Steep Slope and Protected Ridge Overlays in Buncombe County

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Brief History



- Mountain Ridge Protection Act of 1983 (NCGS 113A).
- 1998 Buncombe County Land Use Plan
- Protection of steep slopes began with incorporation of safeguards in the subdivision ordinance in 2003-2009.
- Hillside standards of 2006 sought to restrict density, impervious coverage and disturbance.

History Continued







- Buncombe County Steep Slope and Protected Ridge Overlays - 2010
- Product of numerous conversations and collaboration with citizens, design professionals, Land of Sky, NC Geological Survey, builders, realtors, etc.
- Resulted in the protection of steep slope areas (2500 feet and 35%) and protected ridges and ridgelines (3000 feet – 500 foot buffers from identified center line of ridges)





