

Open Meetings Focus on Planning Chatham's Future

Chatham County residents are invited to attend one of several community meetings in different locations across the county to learn about and provide feedback on two major planning efforts underway. Note that two meetings (June 21 and 23) give residents the chance to weigh in on both planning efforts at the same time.

Chatham County Comprehensive Plan Input: The Comprehensive Plan is an initiative of Chatham County Government to produce a policy document that will guide the county's development over the next 25 years. The Comprehensive Plan will reflect the community's priorities and a careful analysis of data and existing policy documents. Development of the plan is expected to conclude in April 2017.

Residents attending these meetings are asked to share ideas on: the best parts of Chatham County; needed improvements for your community; suggested goals to shape the county's future (long and short-term); and what is most important to your community.

To find out more, visit: www.chathamnc.org/comprehensiveplan and join the conversation at www.planchatham.com. Also follow the plan's process on Twitter at @PlanChatham.

For the community meetings, the public can attend at any point between 5-7 p.m. This is an open house format with no formal presentations, but staff and plan consultants will be there to provide information and answer questions. The schedule is:

- June 21, 5-7 p.m., Horton Middle School, 79 Horton St., Pittsboro, NC 27312
- June 22, 5-7 p.m., Margaret Pollard Middle School, 185 Granite Mill Blvd., Chapel Hill NC 27516 (different location than the transportation plan meeting the same night)
- June 23, 5-7 p.m., J.S. Waters Elementary, 55 J S Waters School Road, Goldston, NC 27252

If you have specific questions, contact Hillary Pace at 919.542.8276 or hillary.pace@chathamnc.org.

Draft Chatham Comprehensive Transportation Plan: The name sounds very similar to the one above, but it is a separate (but related) transportation planning effort through the NC Department of Transportation (DOT). The plan's goal is to foster better informed decisions on DOT's transportation priorities for Chatham County over the next 25-30 years.

Chatham County, Goldston, Pittsboro, Siler City, the Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization, and DOT jointly developed the draft transportation plan that will be presented at the meetings. Maps and other documentation of the plan can be viewed at https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/planning/Pages/CTP-Details.aspx?study_id=Chatham

To provide feedback on this draft plan, residents can stop by any time. There will be no formal presentations provided, but staff will be on hand to answer questions and accept comments. Note that June 21 and 23

options below are the same as the schedule above, so that attendees can weigh on both plans at the same time.

- June 21, 5-7 p.m., Horton Middle School, 79 Horton St., Pittsboro, NC 27312
- June 22, 5-7 p.m., Earl B. Fitts Community Center, 111 S. Third Avenue, Siler City, NC (this is a different location than the county's Comprehensive Plan meeting the same night)
- June 23, 5-7 p.m., J.S. Waters Elementary, 55 J S Waters School Road, Goldston, NC 27252

Residents also may submit comments and questions in writing, but should submitted no later than **July 8, 2016**.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in these meetings. Anyone requiring special services should contact the representative below as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

For additional information on the transportation plan and how to submit written comments, contact Tobline Thigpen at tthigpen@ncdot.gov, or 919.707.0946.