: Increase housing in the Utility Servic | e Area (USA). | | | | |
| A: Encourage rezonings for high density housing and mixed-use development within the USA.* | The Partnership, Advent Health, Pardee Hospital, BRCC, HCPS | Planning Board | Ongoing | Development Regulations | Local |
| B: To avoid conflict with agricultural areas and natural resources, major subdivisions should be located near defined centers and within the Infill and Transitional Areas as defined on the Future Land Use Map. | NC Cooperative Ext., Soil & Water, AgHC, and Farmland Preservation Taskforce | Planning Board | Ongoing | Development Regulations | Local |

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| C: Allow for a variety of housing types, includ- ing condos, townhomes, and multi-family complexes, and manufactured homes in the defined Utility Service Area.* | County Staff | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| D: Re-evaluate standards for intermediate and maximum residential density within all zoning districts. | County Staff | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| E: Consider allowance for small-scale multi-family units (3-4 units) without a Special Use Permit if supplemental require- ments are met. | County Staff | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| F: Eliminate the requirement of a Special Use Permit for developments with attached residential units within the USA and keep the existing Special Use Permit for areas outside the USA. | County Staff | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| G: Develop a rural cluster option in the Land Development Code (LDC) that allows for smaller setbacks, building spacing, and innovative layout/design. | County Staff | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| H: Continue to provide a density bonus for conservation subdivisions. | County Staff | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| I: Consider administrative approval for conservation subdivisions. | County Staff | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| Rec 7.2: Encourage development of housing. | | | | | |
| A: Consider creating incentives to encour- age the creation of workforce housing developments. | Planning Board & Housing Assistance | BOC | Phase I | Program/ Organization | Local |
| B: Allow for a variety of housing types and mixed-use development at appropriate key locations along the Ecusta Trail. | Housing Assistance | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| C: Support appropriately sized, affordable housing developments within rural, agricul- tural areas and residential zoning districts. | Housing Assistance | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |

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| Rec 7.3: Support the ability to "age in place." | | | | | |
| A: Encourage age-sensitive design in all residential developments to appeal to a variety of residents. | Council on Aging, local AARP | Planning Board | Phase II | Development Regulations | Local |
| B: Consider adjustments to the Land Development Code to allow for assisted living residences that meet supplemental standards and have water and sewer connections within the USA without a special use permit.* | Council on Aging | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| C: Provide option for administrative provision of a percent reduction in parking space requirements for retirement and/or age-tar- geted housing developments. | Council on Aging | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| D: Consider accessibility for seniors when creating new recreation spaces. | Council on Aging, local AARP | Parks & Recreation | Phase IV | Program/ Organization | Local |
| E: Promote the "Village Network" model, similar to that of Saluda, among older populations. | Council on Aging, local AARP | Community at-large | Phase IV | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| F: Continue to allow for accessory dwelling units. | NA | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| G: Partner with municipalities to study housing needs, disseminate information on housing options, and increase supply of affordable, workforce housing. | Municipalities, Housing Assistance, Asheville Housing Coalition, The Partnership, major employers | Planning Department | Phase IV | Program/ Organization | Local |
| Rec 7.4: Locate workforce housing near jobs. | | | | | |
| A: In accordance with guidance from the Future Land Use Map, support residential development near employment areas and in and around commercial centers. | The Partnership, Housing Assistance | Planning Board | Phase IV | Development Regulations | Local |
| B: Coordinate with municipalities to jointly plan for areas near new employment areas that share municipal and County jurisdiction. | Municipalities, The Partnership | Planning Board | Phase IV | Study/Plan | Local |

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| C: Increase awareness of USDA Farm Labor Housing Direct Loans and Grants. | NC Cooperativ other agricu stakeholde |
| D: Support innovative housing solutions that serve seasonal and year-round farm workers. | Agricultu stakeholde |
| E: Encourage opportunities for home- ownership by continued partnership with the Housing Assistance Corporation and other agencies that help renters become homeowners. | Housing Assis Habitat for Hui |
| Rec 8.1: Encourage healthy living by expand | ing access to p |
| A: Plan for recreational needs of the commu- nities in Henderson County. | RAB |
| B: Address facilities and programming priorities, document ongoing maintenance needs, and provide benchmarking related to facilities and staffing within a master plan. | RAB |
| C: Develop a multi-year capital improvement plan for park facilities that includes planning for major maintenance expenditures. | RAB |
| D: Continue to support the development of all-inclusive playgrounds in the County. | RAB |
| E: Develop a master plan for Jackson Park. The master plan should address connectivity, parking issues, facility enhancements, and involve a variety of user groups. | RAB |
| F: Pursue grant funding and other funding sources for the replacement of playgrounds. | RAB |
| G: Consider additional county-owned parks, including pocket parks, in areas of the County with under-served populations. | RAB |
| H: Enhance recreational programming to address the needs of senior and disabled populations. | RAB |

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| I: Improve access to rivers for recreational purposes through partnerships and other stakeholders. | RAB | Parks & Recreation | PHASE Phase IV | Program/ Organization | Local |
| J: Coordinate with municipalities, Conserving Carolina, the US Forest Service, the North Carolina Forest Service, the National Park Service, and the NC Wildlife Resources Commission, et al. to improve and increase access to existing hiking, camping, fishing, and additional recreational opportunities. | RAB | Parks & Recreation | Phase IV | Program/ Organization | State |
| K: Encourage new development to incorpo- rate recreational needs into the open space design of new subdivisions. | NA | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| L: Encourage major subdivisions to provide pedestrian connections or provide ease- ments to immediately adjacent greenway facilities. | RTAC | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| M: Work with the Henderson County Tourism Development Authority to provide support for safe and sustainable recreational tourism. | TDA | Parks & Recreation | Phase IV | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| N: Consider investment of a county-owned indoor and outdoor sports complex. | RAB | BOC | Phase IV | Financial | Local |
| Rec 8.2: Improve and coordinate access to h | ealth services. | | | | |
| A: Coordinate with the County Health Department and non-profit partners to promote physical and emotional resiliency through the utilization of existing parks for physical and mental health programs. | Health Department | Parks & Recreation | Ongoing | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| B: When expanding public transit and para- transit services, consider connecting areas with medical services to residential areas for easier access. | Advent Health, Pardee Hospital | ACPT | Ongoing | Program/ Organization | Local |

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| C: Address substance misuse and mental health by utilizing the opioid litigation settle- ment funds to support programs and spread awareness of Strategy-Specific Resources for addiction recovery. | Health Department | Strategic Behavioral Health | Phase I | Program/ Organization | Local |
| D: Consider creating a collaborative "Recovery Court" (also known as drug diversion court) in Henderson County for low-level offenses. | District Attorney's Office, Sheriff's Department | Strategic Behavioral Health | Phase I | Program/ Organization | Local |
| Rec 8.3: Expand access to healthy food. | | | | | |
| A: Review zoning ordinances to facilitate grocery stores, farm stands, and other commercial food retail establishments. | NC Cooperative Ext. | Planning Board | Phase I | Development Regulations | Local |
| B: Increase local retailers' awareness of the North Carolina Healthy Food Retail Designation Program. | AgHC, Health Department, TDA | NC Cooperative Ext. | Phase IV | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| C: Study the creation of a farm-to-foodshare program, a farm-to-school program, or similar programs to connect local farms with residents and students. | Soil & Water, NC Cooperative Extension, & Health Department | HCPS | Phase II | Study/Plan | Local |
| D: Support and expand farmers markets in rural areas, either by introducing new traditional farmers markets or creating a mobile version. | NC Cooperative Ext., 4-H, local farmers' markets, TDA | AgHC | Phase IV | Program/ Organization | Local |
| E: Identify and work with partners that actively manages the aggregation, distribu- tion, and marketing of local food products from a variety of sources including new and urban farms. | TDA, 4-H, local farmers' markets, Health Department | NC Cooperative Ext. | Phase IV | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| Rec 8.4: Provide high-quality public and eme | ergency services. | | | | |
| A: Plan for expansion of public services, capital projects, and personnel, in proportion to increasing demand. | County Staff | BOC | Phase IV | Financial | Local |

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| B: Incorporate emergency service access into planning decisions. | Emergency Management | Planning Board | Ongoing | Development Regulations | Local |
| C: Encourage high-density growth in areas closest to emergency services such as fire and police. | Emergency Management, municipal fire and law enforcement | Planning Board | Phase III | Development Regulations | Local |
| D: Plan for mental health needs and encour- age best practices during healthcare, public safety, and emergency response interactions. | Strategic Behavioral Health, Health Department, Wellness Department | Emergency Management, Sheriff's Department | Ongoing | Study/Plan | Local |
| E: Ensure efficient public service by providing information in other languages. Consider contracting an on-call interpreter firm to better serve non-English speaking communi- ty members. | Hola Carolina, ESL stakeholders, County Departments | PIO | Phase III | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| Rec 8.5: Coordinate and support the school s | system. | | | | |
| A: Collaborate with the School Board to plan for capital needs as the County grows. | HCPS | BOC | Ongoing | Financial | Local |
| B: Partner with nonprofits and other organizations to expand services for early childhood education including Head Start. | Head Start/ WNCSource, DSS, Health Department | HCPS | Phase IV | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| C: Support programs that help students stay in school. | BRCC, DSS, other youth organizations | HCPS | Ongoing | Coordination/ Outreach | Local |
| D: Assist Blue Ridge Community College to maintain low tuition costs for all students. | BRCC | BOC | Ongoing | Financial | Local |
| E: Support Blue Ridge Community College to provide a variety of training courses focused on workforce readiness. | BRCC, The Partnership | BOC | Phase IV | Financial | Local |

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| Rec 8.6: Increase access to education for | every community |
| A: Support nonprofits in their endeavor to assist non-English speaking community members with government services in- cluding student applications to Blue Ridge Community College. | ESL Group Vocational Solu HCPS |
| B: Ensure public libraries are adequately equipped for future growth and are placed in multiple locations around the County to increase access. | Library Boar Trustees, Frie of the Libra municipalit |
| C: Support the County libraries in their programming and outreach efforts. | County libra BOC, Frien of the Libra municipalit |

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