

FY 2019-2020 Board of Commissioner Goals

Plan Chatham:

1. Preserve the rural character and lifestyle of Chatham County.
2. Preserve, protect, and enable agriculture and forestry.
3. Promote a compact growth pattern by developing in and near existing towns, communities, and in designated, well planned, walkable mixed use centers.
4. Diversify the tax base and generate more high-quality in-county jobs to reduce dependence on residential property taxes, create economic opportunity, and reduce out-commuting.
5. Conserve natural resources.
6. Provide recreational opportunities and access to open space.
7. Provide infrastructure to support desired development and support economic and environmental objectives.
8. Become more resilient by mitigating, responding, and adapting to emerging threats.
9. Provide equitable access to high-quality education, housing and community options for all.
10. Foster a healthy community.

Additional Board of Commissioner goals:

1. Demonstrate sound fiscal stewardship to ensure we can meet the important service needs of our residents.
2. Provide effective, efficient government that is responsive to the different needs of residents and varying circumstances across the county.
 - a. Provide social services and support that seek to minimize the impacts to those in poverty and stabilize individuals and families in the community.
 - b. Ensure public safety through adequate resources, plans, and partnerships to keep people and property safe.
 - c. Strengthen relationships with other boards, municipalities, and regional entities to address common challenges and opportunities.
3. Support Pre-K through 12 and the community college in providing a quality education for all students.