



**Buncombe County Board of Commissioners**  
**Request for Board Action**  
**Meeting Date: 10/4/2022**

**Good News**

**Department: Strategy & Innovation**

**Presenter(s): Rafael Baptista, Strategy & Innovation Director**

**Ashely Featherstone, Air Quality Director**

**Heather Parkinson, Management Analyst Supervisor**

**Contact(s): Rafael Baptista, Strategy & Innovation Director**

**Subject: Clean Air Excellence Award**

**Brief Summary:** Buncombe County Strategy & Innovation was awarded a Clean Air Excellence Award for the Buncombe County Flexible Work Policy. This policy reduced miles driven for commuting by County employees by 4.1 million miles reducing fuel consumption by 169,473 gallons annually. This has resulted in an estimated decrease of 2,010.7 tons of greenhouse gas emissions per year.