



What is your vision for healthy growth in Western North Carolina?

Help shape the future of our region by participating in the Mountain Landscapes Initiative.

The Mountain Landscapes Initiative, a project of the Southwestern Commission and The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, needs to hear your hopes and concerns about the future of the mountain region.

In May, a weeklong public workshop called a "charrette" will create a "Tool Box" — planning and development guidelines for landowners, builders, and communities in NC's seven westernmost counties. To set the charrette's agenda, the MLI is holding community forums in each of the seven western counties and the Qualla Boundary.

County	Date	Place	Drop In	Meeting
Macon	Th, April 3	Community Facilities Bldg	10am – 6pm	6:30pm – 8pm
Haywood	Tu, April 8	Waynesville Rec Center	10am – 6pm	6:30pm – 8pm
Swain	Th, April 10	SCC (Old Almond School)	10am – 6pm	6:30pm – 8pm
Clay	Sa, April 19	Courthouse	10am – 2:30pm	3pm – 4:30pm
Cherokee	Tu, April 22	Murphy Library	10am – 6pm	6:30pm – 8pm
Qualla	Th, April 24	EMS Building	None	5pm – 8pm
Graham	Sa, April 26	Community Building	10am – 2:30pm	3pm – 4:30pm
Jackson	Tu, April 29	Community Services Bldg	10am – 6pm	6:30pm – 8pm

At the meetings, attendees will see a documentary video featuring citizens from across the region and share their visions for healthy growth. Drop-in times allow those who can't attend meetings to learn more and to talk one-on-one with MLI organizers. Light refreshments will be available all day; hors d'oeuvres will be served starting half an hour before each meeting.

All forum attendees will have the chance to win a free ride over the region in a small plane, courtesy of Southwings!

And don't forget to save the dates for the regional charrette at Western Carolina University, May 13-20. For more details: www.mountainlandscapesnc.org.

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