

**Buncombe County Strategic Planning
Community Input Session – Resident Well-Being
10/24/2019**

THEME:	RECREATION/GREENWAYS
What would success look like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand greenways and walkable/bikeable communities, especially near schools.
Goals with Greatest Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A free and accessible recreation system including greenways, parks and gyms with staff dedicated to providing program, encouraging use and trained to identify physical and mental health problems <i>Walking, biking paths connecting to schools and community resources.</i> Implement the greenway plan and add sidewalks through all neighborhoods, to all schools. This should be done for all neighborhoods within ¼ mile of any school. Also, expand bike lanes to make biking safer. Connected greenways and trails encourage connections to schools and sports fields. Support children community to school, reduce childhood obesity, increase adult active lifestyle. <i>Improve transportation, i.e. light rail, bus (especially for rural areas), walkways, bikeways, greenways, etc.</i>
THEME:	HEALTH
What would success look like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved access to healthcare services, including mental health and substance abuse. Caring for the whole person <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One stop shop community center - Diet: food pantry - Exercise/recreation - Mental health/counseling (children 5-16, those exposed to trauma” - Clinics - Education <i>Equitable access to affordable (free) healthcare and the means to live a healthy lifestyle</i> Coordinated approach to substance prevention, response and accountability
Goals with Greatest Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An accessible, low cost clinic system that operates through the county as well as in schools (perhaps on a rotating basis) so that all citizens’ physical and mental health needs can be met. Post Operative Care Public spending on healthcare – redefine with housing, transportation, food, education Healthcare Transportation: equitable access to one-stop shop of whole-person health care (transportation and walkability). Treating the whole person – access to healthcare for all focusing specifically on undervalued/underserved populations (African-American, Latinx, elder, children)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare including substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, trauma services • Assist with court, medical, education
THEME:	TRANSPORTATION
What would success look like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Expand bus routes, especially to rural areas.</i> • Improved access to a range of transportation options – improved roads, buses, non-motorized options – equitable across the county. • Transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Livable communities with connected sidewalks ○ Access to preventative healthcare/pharmacies ○ Safe areas for non-motorized transportation
Goals with Greatest Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to cheap and dependable transportation throughout county • Expand bus lines out from Asheville into the county where many people live. • <i>Walking, biking paths connecting to schools and community resources.</i> • Don't just increase traffic lanes but encourage alternate modes of transportation. Encourage flex time. • Access cheap/dependable transportation in the rural areas of Buncombe County • Improve the public transportation system to the point that it would not be necessary to own a car anywhere in the county – expanded routes, extended service times, no more than one hour waits. • Transportation • <i>Transportation: equitable access to one-stop shop of whole-person health care (transportation and walkability).</i> • <i>Improve transportation, i.e. light rail, bus (especially for rural areas), walkways, bikeways, greenways, etc.</i> • Expand transportation access and types • Transportation – improving access to services/opportunities • <i>Rural areas – consider an inexpensive or free transport service (think Uber) on-call.</i>
THEME:	EDUCATION
What would success look like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise teacher pay. • Require anti-violence and healthy relationship programming in schools.
Goals with Greatest Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education – provide the tools to enhance community knowledge/engagement. Identify challenges for students within schools & then create programs to address them. • Greater vocational skills and training at high school for young people who may not go to college. Work with local business and manufacturers to identify skills. Develop greater life skills, conflict resolution. • Technical trainings in high school: linking public schools, businesses, county, non-profits, 18-20 year olds skilled. • <i>Assist with court, medical, education</i>
THEME:	COMMUNITY
What would success look like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote civic engagement and volunteerism • Cultivate culture of giving <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant writing - Create awareness (needs)

	- Promote school – elder law (state planning)
Goals with Greatest Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a community investment and committee (with paid staff and community members/ reps) to focus on and operationalize safe and affordable housing and transportation. • Improve community resources. Understanding what is available, provide facilitation (counseling, mental health, housing) • Community investment fund (county/citizens) • Cultivate culture of giving • Volunteer orientated opportunities. • Stop the US vs. THEM mentality (government and citizens). We are our brothers’ keeper mentality. What affects one effects all. • <i>Access to resources – expand current systems</i> • <i>Provide full access to healthcare, childcare, and social services.</i> • <i>Comprehensive access to 100% of existing services in Buncombe County for 100% of the population.</i> • County support for community centers as real centers of local community: clinics, childcare, community functions, possibilities for volunteering. • Community investment fund
THEME:	RURAL ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY
What would success look like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Expand bus routes, especially to rural areas.</i> • Townships and villages – HEARD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitate community engagement - Reinvest in rural community - Cultural • Broadband countywide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enhance connections ○ Enhance access to education ○ Forums for sharing information
Goals with Greatest Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Access to resources – expand current systems</i> • Connectivity – broadband, community access and outreach, community involved activities • Expand education, employment and services to rural communities (include Broadband, community engagement, cultural outlets, etc.) – self sufficient. • <i>Provide full access to healthcare, childcare, and social services.</i> • <i>Rural areas – consider an inexpensive or free transport service (think Uber) on-call.</i> • <i>Comprehensive access to 100% of existing services in Buncombe County for 100% of the population.</i> • Reach out to all segments of county • First – back up and start over with this group. Word isn’t getting out about meeting. Goal would be to have community meetings in rural area and ask what are the needs/desires of each community.
THEME:	HOUSING
What would success look like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Goals with Greatest Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing • Expand affordable housing and include physical accessibility/universal design/visibility to allow aging in place (and enhance caregiver support) • Safe and affordable housing
THEME:	YOUTH
What would success look like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A community focus in support of families (safe, health, resilient) as a means of reducing violence and improving opportunities for children.
Goals with Greatest Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childcare • Strong youth/child focus – safety, education, diet, counseling, technical, mentorship, activities • Strong youth and child focus
THEME:	EQUITY
What would success look like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Equitable access to affordable (free) healthcare and the means to live a healthy lifestyle</i> • A focus on equitable opportunities for youth in education, employment and hope for the future. • Focus on underserved/underrepresented <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elder ○ African-American ○ Youth 18-20 ○ Lantinx
Goals with Greatest Impact	
THEME:	JUSTICE SYSTEM
What would success look like?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jail system – can we identify the family behind the inmate to create and strengthen their support system. • Access to swift and fair justice for victims and offenders. • Invest in community policing. • Mental health assessment to identify services needed to decrease recidivism.
Goals with Greatest Impact	
THEME:	ECONOMY
What would success look like?	
Goals with Greatest Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locally driven economy – commitment to internal circulation