

ERAC Recommendation to Board of Commissioners

OCT 20TH 2025

Flood Risk Mitigation

Flooding from tropical storm Chantal on July 6th-7th, 2025, shows that changes in land use inside and outside Chatham County have affected how water flows and increased flood risks.

With increased urban development residents are at growing risk of property damage due to floods.

ERAC's Recommendation

1. The **Tree Protection** and **Watershed** sections of the **Unified Development Ordinance** be **revisited for expedient approval** and revision so that Chatham County can address this issue within its available control.
2. Investigate and **pursue public and private grant funding for flood risk mitigation** and resiliency within Chatham County.
3. Establish a **cross-departmental working group to deal with flooding issues** and develop online tools for community reporting such as [implemented by Carrboro, NC](#).

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In the September meeting these recommendations were unanimously passed by the committee members.

We believe these actions will result in meaningful progress to better protect the lives and property of people in Chatham County.