



Ag and Land Resources Projects

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Ongoing Projects

Land

Bring both land conservation Advisory Boards under Ag and Land Resources Dept.

- Agriculture Advisory Board
- Land Conservation Advisory Board (previously with Planning)

Increase annual acres conserved

- 2020 – X acres conserved
- 2021 – X acres conserved

Create Open Space Plan

- Mapping priority regions (creating GIS layers)
- Developing criteria for conservation
 - Consecutive tracts of land
 - High quality/prime agricultural soils
 - Recreation/Greenways

Water

Financial Assistance for Landowners

- Cost share programming
- Disaster Response
- CCAP – Urban Water Quality

EQI Water Quality Monitoring

- Contracting to monitor 16 sites
- 45 sites being monitored throughout Buncombe County (VWIN)



Upcoming Projects

Land Conservation Plan

- Actively recruit landowners in priority conservation areas
- Integrate Comprehensive Plan data into conservation planning
 - Open space
 - Land use

Water Quality Task Force

- Work with EQI and partners to develop a task force to interpret the water quality data
- Set priority watersheds for improvement
- Create a plan for addressing water quality one watershed at a time
- Apply for and manage additional Federal/State funding from TS Fred

