

Public Comments from April 6th Drop in Session

As a tenant I am unable to persuade my landlord to get a new HVAC unit. My electric bills are very high in the winter and summer. How can the Town educate and persuade landlords to make these type of investments?

Energy efficient buildings give the best payback to slow climate change.

Create drop off points for small batches of compost and encourage HOAs to construct their own compost piles (Rob)

Rising heat levels in the summer pose extra risk for the elderly, sick, and children.

Preserve as much green space as possible to counter the urban heat island effect and pave as little land as possible.

Use biochar production to sequester carbon. Build up soil organic matter in Town.

A solution is larger bike lanes on Seawell School Rd. and Estes Dr., which will encourage people to bike more and will effectively provide connectivity into town. Please do not pave; it will destroy a natural area which is a special part of our community.

I believe increased bike lanes are needed for reduced carbon emissions. However, the environmental impacts that will result from paving Bolin Creek are NOT worth it! Don't pave Bolin please!!

Need bike lanes on Main from WSM to Chapel Hill. Admonish Chapel Hill to complete bike lanes on Rosemary Street.

Larger Bike Lanes, please. Trails and undeveloped forest are becoming rare, it is worth it to keep what we have untouched.

Align Tripp Farm with the power line right of way, resolve legal issues, so that cyclists can go directly onto school property. If you need to build the trail (?) parallel to the power line. (Rob Crook)

We should avoid paving the natural surface pathways. Chapel Hill does need bike paths, but they should not be at the expense of the ecosystem. Also, paving a trail decreases porous surfaces as evidenced by the flooding issues already present in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. Paving and less porous surface area would only exacerbate flooding.

About the proposed paving of the creek trail:

- 1) that entire area floods frequently
- 2) puddles on trail are habitat to spring peepers and American toad (and other plants/animals)
- 3) middle school must re-do xc course
- 4) costly to maintain (flooding)
- 5) transit only serves bikers from far east Chapel Hill

About the proposed paving of Bolin Creek: as a climate change plan, it will not reduce emissions solely from cutting down trees and making a bike path. It will require clearing of trees, and will cause increased flooding, erosion, and destruction of habitat of amphibians. It also will worsen the water quality of Bolin Creek, raising its temperature.

Please do not pave the path along Bolin Creek. It will wreak havoc on the ecosystem of Bolin Forest. It will cause flooding, soil erosion, deforestation, and destruction of flora and fauna. These are similar to the negative effects of climate change. So it makes no sense that it is part of a plan to mitigate climate change.

This path gets overflowed all the time. Just wouldn't make sense. Ruining the environment. Out of the way of Carrboro.

Concerning the proposed paved trail through the forest....

- 1) Why is it still an option if the Seawell School Rd. bike lanes can be widened?
- 2) Widening those bike lanes would be more beneficial to bikes as it's more visible.
- 3) It has none of the negative environmental effects of the Bolin Creek forest trail.
- 4) It has none of the negative social effects-how will the runners feel about a giant paved trail in their forest?

Please don't pave the trail along Bolin Creek. I frequently run on this trail and so do many others. It would be a shame to pave it. I love the creek and forest area and destroying that natural land won't help. Lastly, it's the Smith XC course and racing on pavement leads to injuries.

Meatless Mondays and/or vegan Chef Challenge like in Durham!

Educate citizens on the impact of animal agriculture on global warming. Include animal agriculture in the plan alongside fossil fuels as leading cause of climate change.

Please address animal agriculture in your plan. Animal agriculture is a leading cause of climate change and cannot be ignored. 51% of worldwide carbon emissions is caused by animal agriculture. Plant-based diets can dramatically reduce our carbon footprints and is a simple attainable way individuals can do their part!

Meat and animal agriculture has a huge impact on environment.

We have 3 daily opportunities to reduce our carbon footprint: 1) breakfast; 2) lunch; 3) dinner eating a plant-based diet.

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cowspiracy.com

trianglevegsociety.org

An environmental committee should not be giving out plastic hats just for fun. They are cute but a waste of plastic!

Stormwater utility

Walk more, you won't regret it!

Do more feet less wheels of car.

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