

Name of Committee:	Environmental Review Advisory Committee
Date of Presentation:	October 21, 2019
Time Period Covered:	January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018
# of Meetings Held During Period (including any special meeting or community input)	4
MISSION & GOALS – Summarize concisely the committee’s mission (charge), key goals, objectives and measures below. You may also attach as a separate document, but limit to no more than one page single-spaced.	
<p>The mission of the Environmental Review Advisory Committee (ERAC) is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advise the Board of Commissioners on environmental policy and related county ordinances, including the watershed ordinance. • Conduct special projects, as assigned, to protect the environment. • Assist County staff with review of required state and federal environmental permits for projects in the county. • Partner with towns in the county and other interested governmental agencies on mutual concerns related to the environment. <p>The Environmental Review Advisory Committee also serves as the Watershed Review Board (WRB).</p>	
ACCOMPLISHMENTS & ACTIVITIES – Summarize concisely below the committee’s major accomplishments and activities of the past year. This should include reports, research, projects, public input, etc. Be sure to identify how they relate to specific goals, objectives or measures. You also may attach as a separate document but limit to no more than one page single-spaced.	
<p>As the ERAC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received briefings and made recommendations regarding coal ash delivery and monitoring at the Charah Brickhaven Facility. • Received briefings regarding Oil and Gas Commission meetings. • Discussed and monitored news regarding the Chatham Park development. • Discussed potential effects of oil and gas extraction on properties. • Discussed and monitored news and studies regarding PFOS in the Haw River and Jordan Lake. • Received briefings regarding proposed coal ash beneficiation facility. • Discussed procedures for Watershed Review Board Reviewed • Discussed and approved the Flatwoods Solar EIA for development. • Received procedures to convene as quasi-judicial board from County Attorney. • Received GIS Advanced Parcel Query Tutorial. <p>As the WRB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Watershed Review Board (WRB) did not convene in 2018. 	
BARRIERS & CHALLENGES – Identify any barriers or challenges that make it difficult for the committee to achieve goals or objectives. Limit to the space provided below	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to seek approaches, possibly through local media, to raise the profile of Environmental Resources in Chatham County. • Need process to define triggers that refer Environmental Impact Assessments to the ERAC. 	

RECOMMENDED CHANGES: Please list any recommendations to the Board of Commissioners related to the changes in the advisory committee's membership, mission, goals, objectives or other related issues.

The ERAC membership is comprised of environmental professionals, academics, and knowledgeable citizens of the County. The ERAC's mission provides appropriate guidance for the Committee to collaborate with County staff and provide the BOC with informed recommendations.

The ERAC wishes to continue to monitor the following issues:

- Hydraulic fracturing and other heavy industry impacts on properties, neighborhoods, and county-wide environments.
- Chatham Park and other large-scale development projects.
- PFOS and other emerging contaminants in the Haw River and Jordan Lake.
- The coal ash beneficiation facility.
- Pending revisions to the Chatham County land use ordinances that impact the County environment.
- Review and monitor water quality data from the Rocky River downstream of Siler City WWTP.
- Issues associated with solar power generation project growth in Chatham County
- Monitoring of private commercial wastewater system operations