

## What do the region's natural resources mean to you?

### Comments from your neighbors in Madison County:

*Our natural resources support and represent Madison's wonderful quality of life*

*Backbone of tourism industry*

*Need for more land and water preservation and protection*

*Continue to preserve the land in Madison County- prevent over development*

*Continuation of life itself*

*Freedom to stay connected with nourishment of the earth*

*Protect steep slopes from development*

*Grow hops to capitalize on local brewing culture*

*Better enforcement of trash burning restrictions*

*This region is ideal for cold-hardy vineyards:*

- 1. Right amount of rain*
- 2. Great soil and climate*
- 3. Existing farmland with equipment*
- 4. Farming heritage*
- 5. Supportive environment for organic/biodynamic farming*
- 6. Regional markets for grapes and value-added products*
- 7. Vineyards and Wineries are perfect for the right kind of agritourism*

## Please share your ideas, comments & suggestions:

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*Appalachian Trail is an important part of eco-tourism*

*We need cleaner water in Marshall, Mars Hill and Hot Springs*

*Need to use permaculture principles to improve forest farming & educate farmers about this potential*

*Interstate legislation agreements to reduce coal fired electric production polluting air*

*More planting of native trees and shrubs along roads and on public lands*

*More control of invasive species*

*One of our greatest resources is our local Ag Extension office*

*A great forgotten resource in Madison County is its rich history of mineral production*

*We need more recycling and trash pick-up.*

*Stop the leaks in Marshall Water System- wasting a great resources*