

ATTACHMENT A

Chatham County Advisory Committees

Climate Change Advisory Committee

Mission

The purpose of the Climate Change Advisory Committee will be to make recommendations to the Board of Commissioners and others regarding likely climate change impacts in Chatham County and ways to adapt to and mitigate these impacts, including: (a) reducing emissions of greenhouse gases (primarily CO₂) with related improvements in air quality, (b) promoting the use of renewable energy, (c) promoting carbon neutral/green building standards for new and existing buildings both public and private and (d) encouraging resilient conservation-oriented land uses and both residential and commercial land development standards that foster climate change mitigation and adaptation.

Charge and Responsibilities

The Climate Change Advisory Committee advises the Board of Commissioners on the impacts of climate change in Chatham County and recommends strategies for both mitigation and adaptation. Key areas of focus include:

- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions (primarily CO₂) and improving air quality
- Promoting the adoption of renewable energy sources
- Advancing carbon-neutral and green building standards for both new and existing public and private structures
- Encouraging resilient, conservation-based land uses and development practices that support long-term climate adaptation and mitigation

Membership

The Climate Change Advisory Committee consists of ~~eleven (11)~~ thirteen (13) members, with one member representing the Town of Pittsboro and one member representing the Town of Siler City.

The Climate Change Advisory Committee members should have knowledge of:

- Renewable energy systems
- Building efficiency
- Green building standards
- Conservation standards applicable to residential and commercial settings
- Transportation efficiency and alternative fuels
- Forestry and agricultural practices
- Ecology and environmental science
- Climate change literature and science

Appointment

- ~~Nine (9)~~ eleven (11) members are selected and appointed by the full Board of Commissioners.
- One (1) member is appointed by the Town of Pittsboro Board of Commissioners.
- One (1) member is appointed by the Town of Siler City Board of Commissioners.