



# CLIMATE RETREAT PLANNING EFFORTS

AUGUST 18, 2025 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING



# OVERVIEW

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# BACKGROUND

- Climate Change Advisory Committee recommended a retreat focused on local climate impacts and climate action planning
- Chatham County Board of Commissioners (BOC) approved the recommendation to begin the planning process for a retreat at the April BOC work session
- Staff reached out to Central Pines Regional Council for a proposal to facilitate the retreat and assist with the planning
- County staff leading the retreat planning effort include Bryan Thompson and Lindsay Ray from the Manager's Office, and Kevin Lindley, Solid Waste and Sustainability Director.

# SCOPE FOR RETREAT

- One day retreat, led by Central Pines staff
- Morning and afternoon sessions with lunch in between
- Retreat is commissioner focused, similar to the annual budget retreat
- Key staff will attend
- Open to the public, but no public comment, similar to a work session

# AGENDA OUTLINE

- Local effects of climate change
  - Expert guest speaker
  - Current observed effects and predicted future effects
  - Specific data for Chatham County will be presented, where available
- Climate Action Planning
  - Elements of an effective climate action plan
  - Examples of plans from other jurisdictions, including neighboring governments
  - Discussion of integration with current plans
- Budget and Funding
  - Cost centers of plan development
  - Potential for phasing plan across multiple budget years

## POSSIBLE DATES

- Currently targeting October 2025 for the retreat
- Friday, October 17, is available at the Agriculture and Conference Center
- If this doesn't work, would other days of the week or dates work better?



# QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU!

