

A Resolution in support of updating the County's Land Use Plan

The Planning Board recognizes the following:

Whereas – Most of the supporting data within the current plan is outdated and an update has been talked about for at least four years. And,

Whereas – The EDC recently gathered baseline data for their strategic plan efforts that could be incorporated into the update of the Land Use Plan if done while the data is still current, potentially saving time and resources. And,

Whereas – Making the decision to move forward now would allow the necessary funds to be allocated in next year's budget. And,

Whereas – Allowing time for the budget process would also allow time for the initial Chatham Park proposal to be finalized and for the Megasite certification process to be completed. Although these two projects are not under county control they will have a major impact on the county. Having the initial planning for these two projects completed should give the county the best possible information on which to base its long range plans.


Therefore be it resolved that,

The Members of the Chatham County Planning Board respectfully request that the Board of Commissioners begin the process of updating the County's Land Use Plan at their earliest opportunity with fair consideration given to the following points:

1. The strategic plan proposed by the EDC and adopted by the BOC should be used as a resource in developing Plan revisions
2. The Joint Chatham Cary Land Use Plan should be incorporated into a revised County Land Use Plan.
3. Although Land Use Plans can cover a wide range of options we recommend focusing on a simple update of our current Land Use Plan rather than an extensive overhaul and creation of a comprehensive plan.
4. The Land Use Plan should maintain flexibility and respect property rights by promoting and encouraging desired land uses.
5. The updated plan should include a method for regular revisions so that the plan reflects changing conditions. This is especially important given the likely impacts of Chatham Park as it develops and the more uncertain but dramatic impact development of the Megasite will have on the county.

This Resolution being duly adopted by the Chatham County Planning Board on this Fifth day of November, 2013

Signed: _____


Karl F. Ernst, Chairman