



Draft Vision for Greene County

Vision Statement

Greene County will protect and enhance the quality of life enjoyed by its residents by preserving the County's rural character and natural beauty and by appropriately managing the pace and place of growth and development. Greene County will achieve this vision by protecting farmland, providing a multimodal transportation system, attracting clean industry, creating employment opportunities for its citizens, providing quality schools and recreational areas, and preserving the County's cultural and historical heritage.

What are the most important elements from the above vision?

What is missing?

Key Elements from 2003 Comprehensive Plan and from Community Workshops

Economic Development

From 2003 Comprehensive Plan:

- Generate sufficient tax revenue through targeted economic development to relieve the pressure on the County's budget and property taxes.
- Expand infrastructure in targeted areas of commercial development.
- Continued support of Economic Development Authority activities.
- Enhanced image of Greene County as a business-friendly location.
- Balance the need for increased economic development with controlled residential development and proffer acceptance.

From Community Workshops:

- Economic Diversity
- More technology businesses
- Increased opportunities for good salaried positions close to home
- Enhance County image to attract business
- Stanardsville and Ruckersville as centers for shopping and employment
- Directory of local businesses
- "Buy Local"
- Attract businesses in a beneficial ratio to residential to improve employment and services and improve tax revenue
- Need skilled and higher paying jobs
- Getting shoppers in other counties doing their shopping in Greene County
- Attract businesses and services and employers to existing empty business buildings and commercial zoned properties

What are the most important elements from the above items?

What is missing?

Tourism

From 2003 Comprehensive Plan:

- Establish and fund an organizational structure to plan, implement and coordinate tourism activities.
- Generate new tax revenue as well as increased business and employment opportunities related to tourism.
- Preserve important scenic, historic and cultural assets.

From Community Workshops:

- Good signage and gateways
- Improve sense of place
- Improve the aesthetics
- Historic sites
- Preservation of viewshed along Route 33
- Blue Ridge mountains/Skyline Drive
- Local Heritage

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What is missing?

Natural Resources

From 2003 Comprehensive Plan:

- Create governmental and public awareness of the importance of preserving natural resources while accommodating residential growth.
- Enact measures to protect Greene County's irreplaceable natural resources and become a model County for natural resource stewardship.

From Community Workshops:

- Clean water
- Gateway to Blue Ridge
- Skyline Drive
- Protect groundwater
- Night sky
- Clean air and water
- Clean headwaters of streams

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Agriculture

From 2003 Comprehensive Plan:

- Arrest decline in number of farms and in farmland.
- Attract and retain young farmers.
- Increase specialty and niche farming, such as equestrian, vineyard, nursery and greenhouse crop activities.
- Achieve recognition of farming and farmers as vital part of County future and make them part of tourism.

From Community Workshops:

- Truck farm, wine, niche agriculture
- Preserve agricultural uses
- Grow and buy locally
- Need incentives for keeping land in agriculture
- Protecting farmland for future generations

What are the most important elements from the above items?

What is missing?

Education

From 2003 Comprehensive Plan:

- All students achieve SOL objectives.
- High school graduates should be either trained for the work place or be prepared to successfully attend institutions of post-secondary education.
- Increased community awareness and support for public education as an essential part of the quality of life.

From Community Workshops:

- Expand VOTECH (Adult education)
- Need PVCC center in area

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Parks and Recreation

From 2003 Comprehensive Plan:

- Establish an Advisory Committee including representatives consisting of private citizens, Board of Supervisors and School Board.
- Inform residents of programs.

From Community Workshops:

- More recreation
- Sufficient recreation space for growing population
- Provide area for children/teens to hang out
- More parks
- Easy access to park
- Central park in Ruckersville before it is too late
- County does not provide enough recreation area for play

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Community Services

From 2003 Comprehensive Plan:

- Establish an Interagency Resource Council, meeting regularly, to improve the integration of community services provided for residents.

From Community Workshops:

- Provide medical services
- Library open more often/longer
- Drug prevention
- Caring for the elderly

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Law Enforcement and Emergency Services

From 2003 Comprehensive Plan:

- Assure well coordinated emergency response and disaster management planning.
- Support volunteers with paid fire and rescue staff, when required to, to assure adequate 24-hour coverage.
- Maintain adequate School Resource Officers to safeguard school facilities and grounds as well as to spearhead community involvement in safety training and intervention.

From Community Workshops:

- EMS - additional locations for rescue squad buildings
- Manage growth so that it does not outstrip infrastructure and resources including water, roads, schools and EMS.

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What is missing?

Solid Waste

From 2003 Comprehensive Plan:

- Continue to manage and operate the solid waste facility efficiently and within budget goals.
- Maximize recycling of solid waste materials by providing options to County residents.

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Wastewater Treatment

From 2003 Comprehensive Plan:

- Construct a Wastewater Treatment Plant to meet projected commercial and residential growth needs in the Ruckersville area in accordance with the approved CIP.
- Direct residential and commercial growth to designated areas by proactively planning and constructing services which will be restricted to those identified areas.
- Utilize public/private partnerships to assist in funding waste water treatment system construction.

From Community Workshops:

- Water and sewer capacity and enhancements needed in Stanardsville - aging infrastructure
- Make sure growth does not outstrip infrastructure and resources
- Antiquated water/sewer in Stanardsville

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What is missing?

Water

From 2003 Comprehensive Plan:

- Establish a safe and reliable water supply to meet the projected needs for business and residential growth in Greene County through 2025.
- Investigate alternative options for public water supply, including the construction of a water impoundment, to meet projected demands for the next twenty or more years.

From Community Workshops:

- Clean well water
- Clean water
- When we find water impoundment, combine it with open space, recreation and watershed protection.

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