

YOUTH PATCH ACTIVITY

BUNCOMBE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHAT IS THIS ACTIVITY?

Buncombe County residents under the age of 18 can complete an activity to earn a patch of the Comprehensive Plan logo.

WHY IS BUNCOMBE DOING THIS?

Buncombe County government is working with the community to create its first 20-year Plan. To do this we need to hear from as many people as possible who live, work, go to school, or own property in Buncombe. To encourage young people to share their ideas Buncombe is offering this patch activity as a reward for participating.

WHAT IS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

A Comprehensive Plan is a document that is used as a guide by a local government to help plan for the future. The document tells the government what they should be focusing on to help the community be safe, healthy, and successful. The Plan will focus on topics such as housing, transportation, the environment, education, jobs, food, parks, and more!



WHY SHOULD YOUNG PEOPLE CARE?

Youth ideas are especially important when creating a long-range plan because the decisions made today will impact what the community is like over the next 20 years. Your voice can help shape decisions that Buncombe will make. Decisions like, where should new homes and businesses be built? What lands should we protect? Where should we build greenways? And so many other decisions.

HOW TO EARN THE PATCH

1. Complete the steps on the worksheet on the next page, or at this link: publicinput.com/A3648
2. Submit your worksheet to the County by **September 7, 2022** in one of these ways:
 - a) Scan or take a bright, clear photo of the worksheet and email to: planninginfo@buncombecounty.org
 - b) Drop off your worksheet at any Buncombe County public library
 - c) Mail or drop off your worksheet downtown at: 46 Valley Street, Asheville, NC 28801

Patches will be available for pickup or will be mailed around October.

Questions? Contact shannon.capezzali@buncombecounty.org

Note: Patches will be available while supplies last.



4 STEPS TO EARN THE PATCH

First Name:

Age:

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Watch the *'What is a Comprehensive Plan'* video at: buncombecounty.org/plan2043

What is something interesting that you learned from the video?

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Middle & High School youth:

Take the Phase 3 poll online at engage.buncombecounty.org/E1315

What topic or question were you most interested in from the poll?

Elementary-age youth:

On a blank piece of paper, draw a picture of what you want your neighborhood to look like in the next 20 years. Is there something missing, if so what? Do you have a favorite thing or place that you love to visit or see?

You can also download a copy of the drawing activity here: bit.ly/3RACQPA.

Submit your drawing with this worksheet!

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Explore the Comprehensive Plan website at: buncombecounty.org/plan2043

When creating a 20 year Plan for the community, why do you think it's important for a local government to have young people share their ideas?

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Tell your family, friends, and neighbors to take the online poll!

How many people did you ask to take the poll? _____

How do you want to get your patch?

- ☐ I will pick it up from downtown Asheville. Email me at: _____
- ☐ Mail my patch to my address at: _____