

Healthy Places N.C. Initiative

Mapping exercise identifies community assets

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As part of the Healthy Places N.C. initiative, the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust identified a need to map physical and demographic assets in Burke County.

In February, KBR awarded grant funds to the Western Piedmont Council of Governments to begin that work. The purpose of the mapping exercise determined what resources and services exist in the county. Also, the mapping will identify where gaps of resources and services are present.

To assure that data collected is accurate, maps are being distributed across Burke County. These maps will be made available from

Monday through Oct. 2.

KBR and WPCOG are asking the public to review and comment on the data that has been collected.

Maps will be available for public review at the following locations at these designated times:

» Blue Ridge HealthCare atrium, 2201 S. Sterling St., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

» Brendletown Fire and Rescue Station, 5157 U.S. Highway 64, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

» Drexel First Church of God, 200 Oakland Ave., 3-6 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday

» George Hildebrand Elementary School, 8078 George Hildebrand School Road, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

» Glen Alpine UMC, 410 Linville St., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

» Hildebran Public Library, 201 S. Center St., 3-8 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

» Lake James Volunteer Fire Department, 3222 N.C. Highway 126, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

» New Day Christian Church, 1023 E. Union St., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday

» Oak Hill Fire and Rescue Station, 2400 N.C. Hwy. 181, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

» Oak Ridge Baptist Church, 7449 Oak Ridge Church Road, 6:45-8 p.m. on Wednesday.

» Old Rock School, 400 Main St. W., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

» St. Charles Catholic Church at 728 W. Union St., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

» Warlick's Baptist Church, 2684 Warlick's Church Road, 9-11 a.m. and 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday and 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

» Western Piedmont Community College Library, 1001 Burkemont Ave., 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

For questions, call Nancy W. Taylor, executive director of the Community Foundation of Burke County, at 828-437-7105 or email nwtaylor@cfburkecounty.org.