



Mountain Landscapes Initiative
of The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina

A “Toolbox” of guidelines for responsible growth in NC’s mountains

Providing solutions through region-wide collaboration

WHAT:

The Mountain Landscapes Initiative (MLI) is a long-range project by The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina to help citizens and communities in the 18 counties it serves plan for growth. The Foundation has partnered with the Southwestern Commission, the council of governments organization serving NC’s seven westernmost counties, to produce a “Toolbox” of best practices for planning and development in the mountain region.

HOW:

The MLI “Toolbox” pilot is a three-stage project. A six-month-long outreach program in the seven western counties and the Qualla Boundary concluded in April of 2008. A public workshop called a “charrette,” led by the Lawrence Group of consultants, was held May 13-20, 2008, at Western Carolina University. The “Toolbox” planned during the charrette will be published and distributed by the end of September, 2008.

WHEN:

By the end of July, 2008, a “Toolbox” draft will be posted on the website listed below for comments and suggestions. The final edit will be posted by the end of August. And the “Toolbox” will be in print and ready for distribution by the end of September.

For complete background information, detailed explanations, and links to resources, go to:

www.mountainlandscapesnc.org

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