

It's no secret that Pinehurst wants to preserve the historic authenticity of the village while developing downtown as a thriving commercial center.

Next Monday a three-member team of professionals will conduct a very intense and comprehensive study to do just that.

The up-close-and-personal examination is under the auspices of the North Carolina Downtown Development Association.

In recent years Pinehurst has taken steps to enhance the experience of those visiting and shopping with improved landscaping, planters and hanging baskets, street lighting and rehabilitated sidewalks.

Village Planners say now they want to concentrate on economic vitality.