

NC Thrive Curriculum

An important component of NC Thrive is the creativity-based community development curriculum. The curriculum engages communities of people in redeveloping, reenergizing, and reinventing the areas where they live, work, and play.

Why should my community use this curriculum

The goal of the NC Thrive curriculum is to create a community engagement process that enables community stakeholders to not only see, but attain, new opportunities for themselves and for their community. By implementing the NC Thrive curriculum the community can expect to:

- Build community capacity using local talents, resources and assets.
- Provide an opportunity for youth-adult partnerships to strengthen community bonds, increase civic knowledge, and build leadership capacity.
- Become better acquainted with residents from different sectors of the community.
- Increase the number of citizens engaged in public dialog and/or decision-making on public issues.
- Develop or strengthen regional partnerships or collaborations.
- Build or strengthen the relationship between Extension and local economic development professionals.

How long does it take?

The NC Thrive curriculum can be completed in 10 months, with once monthly meetings; sooner if meetings are held more frequently. NC Thrive staff will provide training and support to Agents using the curriculum.

What does it involve?

In addition to facilitating the 10 meetings and the community workshop, the Agent’s primary responsibility will be to catalyze the process and organize the steering committee and research team. These community teams will then set the pace by developing their timeline and doing the work required under the curriculum.

