

From: Jackie Hamstead <Jackie.Hamstead@buncombecounty.org>
Subject: RE: Feedback on the 100% Renewable Plan
To: Bridget Herring <bherring@ashevillenc.gov>; Jeremiah P. LeRoy <Jeremiah.LeRoy@buncombecounty.org>
Cc: Kiera Bulan <kbulan@ashevillenc.gov>
Sent: April 26, 2023 10:23 AM (UTC-04:00)
Attached: Feedback Letter 100% renewable plan.docx

Attached is a first stab at the letter. It was a bit of a challenge to be both honest and kind. Open to any suggestions/ feedback. Kiera, maybe you can employ some of your expert wordsmithing abilities.

In the last BHPCC meeting, I was told to direct feedback to David Gordon. However, I thought it might be most appropriate to send this letter to Sam and Jamie since our contract is with them.

Let me know your thoughts. Once we're all comfortable with a draft, I can send it along to Sam and Jamie and cc the group.

From: Bridget Herring <bherring@ashevillenc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 12:39 PM
To: Jeremiah P. LeRoy <Jeremiah.LeRoy@buncombecounty.org>
Cc: Jackie Hamstead <Jackie.Hamstead@buncombecounty.org>; Kiera Bulan <kbulan@ashevillenc.gov>
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Sounds like a plan!

On Fri, Apr 21, 2023 at 11:42 AM Jeremiah P. LeRoy <Jeremiah.LeRoy@buncombecounty.org> wrote:

I am in agreement Jackie. In particular I think setting the deadline for wrapping up of this process is very important. It has used up more than enough bandwidth without ending up with a valuable work product.

I can also share that I spoke with Brownie about this yesterday and he is in full agreement that the current version has little value as currently written and has used more than its share of time.

From: Jackie Hamstead <Jackie.Hamstead@buncombecounty.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2023 5:49 PM
To: Bridget Herring <bherring@ashevillenc.gov>
Cc: Kiera Bulan <kbulan@ashevillenc.gov>; Jeremiah P. LeRoy <Jeremiah.LeRoy@buncombecounty.org>
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Bridget, Jeremiah, and Kiera,

I did mean to include feedback on parts 5 and 6 (maybe I blacked-out before the appendices). A new version of the feedback document attached.

I like the approach of writing a letter. In my mind, the goals of the letter and attachments would be to:

1. Provide constructive feedback that, if implemented, could make the Plan a more valuable tool.
2. Communicate that without significant improvements, the City and County will not be able to utilize/ implement/ sponsor the Plan
3. Express our desire to wrap up the 100% Renewable Plan process by a certain deadline (end of June?) so that the BHPCC can refocus on implementing projects/ programs.

If our feedback and concerns haven't been addressed by the deadline, we tell them that City and County won't be referencing the Plan in any way. Does that align with everyone's vision? If so, I can take a stab at drafting the letter and send it to you all for review.

From: Bridget Herring <bherring@ashevillenc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 10:50 AM

To: Jackie Hamstead <Jackie.Hamstead@buncombecounty.org>

Cc: Kiera Bulan <kbulan@ashevillenc.gov>; Jeremiah P. LeRoy <Jeremiah.LeRoy@buncombecounty.org>

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I took a look at this and it is great feedback. I wonder if the best approach would be to write a cover letter highlighting the high level themes or areas of concern and then attach Jackie's detailed list and commented draft as attachments.

Jackie, I noticed that you didn't give feedback on the recommendation section (part 6) was that intentional?

On Tue, Apr 4, 2023 at 10:02 AM Jackie Hamstead <Jackie.Hamstead@buncombecounty.org> wrote:

Jackie Hamstead has shared OneDrive for Business files with you. To view them, click the links below.

 [100% renewable feedback.docx](#)

 [3 14 23 - Full Strat Plan Draft Option 4.2 JH comments.pdf](#)

Team,

Attached is a word doc with some high-level feedback on the 100% Renewable Strategic Plan. I didn't comment on the equity-related content or policy section since those are under review. I'm also attaching the PDF with ~300 comments which reflect the full range of emotions (hope, anger, boredom, pity, perseverance, shock, disassociation, confusion) one should expect in reading this. I blacked-out reading the appendices.

Not sure where we want to go with this as a group. I tried to write comments for two scenarios: 1) Provide feedback that might support any big effort to make this document into a valuable tool, or 2) Offer justification for why the document can't guide decision-making when City/ County resources are involved.



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4/26/2023

Sam and Jamie,

After review of the March 14th version of the 100% Renewable Energy Plan, the City and County are sharing feedback that may inform The Blue Horizons Project's future engagement with this initiative.

For the Plan to be a valuable tool for local governments as intended, we recommend major revisions. As it stands, the generalized, nonspecific suggestions do not add much to the existing body of knowledge. Incomplete data, uncited claims, and locally irrelevant references may inadvertently confuse or misguide readers. The analysis methodology is poorly defined, inconsistent, and subjective, raising skepticism around the recommendations. The document organization, formatting, and grammatical errors inhibit readability.

Recognizing the amount of time and effort already invested in this effort, the City and County would like to see the Plan process completed by the end of June so that the BHPCC can refocus their efforts on program and project implementation.

Lastly, we want to acknowledge the real challenges of creating a data-driven and user-friendly 100% Renewable Plan. There is no doubt that a lot of hard work has gone into this. This feedback is aimed at enriching the final product. More detailed notes are in the attachments, and we plan on bringing constructive suggestions to the upcoming review session.

Best,

Jeremiah, Bridget, Jackie, and Kiera







