



City of Asheville
Community & Economic Development

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A message from the Director:

The City of Asheville is increasingly becoming a national destination and regularly appears as one of the top cities in the nation for the arts and entertainment, retirement, manufacturing, business climate, sustainability efforts, outdoor recreation opportunities, and quality of life. Asheville's vibrant districts, which include Downtown, South Slope, West Asheville, Biltmore Village, and the River Arts District, boast a mix of eclectic locally-owned shops, restaurants, and a diverse live entertainment scene.

The Community & Economic Development Department encompasses the city's community development division, riverfront redevelopment office, real estate management, economic/product development planning, arts and culture, outdoor special events, film permitting, minority business program, and the US Cellular Center.

Our staff is committed to leverage resources to help create a robust and dynamic Asheville economy, in a people based economic strategy. You will find our staff directory at the bottom of this page, and we encourage you to contact us if we can be of assistance to you.

Sam Powers, CEcD
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