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MEMORANDUM

TO: Buncombe County Air Quality Advisory Council

FROM: Ashley Featherstone, Air Quality Division Manager

DATE: November 17, 2026

RE: Agenda for November 24, 2026

Enclosed, please find the Agenda for the Buncombe County Air Quality Advisory Council meeting to be held on **Tuesday November 24, 2026 at 3:30pm** in the board meeting room located at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

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BUNCOMBE COUNTY AIR QUALITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
TENTATIVE AGENDA
NOVEMBER 24, 2026 COUNCIL MEETING

1. **Public Comment Protocol Announcement**

2. **Adjustment and Approval of Agenda**

3. **Consent Agenda:**
   A. Approval of minutes from September 22, 2026

4. **Unfinished Business:**
   A. None

5. **Manager's Report:**
   A. Transition Updates
      i. Budget and Grants
      ii. Final Adopted Rules submittal update
      iii. New Council Member Orientation Document
      iv. Demolition and Asbestos Removal Permits Update
   B. Budget related: Gas Tax and EPA Grant Funding Outlook
   C. Education/Outreach:
      i. Leadership Asheville Seniors Presentation
      ii. Soil and Water Field Day
   D. Monitoring Update
   E. 2026 Accomplishments
   F. Facility Permit Renewals Issued in October and November – no renewals due to be issued
   G. Facility Permit Modifications Issued in October and November

Facility Name	Type of Facility	Facility Classification	Location	Changes from Existing Permit
Dignity Funeral Services, Inc., d/b/a Four Seasons Crematory – Asheville (formerly Cremation Services of WNC – Tunnel Road)	Crematory	Small	Tunnel Road, Asheville	Name Change

   H. New Permits Issued in October and November

Facility Name	Type of Facility	Facility Classification	Location	Proposed Equipment
Haakon Industries, Inc.	Commercial HVAC Manufacturer	Synthetic Minor	Walk Off Road, Candler	Two paint booths, emergency generator

6. New Business:

A. None

7. Other Business:

A. Legal Counsel Report
B. UNCA Project Report
C. Calendar
   i. Next meeting January 26, 2026 at 3:30
   ii. Calendar for next year
D. Announcements

8. Public Comment

9. Adjournment

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RE: Minutes for September 22, 2026

DATE: November 17, 2026

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The Buncombe County Air Quality Advisory Council met on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, in the board meeting room located at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

The attendance of the Board members was as follows:

Members Present:	**Members Absent:**
Ned Guttman	*Joel Storrow*
Garry Whisnant	
Caitlin Cook	
Jim Neely	

Staff Present: *Ashley Featherstone, Air Quality Division Manager; James Raiford, Permitting Program Manager; Alex Latta, Air Quality Specialist II*

Others Present: *Suzanne Avett, Senior Attorney; Jason Rogers, Permits & Inspections Director*

Garry Whisnant called the meeting of the Buncombe County Air Quality Advisory Committee to order on September 22, 2026, at 3:30 pm.

The order of business was as follows:

1. **Public Comment Protocol Announcement**
   A. Garry Whisnant read the public comment protocol.

2. **Adjustment and Approval of Agenda**
   A. Ned Guttman made the motion to approve the agenda.
   B. Caitlin Cook seconded the motion.
   C. All present – yes
   D. The motion passed 4-0

3. **Consent Agenda**
   A. Approval of minutes from August 6, 2026
      i. Ned Guttman made the motion to approve the minutes.
      ii. Jim Neely seconded the motion.
      iii. All present – yes
      iv. The motion passed 4-0

4. **Unfinished Business**
   A. Approved Bylaws with Final Edits discussed at last meeting
      i. No vote needed. Edits made that were requested.

5. **Manager's Report**

A. Clean Air Act Section 128 Conflict of Interest Policy and Certification Statement
   i. Required by EPA for boards that review permits and conduct enforcement activities and is required annually
      1) Jim Neely made a motion to approve.
      2) Caitlin Cook seconded the motion.
      3) All vote yes
      4) Passed 4-0
B. Transition Updates
   i. Budget and Grants
      1) Working with County Budget staff on a new budget format
      2) County Commissioners approved a budget for BCAQ for 2027 but part of the plan is to put EPA 105 grant in separate budget that runs parallel to the federal year and matches up with the grant's schedule (Oct – Sept).
      3) Additionally, Section 103 grant runs April – March so we are following County's grant management process for Section 103 funds, which is a new process for BCAQ.
      4) The way the County would like to handle BCAQ budgeting and grants is, ideally, prior to 10/1, BCAQ would get on County Commissioner's agenda to get grant budget finalized. Current funding is approved through June 2027.
      5) BCAQ has explained to County Grants that since our grants are recurring and non-competitive, we don't always have an award amount before the County's budget year starts.
      6) Expecting same levels of funding but currently without 1 grant as we transition to BCAQ.
      7) Jim Neely asked if there were issues with overlapping the budget with state and federal budget periods. Ashley Featherstone explained current issues with budget reconciliations but hopes going forward the process will be smoother.
      8) Heard back from EPA last week about grants and they are still working on them. No award amount yet.
   ii. Policy updates – Non-discrimination Policy and Appeals Policy
      1) Internal policy review to align the old policies with the County's policies.
      2) Keeping ABAQA non-discrimination policy for EPA specific grant language and requirements
      3) Retiring appeals process policy since we now have the appeals process included in Chapter 1 of our updated Code.
   iii. Final Adopted Rules to be submitted to NC for inclusion in State Implementation Plan
      1) Once we submit rules, state reviews them for consistency with state rules and then the state sends them on to the EPA for final approval.
      2) In process of gathering documents to submit to state and meeting with state and EPA to determine what they expect to see for the name change.
   iv. New Board Member Orientation Document
      1) Updated old document with description of role of the council out of Chapter 1.
      2) Garry Whisnant notes it needs updating due to mentions of old Agency name and other outdated references.

3) James Raiford noted there was a possibility that the wrong document may have been attached to the board packet.
4) Ashley Featherstone commented we would review the document and come back next meeting with an updated version.

v. News stories and website updates
1) News story for the new name for the program, the transition, and the reorganization of the program was discussed.
2) Still working with CAPE and website folks to get all website updates in place so that the story can be published to coincide.
3) News article for Air Quality recognition ceremony.
a) Ashley Featherstone mentioned Steve Ensley and Allison Glass have been delivering some of the certificates to recipients that couldn't attend.
b) Ashley Featherstone needs to follow up with advisory committee members that couldn't attend to get them their certificates.

C. Air Curtain Incinerator permitting and compliance update
i. James Raiford updated everyone on the current protocol. General Title V permits are issued for ACI's based on a 2019 EPA rule.
ii. The State has updated their Title V general permit since 2019, but we have not yet updated ours to match the State's. We needed to update our rules before we could update the General Title V permit and now that we have, we need to update our general Title V permit.
iii. EPA may remove the requirements for ACI to have general Title V permits. EPA has a proposed rule under consideration to remove Title V permitting requirements from ACI's which is going through review.
iv. We will be sending a new General TV permit to public comment and EPA soon.
v. Some compliance issues with the ACIs but we are working with the facilities to try to make sure they meet all requirements.
vi. EPA has issued a no action assurance for ACI's operating without a permit for the purpose of burning storm debris which expires at the end of September, 2026. All ACI's in Buncombe County are currently permitted. State of North Carolina is in the process of asking the EPA to issue a new no action assurance but as all of ours have permits, it doesn't really apply to us since ours are burning other debris in addition to storm debris.
vii. ACI's will still need state or local small or synthetic minor permits if EPA removes rule requirement for general Title V permits.

D. Monitoring Program Update
i. James Raiford discussed the EPA Technical Systems Audit Steve Ensley had been working on. This audit occurs every 3 years. He also discussed the new monitoring building is nearing completion thanks to Steve Ensley and Allison Glass working on getting things set up. We are expected to start collecting data during October.
ii. Garry Whisnant asked if the site would be Ozone only and James explained it would be Ozone to start and Toxics monitoring will be added once the State restarts their Toxics monitoring program. James Raiford went over monitoring data completeness. Ozone standard is 70 ppm. You use the average of the 4th highest measured value over 3 years to determine your annual ozone value. For 2026, Ozone season, that value is 61 ppm for our station at Bent Creek. The

projected design value for next year is 59 ppm for Ozone. This data is preliminary and has not been certified.

iii. We are usually always below the 24-hr PM standard. Annual $PM_{2.5}$ is where we get closer to the limit of 9 ug/m^3. Our 2026 3-year average design value is 6.3 ug/m^3. The annual average for 2026 is currently at 7.3 ug/m^3 as of September 2026.
   1) PM2.5 data completeness: 98.9%
   2) Ozone data completeness: 94.3%

E. Facility New Permits, Renewals, and Modifications Issued Since Last Meeting (August 6)- None
   i. James Raiford mentioned that there are no permits that have been issued since the last Council meeting.
   ii. Ned Guttman asked if our Air Quality is so good why do we see so many yellow days now. James Raiford explained how the shift with the PM standard from 12 ug/m^3 down to 9 ug/m^3 has resulted in more forecasted yellow days but James Raiford noted that most of those forecasted yellow days ended up being green based on the data.
   iii. Jim Neely asked what the reason was for the higher PM. Ashley Featherstone and James Raiford explained the various sources of PM around the county contributing to our overall PM value, such as wildfires and debris burning, motor vehicles and other mobile sources, power plants, and other large stationary sources in addition to residential home heating to name a few.
   iv. Ashley Featherstone mentioned that the EPA noticed the citizen science shelter at the monitoring site during the audit and took an interest in the types of studies being done there. Caitlin Cook explained that her student, Ben, who is working on a study at the citizens science shelter, is going to get the purple air at the monitoring site in the next couple weeks and plans to work with BCAQ on analyzing the data by comparing the Purple Air data to the regulatory monitor. Ben also plans to do the same with the ozone data he plans to collect once he fixes the ozone sensor and gets it up and running.

6. New Business:

A. none

7. Other Business:

A. Legal Counsel Report
   i. Suzanne Avett reported that the 960 North Fork case would return to court on October 5, 2026. She explained that the property had both air quality and solid waste violations and that an order issued in 2026 authorized the County to clean up the property and directed the property owner to stop violating County ordinances. Despite that order, violations remained ongoing. The October 5 hearing would address a motion for contempt based on continued noncompliance with prior court orders. A previous court date had resulted in a monetary fine and an order prohibiting further violations of County ordinances. She noted that if the property owner faced jail time after being held in contempt, proceedings could be delayed to allow the homeowner to retain legal counsel or receive a court-appointed attorney.
   ii. Ned Guttman asked a question about whether the homeowner would continue violating County ordinances while the case was pending, Suzanne Avett explained that other

individuals on the property, rather than the homeowner, might be responsible, which complicates the matter.

B. Calendar
   i. Next meeting November 24, 2026

8. Public Comment

A. None

9. Adjournment

A. Garry Whisnant asked for a motion to adjourn if there was no other business
B. Ned Guttman made the motion to adjourn the meeting.
C. Jim Neely seconded the motion.
D. All present – yes
E. The motion passed 4-0
F. The meeting was adjourned at 4:09pm

Air Quality Advisory Council Orientation

Welcome and thank you for your commitment to serve on the Buncombe County Air Quality Advisory Council! More information about the role and program are included here.

Mission and Purpose

The mission of Buncombe County Air Quality (BCAQ) is to protect and monitor the area's air quality to safeguard the public health and the environment.

BCAQ operates as a Division of Permits and Inspections, pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statute Sections 160A-461, 160A-464, and 143-215.112 (c)(3) for the purpose of developing and administering a local air quality program. The agency is one of three local air pollution control programs certified by the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission to implement air quality regulations and programs. Prior to being reorganized under Buncombe County in 2026, the air quality agency was a multi-jurisdictional program that operated under the same enabling legislation with a governing board appointed in accordance with an interlocal agreement.

What does the local air program do?

The Agency is responsible for implementing the delegated provisions of the federal, state and local air quality regulations in Buncombe County. The program operates an air pollution monitoring network that is used to determine whether our area is in compliance with the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). A permitting and inspection program ensures that industrial facilities, gas stations, dry cleaners, grading contractors, and asbestos removal activities comply with all applicable air quality regulations that are put in place to protect the public health and welfare. Additionally, BCAQ responds to air quality related complaints (dust, smoke, open burning, odors), offers compliance assistance, education and outreach services, and works with community partners on voluntary pollution prevention programs. BCAQ also maintains an indoor air quality webpage for resident inquiries and has partnered with other programs to distribute free radon test kits.

Governing Body

The Buncombe County Board of Commissioners is the governing body that oversees the air quality program. The Air Quality Advisory Council includes 5 members that are appointed by the Commission.

Council Member Duties

The Buncombe County Air Quality Advisory Council conducts public hearings and reviews and advises on air program actions; advises the Board of Commissioners in developing policies and plans to improve air quality programs; participates in the appeals review process over air quality regulations and ordinances promulgated by the Board of Commissioners; reviews and advises the local air quality program pursuant to the local air quality ordinance, and advises the Board of Commissioners of actions necessary to maintain a certified local air quality program. To accomplish these duties, the Council meets bi-monthly and at other times as needed.

Meeting Schedule

The Air Quality Council meets in person, bi-monthly on the fourth Tuesday at 3:30 pm and at other times as warranted. The regular meeting location is the board meeting room at 35 Woodfin Street in Asheville. The time commitment is estimated at 2 to 3 hours every other month. This is a volunteer appointment, not a paid position.

More information

For more information, please contact Ashley Featherstone, Division Manager, at 828-250-6778 or ashley.featherstone@buncombenc.gov. More information is also available on our website at www.buncombenc.gov/air, minutes, and live streams of the meetings are on the Engage Buncombe site at https://engage.buncombecounty.org/s8486.

Council members may access the internal board SharePoint site that includes all policies, rules, related links and other useful information at https://buncombecountync.sharepoint.com/sites/SP-AIR-Asheville-BuncombeAirQualityAgencyBoard.

Air Quality Priorities and Actions

Ashley Featherstone

Permits and Inspections: Air Quality Division

History

- City of Asheville (COA) Smoke Abatement Program – 1947-1967
- Multi-Jurisdictional Agencies -1967-2026
  - Buncombe, COA, Henderson, Haywood, Transylvania
  - 3 different agencies
- Buncombe County-2026



What does the Local Air Quality Program do?

- **Measures** air quality – operates three monitoring stations that are used to determine if Buncombe County is in compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.
- **Permits and inspects** industrial facilities, gas stations, dry cleaners, building demolitions and asbestos removal.
- **Responds** to your air quality complaints. This includes complaints about open burning, dust, and odors.
- Provides **education and outreach** services about air quality
- We also offer **free Radon test kits** in January!

Air Quality Monitoring Network

- PM 2.5 (fine particles)– Board of Education Building
- Ground-level Ozone – Bent Creek and AB Tech*
- Air Toxics – AB Tech

*Pending





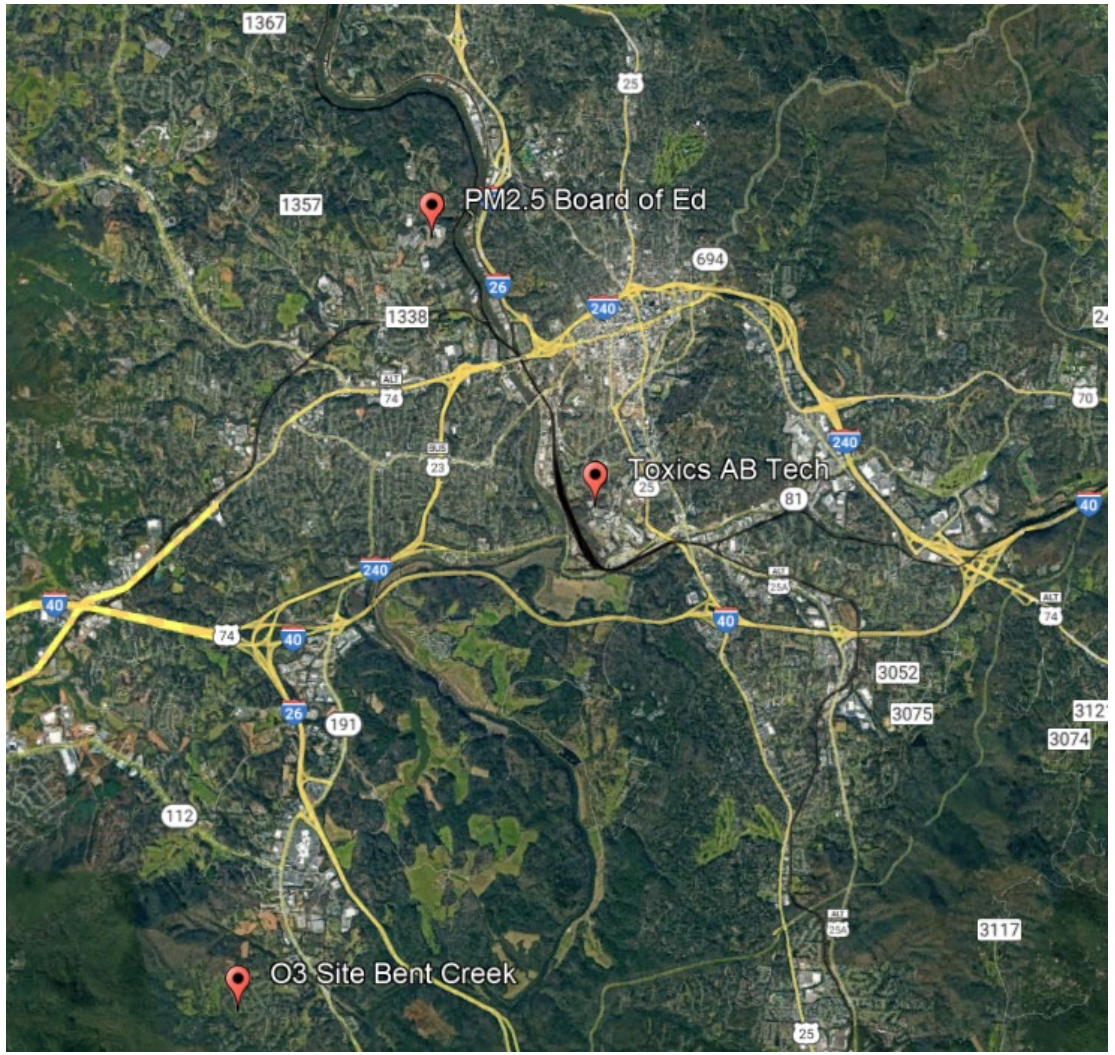


Compliance and Enforcement

- Open Burning
  - 70-100 Complaints Annually
- Dust, Odor, Facility/Industrial Emissions
- Area Sources: Drycleaners, Risk Management Plan Facilities, Stage 1 (gas stations)



Monitoring Site Locations



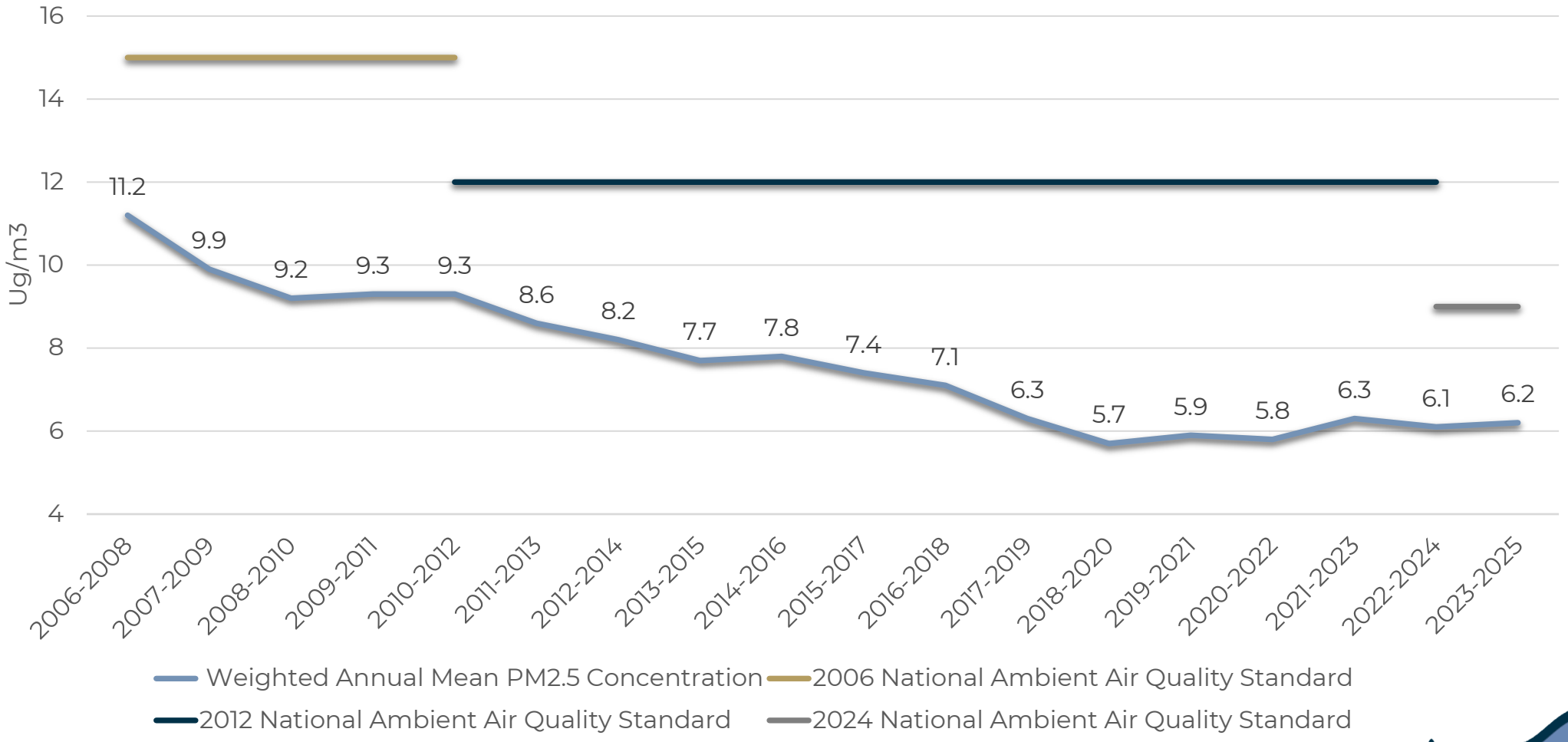
Citizen Sensor Shelter



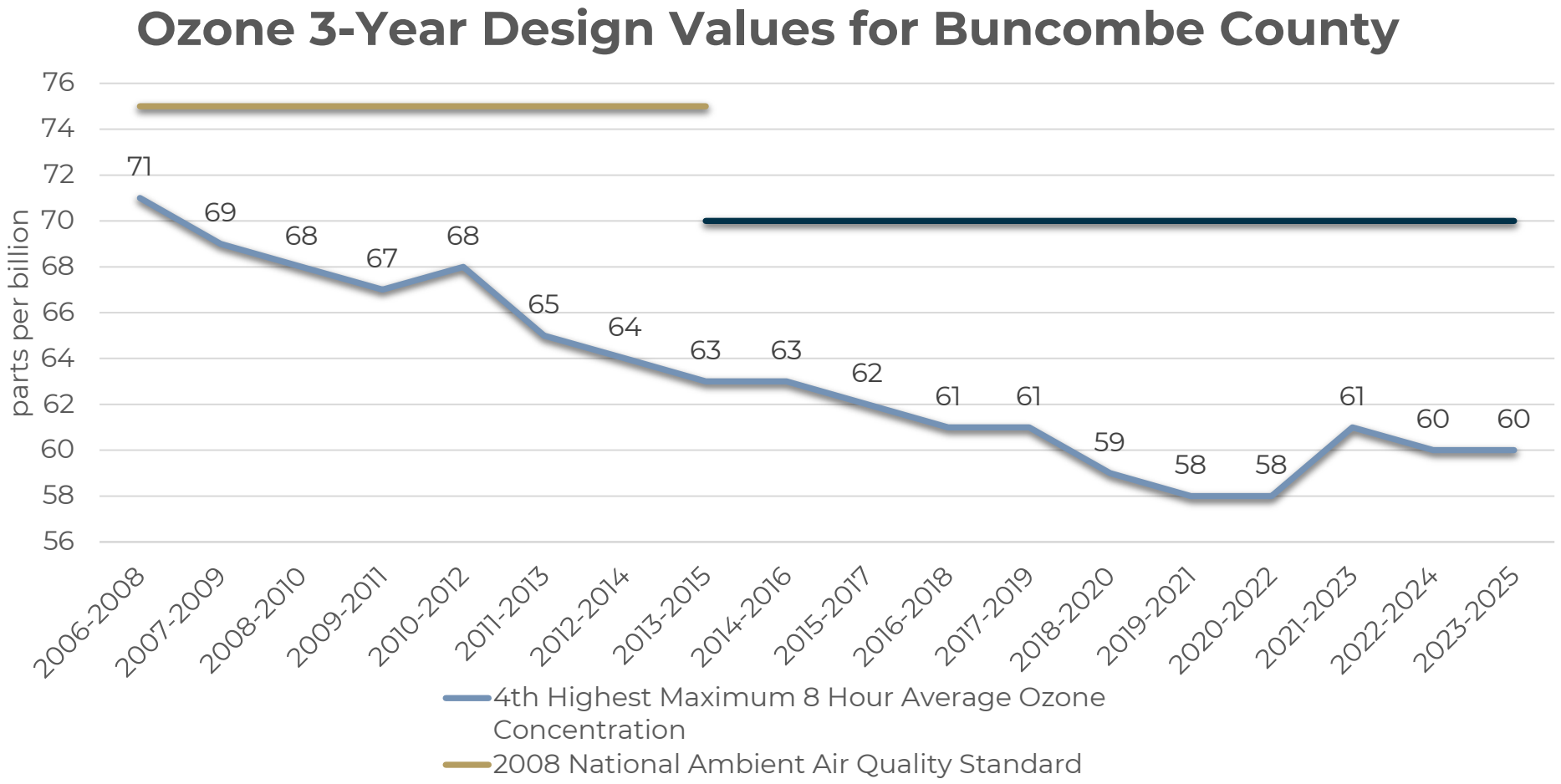


PM2.5 Trends

PM2.5 3-Year Design Values for Buncombe County

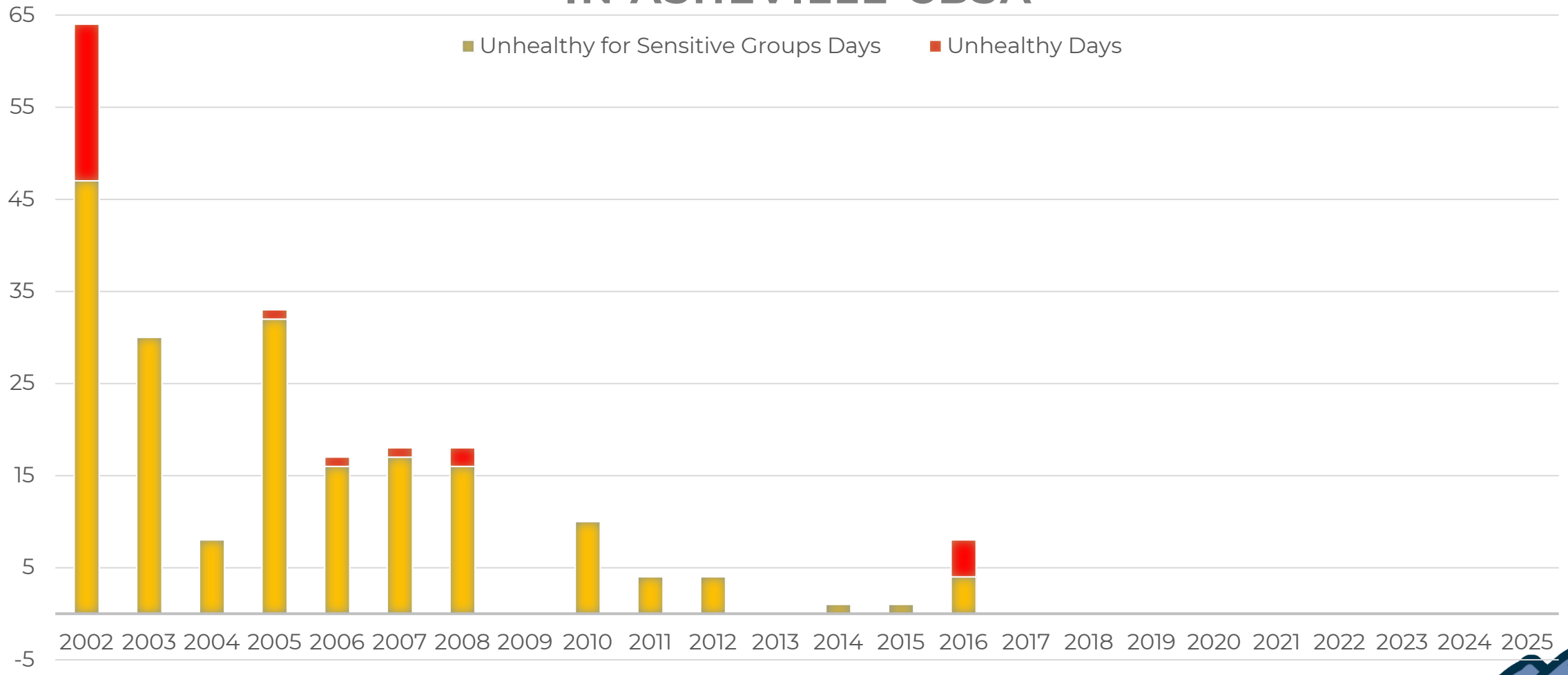


Ground Level Ozone Trends



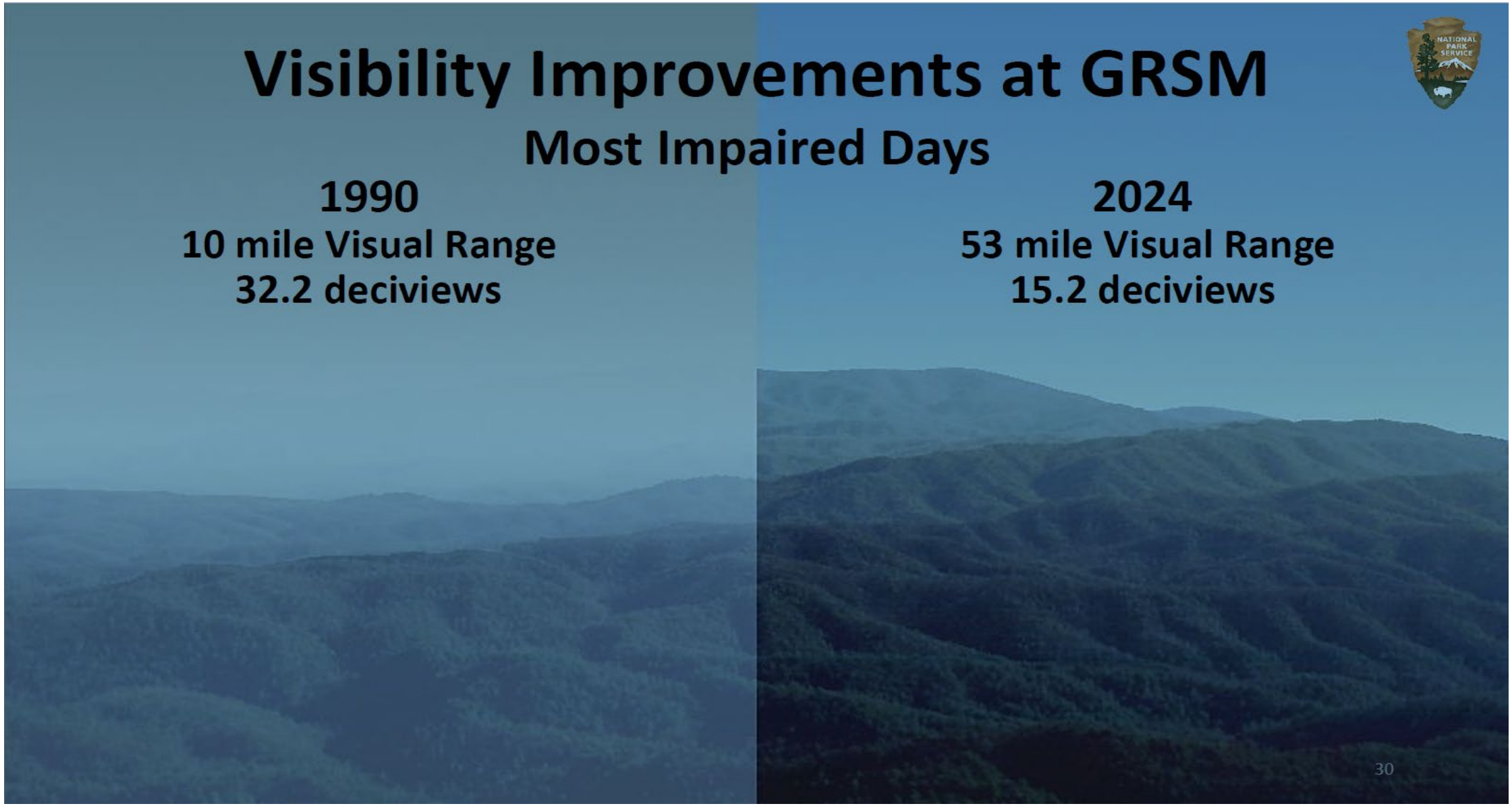
Unhealthy Air Quality Days

NUMBER OF PM2.5 / O3 UNHEALTHY DAYS PER YEAR IN ASHEVILLE CBSA



Visibility Improvements at GRSM

Most Impaired Days

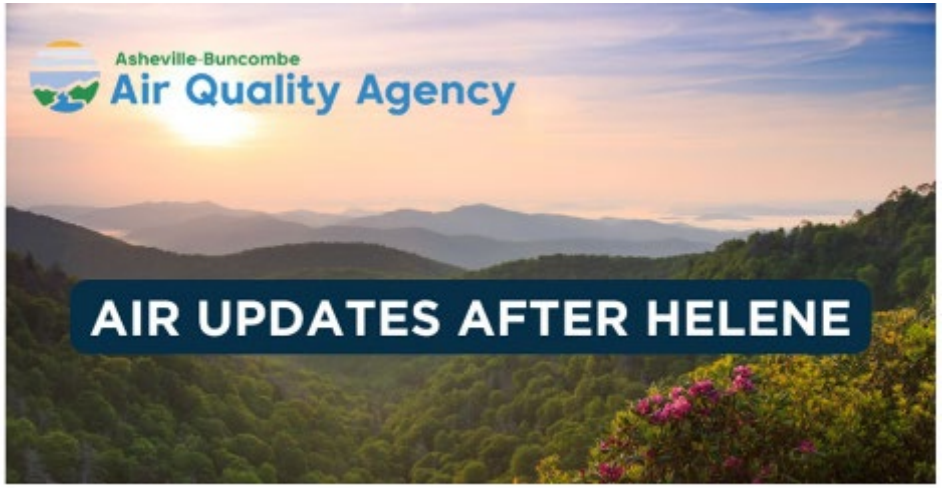


*Courtesy GSMNP

Helene-AB Air Quality Response

- Initial Response: AQ monitoring sites, EOC, Technical Assistance
- WNC Post Helene Monitoring Program
- Air Curtain Incinerators/Open Burning of Storm Debris
- Guidance Documents
- Demolition and Asbestos Removal Permits
- Recovery Resources





Demolition Permits and Asbestos Requirements

- Demolition/Asbestos Permits- Residential and Commercial
- Asbestos NESHAP (40 CFR Part 61 Subpart M)
  - Coordinating with USACE, FEMA, County to ensure requirements are met
- Recommend survey on all structures prior to demolition/renovation




AirBurners



Emergency Monitors



Fairview Elementary



ARO-Swannanoa

Low-Cost Sensors-Purple Airs

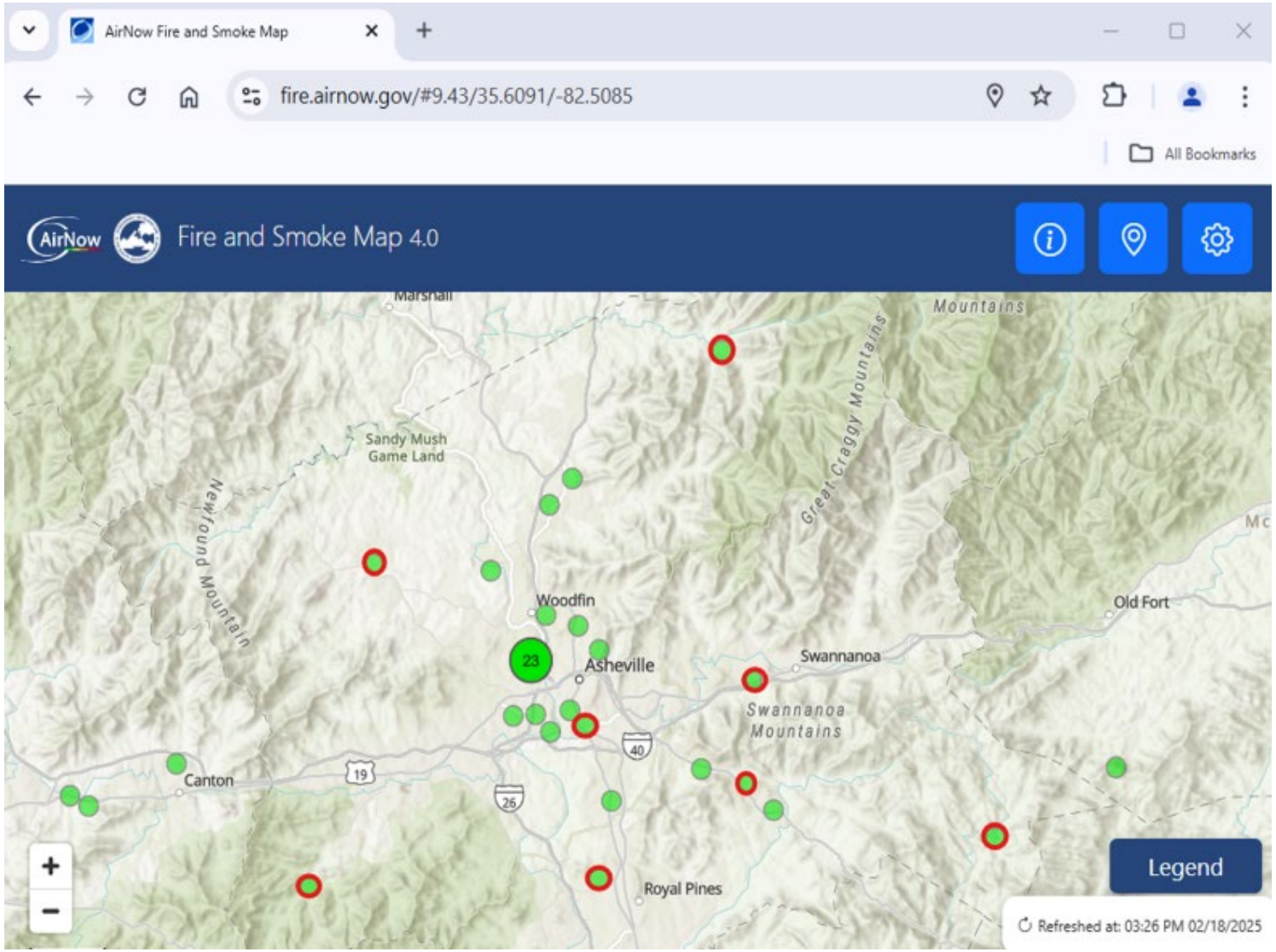


Skyland Library



Broad River FD

Check EPA Fire and Smoke Map (fire.airnow.gov) for real-time air quality conditions.



Low-cost sensors installed after Helene by BC Air Quality highlighted in RED

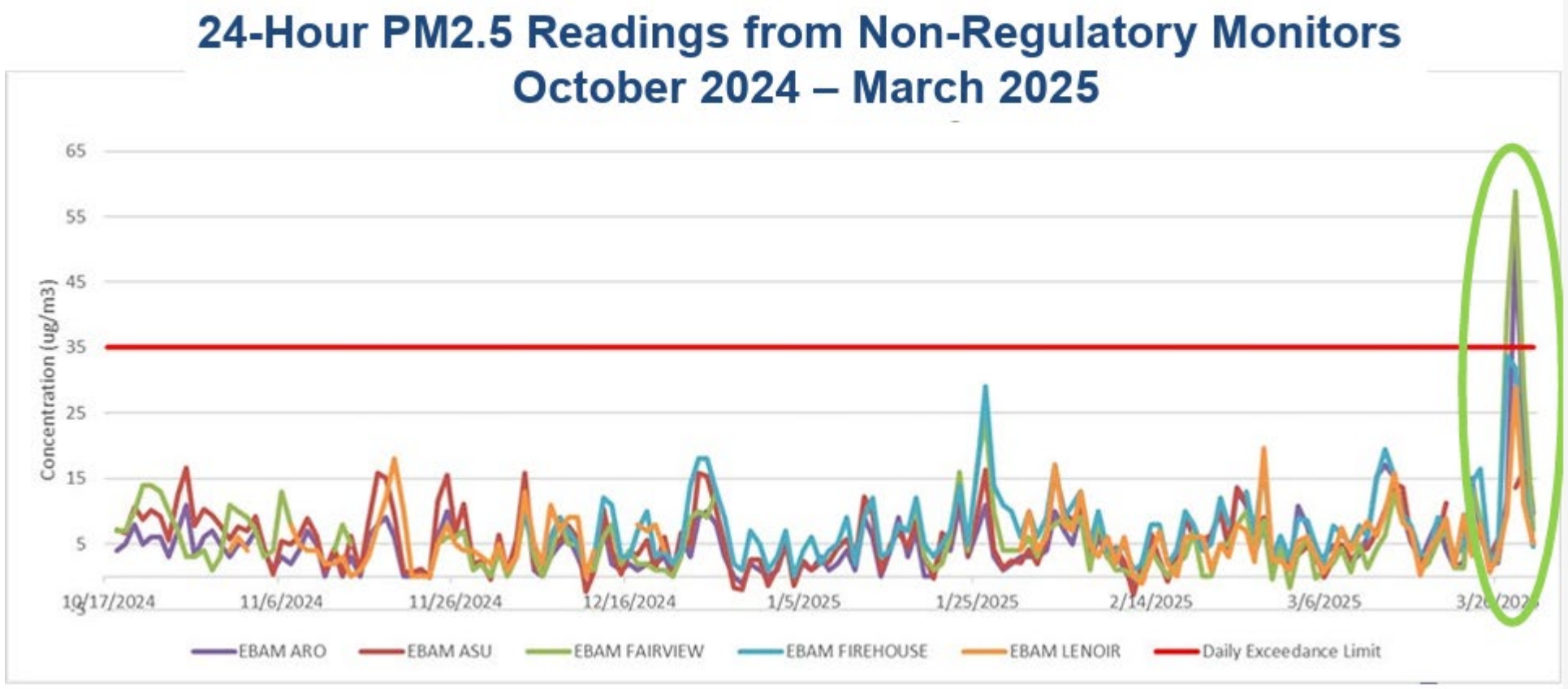
Sensors and 2 additional monitors Provided by NCDAQ and EPA

Recent Wildfires in North and South Carolina



Source: NC DEQ

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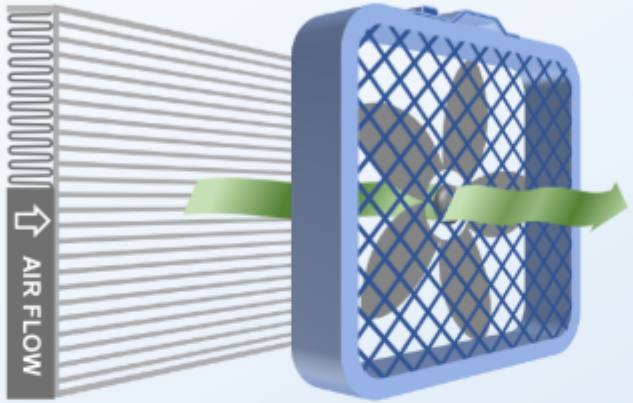
Resources for Recovery

- Air Awareness-Air Now Fire and Smoke Map
- Open Burning/Dust/Odor
- Demolitions and Renovations-Asbestos, lead, mold
- Burn Wise Program
- Fire Wise-Wildfire Prevention



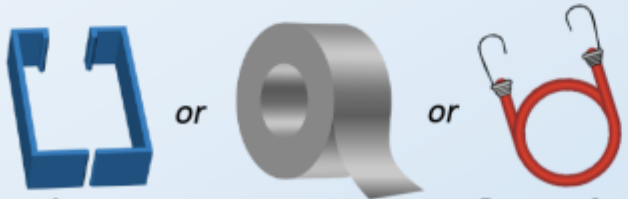
DIY Air Cleaner to Reduce Wildfire Smoke Indoors: Basic Design

Materials



20" X 20" X 1" or 4" air filter
Suggested rating: MERV 13

20" X 20" box fan
Only use certified fans with UL or ETL marking (2012 model or newer)



Clamps *or* Duct Tape *or* Bungee Cords

Assembly

1. Attach the air filter to the back of the box fan using either clamps, duct tape or bungee cords.
2. Check the filter for the direction of the air flow (marked on the side of the filter).
3. Replace filters when dirty.

Learn about box fan safety tips:
https://www.epa.gov/air-research/research-diy-air-cleaners-reduce-wildfire-smoke-indoors#FAQ

Air Quality Index

Air Quality Index	Description of Air Quality
Good	Air quality is satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.
Moderate	There may be moderate health concerns for people unusually sensitive to air pollution. Consider limiting prolonged or heavy exertion outdoors.
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Older adults, children, active people, and those with heart or lung disease may experience health effects. Limit prolonged or heavy exertion outdoors.
Unhealthy	Older adults, children, active people, and those with heart or lung disease may experience more serious health effects. Everyone may experience health effects. Limit prolonged or heavy exertion outdoors.
Very Unhealthy	Everyone is likely to be affected. Avoid all outdoors exertion.

General Guidance

- If it looks or smells dusty or smoky outside, it's probably not a good time to work in the yard, go for a run, or for kids to play outdoors.
- If you see or smell smoke present, you should:
  - Check Your Current Air Quality at DAQ NC Ambient Information Reporter or EPA AirNow. The EPA Air Now site has a fire and smoke map with data from low-cost Purple Air sensors that also monitor particulate matter at more locations in our area (https://fire.airnow.gov).
  - Air Quality Index and activity guide for fine particles is on the EPA AirNow site under AQI and Health. https://document.airnow.gov/air-quality-guide-for-particle-pollution.pdf
  - Subscribe to Air Quality Forecasting at www.enviroflash.info
  - Learn how to make a DIY air cleaner and about air cleaners and filters in the home.

Health and safety recommendations for air quality action days:

- Stay indoors as much as possible and use an air filtration system if available.
- Keep windows and doors closed to reduce indoor smoke exposure.
- In vehicles, set air conditioning to “re-circulate” mode.
- Avoid outdoor activities, particularly exercise or strenuous work.
- If being outside is necessary for longer periods, consider wearing an N95 respirator mask to help filter harmful particles. Check with your doctor first if you have a medical condition that could be an issue.
- Stay hydrated and monitor for symptoms like coughing, shortness of breath, dizziness, or chest pain. Seek medical care immediately if symptoms become severe.

Get Involved-What Can you Do?

- Know the Air Quality Code
- Volunteer Opportunity-Buncombe County Air Quality Council
- Emergency Preparedness
  - Sign up to Receive Emergency Alerts-Text “BCReady” to 67283 or sign up online
  - Have a Supply Kit and Evacuation Plan
- Wildfire Prevention
  - Understanding our Risks
  - Creating a Defensible Space – Firewise Landscape
- To learn more about emergency preparedness, visit buncombeready.org.
- Buncombe Ready Community Events


Questions?

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Other Resources

- NC DAQ Wildfire and Smoke website (Health, Smoke Maps, Air) : Smoke, Wildfires & Prescribed Burns | NC DEQ
- EPA Smoke Ready Toolkit for Wildfires: Smoke-Ready Toolbox for Wildfires | US EPA

Other health resources:

- Wildfires and Indoor Air Quality
- EPA Health and Air Quality Publications
- EPA: Wildfire Smoke, A Guide for Public Health Officials, 2019
- CDC: Wildfires and Your Safety
- CDC: Wildfire Smoke and Children
- NC DHHS: Public Health Preparedness and Response

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MEMORANDUM

To: Buncombe County Air Quality Council

From: Ashley Featherstone, Division Program Manager

Date: 11/17/2026

Re: Program accomplishments and highlights 2026

Below is a list of program highlights for 2026. Thanks to the Council, Staff, and County leadership for supporting the program.

- Buncombe County's air quality continues to be in attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for fine particles and ground level ozone. Met all data requirements to determine compliance with the standards.
- Transitioned the air quality program from an interlocal agreement with the City of Asheville to a County Department under the Board of Commissioners. Ensures continuity of services due to increasing uncertainty with federal grant funding.
- Program was reviewed and certified by the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission as part of the reorganization, confirming all required program elements are being met.
- Implemented new procedures to ensure air quality staff that issues permits and enforcement orders and Council members that hear appeals do not have conflicts of interest with companies they regulate in accordance with Section 128 of the Clean Air Act.
- Air quality rules were updated and the entire code was readopted (required by the NC General Assembly every 10 years-over 300 pages of code).
- Worked with NC DAQ and EPA to extend for another year the post Helene air quality monitoring project with 8 to 10 Purple Air sensors

on loan from EPA to measure fine particles in areas of the county where additional data coverage is beneficial. BC Air Quality is now the grantee for the program.

- Set up a new air quality monitoring station to measure ground level ozone at AB Tech. This will be a second monitoring site for ground level ozone here in Buncombe County.
- Improved customer service for 220 industrial facilities with air quality permits by adding online annual fee payment options. Also continued fee reduction program for Helene impacted residents and worked with partners to issue demolition and asbestos removal permits as part of the recovery.
- Hosted a Recognition and Appreciation Ceremony To recognize participants of the Western North Carolina (WNC) Post Helene Air Quality Particulate Monitoring Project in conjunction with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality (DAQ) AND our former Air Quality Advisory Committee members for their many years of service to the Asheville-Buncombe Air Quality Agency.
- Purchased and gave away 100 radon test kits during radon awareness month in January with assistance from Environmental Health.
- Loaned retired ground level ozone monitoring equipment to UNCA for use in a course on Meteorological Instruments-where students design and implement their own short-term field instrumentation projects.
- Continued partnership with UNCA with our citizen science shelter on particulate matter sensor project that is using our regulatory monitors for quality control to compare to data collected with low cost sensors at UNCA. Current project since Spring of 2026 is looking to correlate night sky brightness and air quality readings along the parkway near the Asheville area.
- Worked with Alliance for Green Heat, Barnardsville Area Resilience Network and Full Circle Foresty Collective (FCFC) to plan the Wood Stove Safety and Education Workshop. Provided EPA Burn Wise

materials for Full Circle Forestry Collective's Firewood Bank. Had a table for Buncombe County and Air Quality at the Workshop.

- Participated in numerous outreach events related to air quality including a Nesbitt School Presentation for PM2.5 Monitoring site with DAQ, Reynolds Middle School STEM Field Day, Mountain Science Expo at the NC Arboretum, and Buncombe County Soil and Water Conservation Field Day at North Buncombe Middle School.
- Media interview with WLOS on air quality, weather and wildfires.
- Worked with CAPE and other county departments to contribute information for the 2026 Wildfire Communications Plan. Also coordinated on CAPE messaging with Spring Burn Bans issued by the Buncombe County Fire Marshal's Office.

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AIR QUALITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

January 26, 2027

March 23, 2027

May 25, 2027

July 27, 2027

September 28, 2027

November 23, 2027

These meetings will be held in the board room at the Government Services Center, 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801.

The time for these meetings will be 3:30 PM.

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