

Shared Community Vision



The Great Awakening ... A New Beginning

Creating sustainable economic development

- Attract light industry that is high tech
- Build multiple wind and/or solar farms for electricity
- Celebrate the arts and crafts industry
- Create a high tech infrastructure
- Create alternative careers (e.g., agriculture, knowledge, industry)
- Create an industrial park
- Create vibrant downtowns (e.g., Spruce Pine and Bakersville)
- Develop a renewable energy training program at Mayland Community College
- Develop small businesses
- Eliminate business obstacles (e.g., alcohol sales)
- Establish a team to market the county
- Increase the availability of affordable housing
- Make local products (thereby reducing reliance on foreign imports)
- Manufacture renewable energy products
- Promote agri-tourism to better utilize our farms
- Recruit more specialists for our hospital
- Revitalize farming

Promoting careful development while preserving our natural resources

- Adopt strict subdivision regulations and practice careful development

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- Adopt zoning to help minimize environmental abuse
- Celebrate our diverse cultures
- Clean up trash ... show our natural beauty
- Commit to greening of schools
- Coordinate land use between cities and the county
- Develop a county land use plan
- Develop forest walking trails
- Eliminate community eyesores
- Harmonize business with the environment
- Improve community pride
- Preserve mountain views from development
- Take pride in all we do

Excelling in education

- Achieve a zero dropout rate
- Increase cultural exposure
- Increase technological opportunities for schools, towns, and the county
- Provide more funding to schools
- Raise the graduation rate
- Take pride in higher education
- Use educational resources to grow local industry
- Value all levels of education



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Increasing local recreational opportunities

- Build a retirement center
- Build strong youth recreation programs
- Provide entertainment for youth (e.g., youth center, movie theatre, etc.)
- Provide variety of ways for youth to become involved in the community

Achieving unity through enlightened leadership

- Break the *good old boy* network
- Establish a cadre of volunteers to work with county commissioners
- Establish a county-city coordination committee
- Involve community leaders when creating a vision for the county

Providing transportation and accessibility

- Create better county access
- Develop safe roads

