



The Model Projects

Besides producing a “Tool Box” of best practices for planning and land use development in the North Carolina mountains, this pilot effort of the Mountain Landscapes Initiative will demonstrate how some of the tools might work in a specific situation. For instance:

- We will have an opportunity to show how a private developer in Haywood County can combine state-of-the-art environmental site analysis with best practices for road design and grading, storm water management, and home site planning to create a project that is both environmentally responsible and profitable.
- We can use experts on the consulting team to take a coalition of developers and citizens in Jackson County as far as they're ready to go in master planning what could become the new Village of Cashiers.
- We can assist a farmer in Cherokee County with a family financial plan that allows him to keep key portions of his property in working farmland, put some in a conservation easement, and offer some for responsible development to supplement his retirement years.
- We will help a group of residents, non-profits, government agencies, and others in North Macon County develop a comprehensive strategy for balancing development and preservation in the Little Tennessee River corridor.

Stay tuned to www.mountainlandscapesnc.org for the full stories of these unfolding scenarios.

