

Community Input Session3: Environmental Stewardship Advisory Board

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Charge

The community members in attendance were unable to reach consensus on a charge. Therefore all five options they developed are below.

Option 1: Advise Council to strengthen environmentally responsible practices to protect, promote, and nurture our community and our natural world.

Option 2: Strengthen the stewardship of our natural environment in order to protect, promote, and nurture our community and our natural world.

Option 3: To advise Council and involve the public in environmental stewardship for the protection of the natural environment and affects the health and well-being of citizens.

Option 4: Encourage environmentally responsible development that protects natural resources and mitigates climate changes impact.

Option 5: To advise Town Council on ways to respect, protect, promote, and fulfill environmentally responsible practices.

Scope of Work

1. Elicit and foster community feedback and participation
2. Acknowledge, review, and mitigate effects of climate change by incentivizing :
 - a. maintaining and acknowledging the natural terrain,
 - b. maintaining and encouraging native plant and wildlife species
 - c. environmentally responsible building practices
 - d. improvement of bike/ped environment
 - e. improving water quality
 - f. consideration for the visual aesthetics as it pertains to the natural environment
 - g. shade/canopy
3. Review development proposals for their environmental impact
4. Maintain and improve current environmental protections
5. Identify Chapel Hill resources for further protection (i.e. natural heritage areas)
6. Encouraging educational outreach and awareness
7. Utilize national heritage directory
8. Coordinate and facilitate partnerships with mutual aid/experts
9. Assess CH environment inventory
10. Assess CH energy inventory
11. Improve efficiency within Town facilities

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12. Reduce waste
13. Support the sustainability office
14. Use environmental analysis as a basis for review and development projects
15. Include storm water functions and the environmental board
16. Protect the Town's green entrance ways and scenic views along roadways
17. Reduce our carbon footprint
18. Assist Council with strategies to maintain local control
19. Promote yards to increase biodiversity
20. Increase multi-modal transportation especially bike and pedestrian
21. Connect neighborhoods to businesses
22. Promote community gardens and local produce
23. Advise Council on maintaining environmental facilities, storm drains, and greenways

Parking Lot Issues

- How realistic to dissolve all current boards
- Commercial development that aids in lowering tax rate
- Stormwater: drain cleanup preventative maintenance improved
- Word smithing/Western Branch
- Understand the purpose of consensus around one statement
- Define: Other ways that Town is enviro steward, raises awareness:
 - Encourages bike, ped
 - Encourage individuals to do WISE, etc.
 - Parks & Rec Earth Day