

Priorities that Framed FY23-24 Annual Budget - Status Report

Priority	Progress Update
Race & Equity Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25% complete with evaluation of town policies, practices, and procedures. • Adopted the Racial Equity Action Plan (2023). • Implementing framework for Summary REAL, pocket questions and related to attach to agenda items for completed lenses for policies, practices, and procedures. • Town Council agendas with Council Direction statement and related pocket questions, summary REALs and related. • One Orange Data Index dashboard. • Staff training program development.
Community Climate Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergoing Round 2 of Green Neighborhood Grants. Application period ends early May awards expected to be distributed in June. • Planning to launch Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund this spring. (CA&E 1.2A) • Fleet Study is complete. Part of recommendations include purchasing the Town's first electric battery car for the Police Department (Community Services) and updating others to Hybrid models. • Climate Action Intern implementing multifamily composting pilot across four multi-family communities. • Outreach and engagement events conducted and planned for Creek Week, Earth Day, Pollinator Week, etc. • Continuing to collaborate with other local jurisdictions and Central Pines Regional Council to submit a proposal for EV charging stations through the Inflation Reduction Act. (CA&E 4.2D) • Staff are scoping out a structure for a Rental Housing Task Force to address energy performance and efficiencies. (CA&E 4.1B)
Zoning Amendments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorized contract for Downtown Area Plan with stakeholder engagement to begin this spring/summer. The project is the first of four identified small area plans and will focus on the commercial areas of downtown as well as the Jones Ferry Corridor. (LU 2.1A) • Text amendments for adoption in June to update and clarify several provisions of LUO, including updates to fencing requirements, water quality buffer allowable uses and variance procedures, setback variances and road buffer requirements. • Scoping a procurement process for LUO update underway towards release in early FY 25.
Connectivity, Bicycle, Pedestrian	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jones Ferry Road – resurfacing to add westbound buffered bike lanes. Center median work completed, NCDOT to resurface this summer.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Greensboro Street Sidewalk – design underway, waterline replacement design nearing completion, coordination with NCDOT in progress to schedule street resurfacing in conjunction with project delivery. • Signalized pedestrian crossings along NC 54 West – design completed. construction anticipated for the fall; NCDOT to manage construction. • Bundle of Bike Plan Implementation Projects (Shelton St, Poplar Ave, Maple Ave), and Bolin Creek Phases 2, 3, and 4 were submitted for allocation of funds from the Regional Flexible Fund (RFF). The bike plan implementation and design for Bolin Creek Phase 2 are included in the projects under consideration for funding. • SRTS Non infrastructure grant awarded to Town for update to SRTS plan which will include the addition of Morris Grove Elementary, RFP scoping with TAB/SRTS Implementation Committee. • ARPA projects include Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons at Homestead/ Claremont and McDougle – design work about to get underway.
Comprehensive Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PZI met with department heads to review progress and coordinate this update to the Council scheduled for May 7, 2024. Comprehensive plan priority projects were discussed in context with budget and staff capacity. • Where staff has made progress on priority projects related to these strategic priorities is reflected in parentheses next to relevant, bulleted updates. • Staff working with Homeowners Associations to identify private amenities and better understand the existing recreational infrastructure. (RP&CR 1.1B) • Staff working with Communications & Engagement, Chapel Hill, and Orange County to promote public park facilities with kickoff in April. (RP&CR 2.3C) • Staff working with Arts Committee and Recreation and Parks Commission to identify potential opportunities for art projects. ARPA funding secured to go towards 1-2 murals. (RP&CR 4.3A) • Staff creating a nested survey to refine development approval process. The target stakeholders include applicants, advisory board members, council members, and community. (LU 5.2)
Safety Task Force	Report received; work planned and underway
Affordable Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of Pathway Drive and Crest Street parcels underway for affordable housing development. After report, project may need financial support to hire an engagement facilitator and/or bring in a developer. (AH 3.4) • Staff scoping out a \$500,000 ARPA-funded contract with Rebuilding the Triangle to provide weatherization to roughly 25 homes. (AH. 4.5) • Staff actively identifying federal funding opportunities for affordable housing development. (AH 6.2) • Staff updating list of local organizations providing assistance and identifying gaps that could be filled by the Town as it relates to creating

	a pathway to homeownership for low-income and BIPOC residents. (AH 1.2A)
Develop/ Achieve Operational Efficiencies	Town Manager's Office and Planning implementing recommendations.
Strategic Plan/ Performance Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently reviewing internal performance measurement plans in prior budgets.
Town Building Renovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Security door at Finance ID Electronic Lock/Entry System Camera installation
Infrastructure Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stormwater management incentive program under full implementation for income eligible residential households. Additional funding was approved earlier this year to hire for a new staff position focused on program administration and expansion. (WAT 2.1B) Public Works Stormwater Division conducted site assessments to create a master spreadsheet of retrofit tools currently being published on webpage. (GSI 4.1B) Condition assessment work underway relevant to flooding and erosion concerns.
Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revolving Loan Fund in implementation for small businesses with additional provisions for BIPOC-owners. (ES 1.1) Staff beginning to collect data on "artisan production" and small industry development opportunities. (ES 1.1) Partnering with Empowerment to do cohort and pop-up training for BIPOC businesses. (ES 1.2) Authorized contract for Downtown Area Plan with stakeholder engagement to begin this spring/summer. (ES 2.1) Staff working with Chapel Hill Tourism to design a brochure for Carrboro. (ES 3.3) Parking enforcement and paid parking policy recommendations presented to Council on February 23, 2024.
203 Project	Construction is approximately 55% complete and the building is on schedule to open fall 2024.