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Bond Referendum 2015 • Chapel Hill, NC
ELECTION DAY is Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015

VOTING INFORMATION

Early voting begins Oct. 22.
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The Bond Orders

Voters will decide on November 3, 2015, whether to allow the Town of Chapel Hill to issue up to \$40.3 million in general obligation (G.O.) bonds to fund improvements throughout the community. There are five bond questions:

- 1 Streets & Sidewalks
- 2 Trails & Greenways
- 3 Recreation Facilities
- 4 Solid Waste Options
- 5 Stormwater Improvements

These initiatives come from our community visioning process that achieved record-setting public participation and our planning guide for the future – Chapel Hill 2020. They are responsive to public input expressed also in the Community Survey and many Community Plans.

TAX NEUTRAL PLAN

We're in a unique position to reinvest in infrastructure and facilities without raising taxes. Stormwater fees will increase gradually—\$15 to \$20 for the typical residential property over five years.

1 STREETS & SIDEWALKS

Improvements for bicycle and pedestrian safety, sidewalks, streets and bridges, and Downtown Streetscape

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety (\$7.8 million): Construct bike lanes, off-road paths and bicycle tracks consistent with the top priorities of the Chapel Hill Bike Plan. Projects include Estes Drive and Old Durham Chapel Hill Road. Bond funds provide the local match for more than \$5 million in federal transportation funds.

Sidewalk Construction (\$2 million): Repair, connect and construct new sidewalks to improve pedestrian connectivity and safety. Projects will be prioritized by the Town Council through its approval of a sidewalk construction list.

Street Infrastructure (\$3.4 million): Resurface and reconstruct streets with an emphasis on facilitating multi-modal transportation; and replace a 50-year old bridge on Bolinwood Drive.

Downtown Streetscape (\$3 million): Construct safe and attractive sidewalks, upgrade pedestrian amenities, install new energy efficient pedestrian level lighting, and improve crosswalk and signal systems.

Total: \$16.2 million

2 TRAILS & GREENWAYS

Expansion of the Town's Greenway System

Morgan Creek Trail (\$3 million): Construct final section of the Morgan Creek Trail to the Carrboro Town Line

Bolin Creek Trail (\$2 million): Construct Bolin Creek Trail/Tanyard Branch Trail from Pritchard Avenue Ext. to Jay Street.

Total: \$5 million

3 RECREATION FACILITIES

Renovations to parks, parks and recreation administrative space, and programming space

Parks Renovations (\$1 million): Renovate park restrooms, resurface outdoor basketball courts and tennis courts (Cedar Falls), replace park signage, renovate picnic shelters, add benches and trash

receptacles, and make other park improvements.

Community Programming Space (\$3.4 million) and Parks and Recreation Administrative Space (\$3.6 million): These

potentially could be combined into one facility. Initial plans envision space for classrooms, community gatherings, galleries, performance and rehearsal areas, program registration, as well as storage for equipment and supplies. There is also potential for combining these uses with other planned Town facilities.

Total: \$8 million

4 SOLID WASTE OPTIONS

Develop options for future solid waste removal

The Town of Chapel Hill has been transporting solid waste to a facility in Durham since the Orange County Landfill closed in 2013. This arrangement has increased the costs of waste collection, including increased fuel consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, and wear and tear on vehicles.

The Town is reviewing various options and potential partnering with other jurisdictions for the future disposal of more than 280 tons of garbage that is collected each week by the Town. We are planning for various options to ensure sustainable solid waste management practices in the future, and to ensure there are funds in place to advance those plans.

Total: \$5.2 million

5 STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS

Drainage improvements, flood control and stream restoration

Stormwater Projects: Make drainage improvements such as new or larger pipe networks; flood control projects such as retention basins and constructed wetlands; and water quality improvements such as stream stabilization and stream restoration projects.

How is this different? Debt issued for these projects would be repaid from the Stormwater Enterprise Fund. Repayment requires a stormwater fee rate increase. These fees will increase gradually. On average, the expected increase for a typical residential property would be \$15 to \$20 over five years.

Total: \$5.9 million