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The Western North Carolina Vitality Index reports on the 27 counties of Western North Carolina through the perspectives of the region's natural, social, built, and economic environments. Developed by UNC Asheville's NEMAC in collaboration with the Mountain Resources Commission, the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area, and the USDA Forest Service, the tool was designed to assist local governments, interest groups, and the public. The Index allows the information necessary to:

- Preserve the heritage and culture that defines our communities while strengthening public health,
- Improve the region's local economic activity and expand its influence,
- Promote development that accommodates healthy growth,
- Protect our region's abundant and unique natural resources, and
- Compare the western region's status to the rest of North Carolina and the nation at large.

UNC Asheville's NEMAC worked to design an easily-navigable website, allowing the public to interface with this data in a positive and informative way. The website also features a GIS map viewer that lets users interact with the datasets that went into rendering the Index's maps. In addition to the website, NEMAC also designed downloadable booklet versions of the Index, which can be viewed onscreen as an interactive PDF or printed into book form.



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