

Carrboro Connects Public Hearing Draft - Staff Feedback - Feb 2022

#	Comment	Chapter #	Chapter	Goal/Strategy/Project	Page #	Source
1	define "BIPOC" before page 12	1	Introduction			Planning
2	Page 18 - Compact urban development - add "and the creation of the rural buffer" (might need a text box describing the rural buffer)	1	Introduction		18	Planning
3	Update timeline in the Engagement chapter	2	Community Engagement		27	Planning
4	Picture on page 68: This is not an accurate representation-recommend replacing this graphic. Upsizing the pipe size and extending a piped stream and thereby transferring the impacts onto downstream properties is not an exemplary stormwater project. Also, this watershed is an example of a watershed with essentially no stormwater management. Finally, this is a floodplain management and not a stormwater issue-these homes were built where they should not have been-located in the floodplain	4	Climate & Environment		68	Public Works
5	replace "stormwater management measures" with "nature-based stormwater solutions"	4	Climate & Environment	1.2	63	Public Works
6	Change to: "Establish and protect native vegetation in riparian and stream channel restoration projects	4	Climate & Environment	1.2d	62	Public Works
7	Question the relationship to Race and Equity of the following project: assessing the impacts of stormwater variances cumulatively, as opposed to individually	4	Climate & Environment		51	Public Works
8	Consider removing Transportation 1.1 c) - there is a large amount of sector research that has been done on the barriers for bike, ped and transit that can be applied pretty broadly across municipalities. Maybe an engagement process to identify the key geographic areas	5	Transportation & Mobility	1.1c		Planning
9	Building on comments made by the Greenways commission, The map on page 77 - all of the Carolina north trails appear very close to the symbology of "greenways" . This could be very confusing	5	Transportation & Mobility		77	Planning
10	Consider adding a call out box clearly describing OWASA and their relationship to the town and how water quality considerations factor into decision-making	6	Green Stormwater, Water, & Energy			Planning

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11	Copy editing changes to Green Stormwater, Water, & Energy Chapter	6	Green Stormwater, Water, & Energy			Public Works
12	Either remove or considerably edit Water Project 2.1(f) to better articulate what is intended. There are no "discharge permits" in Carrboro	6	Green Stormwater, Water, & Energy	2.1f	113	Public Works
13	Water Strategy 2.2 fits better under Green Stormwater Infrastructure Goal 3	6	Green Stormwater, Water, & Energy	2.2	113	Public Works
14	Recommend taking out the word stormwater in chapter title since this chapter talks about GI more broadly and more specifically goes into GSI. Several goals are peripherally about GSI, and it is misleading to try to lump it all under this term	6	Green Stormwater, Water, & Energy		101	Public Works
15	Green Stormwater Infrastructure Goal 1 as written, seems like it is about terrestrial ecosystems and plant communities and pretty tangential to green STORMWATER infrastructure	6	Green Stormwater, Water, & Energy	1	102	Public Works
16	Metric 1 seems very difficult to track	6	Green Stormwater, Water, & Energy		101	Public Works
17	Metric 2 recommend 5% by 2030	6	Green Stormwater, Water, & Energy		101	Public Works
18	Metric 3 recommend: "20 residents engaged in RainReady infrastructure projects by 2025"	6	Green Stormwater, Water, & Energy		101	Public Works
19	Need foundations (climate and equity) summary paragraphs added to chapter 6	6	Green Stormwater, Water, & Energy			Planning
20	Need foundations (climate and equity) summary paragraphs added to chapter 7	7	Economic Sustainability			Planning
21	RPCR key finding #1 uses TPL data - it seems like we have tried to remove TPL data from the plan so maybe we should find a different way to calculate this so we maintain consistency.	8	Recreation, Parks and Cultural Resources		134	Planning
22	Remove all reference to the neighborhood liaison program in the RPCR section as it has not yet been implemented. Maybe instead add reference to it in the public services section	8	Recreation, Parks and Cultural Resources		135	RPCR

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23	Add clarification for 10 minute walk park map that it only uses roads and doesn't account for offroad facilities such as greenways.	8	Recreation, Parks and Cultural Resources		145	Planning
24	Multiple corrections to the existing and future land use map	9	Land Use			Planning
25	Potential added context regarding Carolina North Forest: The Carrboro Comprehensive Plan includes a goal to “Liaise with UNC Chapel Hill’s Facilities Planning Department and private citizens, where possible, to seek opportunities to formalize Carolina North Forest as a nature preserve and recreational open space.” In 2011, the University recorded permanent easements for Conservation Area C, Bolin Creek West Conservation Area totaling 183 acres within Carrboro in 2011. This permanent easement describes permitted uses, including research and recreation, and includes a land management plan. The 2009 Carolina North Agreement with the Town of Chapel Hill also established the Bolin Creek 100-year Limited Development Area, totaling 53 acres, within Carrboro (Article 5.5.2). Existing trails on these parcels are open to the public and managed by the Carolina North Land Management Office, UNC Grounds Services Department. The Carolina North Annual Report documents community organized runs and trail maintenance activities that occur each year. Here is the most recent report.	9	Land Use			Planning
26	Potential to add detail regarding UNC CH owned land: The University owns 9 parcels within Carrboro totaling 428.6 acres within the Town of Carrboro town limits and 4 parcels totaling 414.7 acres in Carrboro’s extra territorial jurisdiction. The properties are a mix of undeveloped acreage and developed parcels adjacent to University Lake and campus. More than half of the parcels owned by the University in the Town of Carrboro and ETJ are recorded as permanent conservation easements or limited development areas until 2109.	9	Land Use			Planning
27	B-3 on W main st on future land use map shown as Natural resource/recreation. This should have been business. Is this part of another GIS data capture? There are two lots similarly B-3 on NC Hwy 54 and should also be business in the future , not natural resource.	9	Land Use			Planning

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28	Add explanation/definitions for categories on future land use map.	9	Land Use			Planning
29	Consider reference to bike/ped safety and infrastructure maintenance in the Public Services section under both Police and Public Works	10	Public Services			Planning
30	Add SWAC as a "Partner" in implementation plan for 1.2c	11	Implementation	1.2c	223	Public Works
31	Change project 1.2d to a 1-5 year timeframe (Offer technical and financial assistance to renters and homeowners for residential installation of green infrastructure, with an ability to offer priority to more flood prone and lower income residents)	11	Implementation	1.2d	223	Public Works
32	The priority projects and goals seem move conclusive instead of suggestive. Should be considered from a broader context? (based on assessment lens findings, staffing, budget and collaborations, etc.)	11	Implementation		213-214	RPCR
33	It is our understanding that the racial equity assessment lens evaluation, along with climate action review findings provide the direction in terms of needs and priorities.	11	Implementation		213-214	RPCR
34	2.5A does not belong in the Recreation and Parks section. This work is the responsibility of Planning.	11	Implementation		213-214	RPCR
35	Pilot implement RainReady program and assess who is participating. If there is low interest from low-income household, convene a community meeting to understand barriers	11	Transportation & Mobility		209	Public Works
36	Establish and protect stabilizing vegetation in stream channel restoration projects. Should be 1-5 for timeframe	11	Implementation	1.1(d)	222	Public Works
37	Identify program design options that provide financial support enabling low-income residents' participation in a technical assistance and cost-share grant program to install green infrastructure Should be 1-5 for timeframe	11	Implementation	1.f	228	Public Works
38	Invest in the completion of a new significant restoration project Should be 1-5 for timeframe	11	Implementation	1.1g		Public Works
39	Develop a playbook for stormwater infrastructure retrofits to educate the public Should be 1-5 for timeframe	11	Implementation	4.1b	230	Public Works

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40	Seek additional funding to continue to expand the Stormwater Utility's and Enterprise fund efforts to implement stormwater/bioengineering methods and retrofits Should be 1-5 for timeframe	11	Implementation	2.1a		Public Works
41	Continue to administer procedures for detecting and removing illicit discharge sources Should be 1-5 for timeframe	11	Implementation	2.1d	231	Public Works
42	Limit disturbance of riparian areas while maintaining sanitary sewer infrastructure and greenways Should be 1-5 for timeframe	11	Implementation	2.1g		Public Works
43	First step should be identify land. What does "Occupancy of new affordable units" mean?	11	Implementation		203-204	Planning
44	Land Use Priority projects: Identify areas to preserve/set aside first so we know what we're working with	11	Implementation		215-216	Planning
45	Land Use Priority projects: reassess the amount of effort completing all of these projects in 5 years will take. We need to be thinking about which ones will offer the most positive outcomes in relation to the effort it will take	11	Implementation		215-216	Planning
46	Land Use Priority Projects: there is too much frontloaded in 2022. Much of staff time for 2022 is already accounted for. Consider moving first steps in 2.1(a) and 5.1 back a year.	11	Implementation		215-216	Planning
47	Land Use Priority Projects: Make sure to integrate the first steps of 2.2 (a&b), 4.1, and 5.1 as they are all related and can be done in tandem. Also make sure these feed into the Affordable Housing Priority Projects	11	Implementation		215-216	Planning
48	Land Use Priority Projects: 5.1: Update infrastructure plans to be included in development regulations	11	Implementation		215-216	Planning
49	Transportation & Mobility Priority Projects: 1.1(d) - why is this specific to transportation? Seems like this should apply more broadly to public engagement	11	Implementation		207-208	Planning
50	Transportation & Mobility Priority Projects: 4.2(a) - Research on the benefits of reduced parking regulations already exists	11	Implementation		207-208	Planning
51	Transportation & Mobility Priority Projects: 2.2 (f&j): Bikeways and sidewalks tend to be separate plans/projects if funded by NCDOT	11	Implementation		207-208	Planning

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52	Transportation & Mobility Priority Projects: 2.1 (a): "reaching out to partners to understand funding sources" is confusing. We are already pretty aware of the sources	11	Implementation		207-208	Planning
53	Transportation & Mobility Priority Projects: 4.2(a) - Determine/identify motivation for parking requirement savings to be passed on	11	Implementation		207-208	Planning
54	Transportation & Mobility Priority Projects: 2.1 (a): This project really sounds like it calls for a Carrboro Short Range Transit Plan. Needs funding and more \$\$ to CHT to provide service, buses, and operators	11	Implementation		207-208	Planning
55	Many minor edits to the Affordable Housing Implementation projects/section	11	Implementation		203-204	Housing and Community Services
56	Affordable Housing Priority Projects: 3.4 a&b: Yes, we're already working on this and agree it should be a top priority, use the land we have and secure additional land for AH, when possible.	11	Implementation	3.4a&b	203-204	Housing and Community Services
57	Affordable Housing Priority Projects: 1.2a: Absolutely, was anticipating this being a major item in our REI work and the assessment really leading us in this direction. .	11	Implementation	1.2a	203-204	Housing and Community Services
58	Affordable Housing Priority Projects: 6.3: Yes, we need additional funding and a lot is coming along through the Federal and State governments. One major barrier is staff capacity – these grants require a great deal of work!	11	Implementation	6.3	203-204	Housing and Community Services

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59	Affordable Housing Priority Projects: 3.1a: This one seems really out of place – it's very narrow and does very little if anything for affordable housing in Carrboro. Yes, I can see that it helps diversify our housing stock, but to be out of place for our top 5 affordable housing priorities. Perhaps this is better served in the Land use section? In ADU permissibility overall and more specifically for these target groups. I'm hoping our top 5 priorities for the next 5 years will really make a dent in filling our housing gap. Replace this with something related to climate action/weatherization	11	Implementation	3.1a	203-204	Housing and Community Services
60	Affordable Housing Priority Projects: 6.2: YES So, considering what was said about 3.1a, I'd like to propose a priority related to climate action – urgent repairs and weatherization – preservation of existing AH – especially BIPOC long time homeowners and NOAH. We need to make sure we don't lose the existing AH we have (Carolina Spring/Pine Grove/etc.) and make sure the units are safe and weatherized (long lasting).	11	Implementation	6.2	203-204	Housing and Community Services