



SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR

Buncombe County

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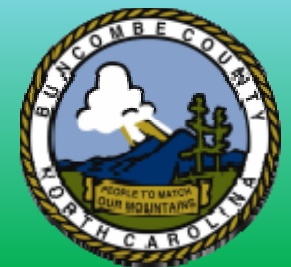
What Is the Process?

Sustainability Assessment

Create Plan

Implementation

Comprehensive Approach



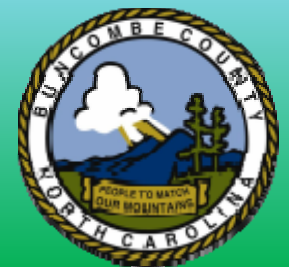
Goals

- Educational Resources Which Match the Needs of the Community
- Healthy People
- Affordable, Green, and Livable Housing
- Citizen Participation in Community Decisions
- Equity in Access
- Safe, Low-Crime Communities
- Resistance to Natural and Manmade Hazards
- Healthy Environments
- Partnerships for Conservation/Preservation/Restoration of Natural Resources
- Pollution and Waste Prevention
- Accessible, Multi-Modal, Efficient Transportation Network
- Sustainable Local Food Systems
- Sustainable Localized Economy
- Work Force Development



Plan Outline

1. Introduction
2. Structure of the Plan
3. Sustainability in Action
4. Future Progress



Worksheets



GOAL: SAFE, LOW-CRIME COMMUNITIES

"The level of crime activity directly affects the degree to which we can move towards a more equitable and just society. Buncombe County's efforts toward education, job creation, and community re-entry programs provide important services that supplement the criminal justice system. These combined services protect our community day-to-day with an eye towards the future."

- Van Duncan, Buncombe County Sheriff

OBJECTIVES

1. Support neighborhood watches and community policing.
2. Foster a sense of neighborhood pride and civic responsibility.
3. Provide a comprehensive criminal justice system that includes law enforcement, court staff, alternative treatment providers, and members of the community who collaborate to deliver justice while protecting the public.
4. Promote crime prevention through environmental design for residences and businesses.

Sustainability Indicators	Current Status	Potential Outcomes
Average response time for emergency calls	10.75 minutes (2007) 9.21 minutes (2008) 9.53 minutes (2009) ¹	Maintain an average response time of below 10 minutes for emergency calls
New community watch programs	24 new programs (2009) 12 new programs (2010) Total number of community watch programs is 84 (August 2011) ²	Maintain development of new community watch programs
Reach of crime prevention programs	5,739 adults and 6,081 children (2008) 5,918 adults and 6,081 children (2009) ³	Expand reach of crime prevention programs

¹ Office of the Sheriff, Buncombe County, North Carolina - Comprehensive Annual Report Year Ending 2009

² Lt. Helen Hall, Buncombe County Sheriff's Department

³ Office of the Sheriff Buncombe County North Carolina Comprehensive Annual Report Year Ending 2009, http://www.buncombecounty.org/common/sheriff/Annual_Report.pdf

RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES:

- Use local media coverage to support and promote community crime prevention programs and help raise public awareness.
- Improve access to and increase awareness of mental health and substance abuse treatment through advocacy and requiring treatment programs for substance abuse offenders.
- Utilize nonviolent offenders to clean up public places so that neighborhoods are not conducive to crime.
- Continue to develop and increase the number of community-based programs targeting adjudicated youth and those at risk of offending.
- Provide training to law enforcement and judicial personnel concerning economic and cultural issues.
- Increase the number of offenders utilizing alternative sentencing options.
- Promote a citizen-friendly judicial and law enforcement system.

Next Steps

- Adoption
- Implementation
 - County Services
 - Sustainability Partners
 - Organizations
 - Community
- Monitor Progress
- Five-Year Plan Update

