



TRANSPARENCY & OPEN DATA

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What is Transparency?



Transparency Site vs Open Data

Transparency Site

- Contextualized
- Visual and Interactive
- Proactive Disclosure

Open Data

- Un-contextualized
- Data sets
- Legal & Technical Openness



Transparency Site

- Pre-defined Data Visualizations
- Grouped by Financial Transparency and Service Accountability
- Interactivity
- Context/Saliency
- Accessibility
- Answer specific questions
- buncombecounty.org/transparency

Welcome to the Buncombe County Transparency Section! The goal of the section is to provide an easy accessible place to view information about Buncombe County Government and its operations, initiatives, and important topics that impact our community. This information may come in many forms such as **performance dashboards, financial reports, grant funded projects, documents/policies, and links** to other pages.

FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

PARCEL OWNERSHIP DASHBOARD

LIBRARY EXPENDITURE DASHBOARD

BUDGET EXPLORER DASHBOARD

POSITIONS & PAY DASHBOARD

DEBT TRANSPARENCY DASHBOARD

OPEN CHECKBOOK DASHBOARD

SCH. CAPITAL FUND COMMISSION DASHBOARD

SERVICE ACCOUNTABILITY

Elections

VOTER REGISTRATION



Transparency Process Map

Request

Compliance Process

Agile Development Cycle

Approval

Promotion & Publication

Example

Create a dashboard showing high level voter registration statistics

The data is free to use by state statute

Creation of Interactive platform to allow for analysis and mapping by various jurisdictions

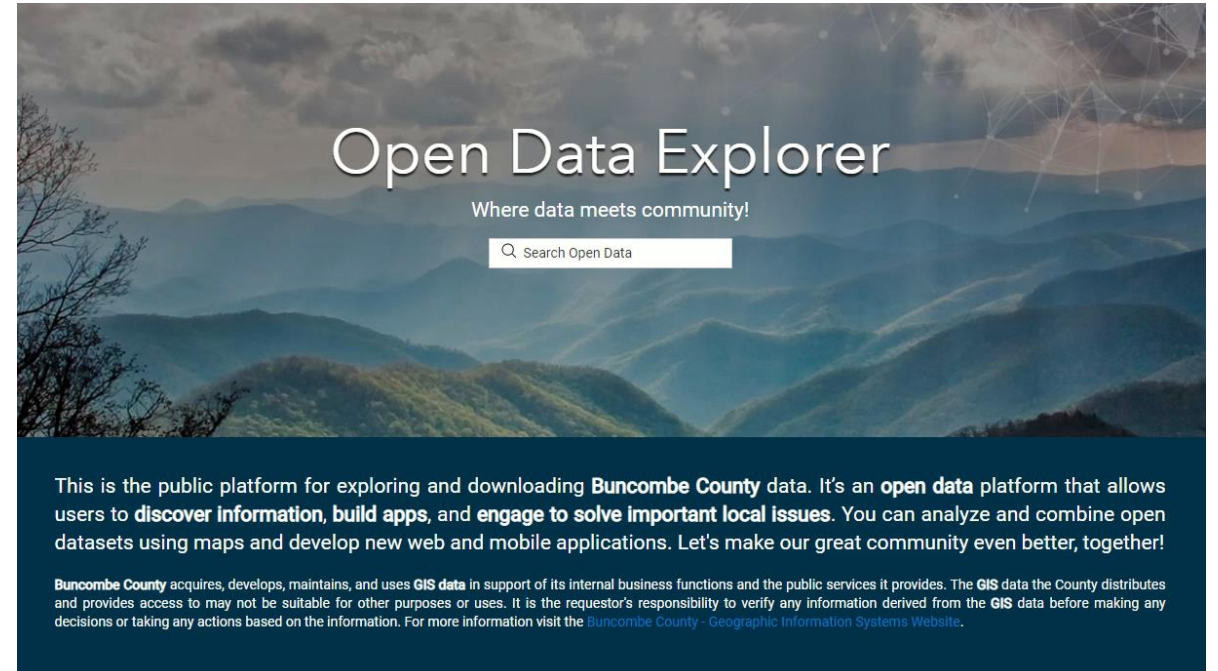
Final Sign off by the Director of Elections

Content sent to Communications & PR



Open Data Explorer

- Accessibility
- Flexibility
- Consumable for Visualization
- Open to citizen analysis
- data.buncombecounty.org



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Open Data Explorer. The background is a scenic view of rolling hills under a cloudy sky. The title "Open Data Explorer" is prominently displayed in white, with the tagline "Where data meets community!" underneath. A search bar with the placeholder text "Search Open Data" is visible. Below the search bar, there is a dark blue section with white text explaining the platform's purpose and providing a disclaimer about the data's use.

Open Data Explorer
Where data meets community!

Search Open Data

This is the public platform for exploring and downloading **Buncombe County** data. It's an **open data** platform that allows users to **discover information, build apps, and engage to solve important local issues**. You can analyze and combine open datasets using maps and develop new web and mobile applications. Let's make our great community even better, together!

Buncombe County acquires, develops, maintains, and uses **GIS data** in support of its internal business functions and the public services it provides. The **GIS data** the County distributes and provides access to may not be suitable for other purposes or uses. It is the requestor's responsibility to verify any information derived from the **GIS data** before making any decisions or taking any actions based on the information. For more information visit the [Buncombe County - Geographic Information Systems Website](#).

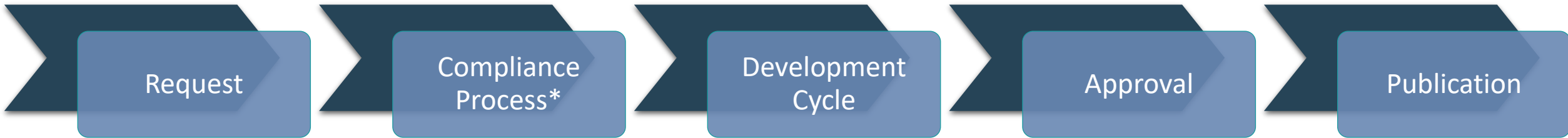
Explore Open Data Categories



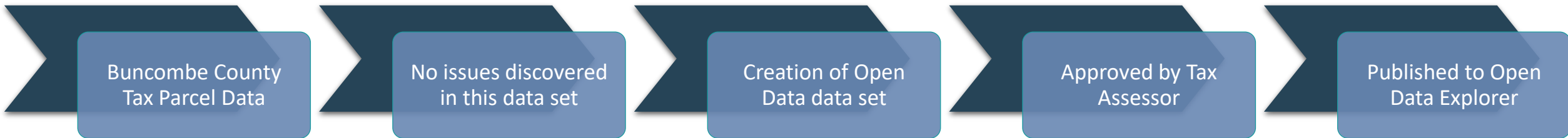
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Open Data Process Map



Example



***Policy on Open Data forthcoming**



What doesn't get published

- 1) Data that is protected or sensitive
- 2) Data with questionable integrity
- 3) Data from other entities*



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Agenda

- Work Sample Review
- Visioning
 - Starting with the end in mind
- Facilitated Conversation
 - Individual Brainstorming
 - Grouping Exercise
 - Drafting
- Data Sources Conversation



Next Steps

1. Run data requested for publication through the pre-development compliance process
2. Create a Prototype
3. Approval and edit period
 - This will likely culminate in at least one additional meeting
4. Publication and Promotion

