PLANNING TIMELINE
FOR THE BUNCOMBE 2043 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Phase 1 included creating a project management plan, branding, the website, and information for the public, developing a public engagement plan, selecting a resident steering committee, and hosting a project kick-off week. The planning consultant from Clarion, with several local sub-committees, were chosen to help guide the process. Interviews with key stakeholders began, as well as meetings with county boards, commissions, and departments to gather information.

Phase 2 focused on assessing existing conditions of the county, gathering data, and completing the first round of public engagement. The public was asked to identify their broad visions for the future, and short goals they would support to achieve those visions. Input was collected from open houses, meetings, and through online activities. The phase also included analyzing future growth predictions, and challenges and opportunities that could impact the county and region.

Phase 3 included a second poll and over 40 meetings, events, and activities where the public was directly invited to review the results from the first poll, and to discuss which values and outcomes they would support the county working on to achieve the community vision and goals. The phase also included a look at different growth alternatives, and the development of a land use framework and map. The work of the steering committee continued to increase as they reviewed the public input results and draft documents.

Phase 4 included the final public engagement period, where residents will be asked to provide feedback on the final Plan, in public exhibitions of the planning process, Board, Steering Committee, and Commissioner meetings to review the Plan drafts; and Adoption of the final Plan by the County Commissioners.

The timeline shows a summary of key meetings, events, and tasks completed throughout the planning process for the creation of the County’s 20 Year Plan.