

The Northern Transition Area Advisory Committee (NTAAC) appreciates the opportunity to participate in the review of Vision 2020 and respectfully submits the following comments and recommendations to the Board of Alderman.

Overall, we found that many of the Vision 2020 goals did not specifically consider the NSA. The majority of our comments/recommendations are to correct this. Also, we worked to incorporate the last fifteen years of accomplishments and changes within the NSA into our review. Here is a list of the major milestones.

- 2003 - Lake Hogan Farm development's new entrance ("Hogan Hill Road") extends to Old Hwy 86. Workers cut all the telecommunication lines on Deer Ridge Drive multiple times; Carrboro did not assist with this effort.
- 2006 – After a ~ 5 year campaign by the Deer Ridge Drive Community the site blind hill on old Hwy 86, located north of their road, is decreased; Carrboro did not assist with this effort.
- 2007 the Northern Study Area Plan Implementation Review Committee (NSAPIRC) is formed. The committee held two community forums which residents of NSA participate.
- 2008 - Morris Grove Elementary School Opens 2008; Traffic on Old HWY 86 significantly increases. Despite multiple memos to both Orange County Commissions and Board of Alderman, no action has been taken to mitigate the traffic.
- ~ 2008 Ballentine Development begins. Located off Hogan Hill Road on Legends way, within Lake Hogan Farms area. Though the developer is to connect Lake Hogan Farm Road to Morris Grove as a new North/South connector, work on this remains stalled. Additional traffic is routed onto Old Hwy 86.
- 2009 Chapel Hill Zen Center Opens at 5322 Old Hwy 86. Located off a section of Old 86 that has site blind hill, no shoulders or walkability to nearby neighborhoods.
- 2011 the Durham Area Designers (DAD) hold two neighborhood charrettes at Morris Grove School. The charrettes include a series of workshops focusing on site designs/planning for one property in the NSA, Located off Eubank road and Old Hwy 86.
- ~ 2013 Eubank Road entrance off Old 86 is relocated further North. (RE to mitigate site blind hill in this section.)
- Members of the Board of Alderman do not seem to understand the boundaries and issues of NSA.
- 2014 Rodgers road community final has a recreational center and (do they have water yet?)
- 2014 PSNC builds a natural gas pumping station off Old Hwy 86. Confusion as to who has jurisdiction to regulate and mitigate construction impacts on adjacent property owners.
- Old Hwy 86 and Dairy Land Roads remain narrow, curvy roads with site blind hills and no without shoulders and therefore are dangerous to pedestrians and bicyclists.

Finally, the NTAAC recommends that the Town of Carrboro endeavor to incorporate new technology and sustainable practices into plan for new development in order to protect the environment and its citizens.

Sincerely, Amy Jeroloman, Chair NTAAC