



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Climate Change Advisory Committee 10 Recommendations

Action Requested: Receive Climate Change Advisory Committee recommendations.

Introduction & Background: The Climate Change Advisory Committee (CCAC) has been working over the last several months on a set of 10 recommendations for the county to help mitigate the effects of climate change or help the county become more resilient to the changing climate. A preview of these 10 recommendations was presented as part of the CCAC annual report to the Board of Commissioners on November 1, 2021.

Discussion & Analysis: Climate Change is a global issue that will affect Chatham County. These recommendations are strategies that can help Chatham remain carbon neutral and do our part to reduce the effects of climate change. The CCAC realizes that some of these recommendations are currently being implemented and mentions them as a way to encourage the county staff to continue their efforts. The recommendations generally fall into one of two categories: sequestration of existing greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere and reducing the production of greenhouse gasses. Additionally, CCAC recommends that a system be developed to track and report the results of these efforts to the public.

How does this relate to the Comprehensive Plan: There are many examples in Plan Chatham, with perhaps the most relevant being the goal to "Become a Carbon Negative County."

Budgetary Impact: Impact to the budget will vary depending on the recommendation and extent to which they are implemented.

Recommendation: Receive the Climate Change Advisory Committee recommendations.