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West of Franklin, the Nantahala River has carved its own deep gorge. The Cherokee called this place “Noonday Sun”, because at one point, the perpendicular cliffs obscured the sun except during the middle of the day. Today, the area is famous for trout fishing and white water sports.



For those looking for a less strenuous walk or bike ride, the Little Tennessee River Greenway is a great escape. The five mile trail includes a playground, picnic areas, canoe put ins, fishing piers and multiple bridges that span the Little Tennessee River.

Macon County is home two popular scenic gorges, the Cullasaja and the Nantahala. In its rush downhill the Cullasaja takes some spectacular spills, creating lower Cullasaja Falls with a drop of 250 feet. Dry Falls is a local favorite where you can actually walk behind the roaring 75 foot wall of water.



Golf courses are abundant in Macon County. Courses open to the public include Mill Creek Country Club, and Franklin Golf Course. Private clubs include Highlands Country Club, Wildcat Cliffs, Cullasaja Club, Highlands Falls and Old Edwards Club.



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Whether you are enjoying the exclusive shops and restaurants as you stroll Main Street in Highlands or enjoying the local blue grass and folk music bands on the square in Franklin on warm, summer Saturday night, Macon County has what many communities work hard to merely emulate . . . a sense of place . . . a sense of community.

The Bascom art center in Highlands provides audiences of all ages with stimulating, diverse exhibitions, studio art instruction and other cultural experiences. The Bascom is located on a new six-acre, architect-designed campus that provides you, your family and friends a community gathering place amid art, nature and many program offerings.

The new Smokey Mountain Center for the Performing Arts located in Franklin draws tens of thousands of patrons each year. The state of the art, 1,500 seat facility provides the finest drama and musical performances from both nationally recognized performers as well as local community talent.

Macon County is also home to several art galleries, artisan shops, and museums.



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Living in the Mountains

Macon County has one of the best school systems in North Carolina. The system consistently performs among the best in the state for SAT scores. Schools and class sizes are small and students are afforded a rare opportunity for learning in our local schools. The average class size is 19 and average elementary schools have 303 total students.

Percent High School Graduates	77.3%
Average SAT Score (2400 Scale)	1,528
<i>Ranked 11th in North Carolina</i>	
Percent Bachelor's Degree or Higher	16.2%



Housing options are extremely diverse. The median home price in Macon County is \$140,000. Whether you want to live on a secluded lot with several acres and a great view, live in condo in the middle of town or enjoy the country club life, Macon County has something for you.

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The County's climate features four distinct seasons. Typically December and January are the coldest months with July and August the hottest. Our mean annual temperature is 55F and varies from a mean low of 38F in January to a mean high of 71F in July. The County is located in one of the highest rainfall zones in the Eastern U.S. with a mean annual rainfall of 70 inches. Snow represents 2 to 10% of the annual precipitation.

Two hospitals serve Macon County as well as a locally based Air Ambulance service that supports regional medical facilities. Specialists covering all medical disciplines are available in the county. A full range of supporting medical and dental practices are located throughout Macon County including an Urgent Care Center.

Physicians per 10,000 of Population	21
Registered Nurses per 10,000 of Population	60
Dentists per 10,000 of Population	4



CORPORATE PROFILE:

Client Base: TekTone® currently supplies products to both national and international facilities in locations such as the US, Central America, South America, Kuwait, Africa, Arab Emirates, Canada, Mexico, Asia and the Caribbean

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Employees: 75-100

Client Base: (see below)

Annual Sales: \$5mil-\$10mil

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