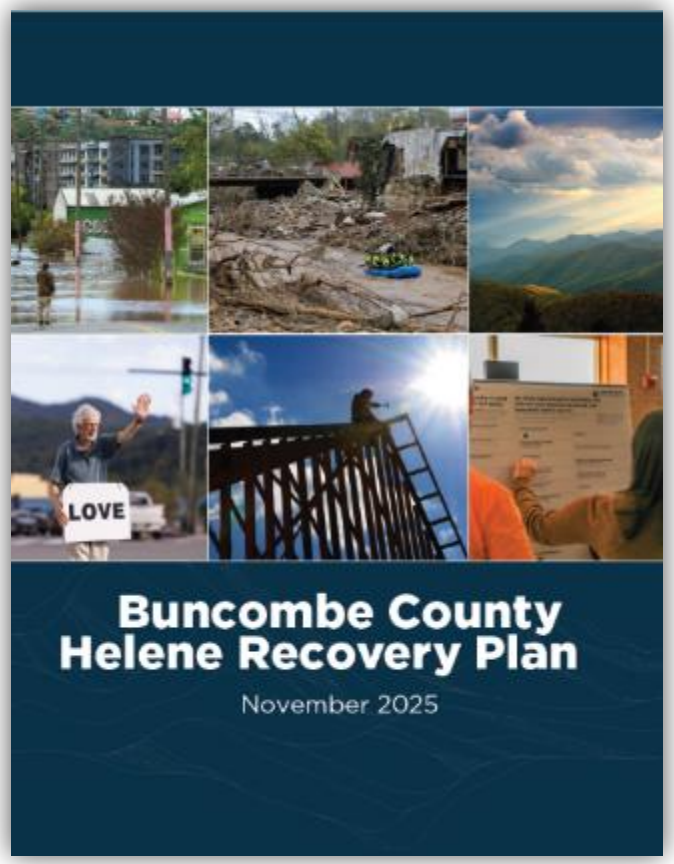
Helene Recovery Plan

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Helene Recovery Plan



114 projects across 7 local governments:

Buncombe County
31 projects

Town of Woodfin
17 projects

Town of Biltmore Forest
5 projects

Town of Montreat
4 projects

City of Asheville
31 projects

Weaverville
14 projects

Town of Black Mountain
12 projects

Buncombe County Projects by Strategic Plan Focus Area

Strategic Plan Focus Area	# of Projects	Percent
Growth & Development	7	22%
Economic Development	3	9%
Education	0	0%
Community Health	5	16%
Public Safety	13	44%
Energy & Environment	3	9%
Grand Total	**31**	**100%**

Projects by Envision Buncombe Priority

Top 10 Priorities	# of Projects*	Percent
Infrastructure Investments	4	11%
Disaster Preparedness & Resiliency	13	42%
Wildfire Prevention	2	6%
Floodplain Management	2	6%
Restoring Streambanks	1	3%
Rebuilding Parks	1	3%
Preserving Flood-Prone Property	2	6%
Landslide Stabilization	2	6%
Affordable Housing	3	9%
Food Security	1	3%
Other	5	14%

Note: some projects appear in more than one category

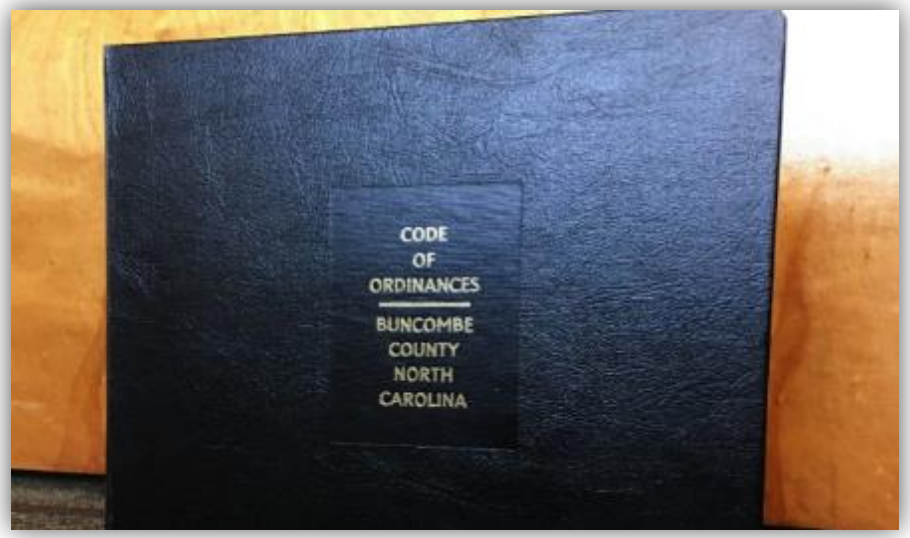
Affordable Housing Development



Buncombe County Food Security



Code of Ordinance Amendments



Commercial District Revitalization



Community Memory Project



Community Organization Support



Community Risk Reduction Campaign

Ready

Prepare. Plan. Stay Informed.

Critical Facility Upgrades



Cultural Asset Restoration



Disaster Response Heavy Equipment



Down Payment Assistance



Emergency Operations Center



Emergency Shelter Facility



Fleet & Facilities Restoration



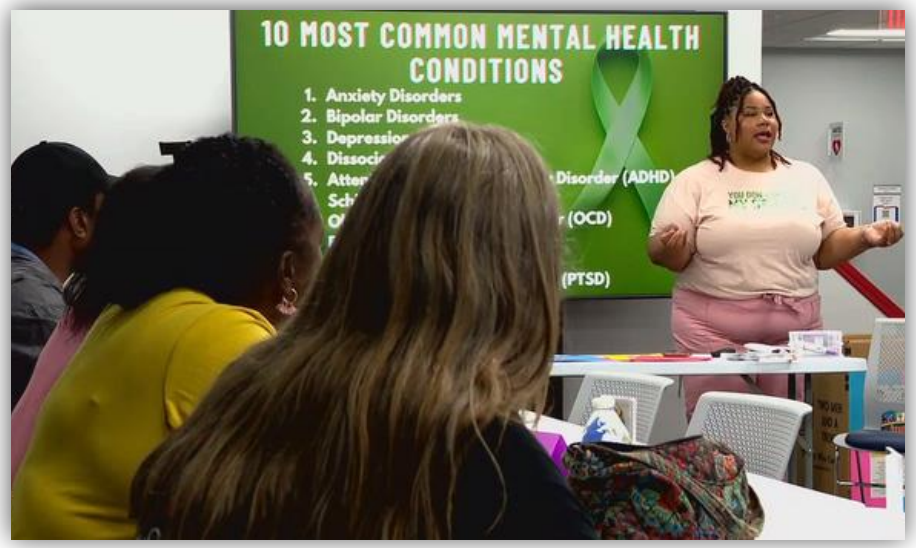
Home Repair



Landslide Mitigation



Mental Health Trainings & Support



Natural Hazard Monitoring



Open Space Property



Preparedness Action Plan

Safety starts with a plan.

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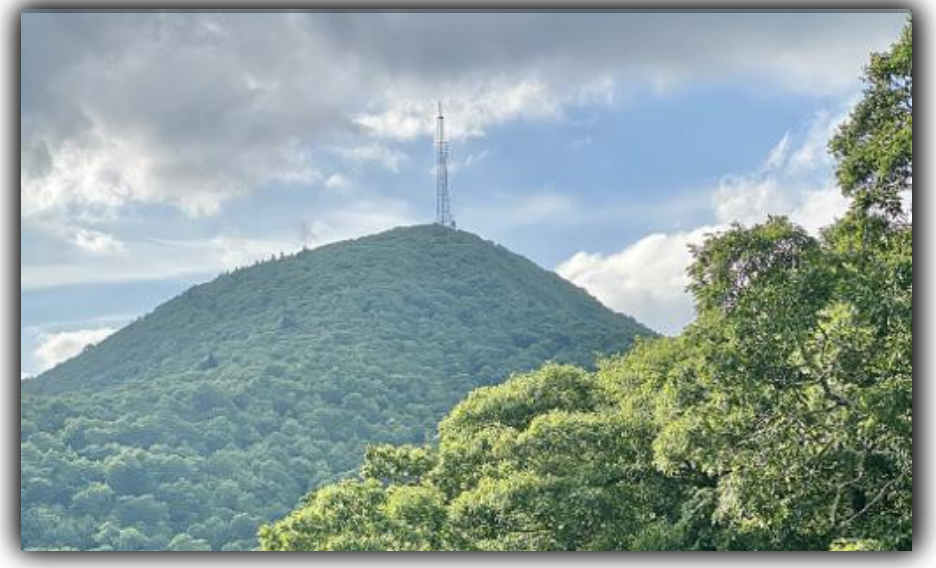
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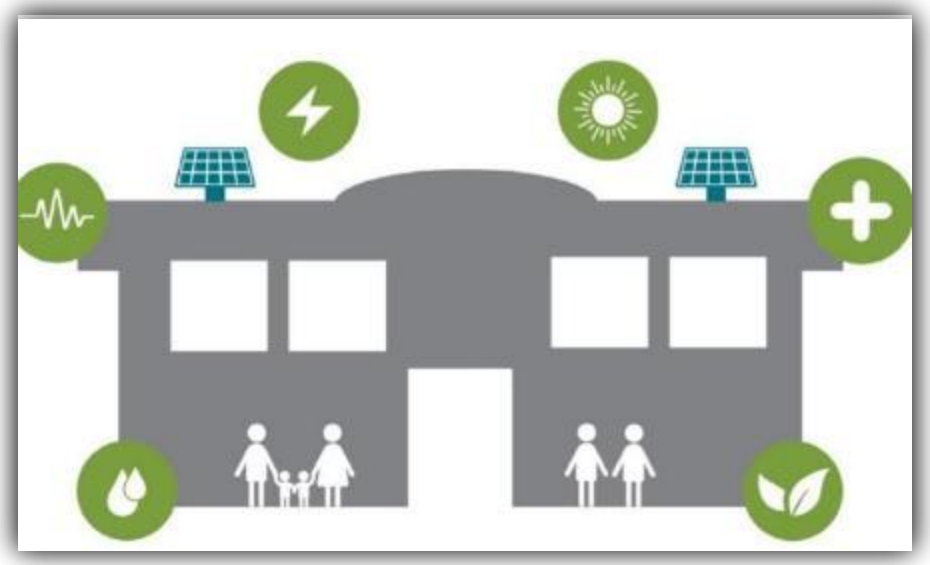
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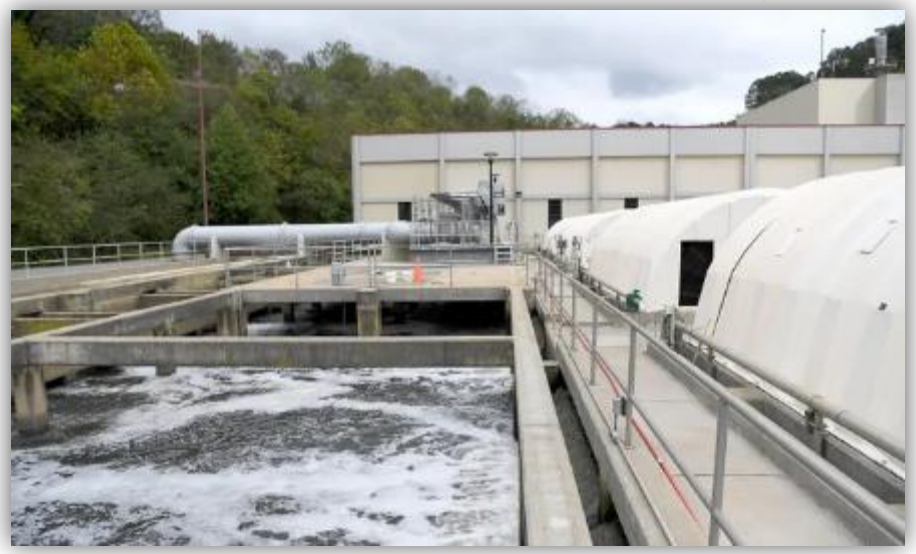
Public Safety Communications Resilience



Resilience Hubs



Sewer Extension & Septic Mitigation



Skills, Training, & Employment Program



Small Business Grants



Social Services Emergency Response Plan



Stream Stabilization



Swannanoa Small Area & Resilience Plan



Vehicle Resilience



Wildfire Protection Plans



Early Implementation Steps

- Identify sub-projects to support overall recovery projects
- Scope projects with activities, timelines, costs, roles etc.
- Identify funding to carry out projects
- Hire Recovery Office staff (Project Managers & Business Analyst)
- Initiate near-term projects
- Collaborate with partners
  - Internal (county departments)
  - External partners (other local governments, area institutions, nonprofits, community groups, etc.)

Example projects currently underway

- **Commercial District Revitalization:** Sidewalks in Swannanoa
- **Cultural Asset Restoration:** Restore & rebuild Owen Park
- **Fleet & Facilities Restoration:** Repair public safety communication tower roads
- **Landslide Mitigation:** Grovemont/Sassafras landslide
- **Preparedness Action Plan:** Incident management training
- **Stream Stabilization:** Emergency Watershed Protection
- **Wildfire Protection Plans:** Barnardsville & Swannanoa

Request for Board Action

- **Approve Resolution Adopting the Buncombe County Tropical Storm Helene Recovery Plan**, which includes the following authorizations:

1. Endorses the plan in its entirety, as a coordinated, multi-jurisdictional program for recovery and resilience
2. Adopts the Buncombe County section of the plan, including 31 projects
3. Commits to maximizing funding and resources for the successful implementation of recovery projects
4. Commits to continued collaboration with regional partners to ensure coordinated implementation of the Recovery Plan