

Commissioners name LaMontagne County Manager

At its meeting on March 18, 2019, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners announced that Dan J. LaMontagne would officially assume the position of county manager. LaMontagne had been serving as interim county manager since October 1, 2018 after three years in the assistant county manager role.

The Board of Commissioners conducted a manager search and interviewed several candidates, but decided that LaMontagne was the best choice for Chatham. “We’re delighted to make this appointment,” said Commissioner Chairman Mike Dasher. “While the pool of candidates was quite impressive – and I think indicative of Chatham’s reputation as a great place to live and work – in the end, we knew that Dan’s experience and established relationships were unmatched and would serve the county well as we move forward.”

Dasher continued, “Dan has the strong support of a very talented staff and has demonstrated a commitment to implementing the board’s vision and priorities. We’re confident that under Dan’s leadership we can take full advantage of the unique opportunities available to us and continue to grow Chatham County in a measured and thoughtful way.”

LaMontagne said, “I am honored that the commissioners have decided to appoint me as the next county manager. I am so thankful to work with board members who are committed to the residents of this county and to the exceptional staff who help them achieve their goals. Chatham County is indeed a special place to work with great people.”

LaMontagne added that he values the relationships that he has developed in the county and the region. “I am humbled by the outpouring of support from county staff and related county agencies.”

A certified professional engineer, LaMontagne first came to Chatham County in June 2010 as director of Waste Management (now called Solid Waste & Recycling) and was promoted in mid-2011 to direct a comprehensive Environmental Quality Department that encompassed solid waste & recycling, stormwater management, watershed protection and related functions.

In March 2014, he was promoted to director of Public Works and Utilities, retaining all of the responsibilities of the Environmental Quality Department as well as water utilities, facility and construction management, and fleet services.

In December 2015, Renee Paschal, who had just become county manager, announced that LaMontagne would serve as assistant county manager, with a major focus on environmental functions, facilities management and water utilities.

Prior to coming to Chatham County, LaMontagne served as manager of facilities & operations in Wake County's Waste Management Division. From 2001 to 2005, he served as the first manager of environmental programs for the Town of Apex, which included oversight of soil erosion and sedimentation control, stormwater management, solid waste and recycling, water and wastewater planning, utility easements, GPS mapping, disaster cleanup and other related functions.

LaMontagne started his career in the private sector as a project manager for two firms involved with varied environmental management and hazard prevention projects. He has a bachelor's degree in environmental engineering from NC State University where he graduated magna cum laude.

LaMontagne and his wife have two daughters.