

## Appendix F

### Partners, Related Efforts and Other Resources

As Planning Board members developed goals, objectives and action steps, they requested that specific names of groups or organizations be left out, if possible. Their concern was that some groups or organizations might unintentionally be left out or that, over the next ten years, some organizations might change in name and/or function. Finally, Planning Board members also recognize that the County Commissioners and staff may, over time, decide to work with different partners.

Below is a list and description of potential partners and other resources that were identified during the development of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Many of these organizations were actively involved in the development of the Plan and contributed suggestions and comments that greatly improved the Plan and its action steps.

#### Focus Area 1-Economic Health Partners, Related Efforts and Other Resources:

##### Local Resources:

- [Blue Ridge Community College](#) – offers occupational training programs in many different tracts to appeal to a diverse student body and diverse employer base.
- [Blue Ridge Food Ventures](#) – a food processing facility with space for processing and storage that also supports food or natural product entrepreneurs navigate the regulations related to production, financial management and marketing.
- [Brevard SCORE](#) - a national organization of volunteers with extensive business experience that counsel small businesses both in start-up and growth.
- [Brevard/Transylvania Chamber of Commerce](#) - serves as a community partner and an advocate and resource for business, dedicated to serving both the needs of members and the economic development needs of the broader community.

- [Brevard/Transylvania County Tourism Development Authority \(TDA\)](#) - markets Transylvania County as a desirable four-season destination for those seeking an authentic leisure experience that makes the most of the county's abundant natural resources and unique cultural opportunities; to elevate tourism as a viable and significant contributor to Transylvania County's economic, social and cultural well-being; and to support the conservation and enhancement of our natural resources.
- [City of Brevard](#) – government of the City of Brevard
- [Heart of Brevard](#) – downtown business owners and civic leaders whose purpose is to maintain a vital downtown Brevard.
- [Land of Sky Regional Council](#) - a multi-county, local government, planning and development organization that provides technical assistance to local governments and administers projects and programs which benefit the region's citizens.
- [Land of Sky Regional Planning Organization \(RPO\)](#) – provides locally based transportation planning for Transylvania County.
- [Land of Sky Infrastructure and Community Development](#) – Land of Sky Regional Council staff assist local governments in applying for grant funds to fund housing and related infrastructure improvements.
- [Mountain Area Workforce Board](#) – is a partnership between the leading workforce development organizations and business executives that provides policy, planning, oversight and funding for local workforce development programs.
- [NC Works Transylvania County](#) – provides business and job seeker services.
- [Schenck Job Corps Center](#) – residential education and vocational training program for economically disadvantaged youth.
- Town of Rosman (no website) – government of the Town of Rosman
- [Transylvania Economic Alliance](#) – assists existing businesses and recruits new businesses to Transylvania County, Brevard and Rosman.

### Regional or National Resources:

- [Appalachian Regional Commission \(ARC\)](#) – is a partnership of federal state and local government that provide grant opportunities to support investment in: economic opportunities, ready workforce, critical infrastructure, natural and cultural assets, leadership and community.
- [Certified Retirement Community](#) – are communities with great amenities, services and opportunities available for retirees that have been evaluated through a process outlined by the NC Carolina General Assembly and can market themselves through the retirenc.com website.
- [Certified Work Ready Community](#) – provides a framework for counties to establish goals and tools to close the skills gap between what potential employees have and what employers need.
- [The Community Foundation of Western NC](#) – manages, distributes and creates funds to support promising projects across Western NC.
- [2015-2019 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy](#) (CEDS) – a regional economic development strategy developed by Land of Sky Regional Council for Buncombe, Haywood, Henderson, Madison and Transylvania County.
- [Connect America Fund](#) –program launched by the FCC to fund broadband expansion in rural America.

- [Economic Development Partnership of NC](#) – provides potential businesses with data including: [buildings and site location information](#), community demographics and maps.
- [Mountain BizWorks](#) – supports small businesses by providing learning, lending and investment opportunities.
- [Mountain Valleys Resource Conservation and Development](#) – aims to accelerate the conservation, development and utilization of natural resources in an 8 county region that includes Transylvania County.
- [NC Growing Together](#) – supported by USDA to bring more locally-grown foods - produce, meat, dairy, and seafood - into mainstream retail and food service supply chains, thus enhancing food security by increasing access to local foods and by strengthening the economics of small to mid-sized farm and fishing operations.
- [NC Rural Center](#) – advocates for policies that support the 80 rural counties of NC and provides resources to promote and implement economic strategies.

## Focus Area 2-Environmental Health Partners, Related Efforts and Other Resources:

### Local Resources:

- [Transylvania County Farmer’s Market](#) – year-round farmers market located in Brevard that supports local farmers, producers and artists with a venue to sell their locally produced and made food, vegetables, fruits, meat and arts and crafts.
- [Transylvania County Soil and Water Conservation District](#) – formed in 1955 to address soil erosion on cropland, the district staff provide technical assistance, educational programs and resources for local residents.
- [Transylvania County NC Cooperative Extension](#) – provides technical assistance for landowners regarding agriculture, forestry, lawn and garden, pests and other information. Also coordinated 4-H for the youth of the County.

### Regional or National Resources:

- [Appalachian Foodshed Project](#) – started a project in WNC called the WNC Community Food Security Advisory Committee which had a goal to “increase the availability and accessibility of safe, local, nutritious and culturally appropriate foods for all people in WNC” and identified priorities to direct the efforts of NC Appalachian Foodshed Project.
- [Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy](#) – dedicated to protecting and stewarding land and water resources through voluntary conservation easements that are designed to meet the needs of the landowner.
- [Cradle of Forestry](#) – realizes the mission of providing greater understanding of how forests and forest management benefits our lives through educational programs, events and exhibits.
- [DuPont State Recreational Forest](#) - contains 10,400 acres and over 80 miles of roads and trails that are shared by hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians.

- [Friends of Dupont Forest](#) - a volunteer service organization focused the public use and enjoyment of DuPont State Recreational Forest while protecting its natural resource.
- [Friends of Gorges State Park](#) - a community group that supports Gorges State Park through financial donations, volunteer hours and advocacy.
- [Gorges State Park](#) – located in Sapphire NC, the park is home to waterfalls, river gorges, rare species and sheer rock walls.
- [Headwaters State Forest](#) - a private-public conservation effort/partnership to ensure the permanent protection of the East Fork Headwaters tract.
- [North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation](#) – agricultural association.
- [North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission](#) - the state government agency created to conserve and sustain the state’s fish and wildlife resources through research, scientific management, wise use, and public input. The Commission is the regulatory agency responsible for the enforcement of N.C. fishing, hunting, trapping and boating laws.
- [Pisgah Conservancy](#) - a non-profit dedicated to the well-being and betterment of the Pisgah Ranger District.
- [Pisgah National Forest](#) – over 500,000 acres of forest and nature recreation.
- [Nantahala National Forest](#) – over 500,000 acres of forest and nature recreation.
- [NC Source Water Protection](#) – voluntary program through the NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) that supports local efforts to protect drinking water sources.
- [Western NC Brewers Grain Alliance](#) – program within WNC Communities that hopes to connect local brewery’s with farmers to enable the spent grain left over from the brewing process to be feed stock for livestock producers.
- [WNC FarmLink](#) – connects future farmers and existing farmers with landowners willing to lease, sell, partner or mentor farmers.
- [River Link](#) – dedicated to the economic and environmental revitalization of the French Broad River with programs for marketing, experiential opportunities, technical assistance and education.

Focus Area 3 - Community Land Use and Livability Partners, Related Efforts and Other Resources:  
Regional or National Resources:

- [Asheville Regional Housing Consortium](#) – consolidated Strategic Housing and Community Development Plan for Buncombe, Henderson, Madison and Transylvania Counties.
- [Livable Communities Initiative](#) – a partnership between EPA, USDA RD and ARC that offered assistance to small towns and communities to improve their livability by promoting economic development through developing local food systems.
- [Mountain Housing Opportunities](#) – is a non-profit community development corporation with a mission that includes “build and improve homes, neighborhoods communities and lives.....”

- [Western Carolina Community Action \(WCCA\)](#) – is an organization focused on assisting low income and underserved people of western NC through advocacy and services which include housing programs, early education programs and transportation.

## Focus Area 4-Health, Culture and Equity Partners, Related Efforts and Other Resources:

### Local Resources:

- [Anchor Baptist Missions](#) - the largest distributor of Manna foods in Transylvania County in addition to an affordable store that's open to the public.
- [Blue Ridge Community College](#) – Blue Ridge Community College is a two-year, comprehensive post-secondary institution that offers more than 100 programs of study; awards associate degrees, diplomas, and certificates; offers a wide range of college transfer courses; and provides one of the largest Continuing Education programs in the state.
- [Blue Ridge Community Health](#) – offers dental, mental and physical health services along with assistance for combating substance abuse.
- [Bread of Life](#) – free community kitchen providing nutritious meals with those in need.
- [Brevard College](#) – is a four-year liberal arts college affiliated with the United Methodist Church.
- [Brevard Music Center](#) – is a summer music training program and festival with more than 400 students each summer.
- [Boys & Girls Club of Transylvania County](#) - the mission of The Cindy Platt Boys & Girls Club is to enable all young people, especially those who need them most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. More than an after school program, it is a youth development organization serving school-aged youth ages 5 to 18 years old.
- [CarePartners Home Care & Hospice](#) - makes it possible for you to receive compassionate, high quality skilled health care in the comfort of home.
- [The Center for Women](#) - peer counselors trained to help pregnant women sort through the decisions.
- [Centro Comunitario Hispano Americano \(El Centro\)](#) - Hispanic support center offering English classes, monthly information sessions, translation/interpretation services and information and referral specific to the Latino community.
- [The Children's Center](#) – services for children who are at risk of, or victims of neglect and abuse in Transylvania County.
- [The Family Place](#) - promotes and nurtures the growth and development of healthy families in Transylvania County by offering education, resources and community support to build positive parenting and communication skills and strengthen families.
- [Free Rein](#) – center for therapeutic riding and education.
- [Haven of Transylvania County](#) – an 18-bed overnight shelter and 5-bedroom family house to temporarily house the homeless that cannot afford housing on their own.
- [The Hunger Coalition of Transylvania County](#) – volunteer group associated with United Way whose mission is to strengthen the existing food distribution network and engage additional resources to combat hunger.

- [Land of Sky Area Agency on Aging](#) - promotes the highest level of well-being of older adults and their families by partnering with organizations to provide a comprehensive system of opportunities, services, and protective services.
- [NAACP](#) – the Transylvania Chapter is dedicated to addressing social justice issues in the community.
- [Pisgah Legal Services](#) - provides free civil legal aid including domestic violence and tenant/landlord mediation.
- [Rise and Shine](#) - Afterschool and summer programming for children.
- [SAFE : Shelter Available for Family Emergencies](#) – victims of domestic violence and sexual assault are provided safety and programs are in place for prevention, advocacy, education and healing.
- [Salvation Army](#) – provides emergency financial assistance to families in need with utilities and rent, and also has a food and clothing pantry.
- [Sharing House](#) – crisis ministry providing assistance for those in dire need of the basic necessities for daily life.
- [Senior' Health Insurance Information Program \(SHIIP\)](#) –Medicare navigation services through SHIIP are by appointment in the Transylvania County Cooperative Extension office.
- [Silvermont Opportunity Center](#) – has a mission to invigorate and enhance the quality of life for adults over the age of sixty in Transylvania County. This programming is made possible with coordination and funding from WCCA.
- [Smart Start](#) of Transylvania County (The North Carolina Partnership for Children) – a public/private partnership to ensure every child has all they need for healthy growth and development.
- [Transylvania Community Arts Council](#) – has a mission to “To enhance the quality of life in Transylvania County by celebrating and nurturing the creative spirit of artists, youth and individuals throughout the County.”
- [Transylvania County Animal Services](#) – animal shelter.
- [Transylvania County Historical Society](#) – owns and maintains the Allison-Deaver House built in 1815 and the McGaha Chapel built in 1872 which are local historic landmarks and are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- [Transylvania County Library](#) – local library offering education, information and entertainment.
- [Transylvania Farmers Market](#) - has over 50 vendors offering fresh, locally-grown produce, meat, poultry, eggs, honey, cheese, coffee, mushrooms, plants, herbs, cut flowers, baked goods, jams, jellies, relishes, prepared foods, and a variety of handcrafted and artisan items. Throughout the season the Market will host weekly music and events.
- [Transylvania Heritage Museum](#) - houses displays of heirlooms, artifacts, genealogical exhibits, vintage photographs, and other exhibits reflective of the history and heritage of the county.
- [Transylvania Regional Hospital](#) – community hospital that is a full member of the Mission Health system.
- [Transylvania County Veterans Services](#) – assists veterans in applying for various benefits such as medical care, VA pension, copies of discharge papers or military decorations in addition to providing support in navigating the system.

- [Transylvania Vocational Services](#) - specializes in blending and packaging of dry powder products for government and commercial customers while providing skills development, career opportunities, and related services for people with disabilities or barriers to employment.
- [United Way of Transylvania County](#) - serves as a community leader through resource development and resource allocation to promote 1) helping children and youth achieve their full academic potential; 2) a healthy lifestyle and appropriate healthcare; and 3) a financially stable household.

### Regional or National Resources:

- [211](#) –assists people in finding the local resources that are available to address their particular need.
- [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) - identifies health threats and conducts vital public health research and provides community grants.
- [Community Awareness and Recovery Effort \(C.A.R.E.\) Coalition of Transylvania County](#) – a healthy, vibrant Transylvania County free of drug abuse and underage drinking.
- [Healthy North Carolina 2020](#) - a statewide plan to address and improve the most pressing health priorities.
- Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project – links people to local food and [Farmers Markets](#).
- The [Land of Sky Regional Bike Plan](#) provides the vision and goals for regional bicycle infrastructure, analysis of current conditions, a map of prioritized regional corridors for bicycle improvements in the future, and a list of policy recommendations.
- [Mountain Area Health Education Center](#) – provides healthcare, education and innovation to address the national and state concern of retaining high quality health care professionals in a 16 county region of western North Carolina.
- [Smoky Mountain LME/MCO](#) : coordinates mental health, substance abuse and developmental disability services in Transylvania County.
- [Project Lazarus](#) – community-based Overdose prevention and Opioid Safety with Community Care of NC.
- [WNC Healthy Kids](#) – accelerating the prevention and reduction of childhood obesity in western NC.
- [WNC Health Network](#) – convenes stakeholders and provides support for our members and partners to improve health and healthcare across the region.
- [NC DOT](#) – receives funds from the [Federal Highway Administration](#) to develop trails for both motorized and non-motorized recreational trail uses. [http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational\\_trails/](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/) <http://trade.railstotrails.org/stateprofile>