



Public Comments

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June 8, 2016

Intro to Plan Chatham and MySidewalk

- o [Kathy Pettiss](#) Since no meeting minutes or agendas are available, how is one to know what topics have been covered?
- o [Plan Chatham: A Comprehensive Plan for Chatham County, NC](#) Kathy, all meeting minutes and agendas are posted on the Chatham County website at: www.chathamnc.org/comprehensiveplan.
- o [Kathy Pettiss](#) Thank you. Now there are agendas posted. When I looked originally Everything said "not available"
- o [Cindy Schmidt](#) Kathy, I'll validate your experience. We all need to keep our government accountable to us. Thanks for taking the time.
- o [Frans Verhagen](#) Congratulations with your ambitious strategic plan 2040 for the County, particularly its participatory decision-making quality in the roll-out in the Horton Middle School and now in the battery of questions about important sectors in the County. There is one area that I consider missing both in the roll-out and the battery of questions, i.e. a task force and a battery of questions on STRATEGIC ENERGY PLANNING. Each task force dealt with energy questions in their particular sector, but a comprehensive view on energy 2040 is also needed, mostly on account of the looming climate catastrophe. If a strategic energy plan 2040 had existed, the energy provision for the Community College and the New Ag Center could have included the planning of a solar system or even co-generation at the 90-acre county sit for the present and future buildings and energy users at this site.

Thus I recommend that the County planners and its LandDesign consultant still consider ways of adding strategic energy planning 2040 to its ambitious Chatham 2040 plan, so that it becomes a completely comprehensive plan.

June 30, 2016

Public Meeting Materials

- o [steve lee](#) My primary concern is that the infrastructure, mainly the roads and highways are being ignored or taken for granted. Those already being impacted by the growth in Chatham and surrounding areas are seeing more congestion and the main development hasn't even started. Merely widening certain sections of 15/501 is nothing more than a Band-Aid approach. Who's monitoring this future LA nightmare to come?
 - 1 person liked this
- o [Stan Levine](#) I agree with Steve. We are already suffering from this in the North East corner of the county where the traffic on O'Kelly Chapel road is horrendous. Already have had fatalities and

serious accidents. The school system, Police, EMS, Fire and public transportation also needs to be planned for ASAP. The future is happening now and we are NOT prepared!

August 9, 2016

What community or place inspires you?

- o [Morgan Randell](#) The Haw River in Saxapahaw. The outdoor music series, the Eddy restaurant and the Haw River Ball room. Then you have the beautiful Bynum. These two classic, healthy places deserve emulation I suppose.
 - 2 people likes this
- o [Daniel Salgado](#) I agree with you Morgan. Saxapahaw is a nice area as for Bynum the old Haw River Bridge built in 1922 is really inspiring and breathtaking. I usually drive over there and park my car. I love taking walks over the river to hear the rushing sound of water and to just meditate when I had a long day at work.
 - 1 person likes this
- o [Daniel Salgado](#) I'm a visionary person and I can see potential in Bynum. If I was a property owner in Bynum and had the money to invest I would build a new Bynum Lodge / Hotel /Restaurant with a parking deck that kind of resembles the old Bynum Cotton Mill. I'm sure you could find grant money to do that somehow.
 - 1 person likes this
- o [Plan Chatham: A Comprehensive Plan for Chatham County, NC](#) Thanks for the feedback! Saxapahaw is a good precedent example.
- o [Stan Levine](#) Agree that Saxapahaw is a good example! However, we are growing and we need to make sure that we plan for that. Not everyone can afford a completely rural environment. We need to be able to support different types of communities that exist in harmony!
 - 1 person likes this
- o [Bruce Johnson](#) A place that I have lived or visited that inspired me was Chatham County when I first moved here from Chapel Hill in 1970. What inspired me was, in two words quoting from above, the rural character: lifestyle (peace & quiet, privacy, etc.); scenic beauty; rural heritage architecture and/or aesthetics; community (knowing your neighbors); lack of traffic; clean air/water; forests and wildlife.... This has been seriously degraded since, at least in the northeast part of the county.

August 9, 2016

Preserving Chatham County's Character

- o [Cindy Schmidt](#) Do not zone unzoned parts of the County until requested by the people who live or own property there.
- o [Morgan Randell](#) Protect the Haw River better from the effects of Chatham Park. What is the exact plan for Chatham Park's waste water system? Last time I checked it was little more than figure it out as we go.

We should enact whatever measures we can to clean up Jordan lake so that you don't risk getting an eye infection from swimming.

- Included an image
- 1 person likes this
- [Plan Chatham: A Comprehensive Plan for Chatham County, NC](#) Morgan, that is a great pic. Is that on Jordan Lake? Part of Plan Chatham will be to think strategically about utilities in the county. Stay tuned for a post about options that are under consideration.
- [John DiMiceli](#) I'm encouraged to read that Plan Chatham includes strategic thinking about utilities. Given the substantial growth in residential and commercial property now underway, or already on the books, I have concerns that the county's infrastructure - the quantity and quality of drinking water, the treatment and disposal of sewage, the power grid - will be able to absorb it all without negatively impacting the quality of life of current and future residents.

I also urge Plan Chatham to include meaningful measures and goals for both energy conservation and the use of renewable energy. Time is not on our side.

Thanks for all your efforts to promote well-planned, responsible growth in Chatham County.

- 3 people like this
- [Denise Dunn](#) We need to pay attention to what people in all parts of the county are saying while realizing one size does not fit all. What works in the northern part of the county is not wanted, needed or appreciated in the southwestern part of the county...we have to do a better job than our commissioners have done in paying attention to the needs and wants of each community.
- [Mark Stinson](#) I'm upset we were zoned one size fits all and they haven't even fixed the screwed up water lines they put in 30 years ago „Daddy got county water for one reason and one only , a fire hydrant ,, we got crappy county water , a 2 inch line !!! and no fire hydrant and the county wants to zone us and tell us what we can and can't do on our own property ,, how about keeping the promises to tax payers and people like us who paid for county water with a FIRE HYDRANT first !
- [Nelda Griggs](#) I agree that one plan is not suitable for every neighborhood. One of the delights of the Chatham County I moved into in the 1990s was the diversity of neighborhoods, people, lifestyles, animal and plant life, etc. that existed in a largely rural and semi-rural area. I see city styled subdivisions rapidly consuming those things I enjoyed in my area.

I would like to have information and a survey regarding zoning issues sent by email and/or US postal mail to households in a 1-2 mile radius at least 6 weeks prior to a zoning issue being considered. The notice signs are sometimes knocked down and are difficult to read as one is driving by and information about a posted notice is not always easily accessible online or by telephone nor are the timing and location of the meeting always accessible to all who may wish to give input.

Quality of life can mean very different things to a retired person on a fixed income enjoying a modest home with septic and water provided by the owner in an environment offering peace and quiet, wildlife and native plants in contrast with someone wanting an upscale home with city landscaping and amenities. I do appreciate the development plan offered elsewhere that offers a significant natural tree buffer on all sides to buffer more rural neighbors from the unaccustomed annoyances of neighbors too close. Creative designs such as that can help buffer conflicts of

values and all are benefited by access to nature. Also efforts in designs that limit light, noise, and water pollution are helpful to all residents.

Please provide refuge habitats for wildlife that are being pressured by development with corridors allowing adequate range that would lessen danger to wildlife and drivers. These refuge habitats could mate well with neighborhoods where existing residents value a rural lifestyle (quiet, dark nights, wildlife and plants, farming etc.).

Low income areas may especially benefit from public transportation and development of accessible job.

November 4, 2016

What does rural character mean to you?

Results: 31 people voted

- 5% Being able to farm (3)
- 2% Living near farms (1)
- 24% Lifestyle (peace and quiet, privacy, etc.) (15)
- 6% Scenic beauty (4)
- 11% Rural heritage, architecture and/or aesthetics (7)
- 2% Community (knowing your neighbors) (1)
- 2% Recreation opportunities (i.e. hunting, fishing, hiking) (1)
- 2% Limited regulations (i.e. on rural businesses) (1)
- 6% Lack of traffic (4)
- 14% Clean air/water (9)
- 23% Forests and wildlife (14)
- 3% Other (2)

November 17, 2016

County Broadband Survey

- o [dave cohen](#) Residents in several areas of Chatham, specifically Big Woods/Big Woods Hills, have had to deal with slightly better than dial up internet from CenturyLink for years - with an added bonus of poor service and lousy reliability. People have been filling out forms and surveys for a

while now. The question is, when will most or all of Chatham County join the 21st century in terms of internet access?

- 1 person likes this
- [Bruce Shoemaker](#) Desperate for High Speed internet in Big Woods Hills. I can see the houses with Spectrum TWC from my house. I will dig the trench, I will pay 2 years up front. I will throw in an extra grand. What does it take? Please help!
- [Wenyan Ding](#) In April 2016, I purchased the house in Indian Landing. After moved in, I was shocked to find out there is no broadband internet service provided! AT&T used to provide DSL, Not anymore due to deteriorated infrastructure, TWC indicates they do not provide service to the area either.
- [Wenyan Ding](#) nm
- [Lana Scott](#) Please bring us broadband internet service!! We did not know broadband internet was unavailable when we built our home last year in Indian Landing. As parents of twin daughters in post graduate studies, it is impossible for them to stay with us when classes are in session as we have no internet service for them. Can this be true in 2017? HELP!!!
- [Greg Stewart](#) Improved broadband availability would be a wise investment for Chatham County. At our house, we currently have CenturyLink DSL which is terribly slow . . . on a good day. 3mb down, 0.5mb up. It's frequently down altogether.

I've attended several zoning and planning public comment sessions and a recurring theme is that many Chatham residents commute out of the county for work. This causes a leakage of commerce to neighboring counties because people are likely to dine and/or shop near where they work.

With the trend toward home-based businesses and telecommuting, broadband access is essential to be able to communicate with the rest of the world. County-wide broadband access would provide Chatham County residents with a wide range of educational and business related opportunities. Not to mention improved access to entertainment like music, movies, and gaming.

I would love to see the Rural Broadband Act of 2017 just as we had the Rural Electrification Act of 1936. Perhaps we could do that on a Chatham County scale using a mix of copper, fiber, and wireless technology.

November 17, 2016

Lower Haw River Canoe Access Survey

- Nothing appears to be posted here

December 13, 2016

Poverty in Chatham County

Results: 16 people voted

13% Encourage more affordable housing options (4)

- 36% Recruit jobs and businesses (11)
- 3% Improve educational offerings (1)
- 19% Expand apprenticeship and/or summer job opportunities (6)
- 0% Support non-profits, community groups and civic organizations (0)
- 6% Improve public transportation (2)
- 16% Expand preschool access for disadvantaged children (5)
- 7% Other (2)

January 4, 2017

Draft Comprehensive Plan Goals

- Nothing appears to be posted here

February 2, 2017

Growth Chip Game Results

- Nothing appears to be posted here

February 16, 2017

Public Meetings Next Week!

- o [Rhonda Kowald](#) I posted this community meeting to our website chathamcountyevents.com
 - 1 person likes this
- o [Jake Petrosky](#) Great! Thanks Rhonda!

February 20, 2017

Comment on the Draft Future Land Use and Conservation Plan

- o [Hunter Blanton](#) Would be great to see more employment areas. This version leaves me thinking that most of us will be traveling significant distances to work reducing time and money spent in our community. It would be great if we could be more than just another bedroom community for the triangle. If we could have more diverse jobs here that would really help.
 - 1 person likes this

February 24, 2017

Parks, Recreation and Open Space Concept

- o [Jon Spoon](#) This concept map is strong and this will be a very important part of maintaining the naturally based quality of life we have in Chatham. The steel bridge over the Rocky River on Chatham Church Road would be a great place for a park once the bridge is no longer usable for motor traffic. The trails network will be a great resource for Chatham County citizens. They need to be planned, designed and created by real experts in the local topography and hydrology. It will be worth it to do them correctly once instead of getting the cheapest option and having to fix them continually. Why does one greenway just dead-end southwest of Goldston? Shouldn't it link up to a place where more people live?
 - 2 people like this

February 24, 2017

Public Meeting Materials and Video

- o [Joy Hewett](#) While there are so many parts of Chatham I want preserved like the rural character, the farms and woods, what I address here is one of my main concerns: The Haw River, its watershed, ephemeral streams, and wildlife habitat that are threatened by development. I would also like to comment on limiting the commercial development of 15-501 from Pittsboro to Chapel Hill and total bulldozing of habitat and ecosystems because it is cheaper for developers to work with a flat treeless moonscape. The third concern I want to address is the use of Silk Hope Gum Springs Rd for gravel trucks and heavy cement trucks traveling many times a day through the neighborhoods instead of using Hwy 64, designed for commercial use. What should be preserved along the Haw River? The original buffer of 2,000 feet even reduced to 1,000 would help wildlife and provide a natural view of the river as well as keep the water cleaner for Jordan Lake. Since the town of Pittsboro may have given that natural resource to Chatham Park Investors—can the county require some of its return to conserve as green space and a wildlife corridor? During the July 21, 2016, CCP discussion of the Unified Development Ordinance and Chatham Park's definition of open space, with our need to maintain natural areas and tree canopy for the community, Chatham Park said it is conserving only 1,000 acres and their "green spaces" counted land between road and ditch according to Chuck Smith with Preston Development. Chuck Smith said if we wanted that buffer on the Haw for conservation, we could buy it. The comprehensive land use plan was more than 15 years old, so those who originally bought the land for Chatham Park Investors knew there was supposed to be a decent buffer for the river. They should work with the county on conserving the watershed. Building huge McMansions for rich transplants across the river from our state park trails will not enhance quality of life for many Chatham residents or visitors to the area.
 - 3 people like this
- o [Pamela Rasey](#) Powell Place, near the intersection of 15/501 and 64, has a nice mix of housing options and green space. The lowest cost homes, adjoining townhouses with minimal footprint and yard are located directly across from a lovely town park that provides a place for children to play and adults to walk. A senior housing center, Powell Spring, has been incorporated among homes of lower and medium price ranges. Residences with larger footprints and yard spaces are

located at the back end of the development. Sidewalks, shade trees and planted areas unify all areas. The result (to my mind) is a lovely neighborhood where people of varied ages and incomes can mingle happily. We lack access to a nearby grocery, at present, but are hoping that will change soon.

- 2 people like this
- [Joy Hewett](#) They have cut too many trees at Powell Place, and homeowners who were told they would have a view of woods in front of them now have a large apartment complex or condo unit right in front with its backside to their house. Also trees between sidewalk and street should vary in variety.
 - 2 people like this
- [Judith Bush](#) In Land Use #1, I believe you mean "lessen impact".

In the recommendations for economic development, you must call out the need for high bandwidth internet access. Home based businesses or folks telecommuting need that infrastructure.

I think another town suggestion should be maker spaces -- one model is TechShop (<http://www.techshop.ws/>). Encouraging shared use of high tech and industrial tools (laser cutters, serger machines) and, for our creative community, perhaps kilns, glass blowing facilities, and large photographic color printers means the investment is well used. This also facilitates community and provides the startup spaces for home businesses. (Consider someone considering a craft sewing career, but uncertain whether they will be able to make the sales needed to make a serger a good investment. A shared serger allows them to get a good sense of whether the investment will pay off, while other crafts persons who might never have invested in one can put a more efficient edging on their creations.)

- 3 people like this

Chatham County Comprehensive Plan Draft Survey Results

REVISED September 2, 2016

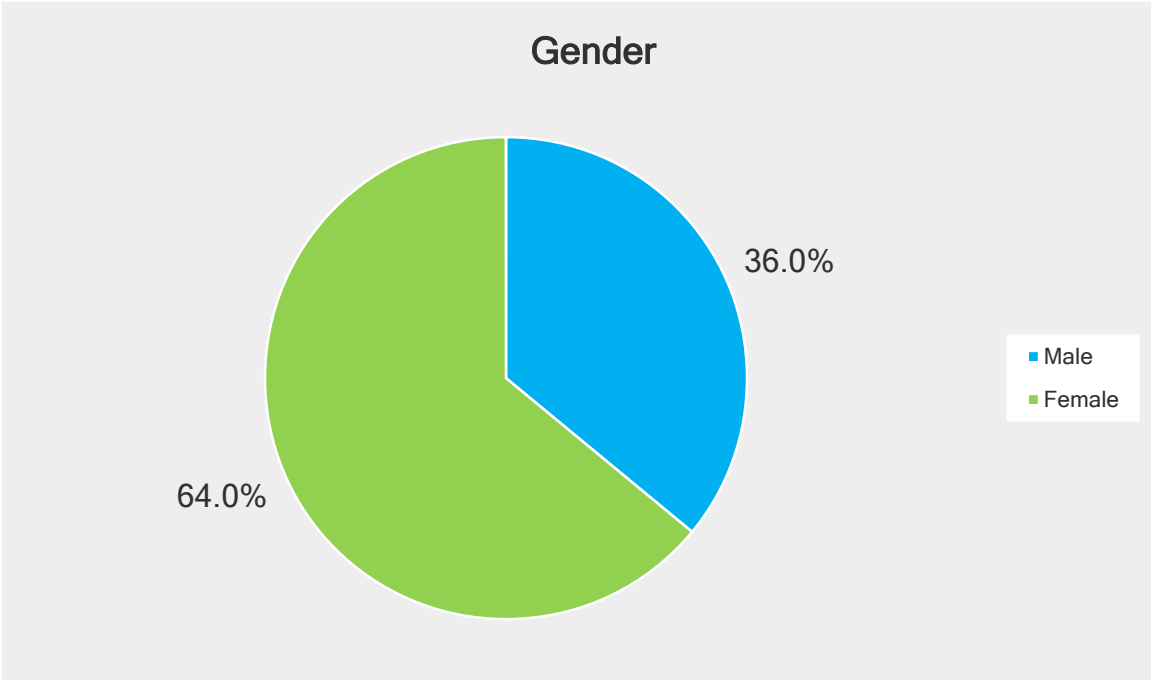
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Total Responses

Survey Period: June 20, 2016 – August 10, 2016

Q1: Gender

Answered: 1,643 Skipped: 26



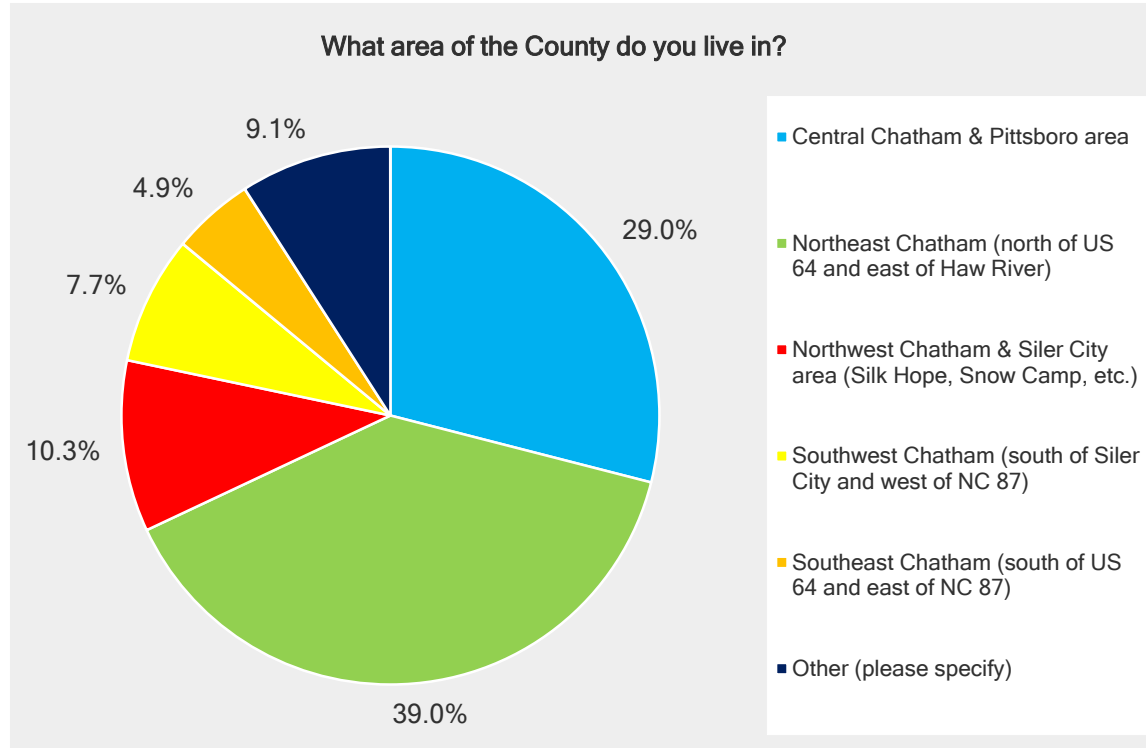
Q1: Gender

Answered: 1,643 Skipped: 26

Gender		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Male	36.0%	592
Female	64.0%	1051
	answered question	1643
	skipped question	26

Q2: What area of the County do you live in?

Answered: 1,644 Skipped: 25



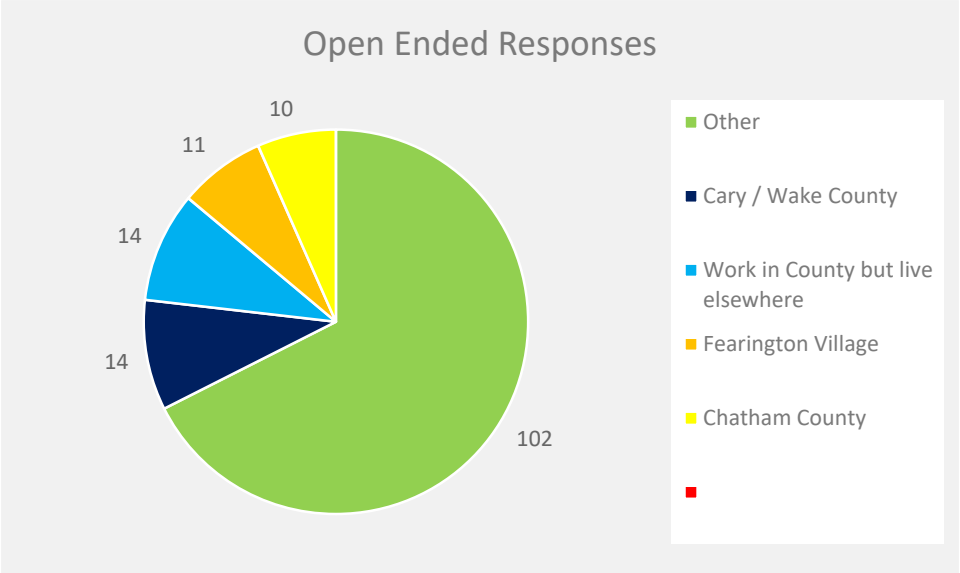
Q2: What area of the County do you live in?

Answered: 1,644 Skipped: 25

What area of the County do you live in?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Central Chatham & Pittsboro area	29.0%	477
Northeast Chatham (north of US 64 and east of Haw River)	39.0%	641
Northwest Chatham & Siler City area (Silk Hope, Snow Camp, etc.)	10.3%	169
Southwest Chatham (south of Siler City and west of NC 87)	7.7%	126
Southeast Chatham (south of US 64 and east of NC 87)	4.9%	81
Other (please specify)	9.1%	150
	answered question	1644
	skipped question	25

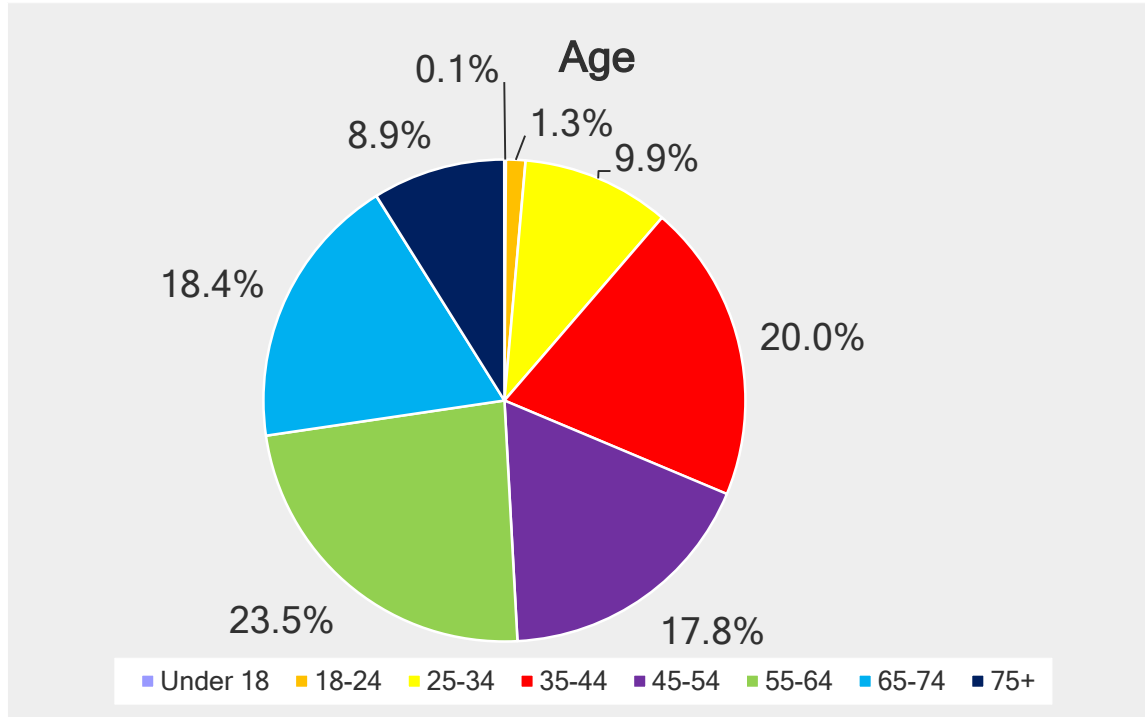
Q2: What area of the County do you live in?

Top 5 Open Ended Categories



Q3: Age

Answered: 1,649 Skipped: 20



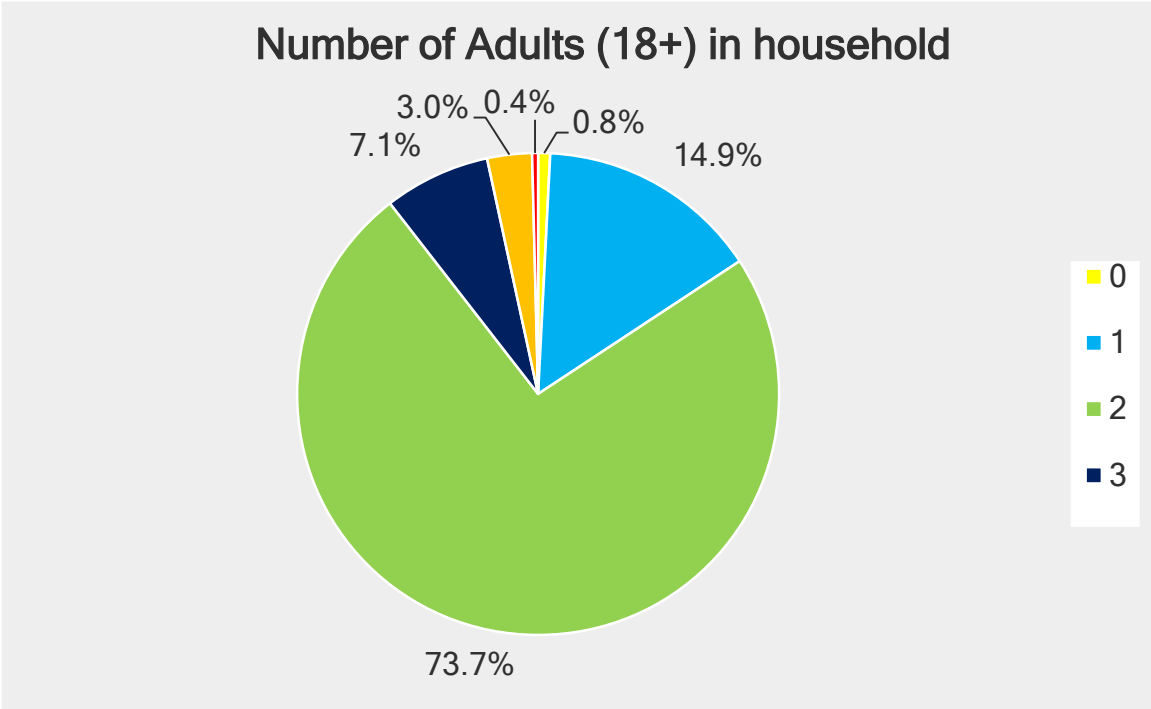
Q3: Age

Answered: 1,649 Skipped: 20

Age		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Under 18	0.1%	2
18-24	1.3%	22
25-34	9.9%	164
35-44	20.0%	330
45-54	17.8%	294
55-64	23.5%	388
65-74	18.4%	303
75+	8.9%	146
	answered question	1649
	skipped question	20

Q4: Number of Adults (18+) in household

Answered: 1,648 Skipped: 21



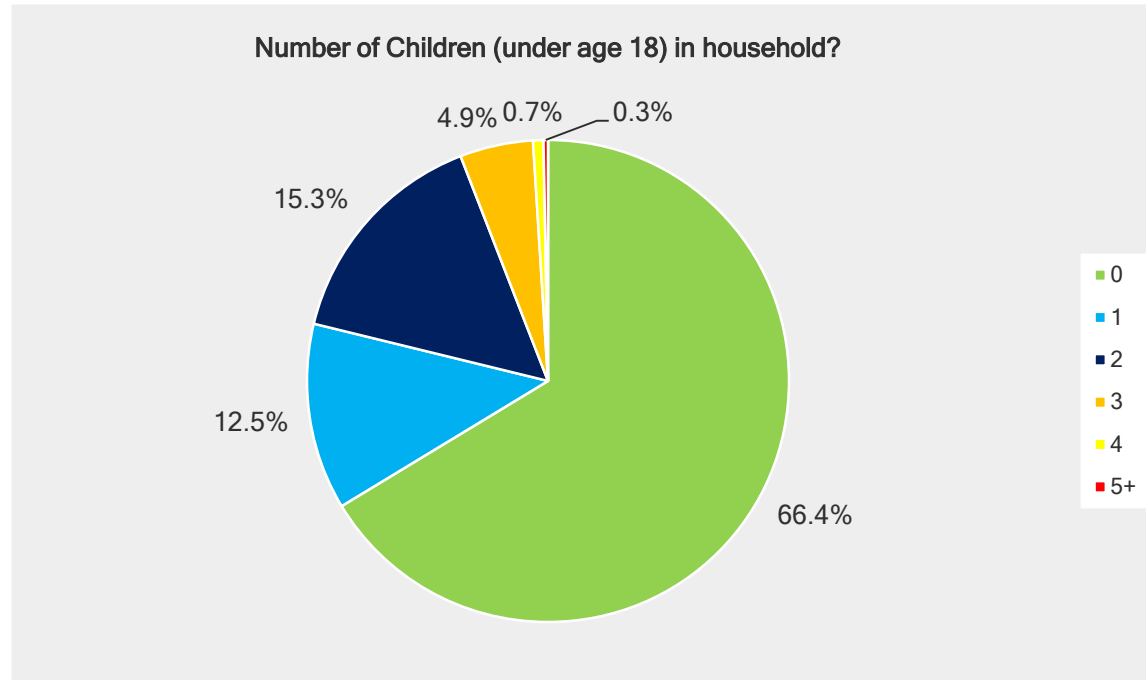
Q4: Number of Adults (18+) in household

Answered: 1,648 Skipped: 21

Number of Adults (18+) in household		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0	0.8%	14
1	14.9%	246
2	73.7%	1214
3	7.1%	117
4	3.0%	50
5+	0.4%	7
	answered question	1648
	skipped question	21

Q5: Number of Children (under age 18) in household?

Answered: 1,622 Skipped: 47



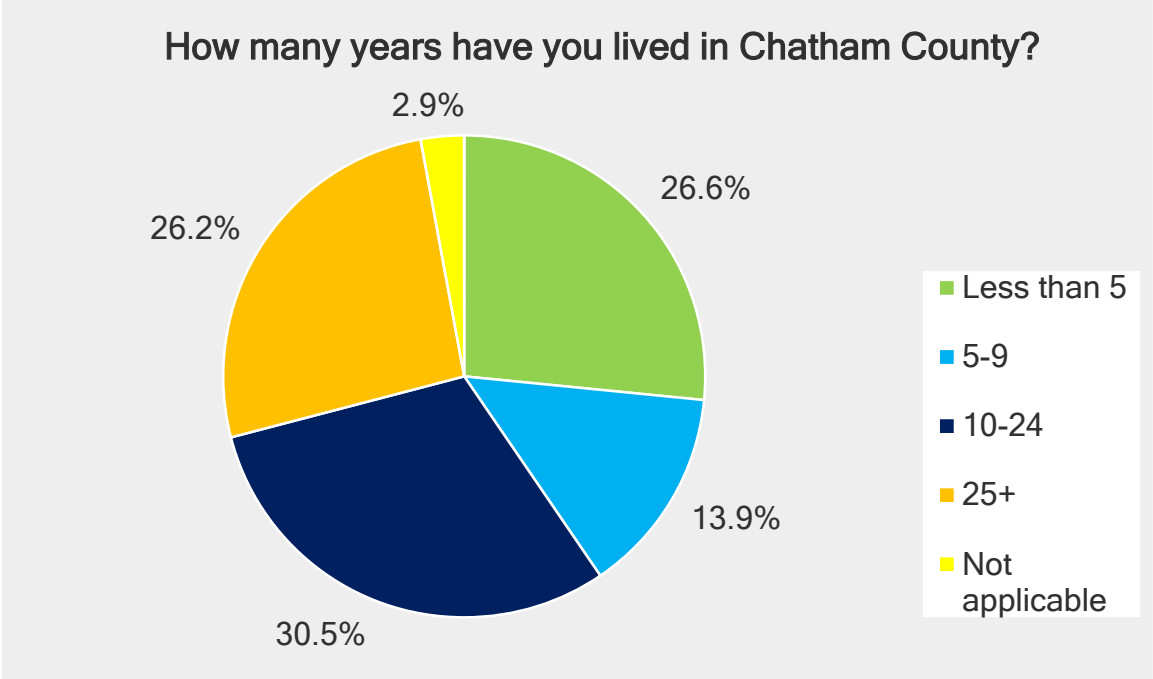
Q5: Number of Children (under age 18) in household?

Answered: 1,622 Skipped: 47

Number of Children (under age 18) in household?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
0	66.4%	1077
1	12.5%	202
2	15.3%	248
3	4.9%	79
4	0.7%	11
5+	0.3%	5
answered question		1622
skipped question		47

Q6: How many years have you lived in Chatham County?

Answered: 1,652 Skipped: 17



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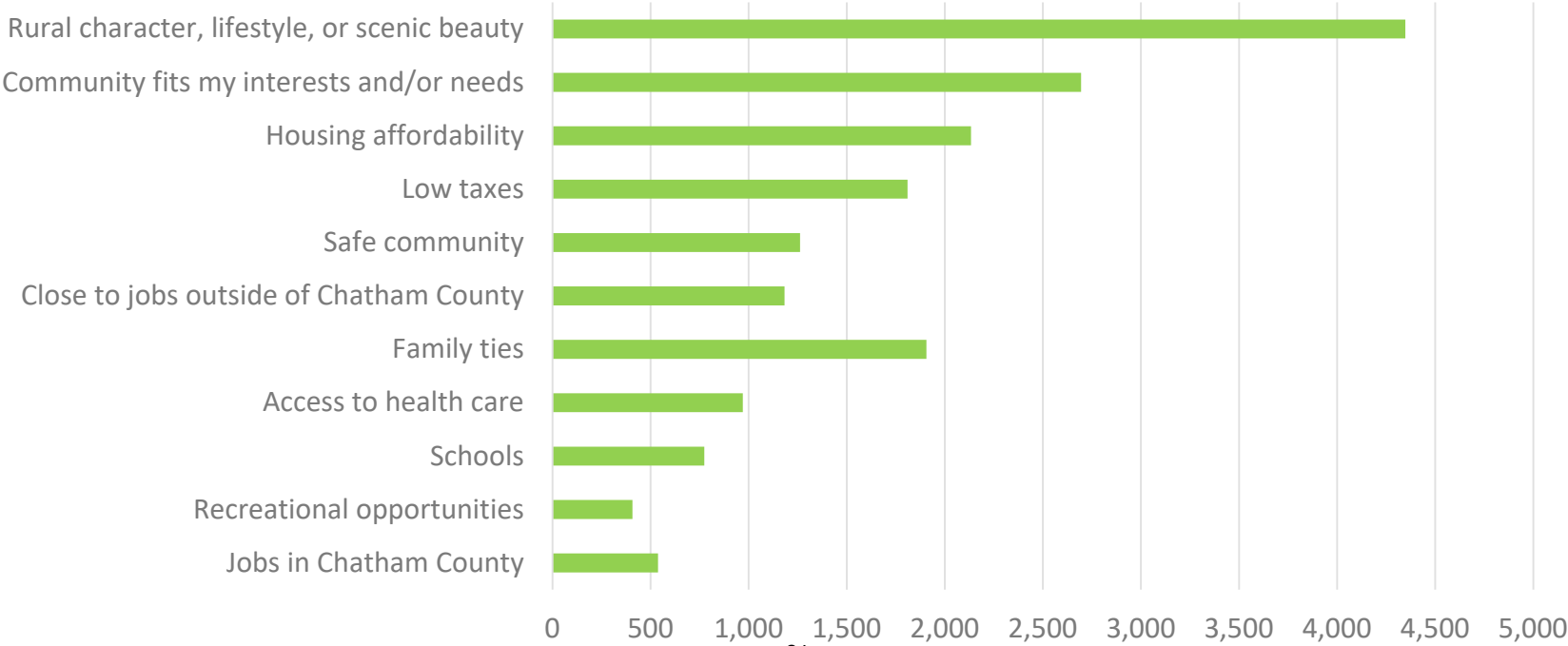
Answered: 1,652 Skipped: 17

How many years have you lived in Chatham County?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than 5	26.6%	439
5-9	13.9%	229
10-24	30.5%	504
25+	26.2%	432
Not applicable	2.9%	48
answered question		1652
skipped question		17

Q7: What are the top 3 reasons you chose to live in Chatham County? Please rank in order of importance (with 1 being the most important):

Answered: 1,590 Skipped: 79

Relative Importance (Rating x Response Count)



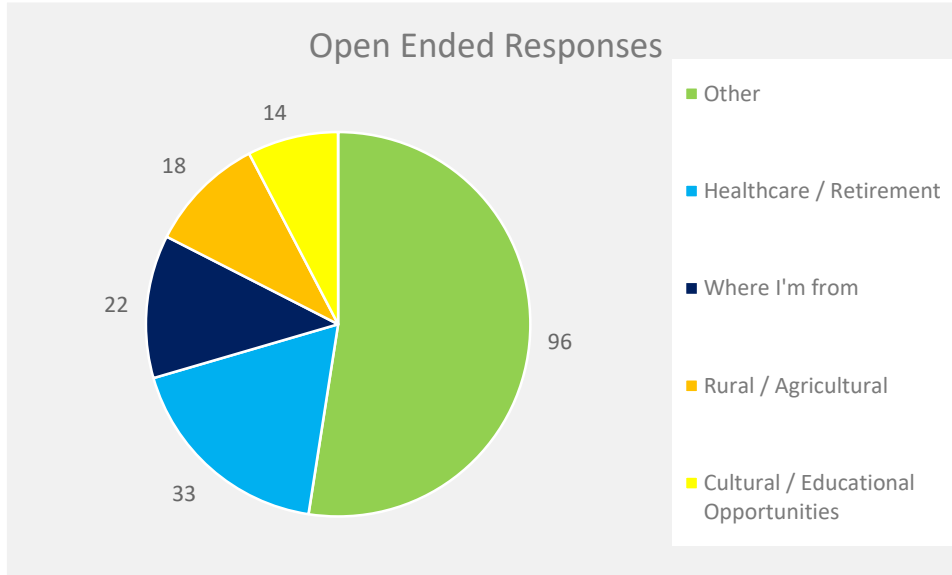
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Answered: 1,590 Skipped: 79

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Answer Options	1	2	3	Rating Average	Response Count	Rating x Response Count
Jobs in Chatham County	55	38	37	4.14	130	538
Recreational opportunities	7	43	67	3.49	117	408
Schools	56	77	62	3.97	195	774
Access to health care	51	106	97	3.82	254	970
Family ties	300	58	58	4.58	416	1906
Close to jobs outside of Chatham County	55	125	136	3.74	316	1183
Safe community	44	142	158	3.67	344	1262
Low taxes	118	170	180	3.87	468	1810
Housing affordability	183	190	153	4.06	526	2134
Community fits my interests and/or needs	189	232	274	3.88	695	2695
Rural character, lifestyle, or scenic beauty	504	304	204	4.30	1012	4348
Other (please specify)					178	
				answered question	1590	
				skipped question	79	

Q7: What are the top 3 reasons you chose to live in Chatham County? Please rank in order of importance (with 1 being the most important):

Top 5 Open Ended Categories

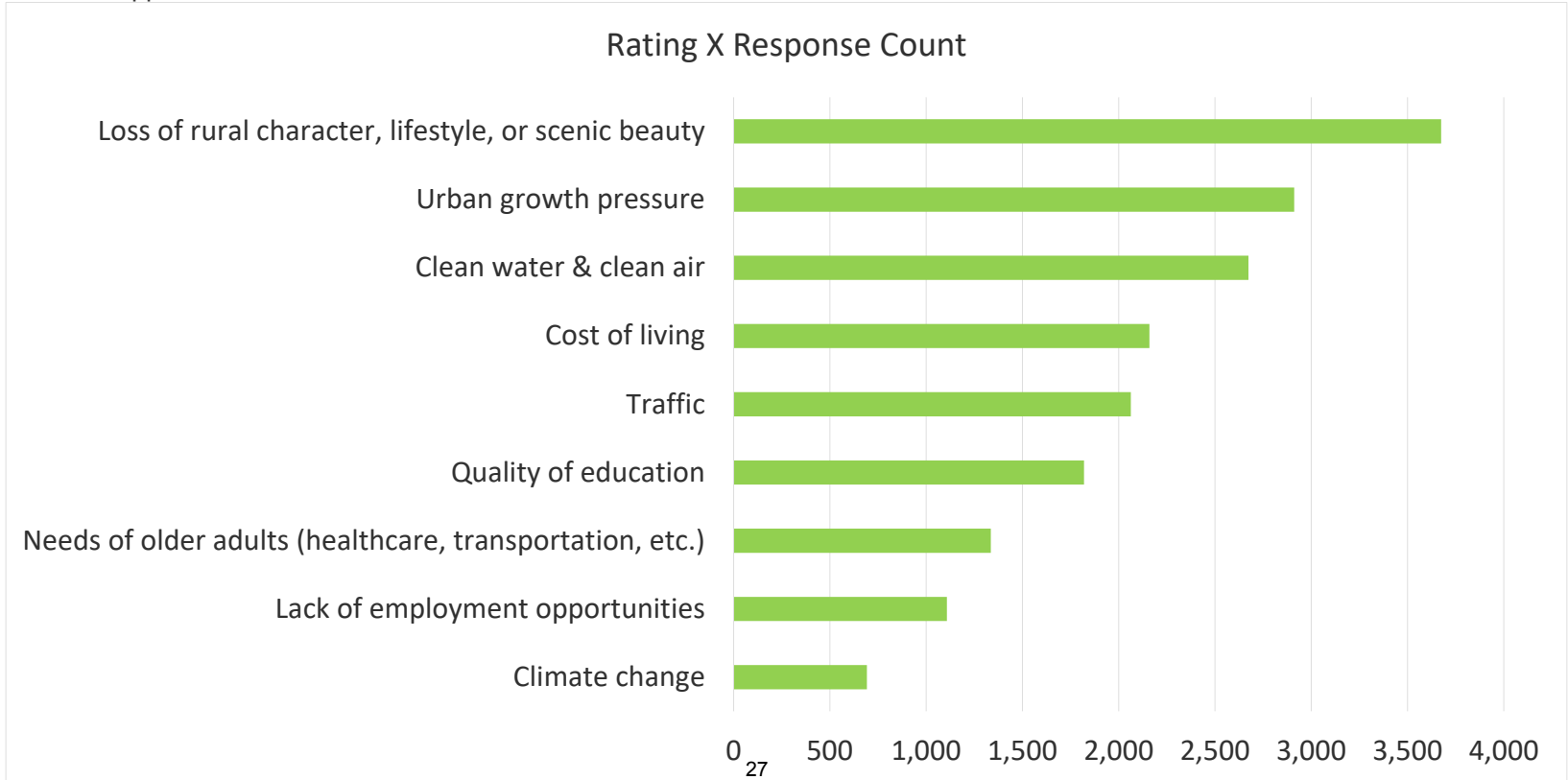


Other includes topics such as:

- Job
- Housing
- Not a resident
- Lack of Zoning
- Affordability
- Nature
- Food
- Land
- Local farmers and food providers

Q8: What are your biggest concerns about the future for you and your family? Please rank in order of importance (with 1 being the biggest concern):

Answered: 1,636 Skipped: 33



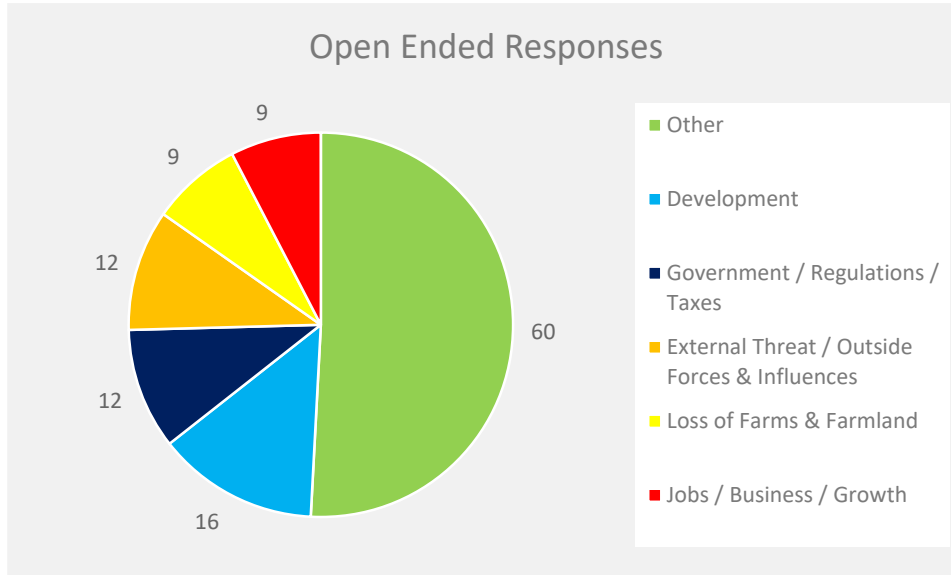
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Answered: 1,636 Skipped: 33

What are your biggest concerns about the future for you and your family? Please rank in order of importance (with 1 being the biggest concern):						
Answer Options	1	2	3	Rating Average	Response Count	Rating x Response Count
Climate change	62	58	53	1.95	173	692
Lack of employment opportunities	108	87	82	1.91	277	1108
Needs of older adults (healthcare, transportation, etc.)	98	108	129	2.09	335	1336
Quality of education	240	109	114	1.73	463	1820
Traffic	89	188	250	2.31	527	2063
Cost of living	195	188	158	1.93	541	2160
Clean water & clean air	233	243	193	1.94	669	2673
Urban growth pressure	206	279	244	2.05	729	2911
Loss of rural character, lifestyle, or scenic beauty	380	282	261	1.87	923	3675
Other (please specify)					113	
answered question					1636	
skipped question					33	

Q8: What are your biggest concerns about the future for you and your family? Please rank in order of importance (with 1 being the biggest concern):

Top 5 Open Ended Categories



Other includes topics such as:

- Traffic / Transportation
- Infrastructure
- Schools
- Amenities
- Loss of Unique Character
- Safety
- Access to Conveniences
- Water Quality
- Healthcare
- Education

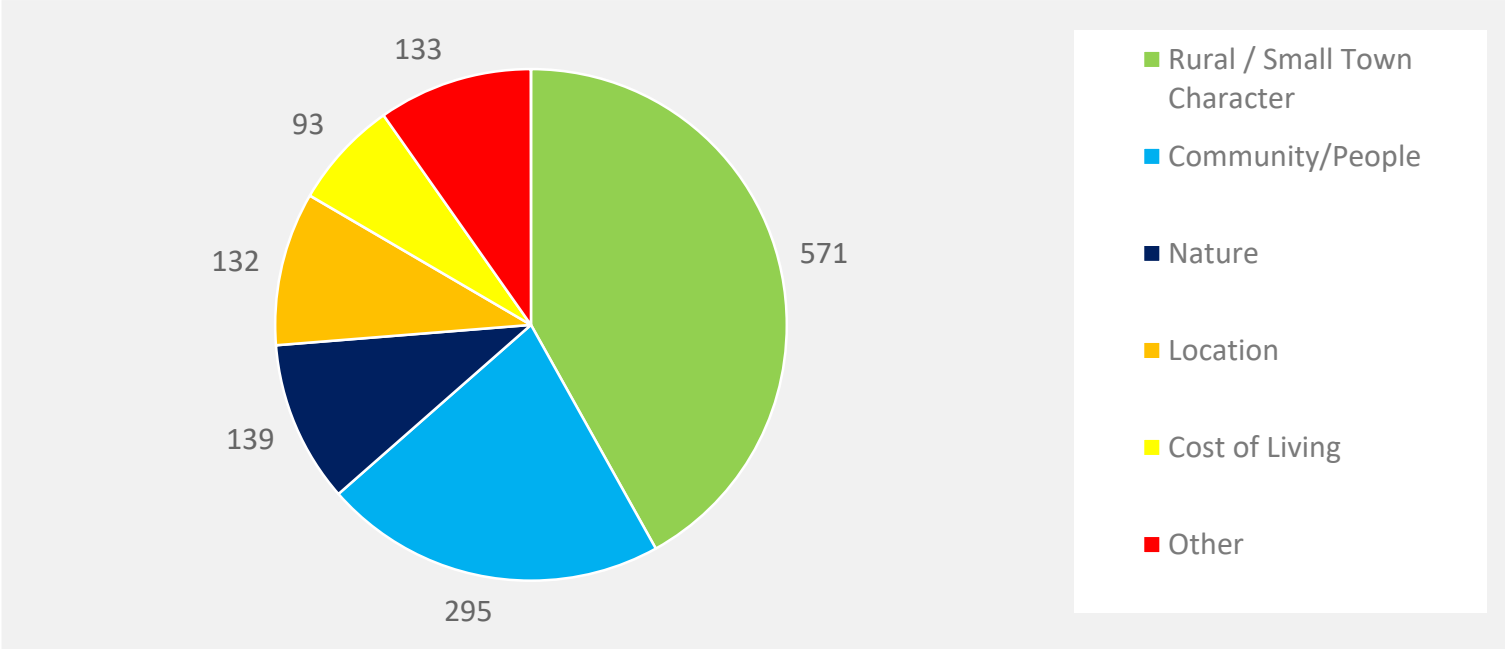
Q9: What do you like BEST about living in Chatham County?

Answered: 1209 Skipped: 460

What do you like BEST about living in Chatham County?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	1209
answered question	1209
skipped question	460

Q9: What do you like BEST about living in Chatham County?

Top 5 Open Ended Categories



Q9: What do you like BEST about living in Chatham County?

Northwest Chatham & Siler City area (Silk Hope, Snow Camp, etc.):

- Rural / Small town character
- Community / People
- Other
 - Unzoned property
 - Quiet / Privacy
 - Supportive of small businesses
 - Less traffic
 - Personal property rights
 - Lack of overcrowding
 - Local government
- Beauty / Nature
- Location
- Cost of Living

Southwest Chatham (south of Siler City and west of NC 87):

- Rural / Small town character
- Community / People
- Other
 - Unzoned property
 - Quiet / Privacy
 - Wineries / farms destination
- Location
- Beauty / Nature
- Cost of Living

Central Chatham & Pittsboro area:

- Rural / Small town character
- Community / People
- Beauty / Nature
- Location
- Other
 - Agricultural / Artisan nature
 - Excellent health care
 - Quiet / privacy
 - Growth potential
 - Current administration
 - Carolina Meadows
- Cost of Living

Southeast Chatham (south of US 64 and east of NC 87):

- Rural / Small town character
- Cost of Living
- Community / People
- Location
- Beauty / Nature
- Other
 - Familiarity
 - Quality of life
 - Responsible government

Northeast Chatham (north of US 64 and east of Haw River):

- Rural / Small town character
- Community / People
- Beauty / Nature
- Other
 - Green Technology
 - Agricultural opportunities / local food
 - Growth potential
- Quiet / Privacy
- Lack of overcrowding
- Local government
- Location
- Cost of Living

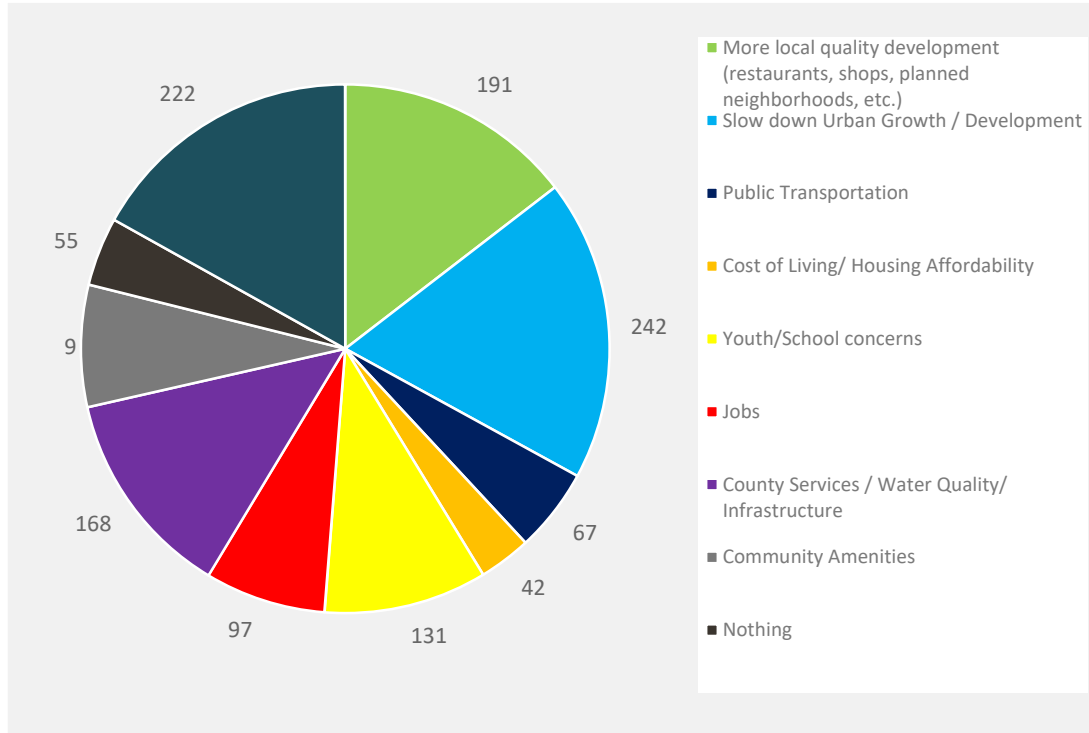
Q10: What would you like to CHANGE about living in Chatham County?

Answered: 1166 Skipped: 503

What would you like to CHANGE about living in Chatham County?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	1166
answered question	1166
skipped question	503

Q10: What would you like to CHANGE about living in Chatham County?

Top 5 Open Ended Categories



Other includes topics such as:

- Traffic
- Political division / need for unity
- Embracing diversity
- Less regulation / lower taxes
- More environmental protection

Q10: What would you like to CHANGE about living in Chatham County?

Northwest Chatham & Siler City area (Silk Hope, Snow Camp, etc.):

- Other
 - Concern over government regulations / property rights
 - Lack of zoning
 - Improve areas of Siler City that are high crime / derelict
 - Individual district voting for commissioners
 - Lower taxes
 - Friction between east/west side of county
- Slow down urban growth / development
- More local quality development
- County Services / Water Quality / Infrastructure
- Jobs
- Community Amenities
- Youth / School concerns
- Public Transportation
- Cost of Living / Housing Affordability

Southwest Chatham (south of Siler City and west of NC 87):

- Other
 - Concern over government regulations / property rights
 - Improved planning for future encroaching development
 - Politics / Less government / Board of Commissioners
 - Divide the county into east and west / MAJOR opposition for years
 - Northerners moving in and changing our way of life
 - Protection of farmland and natural habitat
 - Lower taxes
 - Allocate some funds this way; it's always going to Pittsboro
- More jobs, but slow down urban growth / development
- County Services / Water Quality / Infrastructure
- Community Amenities
- More local quality development
- Youth / School concerns
- Cost of Living / Housing Affordability

Central Chatham & Pittsboro area:

- Other
 - Environmental Protection
 - Lack of a vision / Political Leadership / Transparency
 - Political division
 - Traffic
- Slow down urban growth / development
- More local quality development
- County Services / Water Quality / Infrastructure
- Youth / School concerns
- Public Transportation
- Community Amenities
- Jobs
- Cost of Living / Housing Affordability

Southeast Chatham (south of US 64 and east of NC 87):

- Other
 - Less government regulation
 - Individual district voting for commissioners
 - No drilling / fracking
 - Lower taxes
- County Services / Water Quality / Infrastructure
- Slow down urban growth / development
- More local quality development
- Jobs
- Youth / School concerns
- Community Amenities
- Public Transportation
- Cost of Living / Housing Affordability

Northeast Chatham (north of US 64 and east of Haw River):

- Slow down urban growth / development
- Other
 - Friction between east/west side of county
 - Board of Commissioners
 - Diversity of people represented / heard
 - Remove Cary from Chatham County
 - Traffic
 - Political / social / racial division
- County Services / Water Quality / Infrastructure
- Youth / School Concerns
- More local quality development
- Community Amenities
- Jobs
- Public Transportation
- Cost of Living / Housing Affordability

Q11: What is your vision for Chatham County 15 years from now?

Answered: 1096 Skipped: 573

What is your vision for Chatham County 15 years from now?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	1096
answered question	1096
skipped question	573

Q11: What is your vision for Chatham County 15 years from now?

Top 5 Open Ended Categories

Things want:

- Rural character maintained
- Planned / managed growth
- Jobs / clean industry / small business
- Preservation of natural environment and agriculture
- Good schools and opportunity
- Vibrant, small town feel
- Infrastructure concurrent with growth

Things we want to be:

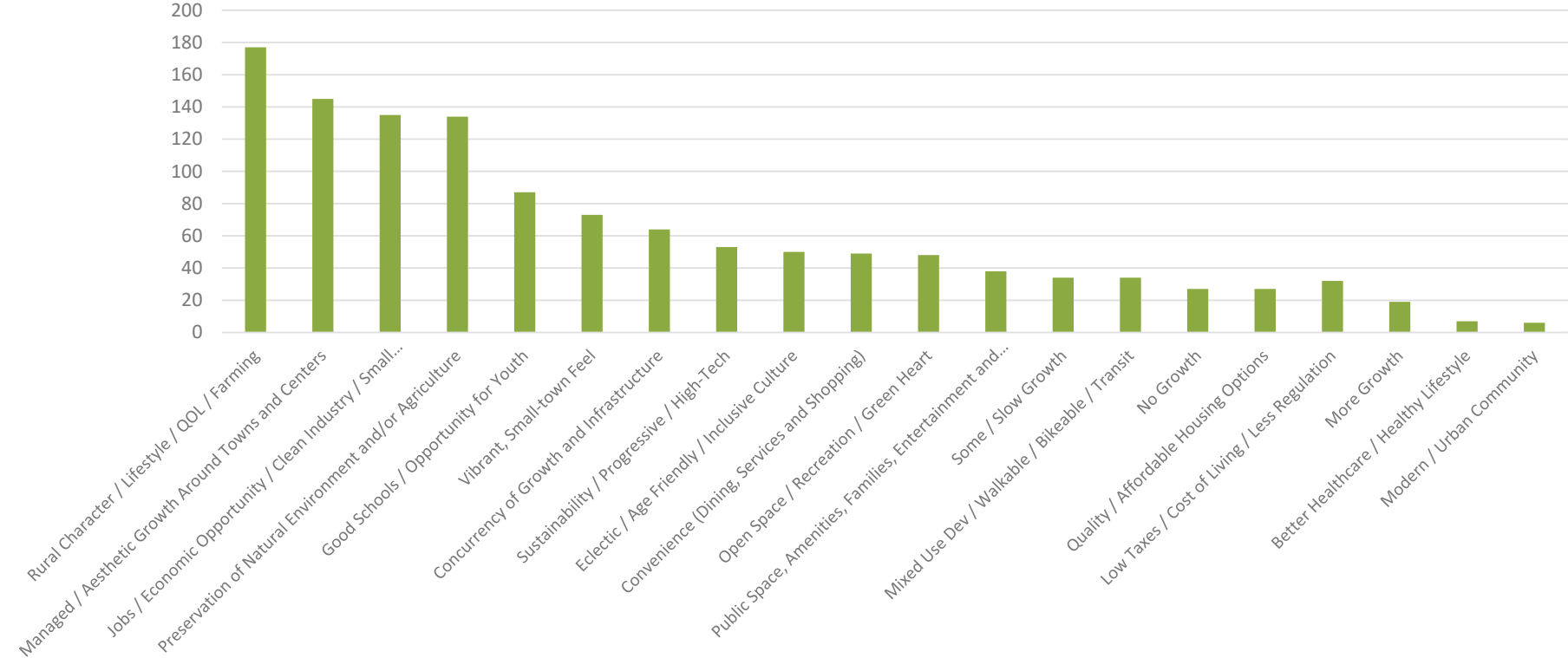
- Saxapahaw
- Napa Valley meets Silicon Valley

Things we don't want to be:

- Cary
- Suburban Washington DC

Q11: What is your vision for Chatham County 15 years from now?

Top 5 Open Ended Categories



Q12: Future Growth and Development Priorities. Rank your top 5 choices, in order of your preference (with 1 being the most preferred):

Answered: 1377 Skipped: 292

Relative Importance (Rating x Response Count)



Q12: Future Growth and Development Priorities. Rank your top 5 choices, in order of your preference (with 1 being the most preferred):

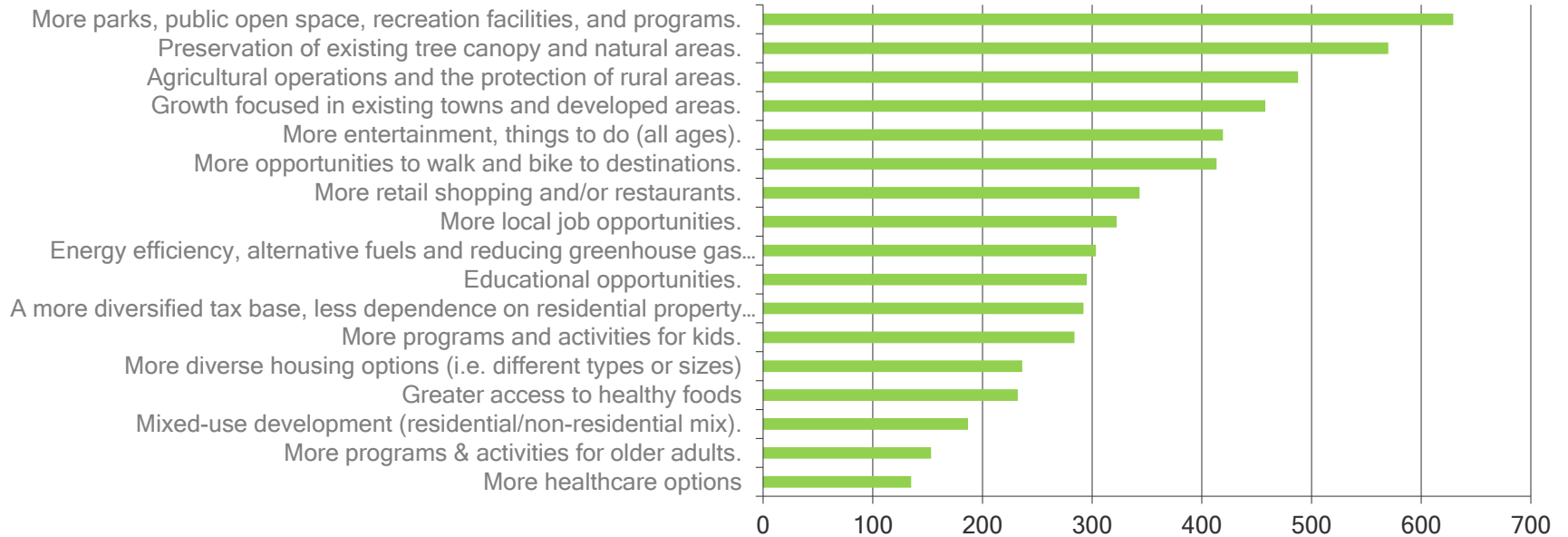
Answered: 1377 Skipped: 292

Future Growth and Development Priorities. Rank your top 5 choices, in order of your preference (with 1 being the most preferred):									
Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count	Rating x Response Count	
More healthcare options	11	20	35	37	35	2.53	138	349	
More programs & activities for older adults.	14	26	41	42	43	2.55	166	424	
Mixed-use development (residential/non-residential mix).	19	30	36	52	52	2.53	189	479	
Greater access to healthy foods	20	41	54	60	51	2.64	226	597	
More diverse housing options (i.e. different types or sizes)	30	44	44	48	46	2.83	212	600	
More programs and activities for kids.	25	44	53	62	53	2.69	237	637	
Educational opportunities.	60	46	75	62	66	2.91	309	899	
More opportunities to walk and bike to destinations.	40	55	85	100	81	2.65	361	956	
More entertainment, things to do (all ages).	40	93	87	80	83	2.81	383	1076	
Energy efficiency, alternative fuels and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.	57	77	87	88	60	2.95	369	1090	
More retail shopping and/or restaurants.	145	75	78	66	81	3.31	445	1472	
More local job opportunities.	149	95	54	67	70	3.43	435	1491	
More parks, public open space, recreation facilities, and programs.	56	114	118	135	161	2.60	584	1521	
A more diversified tax base, less dependence on residential property taxes.	161	120	80	61	58	3.55	480	1705	
Growth focused in existing towns and developed areas.	109	135	125	106	82	3.15	557	1754	
Agricultural operations and the protection of rural areas.	190	135	111	95	85	3.41	616	2098	
Preservation of existing tree canopy and natural areas.	238	193	151	88	98	3.50	768	2689	
Other (please specify)							105		
							answered question	1377	
							skipped question	292	

Q12: Future Growth and Development Priorities. Rank your top 5 choices, in order of your preference (with 1 being the most preferred):

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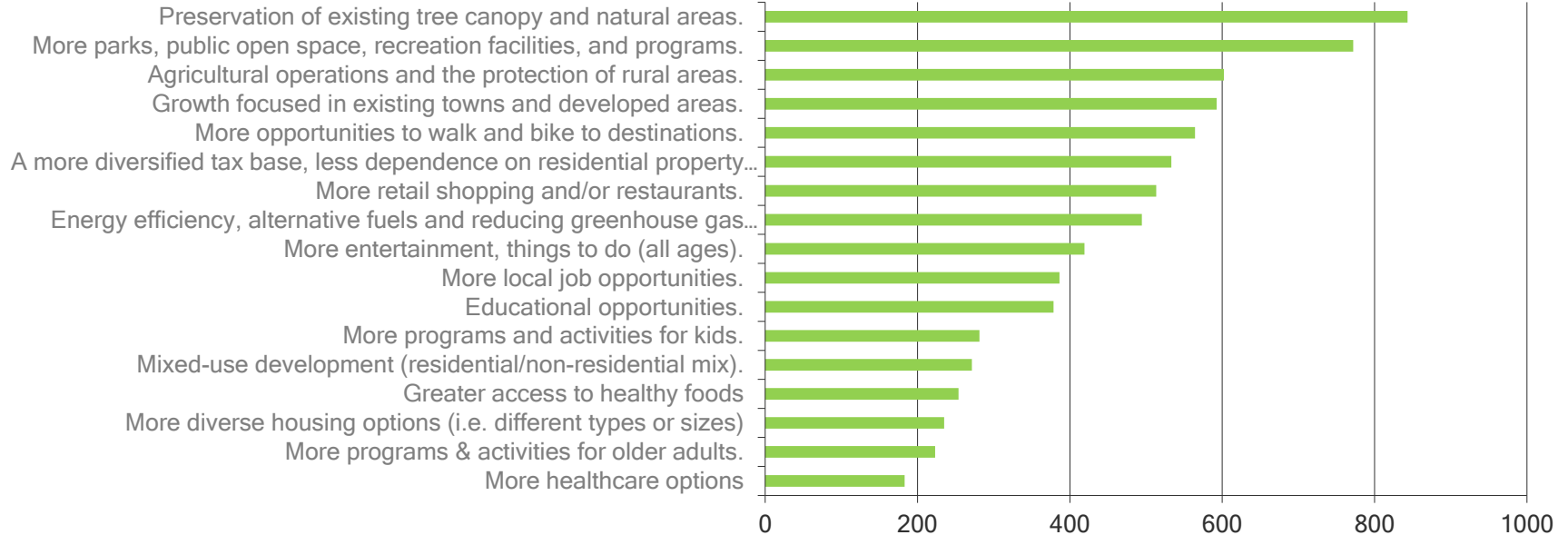
Central Chatham and Pittsboro



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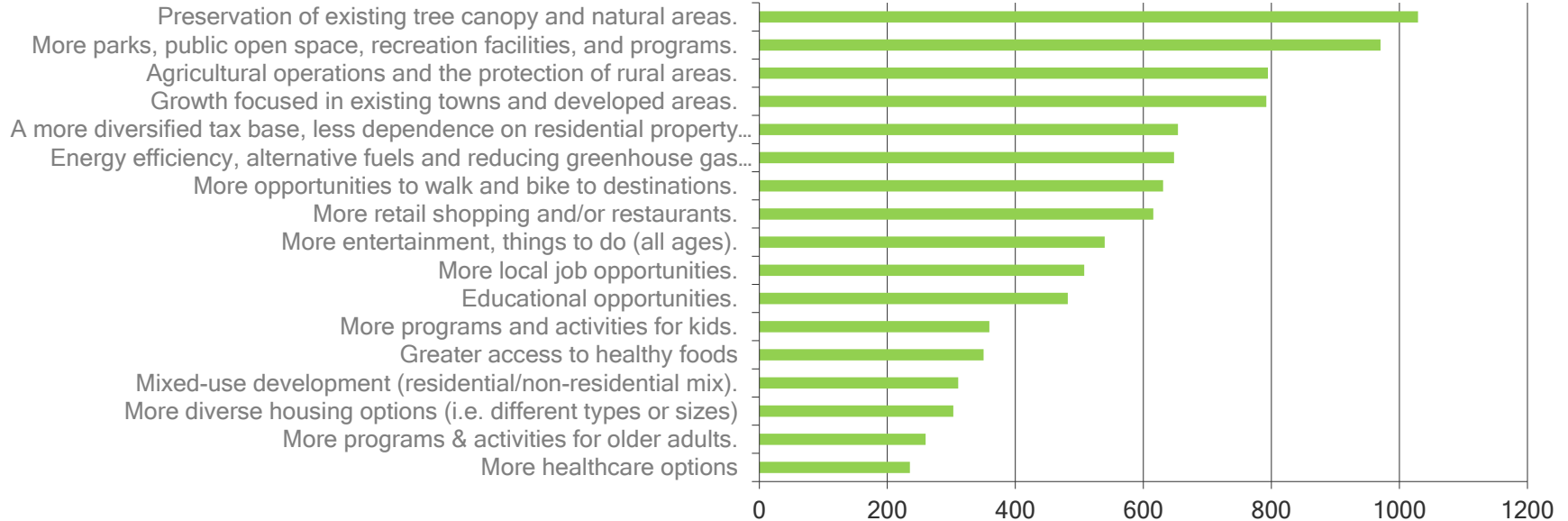
Northeast Chatham



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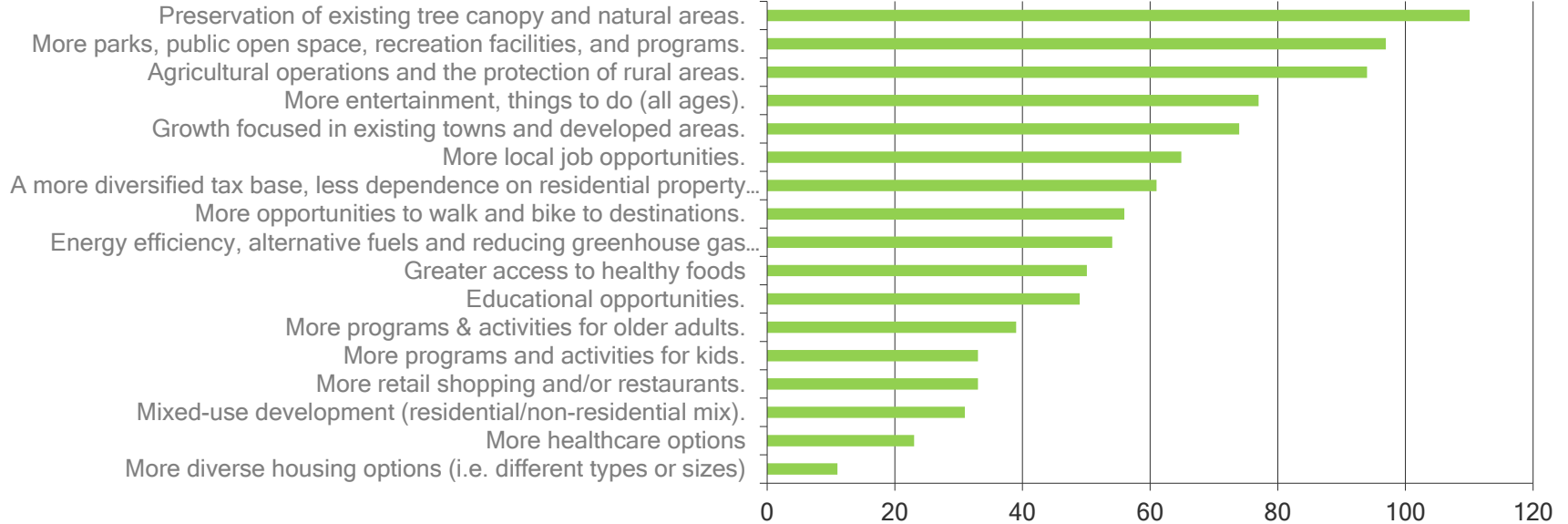
Northwest Chatham and Siler City



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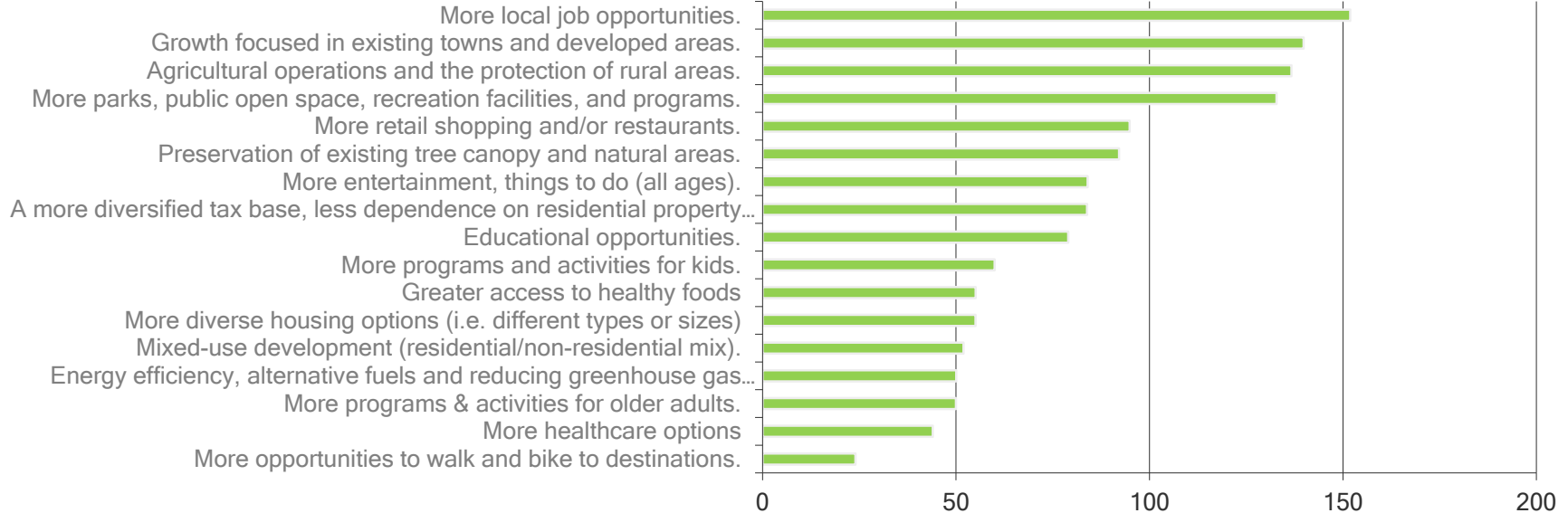
Southeast Chatham



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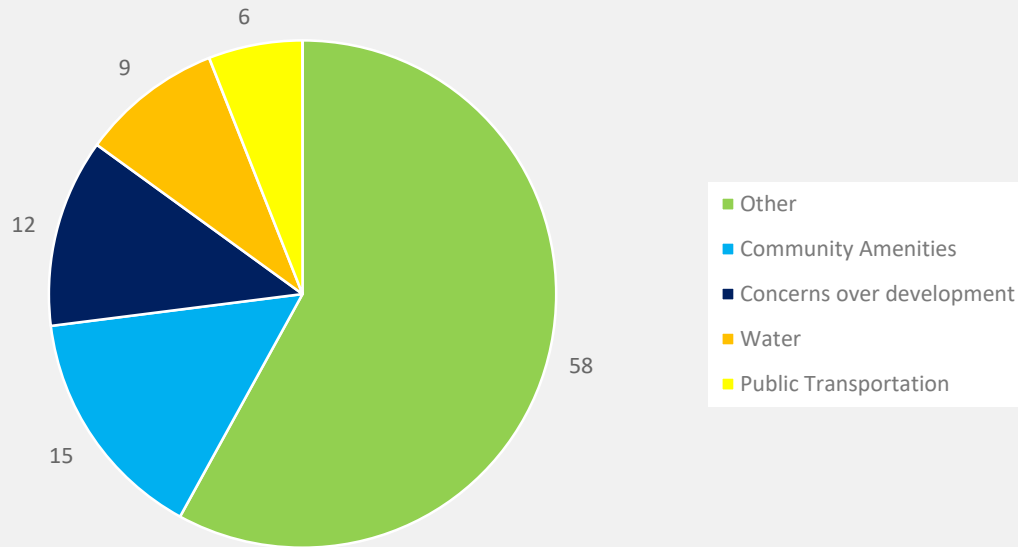
Southwest Chatham



Q12: Future Growth and Development Priorities. Rank your top 5 choices, in order of your preference (with 1 being the most preferred):

Top 5 Open Ended Categories

Open Ended Responses



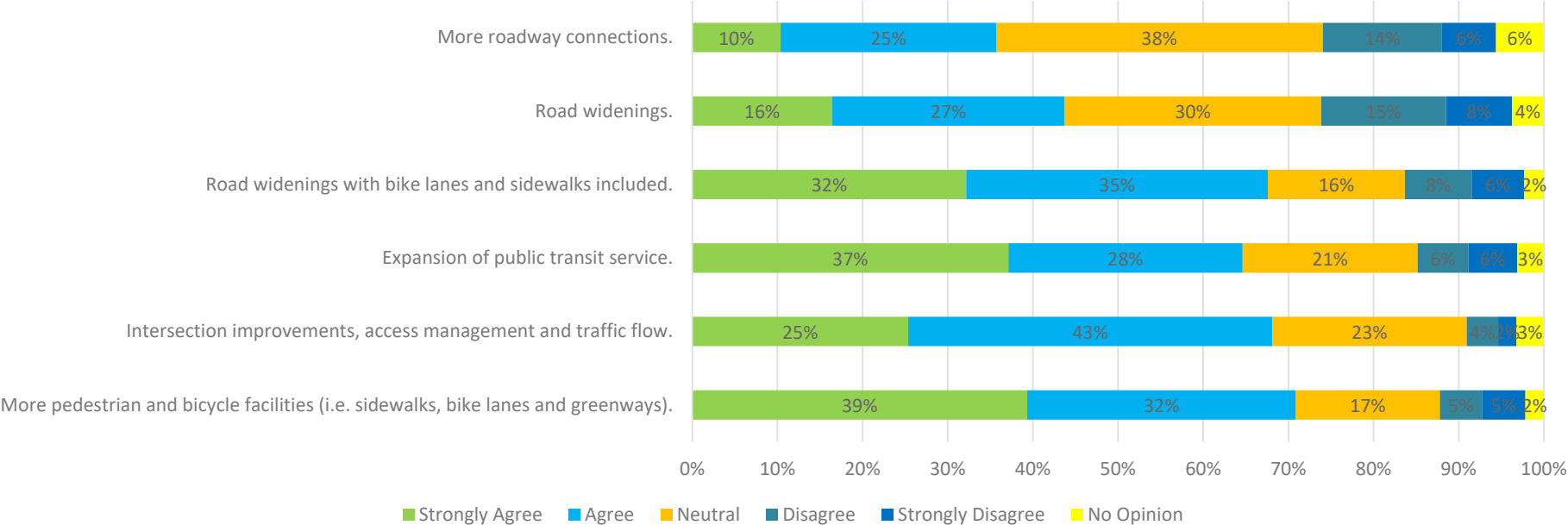
Other includes topics such as:

- Infrastructure
- Affordable Housing
- Community Amenities
- Bike Lanes
- Safety
- Jobs
- Farmland

Q13: Transportation Priorities. Level of Agreement: “I would support the dedication of more time and resources to...”

Answered: 1336 Skipped: 333

Level of Agreement



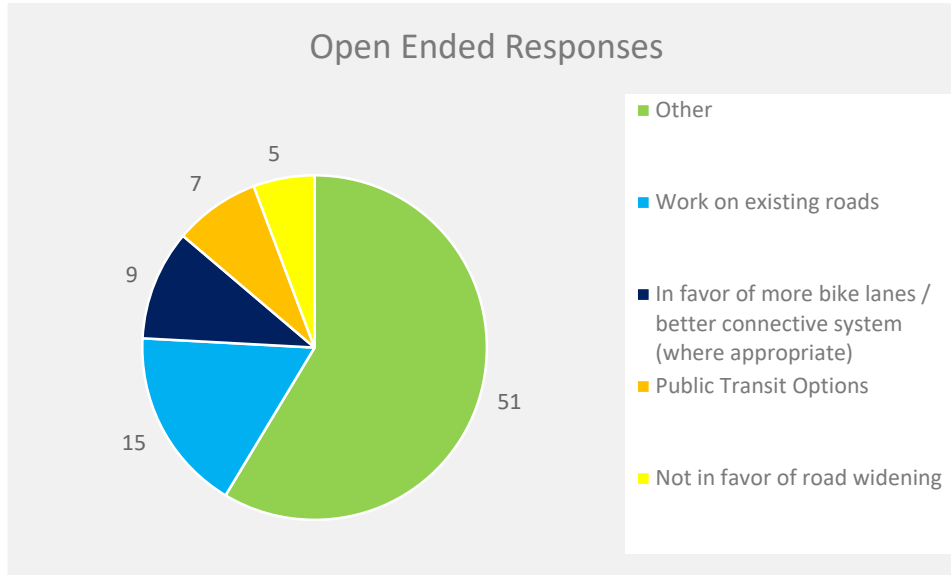
Q13: Transportation Priorities. Level of Agreement: “I would support the dedication of more time and resources to...”

Answered: 888 Skipped: 223

Transportation Priorities. Level of Agreement: “I would support the dedication of more time and resources to...”									
Answer Options	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion	Rating Average	Response Count	
Road widenings.	207	345	380	185	98	47	2.81	1262	
Road widenings with bike lanes and sidewalks included.	414	456	207	101	79	30	2.27	1287	
Intersection improvements, access management and traffic flow.	322	543	290	47	27	41	2.24	1270	
More roadway connections.	129	315	477	174	79	70	2.98	1244	
More pedestrian and bicycle facilities (i.e. sidewalks, bike lanes and greenways).	509	408	219	64	66	28	2.11	1294	
Expansion of public transit service.	486	360	269	78	75	41	2.25	1309	
Other (please specify)								84	
								answered question	1336
								skipped question	333

Q13: Transportation Priorities. Level of Agreement: “I would support the dedication of more time and resources to...”

Top 5 Open Ended Categories



Other includes topics such as:

- More lights on roads
- No more sidewalks
- No more bike lanes
- In favor of roundabouts
- Not in favor of road widening
- Diminishing government
- Preserve more green space
- Parking areas in Pittsboro and Siler City
- Reduce taxes

Q14: Is there a particular transportation issue that you would like to see addressed? Please explain. Be as specific as possible.

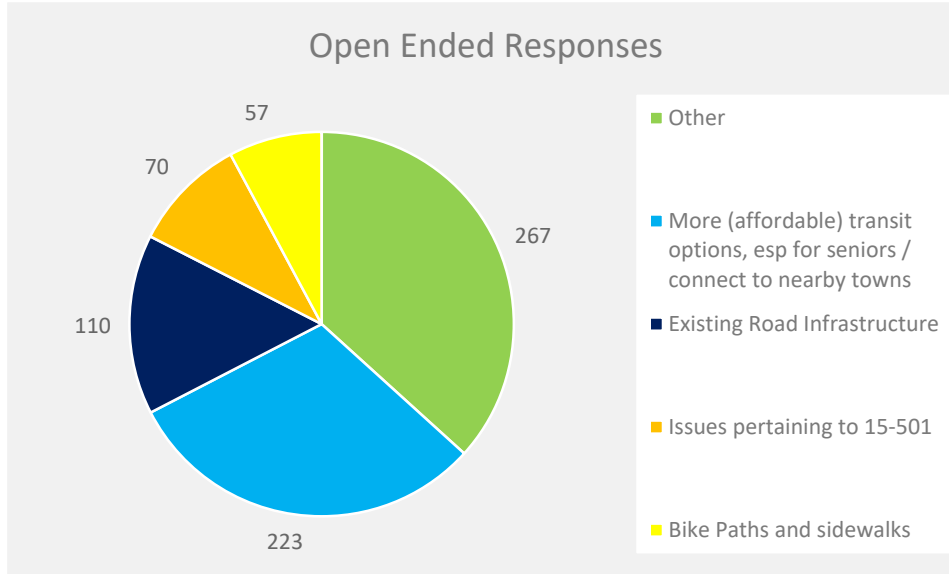
Answered: 682 Skipped: 987

Is there a particular transportation issue that you would like to see addressed? Please explain. Be as specific as possible.

Answer Options	Response Count
	682
answered question	682
skipped question	987

Q14: Is there a particular transportation issue that you would like to see addressed? Please explain. Be as specific as possible.

Top 5 Open Ended Categories



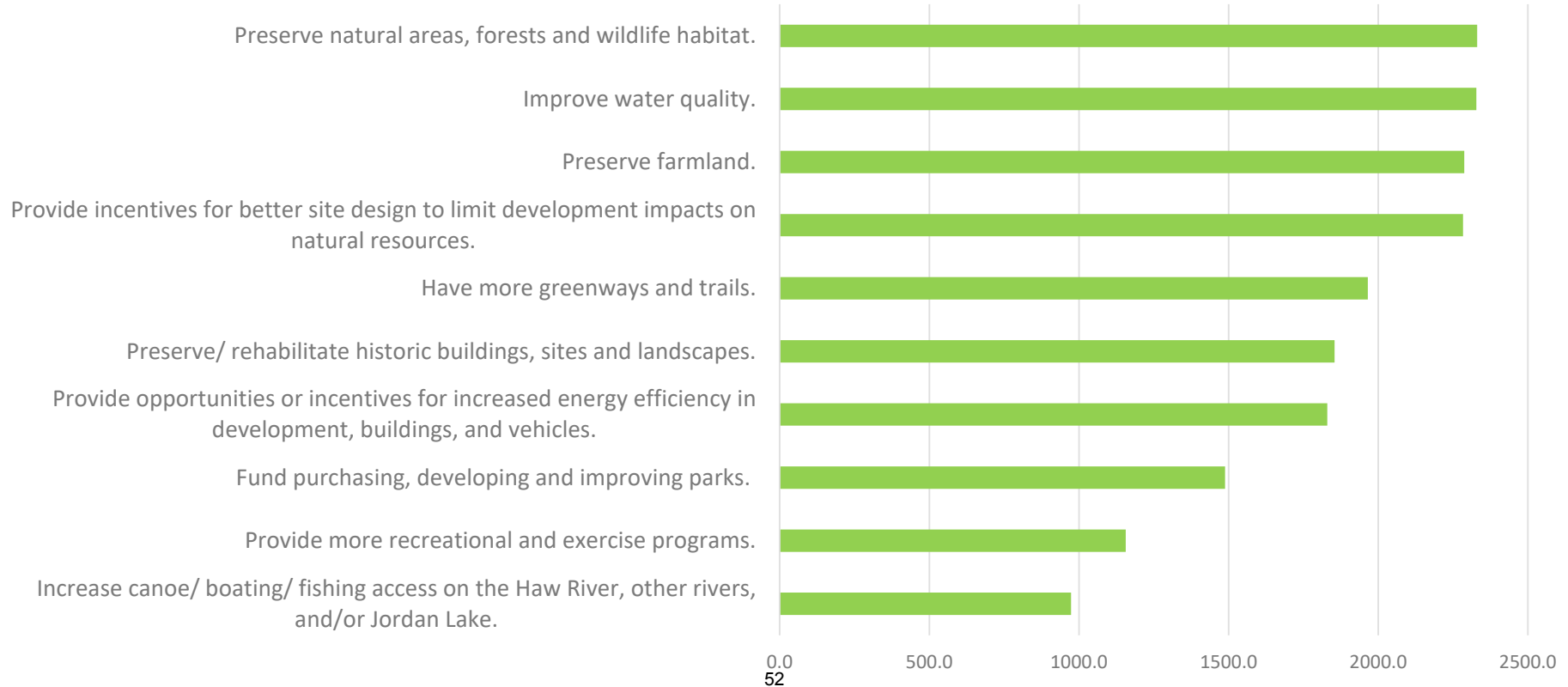
Other includes topics such as:

- Bike Paths and Sidewalks
- Issues pertaining to Highway 64
- Issues pertaining to Powell Place
- School bus transportation
- Alternative route to keep traffic out of downtown Pittsboro
- Park and ride options
- Traffic impact analysis and environmental assessments for new development
- More traffic circles
- Opportunity for bikes to share the road safely
- Create more walkable, livable town areas

Q15: Parks and Natural Resource Priorities. Rank your top 5 choices, in order of your preference (with 1 being the most preferred):

Rating Average x Response Count

Answered: 1353 Skipped: 316



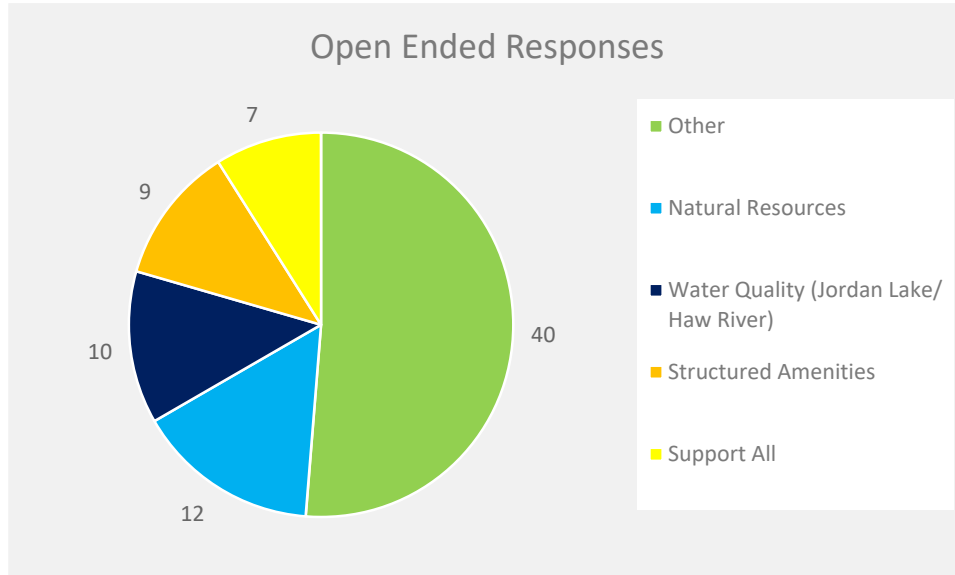
Q15: Parks and Natural Resource Priorities. Rank your top 5 choices, in order of your preference (with 1 being the most preferred):

Answered: 1,353 Skipped: 316

Parks and Natural Resource Priorities. Rank your top 5 choices, in order of your preference (with 1 being the most preferred):									
Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Average	Response Count	Rating x Response Count	
Increase canoe/ boating/ fishing access on the Haw River, other rivers, and/or Jordan Lake.	19	54	106	83	76	2.58	338	871	
Provide more recreational and exercise programs.	37	74	77	64	60	2.88	312	900	
Fund purchasing, developing and improving parks.	49	74	120	108	100	2.70	451	1217	
Provide opportunities or incentives for increased energy efficiency in development, buildings, and vehicles.	46	75	95	143	155	2.44	514	1256	
Preserve/ rehabilitate historic buildings, sites and landscapes.	57	86	112	152	222	2.37	629	1491	
Have more greenways and trails.	79	137	146	130	108	2.92	600	1749	
Provide incentives for better site design to limit development impacts on natural resources.	95	150	178	178	138	2.85	739	2103	
Preserve farmland.	231	184	104	112	122	3.39	753	2549	
Improve water quality.	318	178	197	139	94	3.53	926	3265	
Preserve natural areas, forests and wildlife habitat.	408	291	141	106	99	3.77	1045	3938	
Other (please specify)							69		
							answered question	1353	
							skipped question	316	

Q15: Parks and Natural Resource Priorities. Rank your top 5 choices, in order of your preference (with 1 being the most preferred):

Top 5 Open Ended Categories

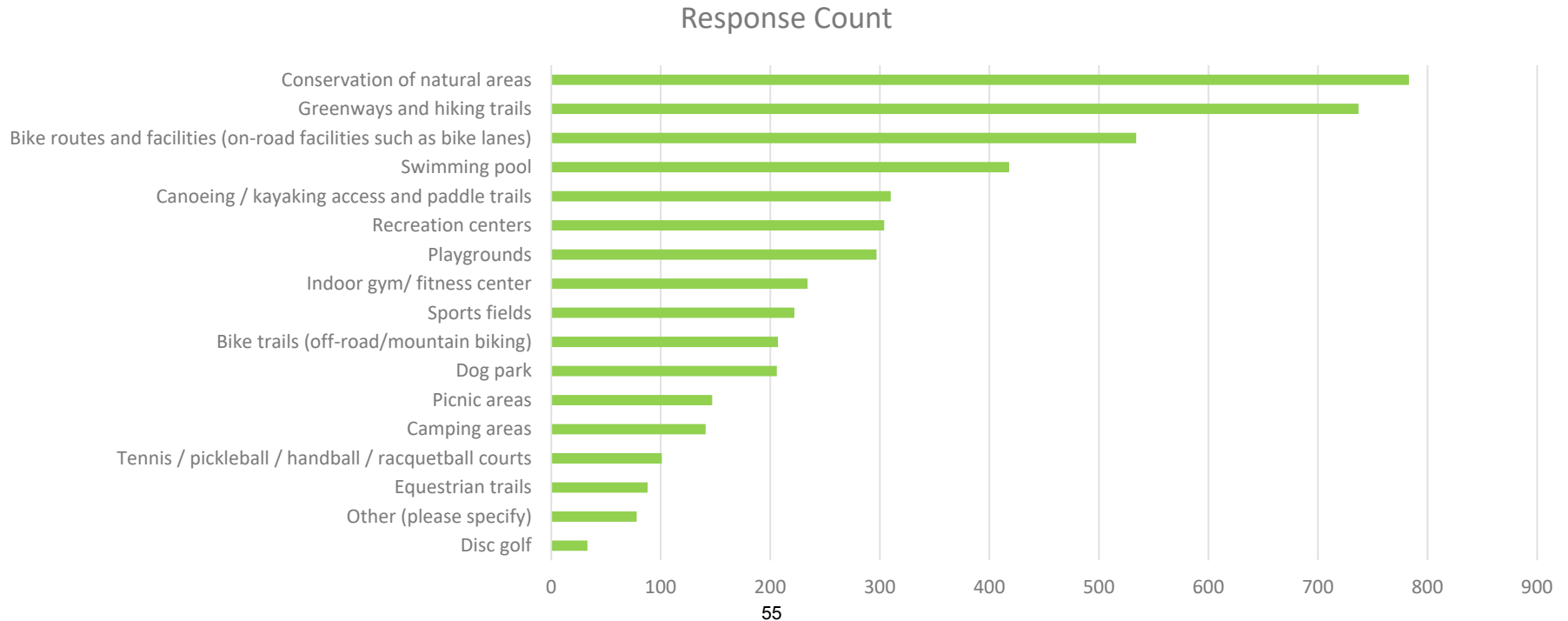


Other includes topics such as:

- Less Government
- Farming / Fresh Produce Access
- Developer issue
- Improve what we have
- Developer requirement
- Less development
- Ban fracking
- Tax credit for purchasing and restoring a historic property

Q16: What should be the highest priority recreational facilities for the County? (Choose up to 4):

Answered: 1340 Skipped: 329



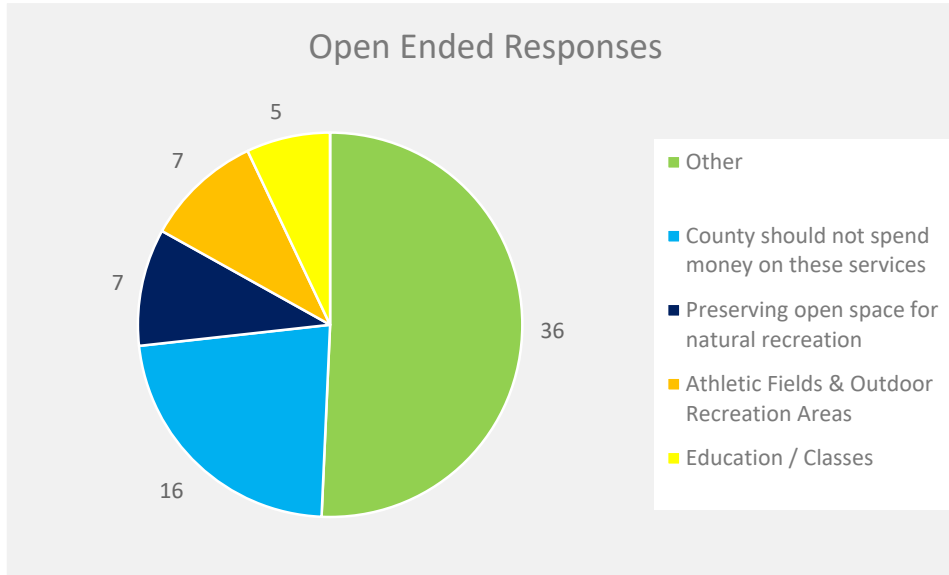
Q16: What should be the highest priority recreational facilities for the County? (Choose up to 4):

Answered: 1340 Skipped: 329

What should be the highest priority recreational facilities for the County? (Choose up to 4):		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Conservation of natural areas	58.4%	783
Greenways and hiking trails	55.0%	737
Bike routes and facilities (on-road facilities such as bike lanes)	39.9%	534
Swimming pool	31.2%	418
Canoeing / kayaking access and paddle trails	23.1%	310
Recreation centers	22.7%	304
Playgrounds	22.2%	297
Indoor gym/ fitness center	17.5%	234
Sports fields	16.6%	222
Bike trails (off-road/mountain biking)	15.4%	207
Dog park	15.4%	206
Picnic areas	11.0%	147
Camping areas	10.5%	141
Tennis / pickleball / handball / racquetball courts	7.5%	101
Equestrian trails	6.6%	88
Other (please specify)	5.8%	78
Disc golf	2.5%	33
	answered question	888
	skipped question	223

Q16: What should be the highest priority recreational facilities for the County? (Choose up to 4):

Top 5 Open Ended Categories

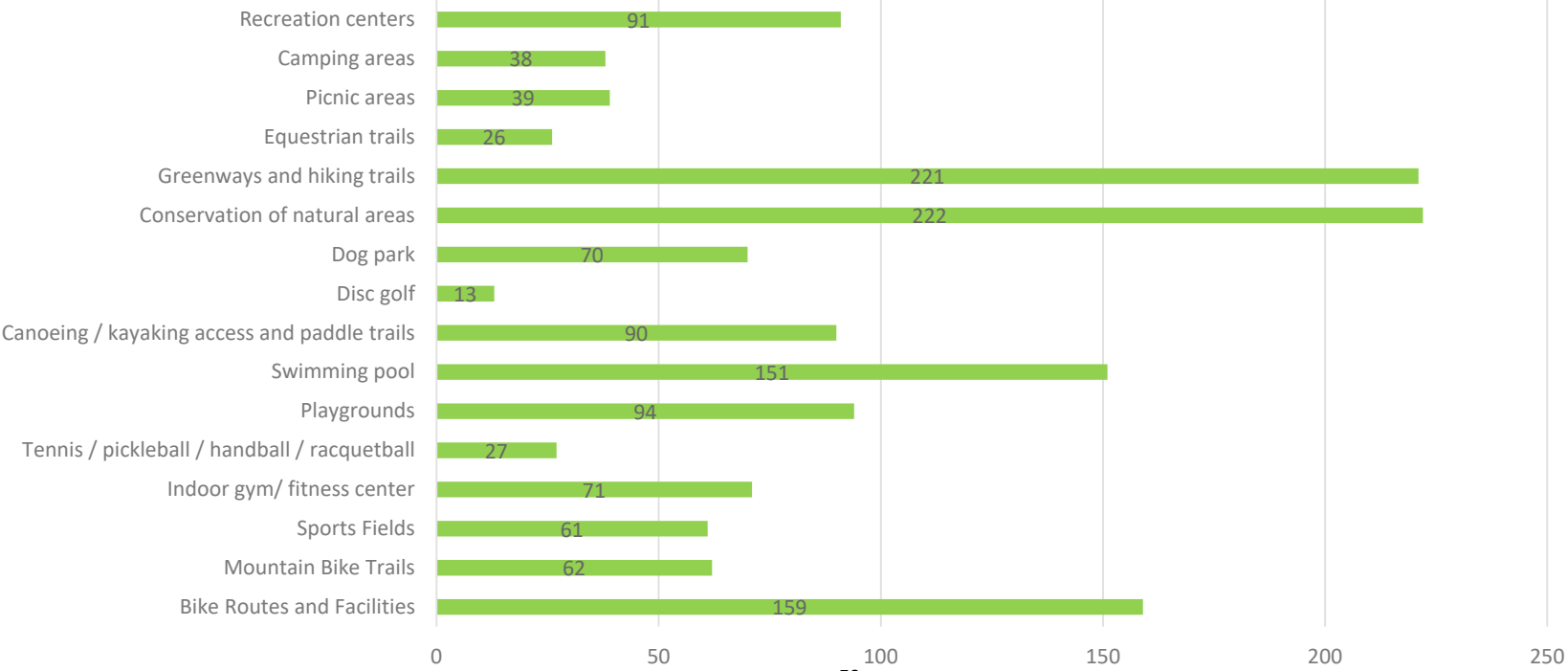


Other includes topics such as:

- Education / Classes
- Recreation Center
- Skate park
- Bowling Alley
- Mini golf
- Pool
- Performing Arts Center
- Movie theater
- Bike trails along greenways
- Handicap access for Jordan Lake
- Existing park improvements

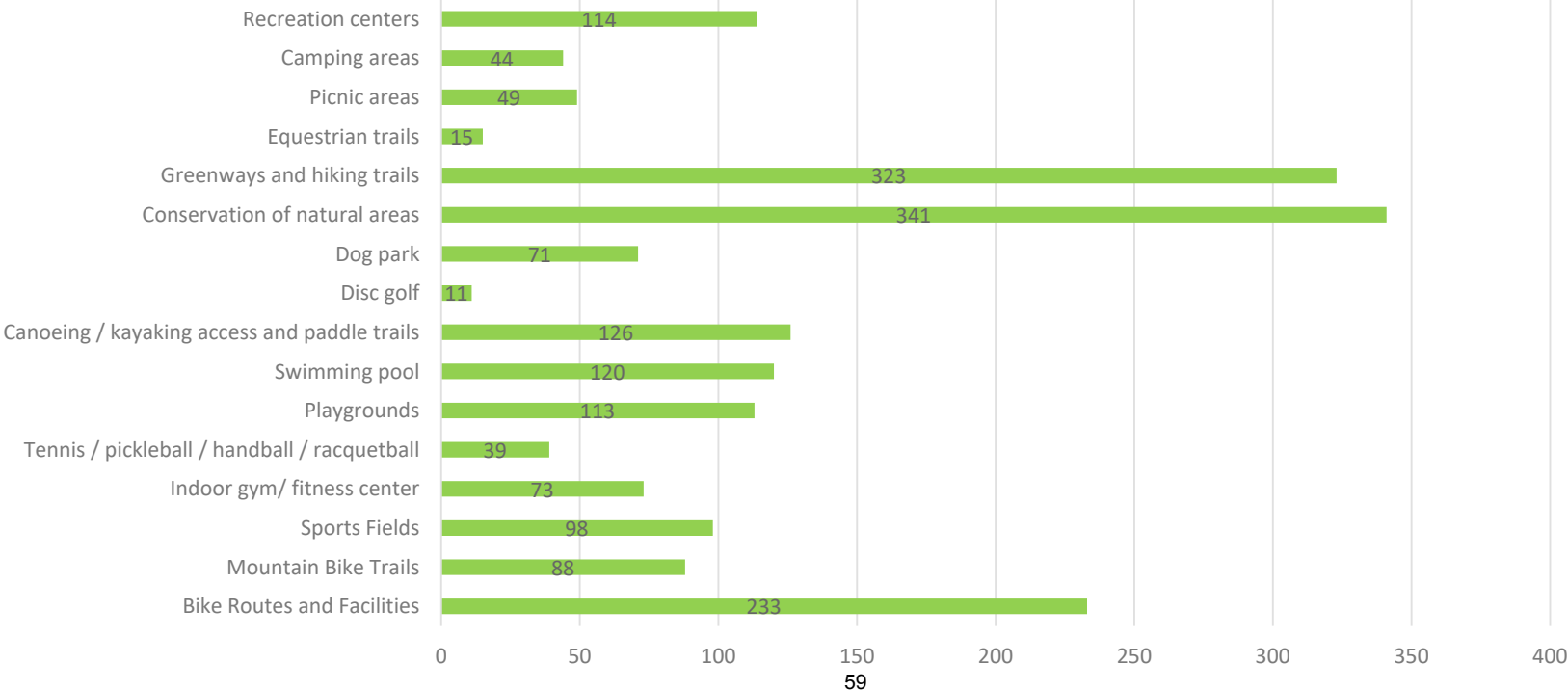
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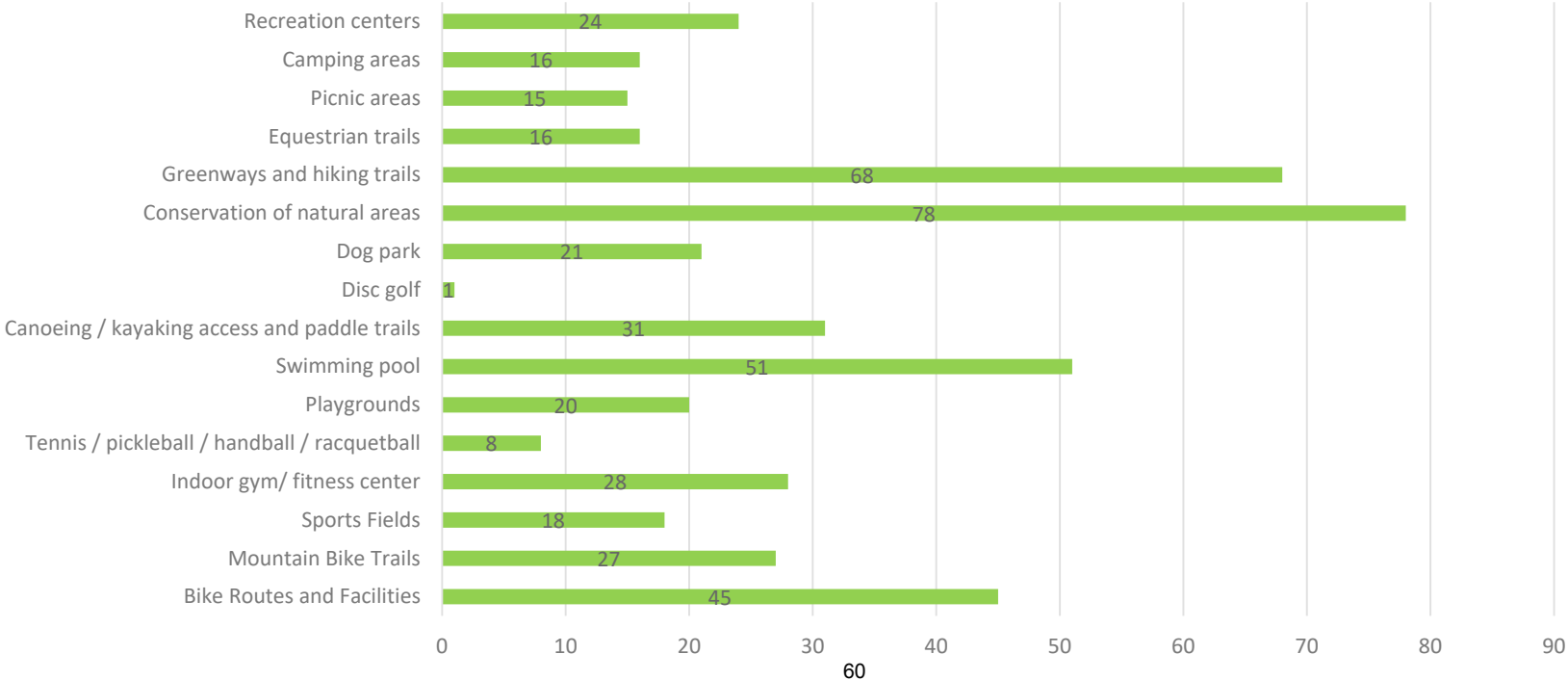
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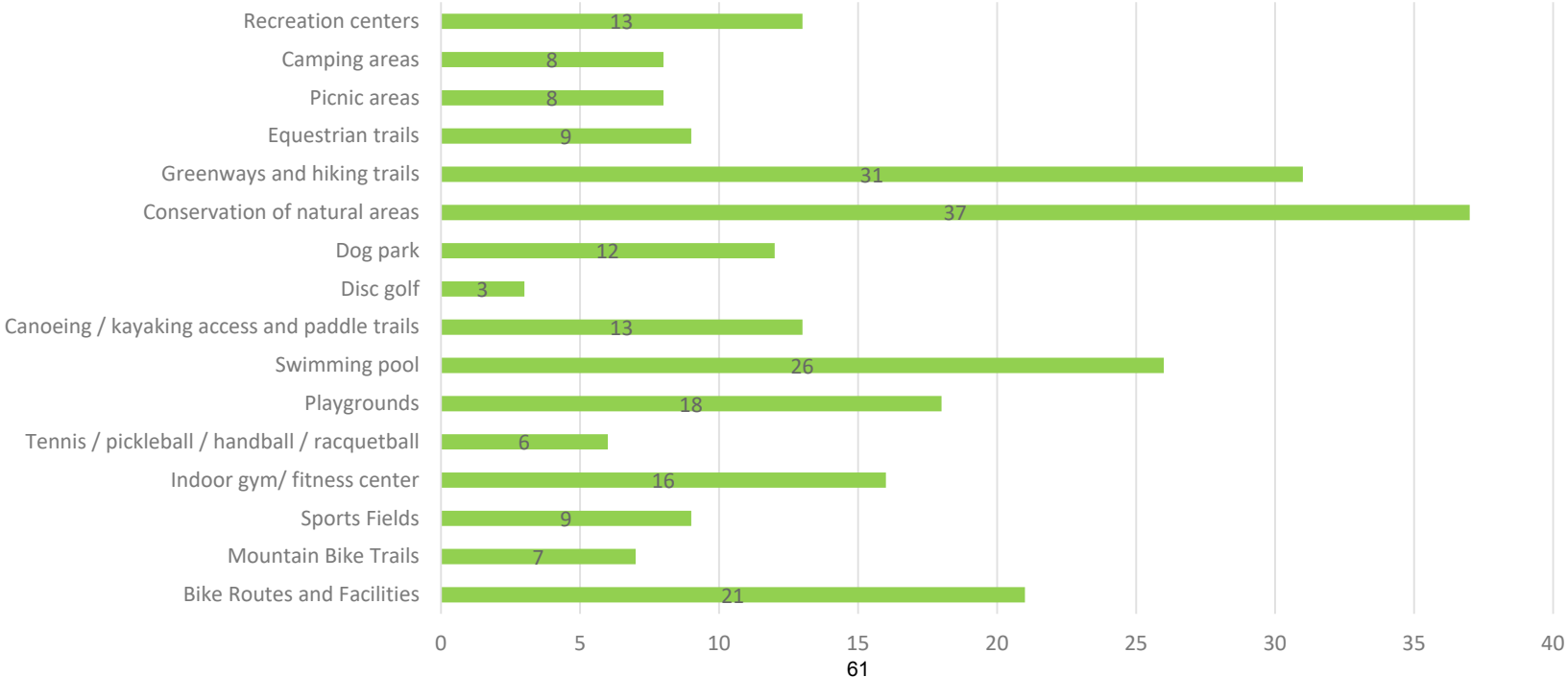
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Northwest Chatham & Siler City



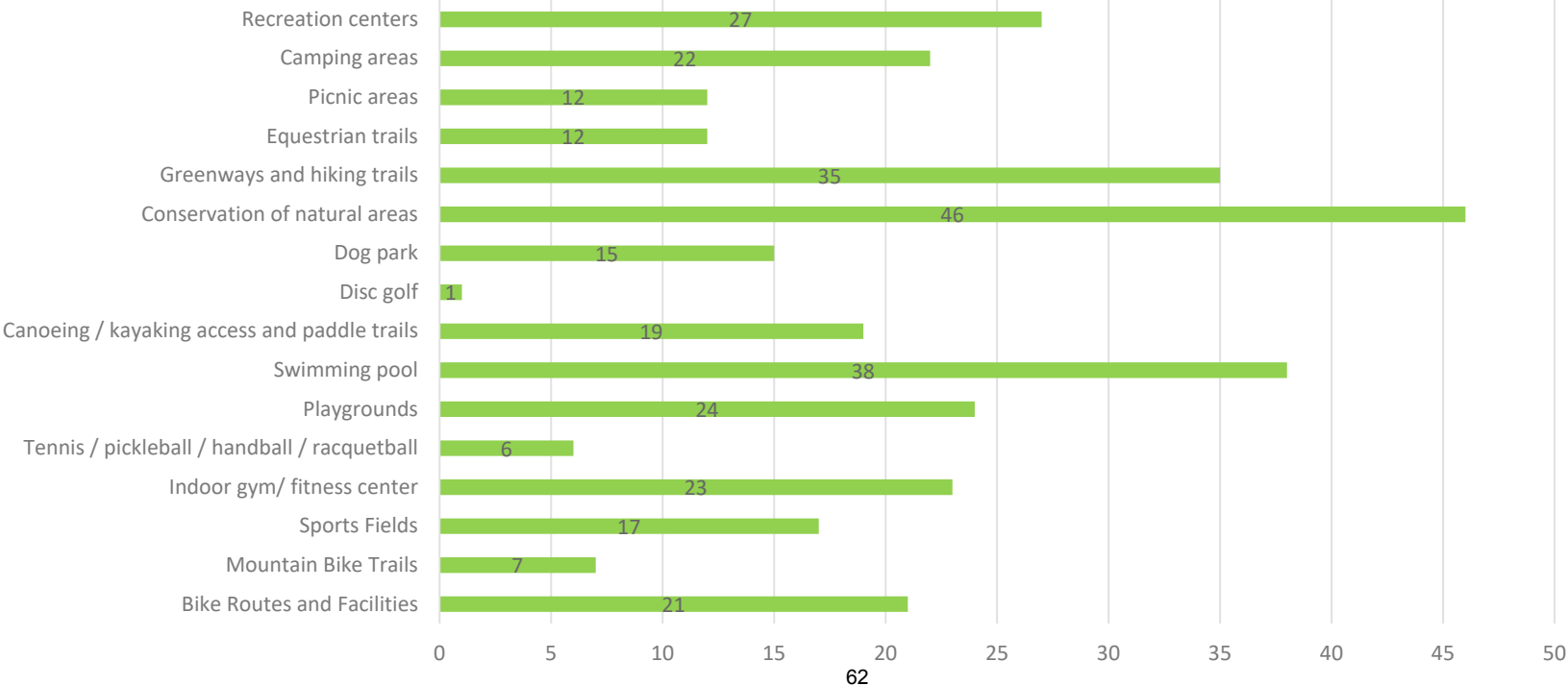
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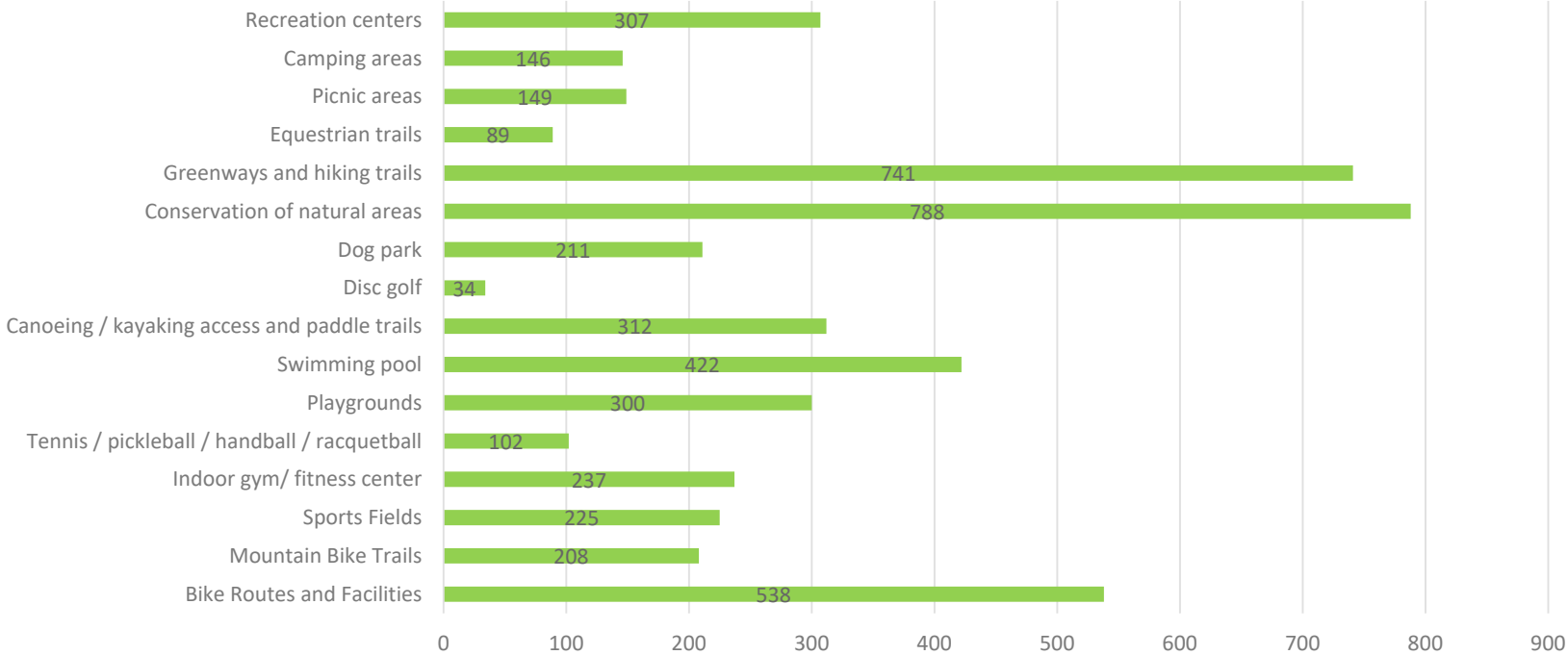
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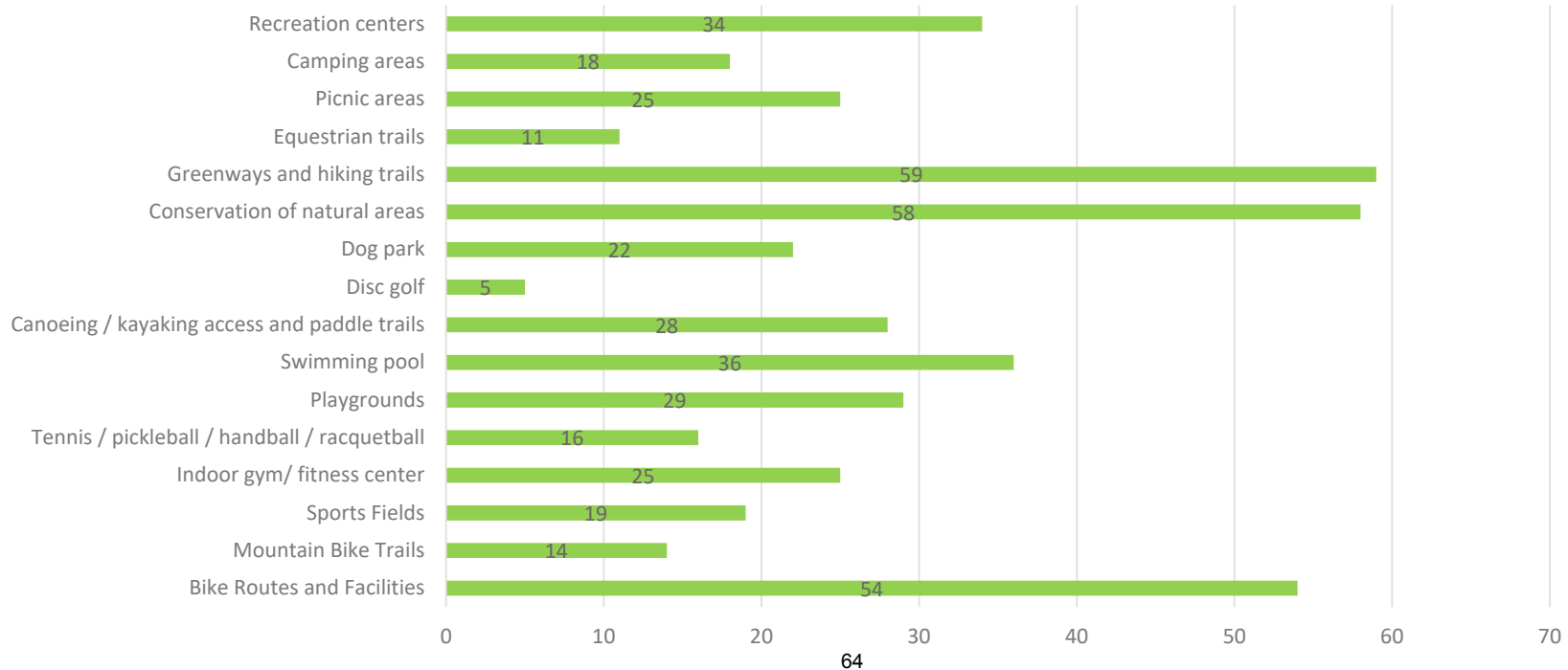
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Total of All Regions



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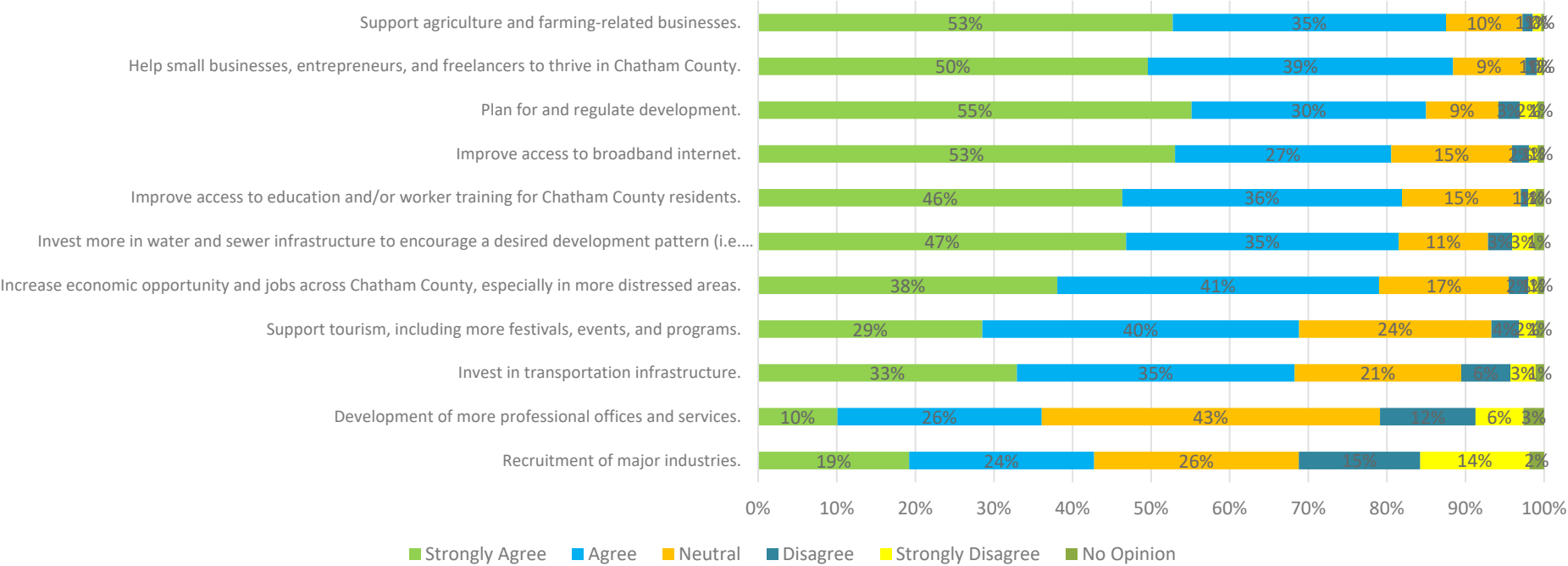
Other (please specify)



Q17: Economic Development Priorities. Level of Agreement: “I would support the dedication of more time and resources to...”

Answered: 1360 Skipped: 309

Level of Agreement



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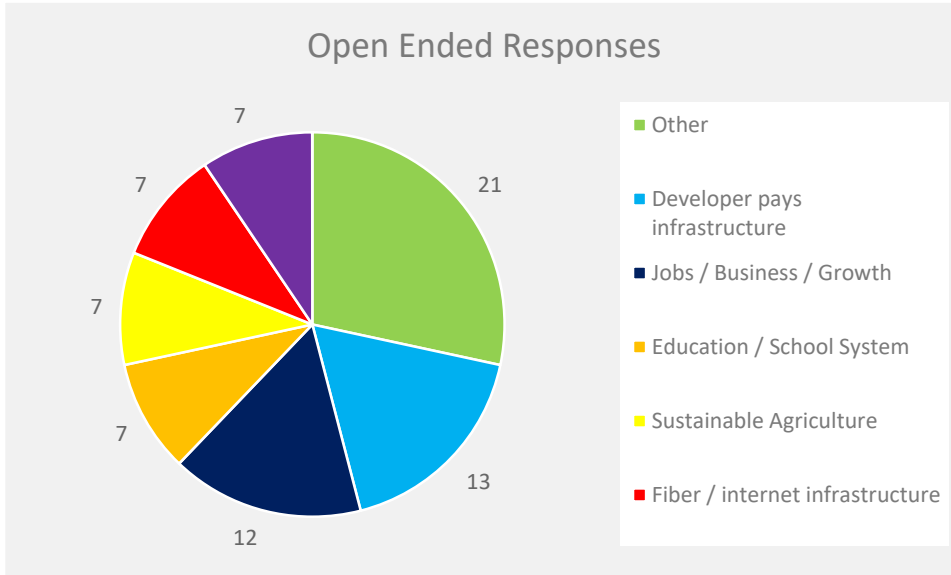
Answered: 910 Skipped: 201

Economic Development Priorities. Level of Agreement: “I would support the dedication of more time and resources to...”

Answer Options	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion	Rating Average	Response Count
Recruitment of major industries.	245	300	332	197	177	24	2.87	1275
Development of more professional offices and services.	126	325	538	152	76	33	2.86	1250
Invest in transportation infrastructure.	421	452	271	80	41	14	2.15	1279
Support tourism, including more festivals, events, and programs.	366	517	314	45	28	13	2.14	1283
Increase economic opportunity and jobs across Chatham County, especially in more distressed areas.	491	528	213	32	15	11	1.90	1290
Invest more in water and sewer infrastructure to encourage a desired development pattern (i.e. enhance the tax base or limit sprawl).	610	452	148	40	36	17	1.84	1303
Improve access to education and/or worker training for Chatham County residents.	594	456	194	12	12	14	1.78	1282
Improve access to broadband internet.	687	356	199	28	14	11	1.73	1295
Plan for and regulate development.	712	385	119	35	29	11	1.70	1291
Help small businesses, entrepreneurs, and freelancers to thrive in Chatham County.	646	506	120	19	8	4	1.66	1303
Support agriculture and farming-related businesses.	689	454	127	17	14	5	1.64	1306
Other (please specify)							71	71
							answered question	1360
							skipped question	309

Q17: Economic Development Priorities. Level of Agreement: “I would support the dedication of more time and resources to...”

Top 5 Open Ended Categories



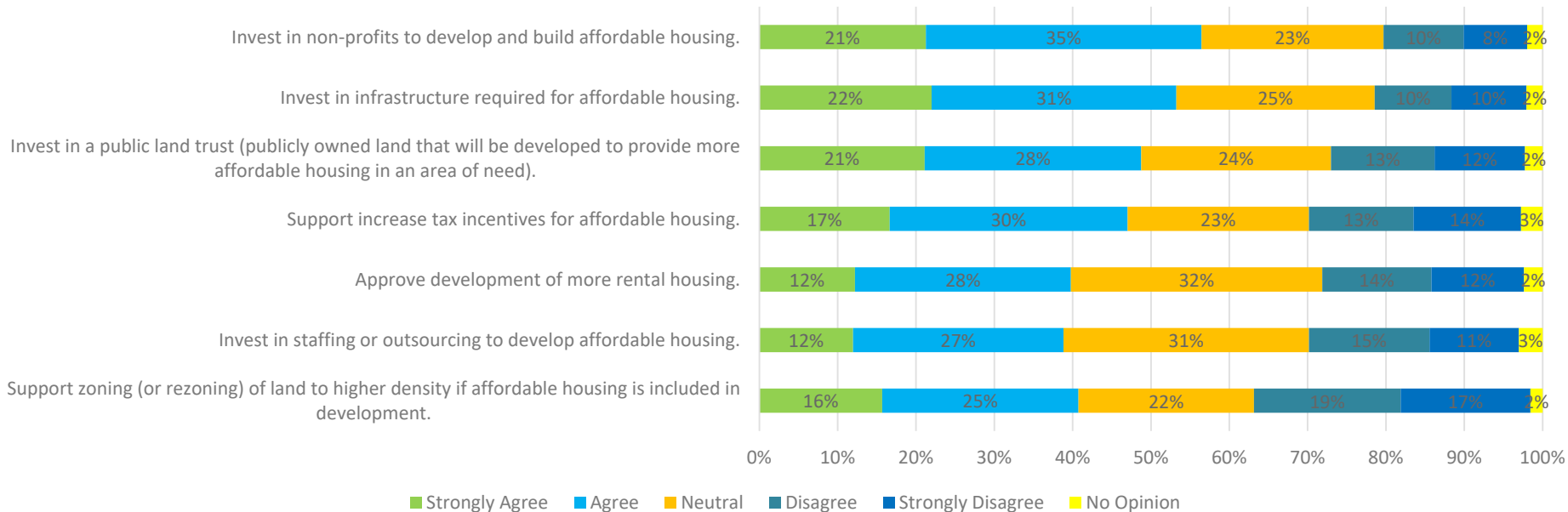
Other includes topics such as:

- Google Fiber / internet infrastructure
- Sustainable agriculture
- Maintain natural, undeveloped areas
- Affordable housing
- Arts
- Minimize big box and chain restaurants
- Provide appropriate setbacks
- Transportation planning
- Strategic plan
- Lower crime

Q18: Affordable Housing Priorities. Affordable housing is housing for which total costs (rent or mortgage plus utilities) are no more than 30% of a household's annual income. Currently 43% of renters and 60% of home owners in Chatham County spend more than 30% on housing costs. Level of Agreement: "I would support the dedication of more time and resources to..."

Answered: 1323 Skipped: 346

Level of Agreement



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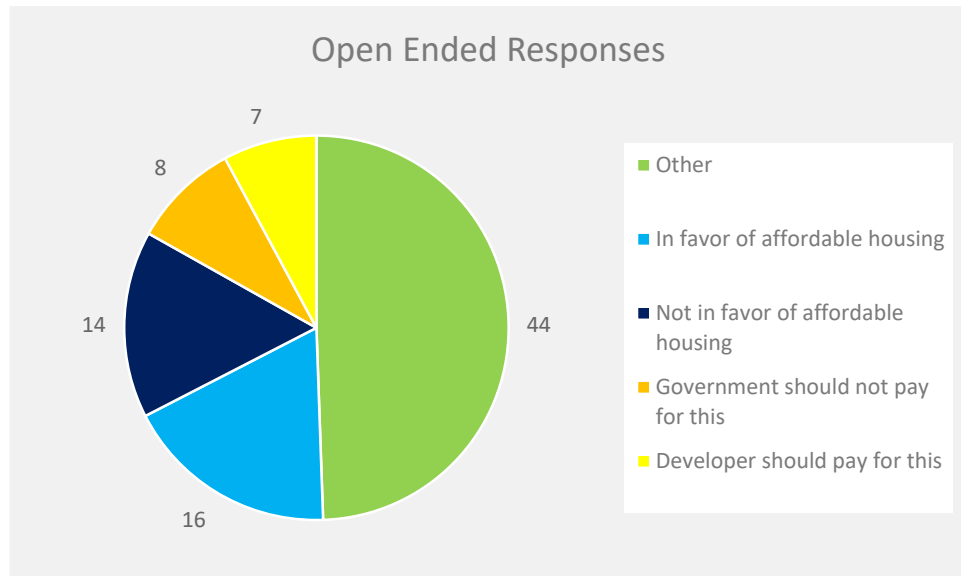
Answered: 882 Skipped: 229

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Answer Options	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	No Opinion	Rating Average	Response Count
Support zoning (or rezoning) of land to higher density if affordable housing is included in development.	201	321	287	240	212	20	3.00	1281
Invest in staffing or outsourcing to develop affordable housing.	150	337	393	193	143	38	2.96	1254
Approve development of more rental housing.	154	348	405	176	149	30	2.93	1262
Support increase tax incentives for affordable housing.	212	387	295	170	175	35	2.85	1274
Invest in a public land trust (publicly owned land that will be developed to provide more affordable housing in an area of need).	271	355	311	170	148	29	2.73	1284
Invest in infrastructure required for affordable housing.	278	395	320	124	121	26	2.60	1264
Invest in non-profits to develop and build affordable housing.	270	447	295	130	103	25	2.55	1270
Other (please specify)							84	84
answered question								1323
skipped question								346

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Top 5 Open Ended Categories



Other includes topics such as:

- Need more information to form an opinion
- Developers should pay for this
- Provide better educational opportunities
- Habitat for Humanity should take care of this
- Government should pay for this
- Churches to develop affordable housing program
- Allocate funding to Siler City; not all of it should go to Pittsboro
- High-density cluster housing

What do you like BEST about living in Chatham County?

- Small town feel
- It's always been home, born in Pittsboro and been here all 46 years !
- The small town atmosphere. I love that we don't have much traffic in Pittsboro. I love the proximity to Jordan Lake, and how even in the busy season and holidays we can still go there without much traffic or people.
- Small town living
- Rural lifestyle, lower taxes.
- Rural healthy environment with very little "dirty" industry
- The rural beauty and small town atmosphere.
- small, rural and artistic nature of the community
- Good people
- Low cost of living combined with access to range of cultural & educational activities in a friendly neighborhood.
- rural character, the diversity of the people, the environmental consciousness, and the co-creative nature of the community. we work together to make things better
- Beauty of area but close to Chapel Hill's offerings
- Easy access to bigger cities but quiet living
- I love the small town feel of Pittsboro, and the lack of multi-lane roads and traffic lights. I love the fact that I don't live I. A place that's wall to wall people, and high volume retail facilities. I love going to the supermarket and always seeing familiar faces.
- friendly neighborhoods
- The people, the arts, and preserving country life.
- Rural, peaceful, low taxes
- It is the best of both worlds-- you have easy access to some more metropolitan areas of the Triangle, while also maintaining some of the rural appearance. It doesn't scream suburbs in the way Cary does, which is a HUGE draw for me.
- Rural beauty, eclectic population
- Sense of community, focus on arts, environment. Robust local food movement.
- rural character; access to local food
- Sense of community, small town feel, neighbors knowing neighbors.
- Rural surroundings
- Carolina Meadows and its proximity to UNC-CH & the airport plus its easy access to the NC beaches and mountains!
- Rural lifestyle yet close to city amenities
- Taxes

- I like the rural characteristics while still being close enough to larger cities.
- Small town atmosphere
- Centrally located in NC. Easy access to mountains and beaches.
- Scenic beauty, recreational activities, affordable housing
- Downtown Pittsboro and the small town feel!
- I like the rural feel while being reasonably close to what a city has to offer.
- Small town feel with people from diverse backgrounds.
- Near airport, higher education, health care, beautiful setting, cultural programs
- Continuing Care Community: Carolina Meadows
- Rural character
- The community in which I live
- Rural setting which seems to be disappearing
- Low taxes
- Rural feel while being close to cities
- People.
- Small town feel
- Lower cost of living
- Everything!
- The people in general are great - diverse, friendly, caring, involved with the community. Also, the location - near many beautiful areas - Jordan Lake, golf courses, rivers, forests, cultural events, and health care. And - the coast and mountains are only a few hours away.
- The people.
- Location to triangle amenities, and access to both mountains and sea. Our farm, the opportunity to buy beautiful inexpensive land, and we built here over the last 33 years. Also the diversity of old and new residents. Community.
- Charm, easy access to Raleigh/Durham/Chapel Hill
- Weird and wonderful and beautiful people.
- The quaint, country living!
- Lots of nature.
- Great for family, lifestyle and cost of living
- Open mindedness and creative expression of most people, along with extensive forests and wild life in general.
- Convenient access to other areas.
- The topography, rivers, and lake.

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- Peaceful rural setting.
- The people
- Pastoral lands and agricultural ties.
- privacy
- The laid back, easy going lifestyle.
- the rural landscape
- We have space for our home and activities our family enjoys. We are close to activities such as the university and museums
- Lots of green spaces and trees.
- It's close location to everything
- I like the friendliness of the people
- The lack of wolves
- I like that I am close enough to major cities but still able to enjoy living on several acres.
- rural setting, small town feel, community
- Rural character near university
- Close to Chapel Hill, Raleigh and Durham; affordable housing
- The beauty of the area, and the interesting, talented people.
- quiet, peaceful and pretty
- Few neighbors
- Beautiful balance of nature and steady growth of population.
- The diversity of it's residents and the natural beauty
- I recently moved to Pittsboro after living in Cary and downtown Raleigh. I am originally from Shelby,NC. In Pittsboro, I adore the beautiful country scenery, small town feel, friendly neighbors, community events, farmland, acres of wildlife habitats along the Haw River, trails to explore the outdoors, less traffic, and not as many cookie cutter neighborhoods.
- The haw river
- the value of housing
- Artistic feel.
- Rural feel
- It's rural character.
- Rural character, no larger cities, small towns within county
- It's rural, but close to big cities and airport.
- Its beauty, history, and rural/small town quality.

- The beauty of it and the small town character (friendliness, down to earth people, etc.)
- Low taxes
- The quiet peaceful environment and respect for nature.
- Small-town atmosphere mixed with a more progressive, engaged citizenry (I can only speak to Pittsboro. I know the other townships vary greatly). Small population, beautiful rural spaces. I like that there's relatively little traffic congestion.
- proximity to cultural activities, restaurants, shopping, but still rural and scenic
- Jordan lake
- Pittsboro is a charming town with unique shops and eateries.
- natural beauty, small town life, the people, affordability, green space, Jordan Lake, Haw River, downtown
- Rural character, lots of arts, crafts and music. doesn't fit cookie-cutter type of community
- Low density population
- Rural atmosphere with close proximity to town
- The beautiful countryside and rural
- The focus on sustainability and creativity.
- Beautiful environment, clean water, clean air, quiet, privacy, and low taxes.
- Near to everything I want and need. Culture, life-long learning and health care.
- Home place
- current administration
- Living in a small town with easy access to Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill
- The mix of rural, village, and access to urban benefits. The artistic nature from potters to painters and sculptures and writers in the area
- Rural living in close proximity to larger towns
- living in the country
- The diversity of the people.
- Diverse population
- small town atmosphere
- It is very beautiful and rural yet progressive .
- Rural character
- community and opportunity for growth
- The growth potential; a chance to be part of the infrastructure as it develops. Maybe have opportunities to help guide the use of space as a resident. I appreciate the lower taxes but understand that in order to accommodate the need for quality education it may be necessary to increase the tax rate.
- relatively rural compared to Triangle, low taxes

- Rural, but still close to the UNC facilities
- Pleasant people, nice climate, low taxes, quality of life.
- adjacent to triangle cities
- Having space and land while having access to the Triangle
- Pittsboro
- It is small and rural.
- Less traffic, small town feeling
- rural living
- I live close to my job.
- Small town feel
- The feeling of community and beautiful area
- Small town feel, close to bigger metro areas, recreational opportunities.
- Close to work at unc
- The safe environment and close to a lot of amenities
- The small town no traffic.
- Low to no traffic
- Close to friends, family, good community to grow up in. River close by and beautiful landscape--trees, not much traffic, peaceful and easy to get outdoors...community college right here and got 2 years cheaper before finishing at university.
- I am here because it is close to my family.
- small town living
- Value of agriculture, rural community
- country setting but minutes to the outer cities
- stars at night, quiet, friendly
- Rural beauty and small town charm
- trees
- community
- Lower taxes
- The small town atmosphere.
- Close enough to everything we need, but not big city. Kids are safe.
- Quiet
- Down home friendly
- Nice family community

- Close community with great family qualities
- Tight knit community full of great people. The opportunity for growth and expansion
- Socioeconomic mix of people
- The small town community feel.
- Clean air, trees, rural character,
- clean water,trees, public education' community college' community,s artistic nature
- Human-scale community
- Rural, small town atmosphere and natural resources well worth preserving in the face of ever mounting pressure to further "develop" the county for purely economic reasons.
- Rural feel, yet close to all necessary medical, shopping, recreational, educational offerings.
- rural environment
- Rural, progressive
- It's relatively cheap
- The diverse culture.
- The natural beauty of this place- Haw River, the Rocky River and large green spaces.
- Rural character. Beauty. My friends and my farm.
- Rural landscape, small towns
- the artist community
- Nothing 10 years ago was great . Now too much traffic, building too fast, hospitals, schools etc can't keep up.
- arts and culture, sense of community
- Plenty of open space and great schools
- quiet peaceful neighborhood, interesting people, easy access to cultural and sports events and excellent health care.
- laid back life style - friendly people
- Rural nature
- Being close to nature, small town life
- Rural life (night sky is Dark!) that is in reasonable distance to many diverse activities and places to go.
- my woods and wetlands and the people.
- I love being close to nature and her beauty. Seeing creatures of all kinds in the yard, the green spaces, and our recreation areas like Jordan lake.
- The beauty of the land.
- Friendly community...people caring about one another
- The people and the cost of living.

- rural, small town character and being close to nature
- Rural character and diversity
- Excellent health care.
- safe communities, clean, close to good health care institutions, warm climate
- Natural surroundings
- Abundant and good quality natural resources
- Small town environment; rural, countryside
- Rural
- Country living, Quaint surroundings.
- The rural character, no big industry.
- rural lifestyle, farm life, community
- rural environment close to Raleigh
- The original agricultural/artisan bent of the county.
- the beauty of the woods and charm of Pittsboro town
- Small town feel, close to almost any needed or desired resource, beautiful outdoor landscapes/scenery, farms, being able to purchase local foods
- It's diversity, friendliness and small-town, ruralness.
- Small town living!
- Choiceso
- Great energy towards local food, great energy towards public health. People are engaged and people care about what goes on in the county. It's a beautiful place to live and it has a lot of potential.
- The rural character and feeling of community
- Quiet and privacy
- mostly quiet and dark at night. I'm all for fewer laws in general, but area light and noise ordinances, especially for businesses, could be desirable going forward.
- The overall beauty of the county so close to the bigger RDU urban center.
- Having a great balance of options for entertainment, food, outdoor activities and educational opportunities.
- Close to Jordan Lake
- Quiet and safe and close to CH
- Jordan Lake, Amberly Village
- Zoning rule that you cannot have single family detached homes on land under a quarter of an acre
- Low taxes; scenic beauty
- In like being close to the conveniences of the city, but having the benefits of rural living

- Rural nature
- Safe area
- Community. Not overgrown.
- Still in Cary Town Limits
- County loving. Low taxes
- Rural environment
- It's small town feel and rural character.
- Close to quality healthcare, cities and great places to work.
- Proximity to work while still being able to be out in "the country."
- Close to Chapel Hill, covenant to airport, county has opportunity to grow and become a destination but county must ACCEPT growth
- Rural feeling of the county
- The unique culture and the people
- Living near beautiful Jordan Lake, seeing deer everywhere, all the trees.
- It feels like the country even though we're only 10 minutes from Chapel Hill city proper.
- The capacity to live so close to nature and yet the easy excess ability of Chapel Hill and Pittsboro. Lower taxes are also important.
- its rural character
- It's convenience to the larger metropolitan area while maintaining a more small-town feel.
- Rural character
- Beauty, friendly people, cost of living.
- Proximity to culture while maintaining charm
- Rural character
- Living in quite neighborhood in a rural setting; less congested roads and clean air; low property taxes.
- Good Access to Triangle, low taxes, Close to Durham and Chapel Hill
- Proximity to triangle culture, dining, health care and airport
- Sense of community & beauty of natural areas
- Rural yet close to medical and educational facilities
- beauty and location
- Access to UNC and Duke campus activities
- The community in Ferrington Village, being close to cultural events, downtown Pittsboro, walking trails
- the cross between urban and rural settings
- the sense of community and well being especially around Pittsboro....overall safety, accessibility to good healthcare and educational activities.

- Low taxes, close access to Chapel Hill
- Low taxes
- Rural character with access to sports, arts, and entertainment opportunities
- The character of the county, the diversity of people-culture-landscape, affordability, development of the arts scene
- close to universities, Raleigh, rtp, hospitals and recreation
- the quiet living with low traffic and the feeling of rural living
- Less crowded and more scenic than neighboring counties. Less traffic. Less pressure for growth.
- Proximity to Chapel Hill~!
- Rural, but close to Chapel Hill, Durham, RTP
- Scenic beauty
- The people
- Quiet, close access to almost everything
- The beauty of the area
- woodlands, rural character
- Governor's club and low taxes
- The lifestyle
- It's generally easy to get anywhere from CC.
- Semi-rural environment, relatively low real estate taxes compared to Orange County/Chapel Hill
- Rural setting and low population density
- Cultural opportunities nearby
- Rural community
- It is growing and improving; becoming more gentrified.
- My local community
- Quiet country feeling
- Country living.
- Lower taxes
- Beauty of my community, neighbors, proximity to cultural activities
- Not heavily developed.
- Lower cost of living than surrounding area, yet close to quality medical care, shopping and entertainment.
- Scenic beauty
- Proximity to the Research Triangle , three major universities, and two major medical facilities.
- rural, non urban lifestyle and environment

- semirural but need major urban areas
- Community- the children's librarians greeting my kids by name. The library offering so many programs. I love the sub sustainable ag programs, the green living initiatives, the natural chef program, the pollinator gardens...I love the mosaics on the buildings downtown and arts in chatham.
- rural character, low taxes
- Convenience to major shopping and medical facilities.
- Friendliness of people
- The land and beauty
- The Governor's Club community
- Proximity to Chapel Hill and the rest of the triangle
- Governors Club
- Close to a lot of things but still rural
- low taxes
- It's growth that I can be a part of and have input on
- Unlimited potential to grow into something that has above average community environment that is not torn by political strife and a steady growth of infrastructure, housing and retail commerce.
- RURAL LIFESTYLE
- Living in a semi rural community, yet having nearby access to healthcare, cultural enrichment, and fine dining.
- The rural aspect of the county.
- Friendly people, very generous spirit
- Growth potential
- beautiful landscape, close to CH, Durham where there is culture and good medical care; relative tax structure to other close by cities
- laid back sophistication
- lower taxes, govt doing less
- proximity to Chapel Hill
- Near Chapel Hill
- Chatham is a beautiful county with diversity in the residents.
- Rural but convenient
- Proximity to Chapel Hill and Durham
- Country atmosphere close to all the necessities
- It's rural character and its close proximity to medical care, cultural and educational opportunities.
- Rural area, closeness to Chapel Hill medical, food and entertainment

- Rural setting
- mild winters
- It is a beautiful rural county
- Clean air and rural atmosphere
- Close to good healthcare. Forested community. Light traffic.
- I don't like it.
- I like Carolina Meadows , where I live. It is an excellent retirement community.
- Space
- Busy and growing community
- Healthcare, Climate and family
- Scenic beauty
- Carolina meadows community and many, many outreach opportunities.
- The community spirit, the fellow musicians and artist and lack of congestion (we moved from Cary after living there 28 years)
- Close to Chapel Hill
- I am 15 min from everything I need
- it is an attractive country side and has Jordan Lake for boating
- It is close to Chapel Hill
- Rural Setting
- Central location in NC. Many outdoor activities. Ease of reaching grocery store.
- rural beauty, access to restaurants and shopping, less traffic
- Rural character and proximity to UNC Hospitals.
- RURAL AND QUIET
- Still maintains rural lifestyle. Retirement center and health care.
- Caring and thoughtful people.
- Close to my job
- The community of people
- The beauty and space and general 'fits all purposes' nature of the County.
- Rural character and small town atmosphere with great people.
- Beautiful
- Community spirit, citizens taking ownership of the community
- Small town where everyone is connected.
- The Haw river and our woods and streams.

- No traffic. Everything is affordable. People are nice. Close to chapel hill and carrboro. Biking is great
- somewhat rural but with amenities we need
- Welcoming atmosphere and scenic greenery
- Convience
- Best of both worlds. Close to natural resources, Jordan Lake, hiking and biking. Access to world-class educational institutions, their related medical facilities and other cultural offerings. We love it here!
- There are many like-minded citizens, our children live nearby, and medical care in the area is excellent.
- Chatham County has very friendly and hard working people who are concerned about the welfare of others in the county
- Neighbors
- Natural beauty, farms, parks, and people
- I love rural Chatham county.
- Rural character
- Peaceful, quiet, urban. Used to be minimal traffic, noise and lights. I enjoy nature and solitude
- It is peaceful and spacious
- Openness of County Government.
- Rural atmosphere
- Rural, yet close to Chapel Hill
- living in the woods, walking or driving up and down the hills either forested or pastured, driving over the Haw River and seeing the braided land and water
- Rural character, trees, beauty of the Haw River, small-town feel of Pittsboro.
- Great commissioners!!
- Rural attitude
- Small town feel. Love living in the rural setting.
- Central location to surrounding counties and activities without the crowding of suburbia and urban cities.
- Nice neighborhood near Chapel Hill and RTP. Less traffic than Cary, Raleigh.
- Quality of life.
- The community and the current High School Principal.
- Natural beauty.
- Natural beauty
- We could afford to buy the property we had dreamed of owning, great place to raise our kids, less regulation
- The rural character, and the friendliness and approachability of people that comes with living in a close-knit community.

- The quiet feel with the access to a lot of surrounding amenities relatively close.
- common sense local government (although I am getting worried that this seems to be going away in the last year or two).
- The rural nature and open spaces.
- History, Progressive, CREATIVE community
- beautiful, good government, growth and development
- Enjoy the people, the growth is controlled, schools are important
- Proximity to amenities and the people.
- Small town community but close enough to the big cities and retail shopping
- The countryside and people. A real down home feel and non-pretentious simplicity. The LACK of it being built up and love the local farms.
- The diversity of the people
- Pretty. Rural feel and yet accessible to cultural activities of more urban areas
- It's not orange county taxes
- access to chapel hill
- The beauty and relatively unspoiled nature of the area, especially around the Haw - yet accessible to so many recreational and cultural activities.
- beautiful place to live, friendly (mostly), smaller community
- Beauty and character
- less urban
- Rural Character!
- Beauty of natural resources and rural character
- Cost of living affordable
- Rural
- Varied natural environment.
- Rural area
- Rural setting and tree and woods
- Proximity to Chapel Hill
- Rural small town/community feel
- Rural character yet close to amenities.
- rural, small town feeling
- Low taxes vs. Orange County County administration that works to control spending and tax rate
- Rural areas, beauty of the county. Small town atmosphere when my kids were young.
- Trees. Undeveloped land. Trees. Lots of flowers and grass. Trees. Wildlife. Trees. :-)

- rural yet progressive area with a focus on sustainable farming and the arts
- enriching, diverse environment, full of a wide variety of people
- Sense of community in Fearington and Galloway Ridge.
- Rural nature but close to urban centers
- Rural and sophisticated
- lower taxes; within 30-45 minutes of many needs not currently served locally;
- Rural landscape and privacy/large lots. Also love the unique and independent people who live here!
- The beauty and peace. Convenience of college games, restaurants, taxes and lake. Please keep it clean!
- Natural Resources and Open Conservation Space
- We love the rural, scenic quality while also being very close to Chapel Hill and the Triangle.
- Proximity to nature; low taxes; less traffic than Wake and Orange.
- Fearington Village
- Jordan Lake, wildlife
- Our Big Woods neighborhood where we have peace and quiet, safety and a big lot on which we can keep our horses. Also lack of traffic (although seeing disturbing increase), some progressive thinking people, and convenient location to husband's job and other places around Triangle
- proximity to UNC, trees, low taxes
- Close to nature yet close to RTP
- Safe, low crime, low taxes, living in the country
- An oasis that's near the noise of Raleigh, Durham, Cary, and Chapel Hill.
- Small towns, southern lifestyle, access to great hospitals, entertainment opportunities
- The rural nature of the county and the feeling of community be it neighbors, artisans, local business owners, or food producers - we care about each other.
- Relaxed pace in life.
- Lower taxes
- Rural, scenic, natural area and still within distance of jobs and services
- Rural feel with suburban/urban conveniences and activities
- Close enough to entertainment but still quite and rural.
- The beautiful rural landscape with the chance for responsible urban growth to happen
- Larger private lots, with surrounding forest; minimal vehicular traffic ; minimal unsightly commercialism ; proximity to CH, Raleigh , Durham
- Rural Character
- Quality of neighborhood.
- The relaxed atmosphere and little to no congestion

- Lower tax rate
- Natural. Low urban sprawl.
- Suitable housing, proximity to UNC and Duke, pleasant surroundings, moderate taxes.
- Good community feel. Lots of varied lifestyles and opinions, but good, friendly, helpful and caring people from all backgrounds.
- the peaceful setting
- rural; small town charm of Pittsboro; access to recreation via Haw River and Jordan Lake
- Affordability; proximity to healthcare, jobs, restaurants, and cultural/artistic events; planning and zoning with the future in mind
- Fearington village
- We like our community (Fearington Village)
- Friendly people
- rural small town feel
- Great people and beautiful countryside
- Jordan Lake
- The wildlife and access to trails
- The people of the Governors Village Neighborhood.
- Rural character
- A bit laid back and affordable.
- quiet, safe
- It has everything!
- Rural feel
- Rural character, sense of community, easy access to open spaces, hiking/cycling opportunities
- Affordability
- Central to Triangle, UNC Hospitals, RDU, etc.
- Beautiful rural character and close enough to Chapel Hill and Durham to enjoy what each of those towns have to offer.
- It is not too crowded.
- Nature trails and my affordable home
- The people
- Higher standard of living
- Friendly people
- Rural
- Rural, quiet

- Rural setting.
- Simple lifestyle
- The people and the peaceful beauty
- Nature and environment
- nature and small town feel (pittsboro is awesome)
- Close and diverse community
- nice safe, a small community, a neighborhood feel. low taxes and affordable housing, beautiful setting.
- The people. The arts and farming culture. The diversity of rural people and urban transplants living side by side. the affordability. The natural beauty.
- Country, relaxed/casual lifestyle; friendly/good people.
- Location and that I live in a small town.
- Relaxed atmosphere
- I like having local produce available because farmers are not squeezed out.
- Rural character, its beauty and its people - mostly the caring nature of people and willingness to help others
- Not very crowded
- Rural character of the community and how everyone gets along
- Beautiful place to live
- Land
- Diversity
- Rural flaRe with lake but close proximity to cities
- Space and views
- Safe
- Rural setting and quiet environment.
- It's rural character
- Rural character/wild areas.
- The people and natural surroundings
- Rural, but close to necessary healthcare and resources
- Natural beauty of the County, clean air, improving water, interested citizens of diverse backgrounds including artisans, organic farmers and those with a progressive vision.
- ACCESSIBILITY TO NEEDS & LIFESTYLE.
- Up to now it hasn't been super crowded.
- Not crowded
- Diverse people with diverse activities and interests

- Proximity to things while still being calmed, less crowded and having less traffic.
- I like the low population density and rural character, yet the proximity to larger cities
- Less people, less traffic, country/rural life
- Communities that embrace diversity.
- small town feel, yet close to everything
- Jordan Lake recreational areas.
- Quiet
- Close to my job at UNC and affordable.
- The feeling of community and history
- Rural environemnt
- Nature. Trees!!! Not covered in suburban sprawl. Sense of community.
- Rural character.
- Low taxes, less traffic, rural setting
- The rural character
- Where I live -- Fearrington Village -- is a perfect blend of educated people in a semi-rural setting. Chatham County is close to large urban centers, but is itself rural.
- The rural lifestyle.
- Rural character
- Low taxes and close to Chapel Hill and Durham and dual language program offered in schools
- Rural character.
- Many areas, including where I live, have a rural feel - open spaces, large lots, spread between homes, lots of greenery - yet we are within easy reach of several towns with restaurants & entertainment of interest. I *hate* the look of developments with small lots, close homes, clear-cut land, and cookie-cutter homes. There is very little of that in Chatham.
- Quiet
- Scenery
- The beauty and rural nature, the many people with like values.
- Cleanlines, friendly, environment.
- Rural and tranquil
- Many low density developments with forest ecosystems still in place. Growing business environment.
- Access to cultural resources in research triangle.
- Peaceful, safe environment
- Rural setting
- Rural character and friendly people.

- The rural lifestyle with accessibility to all amenities.
- Rural yet close to everything
- rural environment and scenic beauty
- affordable housing close to UNC, Chapel Hill and Carborro.
- I love the fact that Chatham County has so many diverse people, and income levels. I also love the fact that within minutes I can be in the center of a city or out in the middle of the country.
- Proximity to other areas I like in Orange, Durham, and Wake Counties.
- The people of chatham county are wonderfu.
- Connection to nature
- beautiful country and great neighbors
- Rural nature of the county but with easy access to urban resources.
- Northeast Chatham has a great mix of scenery / nature, culture, convenience to shopping & food, and affordability.
- Low tax rate
- Open spaces
- Low cost of living; affordable real estate with large lots; low taxes; quiet and peaceful environment; open space and land; one of the areas closest in to RTP that is not over-developed; good schools (not hyper-competitive like Chapel Hill, not overcrowded like Wake); friendly people; fiscally responsible conservative government.
- What is there not to like? It is beautiful and has very nice and diverse people!
- Quiet, peaceful, safe.
- the people
- relaxed, friendly environment
- I like that I can have a beautiful house for less money than in Chapel Hill. I also like living next to Jordan Lake.
- The quality of life, ease of access to health care, cultural events and programs at UNC, Duke, DPAC.
- Until the last five or so years, the absence of cookie-cutter subdivisions outside of town limits.
- Opportunity to farm while having access to good jobs and education
- rural character- also the people.
- Rural character but close to other municipalities in the Triangle region
- Privacy of living on several acres of land.
- I like Chatham County's rural culture with sustainability consciousness.
- green technology
- The opportunity to live in a more rural, secluded spot while still having access to doctors, shops, cultural and recreational activities, etc.

- natural setting
- Rural beautiful environment
- The opportunity to live in a wooded rural area away from the "big city" while being able to work in Raleigh. I also appreciate the somewhat lower cost of living.
- Forests and rivers
- Housing and land are more affordable compared to Raleigh...Enjoy the open space and rural nature.
- Quiet, low population
- Rural character, but close to Chapel Hill/Durham
- Some people here have progressive ideas as opposed to none in the majority of rural NC.
- Small communities and knowing neighbors.
- Proximity to healthcare and cultural activities
- The people.
- Rural character and people
- Scenic, rural character; small town atmosphere
- Rural character. Lots of woods. Strong eco-community.
- Proximity to services - healthcare, air travel, entertainment
- Rural character, proximity to Jordan Lake and the Haw River. Number of local farms.
- Our home. Neighbors. Opportunities to volunteer.
- country feel
- The wooded, rural countryside
- The neighbors and neighborhood of Governors Park and Governors Village more generally
- close to my family, but not too far to beach and mountains
- Rural character and scenic beauty
- Living among a lot of trees, privacy and no street lights. Love the night time star views and access to Jordan Lake
- Location
- close to services, cultural events & 1/2 way to mt. & coast
- The character of the land -- rural, forested, natural, and it's people -- friendly, eclectic, educated, and environmental minded.
- The beautiful scenery; proximity to NC's cities, including access to cultural events and hospitals; the variety of the people in Pittsboro; the many farmers' markets
- Rural character with easy access to urban centers of Raleigh Durham and Chapel hill
- Natural/wild areas, good people, restaurants, clean environment
- The beauty around us. The wonderful, friendly people.

- It's country character. It's away from the crowds of the Triangle area.
- Small hometown feeling of knowing almost everyone I see!
- Small Community
- Having the ability to farm the land my grandfather & father have before me.
- When Chatham County seemed to care about supporting small businesses and the fact there are/were a lot of un-zoned property!
- Close to my family
- Low taxes
- Country Living
- The diversity of its people: young to retired, varied occupations and interests
- it's home
- Rural, we love being surrounded by farms and land.
- convenience of everything
- The size
- Getting away from the city, moved here for that.
- Central location of NC
- Being out of town away from big development and traffic.
- I can experience the rural life style that I want while being relatively close to modern amenities.
- I feel like I belong.
- Rural character. No traffic congestion.
- Rural landscape - forests
- Family
- rural quality
- Rural areas near employment centers
- Country, "small town" atmosphere
- weather--we don't get as many destructive storms in Siler as Greensboro.
- Less traffic
- My family's history. We've been in the county since the early 1800s- I love the fact that one of the family's first farms is still actively being farmed, and I love that I'm related distantly to probably half of the citizens of Chatham who also have roots in the county.
- Safe community
- able to have community and raise our family here
- Community. Peace & quiet. Rivers. Nature.
- Rural, beautiful forests and rivers, great community and small towns

- the rural character and people
- The Safe and Small town atmosphere
- Local character friendliness and closeness of the community
- Its proximity to many other cities that are more urban and have more opportunities.
- The "small" feel to our life and the scenic beauty around us all.
- Rural character and farms.
- Rural character and beauty; numerous residents interested in self-sustenance, local artists, accessibility to cultural events, sense of community.
- Being able to farm and living in a rural area. (woody store road)
- beauty, clean air
- I like the beautiful farms and wild places
- The peace and quiet along with no crowding.
- Freedom to do what I want on my property.
- open rural many functioning farms people who love living on the land
- People
- The rural character, with easy access to the Triangle
- I love the trees, rivers, natural areas, people, arts, small town feel, farms, community...
- The small town rural character and it's unique flavor
- Rural character, undeveloped and agricultural land. Community of people who care deeply about the environment.
- It's rural. It's not zoned. It's quiet.
- I love The nature of Silk Hope. I love the prospect of guiding our lifestyle here. Grassroots efforts at everything. Flexibility regarding farming, cohousing.
- i feel safe here.
- Friendliness of the people
- minimal traffic
- its rural, its quiet, we can run our tractors
- How beautiful and green it is, my friends have homes and farms, Haw River swimming, small town of Pittsboro--no parking meters. Southerners and others who are courteous, traffic is not difficult, horse pastures and woods, sustainable agriculture, proximity to Chapel Hill;being able to afford my home on social security and few years of pension...music and summer Bynum music and Jordan Lake; walking trails; dancing at City Tap; fun and educated people; Haw River Assembly; TLC and White Pines. Arts classes; community college in town. McIntyre's book readings and writers opportunities. My community of yoga friends
- agricultural areas, slower pace of life, low traffic congestion, trees and natural areas, land not covered in houses and commercial properties
- know our neighbors

- No noise no traffic good neighbors
- Lower house market
- Being so close to rural areas/farm land
- Low taxes, great neighborhood
- Scenic areas
- Country charm but close to city
- Affordable housing
- the quiet can beauty of the countryside in combination with proximity of Chapel Hill
- it's rural qualities
- easy living, low taxes and a growing area
- the people and the mix of rural and urban
- Safety
- It's peaceful
- Access to larger metropolitan area and small town feel.
- Both the seclusion and the convince to more developed areas
- Friendly, clean, calm, bucolic, fine access to CH, Durham and rest of the Triangle, healthcare (Duke UNC), taxes low, Governors Club
- Carolina Meadows
- TALENTED ARTISTIC COMMUNITY UNC, DUKE HOSPITALS ARE NEARBY GREAT RESTAURANTS, GREAT CULTURAL EVENTS AND MUSEUMS READILY AVAILABLE
- Proximity to UNC and living in a quiet and safe community.
- rural area
- Beauty
- The facility where I live provides long term care for the elderly. It also provides a security car which makes its rounds daily and nightly past the villas and living facilities. If you phone and request help or repair of something broken someone comes.
- Close to Chapel Hill/Triangle but lots of outdoor activity, such as Jordan Lake.
- Close to hospitals and other facilities
- The fact that it's part of the Triangle ... proximity to two great universities and associated population characteristics rank high with me
- cost of living, access to Chapel Hill
- nice place to walk
- Work opportunities
- Community, natural beauty, local Economy, small town Pittsboro, charm, no big ag, small farms.

- The rural aspect of the county.
- The natural setting and sense of community
- It has a unique natural beauty and maintains a small town neighborly feel. It is convenient to cultural attractions but removed enough to provide a rural lifestyle defined by its natural setting. It is managing to survive as a mixture of old school agrarian attitudes and new age mindsets.
- Diversity, Community, good government
- Rural character
- Country living
- Excellent healthcare and wonderful friends.
- Future opportunities
- Rural character, low key lifestyle, freedom to have livestock, organic garden
- The people... small town feel... beautiful landscapes and waterways... quaint and artsy
- N/A
- Beauty of area
- Family Property
- Freedom from excessive government regulations and taxes
- rural character
- Community, lots to do nearby.
- The rural nature and lack of major traffic problems
- The rural atmosphere with close proximity to needs.
- The people
- Access to highways. Very convenient to get around
- Rural feel, but close to urban centers
- friendly communities
- The diversity of people
- From working here I love that it is a small town and the traffic is very light.
- Available arts and woods and access to farmer's markets.
- Affordable living and scenic beauty
- rural character
- The beauty of the rural setting and the small town communities.
- I will sell the property that I have asap. I am no longer represented in Chatham County.
- N/A
- Small town feel

- rural character yet close enough to regularly visit 3 cities.
- I like the quiet, Jordan Lake, and the arts scene in Pittsboro
- Peace and quiet.
- community
- Very little traffic.
- rural lifestyle
- Rural
- Beautiful rural area , yet Pittsboro offers good food and community if I want it.
- Country atmosphere, low taxes
- True rural character yet very close to Chapel Hill, Durham, and Raleigh where healthcare, educational, and cultural opportunities abound. "Close, yet so far away in feel."
- Friendly, safe community
- Community / Family feel.
- I have a yard/nature.
- Open-Ended Response
- The beauty, the farmland, and the low density population.
- Our neighborhood and being close to Chapel Hill.
- Rural living
- Quality of Life - including the responsible governance of County boards and officials - managed economic development and growth - prudent financial management
- Open spaces
- proximity to education and cultural events
- location to major town
- Familiarity
- Small communities country living
- The engaged, active community and focus on sustainability.
- the quirky, artistic, kind, loving, fun, articulate, interesting PEOPLE!
- "Rural" lifestyle close to urban employment centers. Sense of community.
- Rural scenic beauty, small town lifestyle
- It's not CARY, Apex or any other transplant farm!!!!
- I'm from Chatham - so is my family as far back as you want to go, deep roots here
- small population but well rounded and versed
- neighbors.

- It is just close enough to Chapel Hill, Raleigh, etc., but still had the beautiful terrain and low-key lifestyle and living.
- Living in the Preserve
- Scenery and little traffic
- The rural character, no traffic, good schools.
- Rural country life , no restrictions , no urban sprawl
- The progressive and thoughtful attitude of the people here.
- Peacefulness/relaxing ambiance
- The rural character and landscape.
- Small town atmosphere. Can go to stores or activities and know folks. Connections.
- rural beauty
- country living
- Rural Character of the area
- 20 acres in the country along the Rocky River
- Rural
- Family and rural community
- Living in the country where we can grow our own food, hunt and fish. Enjoying wildlife, the stars at night, and good country friends who support each other. Nothing like living in the city!
- Easy to get around no big hwys
- The people
- Nature
- living in a rural setting
- Friendly people. Pretty surroundings.
- Location.....centrally located between major population areas and various recreational locations (mountains/beach)
- family
- rural
- Family
- Living close to family and I was born here.
- Rural
- Environment- county life - closeness
- Rural character
- I like the rural areas I like going outside and not hearing a lot of traffic and noise.

- I love the small school setting on our side of the county. Students are challenged to reach their goals and have the opportunity to have one on one attention when needed. I also like the calmness of the rural setting with the accommodations of "town" near by.
- Rural environment.
- Rural area. Little congestion and traffic
- Rural
- Rural Communities still exist; Presence of Agriculture; Close Proximity to Large Cities.
- Its's scenic beauty and rich history.
- I like living in southwest Chatham because it is a quiet, rural area.
- My home being on family land and my family is all here!
- My family is close
- Family farming/lifestyle
- My home and family and friends
- Affordable housing near family
- That it is turning into a destination area with its growth in organic farms, wineries and arts.
- The people who have lived there for generations
- The rural atmosphere and attitudes.
- Rural lifestyle
- My entire family is here. We have owned the land we live on for 200 years. It is home.
- natural areas
- Rural community, close ties to family and friends
- Rural area with lots of farms, woods, and wildlife
- Rural beauty and close connections to local farmers and small business owners (e.g., Vinos, 580 craft beer, The mod).
- Livestyle
- Rural setting and Scenery, small communities with friendly ties, small family owned business's
- It's a good place to live
- The central location and the hometown fell.
- The character of her people, the rural nature of the western side of the county is very appealing. A very laid - back lifestyle.
- I used to love it. No traffic. Low cost of food and electric. Now it has completely changed and the government is taking to much money from us to even live.
- The rural lifestyle without a govement telling you what you can and can not do on your own land
- Rural. Low taxes.

- Rural atmosphere
- The agricultural areas that provide Chatham with beauty, the small business atmosphere, friendly people...
- Rural character, open spaces
- Low taxes, affordable housing, small town size, open space
- We do not have the high traffic volume as surrounding counties seem to have. We do not have high violent crime issues.
- agricultural region and income production from such.
- Diversity. We have rich and poor, young and old. We were given a chance for home ownership by being able to build out own home on land we purchased.
- Not too big
- quiet
- Have been here my whole life. It's home! Still have family living here. Roots planted deep in the clay soil.
- freedom I live in an unzoned area
- the rural nature of the county
- The rural lifestyle, small business, arts, pottery, sustainable living. We are a very unique and special county!
- Rural farming community
- It's rural.
- People live in Chatham for a reason: it is the polar opposite of Cary, NC Friendly, quiet native North Carolinians. Lack of development, traffic, light pollution, noise pollution.
- Close knit community
- hvggd
- small town feel

What would you like to CHANGE about living in Chatham County?

- Quit trying to be chapel hill, keep it rural
- More restaurants
- There is nothing in Pittsboro, you have to drive to Cary, Raleigh or Burlington to shops, movies and for most part "dinner". Yes the "country" setting is nice but it's time for change, move ahead.
- I'd like to have a Harris Teeter or Lowes foods in town. I'd like better restaurants as well. More, and better quality, community events and programs.
- Growth
- Chatham Park. Not having it happen.
- Better land controls to protect forests and watershed
- The price of real estate and rental properties. It's too expensive to live in the eastern half of the county.
- more services , espl for children and elderly
- community pools needed
- Traffic issues.
- reinstate bus lines through out.
- Unrestricted growth--we need zoning and strict enforcement.
- more job opportunities
- I moved HERE to change my lifestyle, so not much.
- To stop developers from putting housing where it is not supported by public facilities. To preserve the farming.
- More restaurants (independent)
- I wish we had some kind of county-wide recycling and/or trash collection like Orange has.
- Restaurants open on Saturday and Sunday nights; shops open on Sunday afternoons; ice cream shop that's open at night like after ball games
- More programming for youth is needed along with mass transportation
- more economic opportunities
- More job opportunities for the citizens of Chatham, less need to travel out of county to work, which should encourage more local shopping.
- Better roads
- I just want to very nice grocery store, like a new Harris Tetter or Wegmans
- Nothing. It fits an old (94) man's needs very well!
- More shopping.
- Water qualu
- Nothing comes to mind.
- Stop urban growth
- Property taxes seem to be sharply rising. Too many subdivisions going in. Of great concern that huge one going in near Moncure. Overload for roads, water system, removal of trees to make way for big houses. Just too many houses to be built. How will the school system handle this many people/ children?
- Less congested traffic along 15-501; more available dining options without having to travel to Chapel Hill.
- Better k-12 schools
- I would like to moderate the impending growth to make certain that sufficient infrastructure is in place.
- More welcoming to people from diverse backgrounds, especially first and second generation chathamites.
- I would like to see more quality development. Nice restaurants, planned neighborhoods, shops, gas stations
- access to more options for play and shopping
- less developments
- Need more restaurants. Closer to everything
- Better public transportation

- Raise our self-image. We are not a suburb of Chapel Hill / Carrboro.
- Nothing
- Have more job opportunities
- More public transportation.
- Public transportation to Carolina Meadows
- I think, for example, the towns of Pittsboro and Siler City have a lot more potential. (I don't know Goldston enough to comment). See other NC towns like West Jefferson and Blowing Rock. Appearance and attention to detail is very important - like overall street and sidewalk construction and maintenance, no litter, storefront attractiveness, benches, gardens, picnic areas, fountains, attractive refuse containers and signs, and ZONING (as now proposed by the County Commissioners).
- More infrastructure.
- The coal ash horror and our state government's arrogance and greed related to treating our environment and clean water carelessly.
- Quality of public education; communities should support and promote education
- Political divisiveness and animosity.
- I would like to see more restaurants come Starbucks, Chic Flia. And more stores.
- Too much traffic downtown, teacher pay is terrible. Too many wankers. It's hot as fuck.
- Nothing, but growth will come
- Stop Chatham Park...stone cold dead.
- More professional level jobs within Chatham county
- Build a green way connecting downtown Pittsboro to the Haw river at the 64 bridge.
- Fewer regulations, less government
- Already planned residential and commercial growth pace is way too large and fast.
- Most of the new commissioners are not from here, and seem to want to change things which are not in the best interest of the majority, and most feel like if you don't like it the way it is, move back to where you came here from.
- More attention given to the town and county parks. Long-time residents don't even know they exist.
- local jobs would be nice
- Parking downtown and the main street sidewalks.
- what seems to be uncontrolled - and sometimes unregulated planning - growth attributed to many commercial and mixed-use projects
- I would increase taxes and improve education and opportunities for students.
- Better restaurant selection.
- Democrats dislike of Republicans
- Too expensive, water rates are astronomical, taxes too high, do not like plans to zone the whole country, not fair to rural land owners
- Would like for people to be on board with growth instead of fighting against it.
- even fewer wolves
- I would like longer walking trails near the Haw River and a CLEAN Haw River.
- more eating establishments
- More sidewalks and bike lanes
- Would love light rail that connected us to cities within the Triangle; more opportunities for small businesses to build and grow, especially restaurants and retail.
- Nothing
- that over large development that will swamp the little town of Pittsboro and the over building and tree removal
- Less neighbors
- Remove the graffiti from the Bynum bridge.
- Better transportation for seniors
- Events to prosper the school system and give back to families in need.

- More quality restaurants
- more restaurants and not having to spend my money outside of chatham co like groceries, clothing, auto, restaurants
- More county/city support for the arts.
- more jobs
- A planned Pittsboro and a recovered Siler City. Both these towns need a lot of improvement in their infrastructure, community-based businesses, and open spaces for people to come and use and have a community feeling and interaction.
- Confine growth to existing planned areas within county (northeast, east).
- More parking downtown.
- Less emphasis on trying to be Wake County Jr. and decreased Agenda 21/ICLEI infatuation. SLOW DOWN THE ZONING PROCESS.
- stop destroying it's beauty with all the building
- More transparent government
- The creation of a performance space that attracted a variety of art and artists.
- I would like our downtown to have better infrastructure to make sure it isn't overshadowed by new development. I hope it remains the heart of the community. I would like more kid-specific public parks (maybe even a better pool or splash park). I live off of Hwy 87 and would LOVE for it not to be a major 18-wheeler cut-through. Very personal, but I would also like a Catholic church in Pittsboro that echoes the progressive community vibe in many other churches in the area.
- Reduce friction in local politics between people
- More entertainment... theater, cultural events, and more recreational activities... parks, greenways, greater Jordan lake access points and trail systems, biking trails throughout the county, especially into and out of Pittsboro.
- Fix up downtown, bring more merchants downtown, utilize Chatham Mill as an entertainment complex, clean up Jordan L and Haw R
- more recreation for kids in north chatham and pittsboro, like how about a public pool??? or a theater????
- better internet
- People moving in cookie cutter developments
- Slow or limit sprawl
- The number of invasive species. All autumn olive, honeysuckle, tree of heaven, and stilt grass GONE.
- More entertainment venues (e.g., movie theater, fine arts) needed here.
- 2 lane rural roads with bicycle riders and too much traffic--dangerous.
- Better land management by our leaders. Take better care of local people and business owners.
- the enormity of growth and the negative impacts it is having and will have on maintaining a healthy environment
- Improve quality public education. Some forward thinking about traffic congestion and some sort of plan to encourage light transit and connections with Durham, Chapel Hill, Cary, and the airport. Connect parts of Chatham County with other urban and urbanizing centers.
- Only homes more than \$300,000 are being built; need more houses for sale that families with a total income of less than \$75,000 can afford (in eastern ChatCo)
- less government trying to tell us what we can do with our land
- More public transportation available throughout the county, not just Chapel Hill.
- Public transit
- I feel a bit removed from the general shopping, healthcare and employment areas of chapel hill
- more high income jobs, interconnected trail system, less growth without massive
- better water quality and land usage protections and improved schools. Also improved public transportation
- Don't grow too fast without infrastructure planning.
- more emphasis on environmental planning
- Good planning for growth and continued school improvement
- Cost of living is very high

- Public transportation would be nice.
- More shopping so I don't spend dollars outside chatham (always going to cary for groceries and clothes)
- tax rate and people's attitudes
- More shopping
- more access to larger stores and more restaurants
- Job opportunities
- Needs a target
- More grocery and retail stores
- Nothing
- More jobs and affordable housing for generation under forty without sacrificing rural character
- I wish it wasn't so far to shop or eat or even to get my kids to interesting summer camps. I also very much wish the community were more welcoming to newcomers. Natives talk about the friendliness of hte community, but I haven't experienced it.
- Ensure that we don't turn into Cary (or a bedroom community)
- nothing
- local jobs would be helpful
- Better school funding and support
- less traffic
- Less opinions moving in about how they did it from where ever they came from
- Shopping/dining get not so far away
- More local jobs, most of CC drive to Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill for jobs.
- Improve water quality and emphasis on water resources.
- More walking trails More parks More arts education Better funded Library
- Jobs and affordable housing, youth activities
- Housing costs
- Traffic more schools , daycares, maybe a community center for teens
- More sport opportunities for kids in our schools. All grades!
- More jobs, more conveniences like resturaunts and retail
- Middle school sports opportunities. Only county without football and need to have more teams. Too many kids getting cut at that age
- More emphasis on public education, better water way protection, more development rules and regulations.
- Put back the trees they,ve chopped down, Too many people now but nothing to do about that, more emphasis on education, restore clean waterways the republicans are taking away
- Would like slower growth, so community is not lost.
- The onslaught of "development" that threatens to destroy the amenities that drew me to Chatham County in the first place.
- The growth of development and clearcutting.
- nothing
- Slow development. More large scale public hiking/forests.
- Would like Chatham County to be MUCH more flexible, accommodating, understanding, liberal,
- More entertainment selections... Ethnic food, movie theaters, comic book shops
- I would love to see some far forward thinking. In the future (and already) much of NC will lose what Chatham has now. The vast green area of our county is going away and we will not be able to get it back. More green spaces need preserving in and around the towns now for future use by a growing population. Truly special places like Terrell's Creek should not be subject to development.
- More community support and activities.
- Better water quality protections. More small business opportunities.
- less rancor between east and west

- lack of vision and/or follow-through on the part of political leaders
- Nothing
- traffic control
- conservative gov't
- Easier access to the north
- More cultural activities - movie theater
- Income inequality of residents. The county is a perfect poster for the haves and the have not. Big homes and mobile homes. You really see this in the schools.
- I would like to change the clearing of land and rapid construction. Be more selective and thoughtful about new growth.
- More affordable apartments.
- Encroaching commercialization
- More vibrant downtown.
- Have elected officials that understand the importance of protecting the environment and rural character and are willing to stand up to outside developers and industries in order to put the interests of citizens and community first. Change the economic development focus from chasing Elephants and growing a local sustainable economy.
- More shopping locations, perhaps
- Slow down the rampant commercialization. We'll soon be one long shopping street!
- less traffic, better infrastructure (highways),
- Keep tree/forest buffers on 15-501, strip malls and fast food restaurants are not attractive. Pick up trash along 15-501 regularly. Put up no littering/fines as other states do.
- Threats to natural resources
- Needs better schools and needs to get control over growth.
- Less development.
- More restaurants.
- Better public transportation and bicycle paths.
- more confidence that the things I care about are protected
- continued pressure of human growth and urbanization
- Stop the development that will make it into another Cary/Apex/etc.
- Less development/urban sprawl growth; loss of environmental protections, and more planning and forethought about such things as storm water and environmental management
- I would add a public transportation plan that includes plan for mass transportation to limit the number of cars on the highway as well as build on plans for walking and biking.
- The move toward a Cary/Chapel Hill/Durham sort of feel/look--e.g., congestion.
- More things to do for young professionals.
- More choices
- Too many fast food restaurants. Also feeling uncomfortable about Chatham Park although there's a lot of opportunities there. Food insecurity is too high, especially childhood food insecurity. Mental health is a big deal and needs to be addressed. Also worried about prescription drug abuse. The built environment is important. Housing affordability is great but is it going to remain affordable for everyone? Also thinking a lot about how to improve quality of live for folks living in Western Chatham.
- Growth is not a bad thing, but it must be managed well for Chatham County to continue to be an excellent place to live and raise a family
- Access to retail/ shopping (business hours)
- Better (faster) road repair is necessary. (ie. Jack Bennett and Lystra Rd. closures in recent years.)
- Better services, such as faster broadband internet, in the area. It would help us connect more with the world.
- I would like to see us increase local spending of folks living outside the county to increase our tax receipts.
- More infrastructure

- More local jobs and shopping opportunities
- Need an elementary school in the East. Those of us on the border with Wake have a long commute to North Chatham Elementary.
- Bring library closer to Cary part of Chatham
- Inequality between income levels & opportunities for education
- I would like for my kids to have shorter bus rides
- Better planning for schools and better road planning when adding new neighborhoods
- More schools in eastern Chatham
- Closer and more schools for the northeast section (Cary)
- Be able to keep pace with the growth that is happening. New high school should have been built by now based on growth happening in Chatham park and northeast area of county. Commissioners and BOE stall on making the decisions that NEED to be made by putting things out for study many times over. By the time decisions are made, we are already behind the growth that is happening.
- More schools near Cary
- Stop the growth of strip malls and homes that people already living here can't afford.
- Reduce poverty
- Fear of Chatham Park changing everything and turning it into a suburb
- Affordable housing in more areas of the county.
- More/better affordable HEALTHY housing. Better paid employees to keep up with the cost of living.
- Need more tax revenue to put into schools!! Need more business revenue Need stronger leadership to lead county into change!!
- Better education and teacher salaries for all primary and secondary schools
- Stop such rapid development and its impact on River and schools
- We need more grocery stores. We live 10 miles from our closest store. No big box stores though. We don't need Targets or Home Depots all over the place.
- I wouldn't mind if there was a little bit more options for shopping. It's nice to have a Walmart nearby, but that's about the only place I can buy a variety of items or clothes without driving over 20 minutes.
- Having zoning to protect the density and rural character of our county
- its business policies
- Desperately need more schools built to deal with accelerated population growth in next few years
- Public schools need to be a focus. Continue to develop state of the art public facilities and parks. Faster road clearing of ice/snow in the winter so that school buses can get kids to school. Too much unnecessary school closure.
- More community assets such as an indoor pool or recreation center. This is very important to me.
- Control development to protect our county's water
- Moderate growth in business activities mostly in service industries without sacrificing its rural character; improved drinking water quality.
- Improve quality of schools
- Would like lower speed limits on Whipoorville Road, Farrington and Mt. Carmel Roads
- Quality of schools
- More employment opportunities for people with less than college education. Public transportation to nearby areas with more jobs available (e.g., Chapel Hill, Durham)
- better aesthetic policies for growing areas
- Sprawl of shopping malls/big box stores.
- Improve water supply, bring in better job opportunities for young people here
- keep the balance between growth and losing some of the rural charm
- monitor more closely all growth of urban sprawl and increase efforts to monitor our environment and wildlife to sustain the Haw and other valuable streams....
- Top notch schools!
- Close proximity of shopping options.

- Nasty political environment
- Smart planning of development
- better schools
- improvements to public schools
- I would like to see two things from our commissioners. More concern for protecting our environment. More concern about controlling growth.
- Widen Mt. Carmel Baptist Church Rd.
- Traffic
- less traffic on 64
- Bus service on Mt. Carmel Church Rd.
- better places to eat out and better shopping
- Better economy
- Need more to do, more restaurants, more entertainment, more development.
- We should grow the tax base and employment opportunities responsibly, but grow.
- Better and broader ability to get rid of yard waste.
- Making sure that development is positive but managed properly
- Expansion and improved quality of employment opportunities.
- The extreme growth allowed by Chatham Park. I would like to see more resources devoted to the schools, especially to building a new high school to relieve the overcrowding at Northwood High.
- Limit growth
- We need more quality restaurants and shopping, perhaps a mall destination.
- Improved quality of water
- Better high schools
- More employment opportunities.
- More job opportunities
- Need more retail
- Schools are very weak. Improve school standards using AP tests/rubrics as guides - high school down to elementary, building student skills.
- More upscale shopping and restaurants.
- More restaurants, better shopping, and better schools
- Planning for future roads. We should have 3 east to west highways (across north, south, and middle). We should have 3 major north to south highways (west side, east side, and middle).
- Improve education
- Need better design for traffic for the northeast/eastern part of the county
- I'd like an indoor swimming pool.
- Better public services
- Reduced political conservatism
- Chatham Park and the ridiculous amount of growth coming my way
- The auto and bike traffic in the area have become very heavy at "rush hour"
- Slow down developments
- Better schools
- Stop building malls and shopping centers
- Better educational reputation for K-12 schools
- Continue to improve the schools and the infrastructure
- I wish there were manufacturing jobs available for average residents so that everyone could enjoy a comfortable middle class life. There is too much poverty in Chatham County because there are no jobs in the manufacturing sector. I have a great life here, with no complaints. But my quality of life depends on a vibrant middle class that can draw goods and services to Chatham County. I'm tired of having to go to

Raleigh, Durham or Charlotte for even basic stuff. There isn't even a decent hardware store, although the new Town and Country Hardware store is trying hard to expand their services in their new location.

- SLOW DOWN THE GROWTH IF POSSIBLE
- Even though I do not have kids, I would be willing to pay a little more in taxes to improve our schools.
- Nothing.
- conservative leadership
- Improved education system
- more parks for families (would like places close by that can take grandchildren); better education system (so children want to live closer)
- not having anyone, especially children go hungry
- More money spent on law enforcement
- more money spent on schools
- Better control of growth rate
- Improve job opportunity for all residents seeking work.
- Traffic
- The schools get progressively worse the older your children get, especially when compared to Orange County
- The belief it is comprised of rednecks and hicks. The county needs to start advertising itself as the chic place to live.
- Improve water quality
- Adding industry to the central, western areas--job=lower taxes, or greater benefits
- Some minor widening of narrow roads to accommodate bicycles
- Politics - beat Republicans
- The feeling that it is going to soon have a drastic change in population, traffic etc.
- Community growing too fast. Traffic is getting worse. Infrastructure is not keeping up.
- Needs public transit
- Less congestion, less development, less traffic.
- More and better roads. Better speed and tail-gating control
- Better roads
- ??
- More opportunities for lower income residents. Excellent schools and higher salaries for teachers.good schools
- Job opportunities
- We would enjoy more nightlife and restaurant choices
- More upkeep on secondary roads
- the reckless driving -- the speed limits have not changed in areas that are congested due to commuter traffic...lots of aggressive driving
- lack of bus service
- Better public transportation and a library in NE Chatham
- Continue improvement of schools
- More unity within the county.
- Please restore the bookmobile bus for Chatham Library. It is very difficult for some in NE Chatham (esp. Carolina Meadows) to use this wonderful facility. We still miss the bookmobile.
- More transportation, if feasible.
- ABSOLUTELY NOTHING! BUT I DO WISH FOR BETTER LIVING FOR SOME FOLKS LESS WELL OFF THAN I
- More parks and recreation.
- Better schools
- The amount of growth. Live where it used to be country and now is quickly becoming congested.

- The increasing sprawl specifically between Chapel Hill and Pittsboro
- Consider the needs of seniors regarding transportation and opportunities as well as slowing the pace of the incoming mega-communities.
- More public transportation, better/faster internet.
- Some elected leaders need to value citizen input more and practice more people skills -- genuine empathy.
- Nothing.
- More effective development restrictions and protection of green space
- We need more restaurants. Not just chains
- Want Chatham County to be more proactive in planning its future: such as adjusting to climate change, having a welcoming atmosphere for all people, zoning laws, planning for renewable energy and water resources
- Better "side" roads. Many are narrow, with poor visibility entering, and lack bike and left-turn lanes.
- Schools
- Yankees
- Need to be mindful of traffic and parking concerns since it seems everyone has to drive a car to get anywhere. Is public transportation an option or consideration?
- Chatham County officials should stand firmly with their current citizens. Frequently, I have felt that voices (and money) from outside of the county are dictating our county's future. Even within the county, some citizens from more rural areas of the county pressure leaders to encourage growth in northern Chatham. Remember, those people don't have to deal with the traffic, increased taxes, and sprawl. Very careful planning can help.
- Not enough shopping areas and too far from larger more cost-effective stores like Costco and Target and the better food choices like Whole Foods and Trader Joes
- the hateful chatlist
- Better schools, especially high school and community college level.
- I would like all of the mini McMansion developments to stop
- Slow the growth
- STOP the unnecessary growth from ruining our piece of paradise. STOP the overpopulation, noise, lights, crowds, destroying natural habitats and wildlife with pollution of air, water and land.
- We were generally very disappointed in the quality of the school system, and currently homeschool our children because they were not being taught anything in school that they had not learned previously, and spent way too much time preparing and stressing over tests. I would love to see the quality of the education system improve.
- More use of solar and wind energy.
- the urban pressure felt by the new community Chatham Park which will change many things about our county.
- Stronger local government with regard to planning growth, and maintaining and improving the water quality in Jordan Lake.
- Safer roads
- Better roads
- Decreasing green space. Reduced environmental quality.
- More transportation access across county lines for disabled adults
- Educational and recreational opportunities for our children and the crowded and outdated high school. (NHS).
- Dramatically more effective schools. Factory jobs are gone. There's few middle salary jobs. The pickings now are low or high wages. High wages demand dramatically more effect education. Poor education effectiveness is the biggest risk for the future workers in our county, state and country.
- It is changing and we think we will enjoy the addition of more commerce close by.
- Top grading of the leaders at the other schools in Chatham County coupled with top grading of a good portion of educators.
- That is is racially and socioeconomically divided. That it's a poor county with little money for schools, infrastructure and services.
- Clean up lakes/rivers

- Ruling people not listening to the people.
- Shut down Chatham Park—I know it won't happen, but that's still what I want
- I wish there were more retail options close to home. I despite having to drive to Southpoint or Beaver Creek Commons every time I have to buy something for my kids like athletic equipment.
- make sure the local gov't continues to act on common sense in the years ahead as it has over the last 5 years or so.
- More independent businesses and fewer chains
- A collaborative effort to create growth and jobs and culture that preserves historical character of County and doesn't threaten long-time citizens, but builds support for common goals.
- get rid of the naysayers, move Starkweather and his ilk to another county
- Opportunities to work closer to home. Getting tired of the commute to Wake.
- The anti-growth crowd. We can co-exist.
- Nothing
- Would like another high school to be built or have the current ones vastly improved. Would like the building to STOP
- The arguing about Chatham park. We should work together
- Wish we had a high quality impartial source for county news. Also more restaurants, a diner, a men's clothing store, more parking in downtown Pittsboro, a venue for films and theater, hotels. Bike lanes.
- The Liberal leaning County Government
- I would like more hiking paths in my area.
- political strife between different factions of citizens
- Need shopping and job opportunities in the county
- education system
- Nothing. I love the eclectic nature of it.
- Schools
- Convenient shopping areas and more popular restaurants
- Relatively uncontrolled commercial development in the 15-501 North corridor.
- Emphasis on rapid development
- traffic on 64 and ability to access main highway
- Preserve green space
- Not having somewhere to shop to buy casual and work clothes. Hated to see Belk leave Siler City.
- Seemingly unfettered residential and commercial growth along 15-501
- more stores and restaurants around downtown, in already developed areas, not sprawled out to rural areas
- Build new High School in North Chatham Cost /quality of water in Chatham County
- Lack of concern and understanding from Northeast Chatham about much of the rest of the county, especially the western side.
- I'd like to put a total smackdown on development, but I know that's not going to happen. Maybe the next best thing is to protect the watershed around Jordan Lake. Ideally, no new development within a mile of the lake.
- more sidewalks and bike lanes inside city limits and outside city limits
- Have less polarization, more moderates
- Increase access to jobs
- More cycling lanes along county roads
- Make sure people of wide economic means feel comfortable: Not attacked or resented.
- increase pace of commercial development
- Schools are improving but still have a ways to go. Our kids are in a charter school and likely to stay through high school - we'd like to send them to Northwood but think it will be too overcrowded by the time they get there since the new high school will not be built in time for them.
- More privately owned restaurants out towards lake area not chain restaurants. Wegmans food store near the Preserve!

- Protection of our Natural Resources - Water, Air, Dark Skies & Farm Land
- North end of Jordan Lake needs cleaning up; recycling pick-up should be available for all area; more cycling lanes and greenway needed to connect to Chapel Hill.
- The elected officials.
- Traffic
- Access to public swimming now that Jordan Lake is too polluted to use in our opinion, but we need public pools anyway. More house goods shops besides antiques like Home Goods, affordable restaurants.
- better zoning laws, less influence of "good ole boys"
- need more restaurants, need better paying jobs, need garden centers/nurseries (selling plants), Need bike paths, need roads to handle Chatham Park growth, improve the water pressure and quality, Need hiking trails
- Nothing
- Limit pace of growth. Make sure new growth maintains lots of green space and is people oriented. Keep wait and water clean.
- I would change the development plans for Chatham Park.
- NOTHING
- Assure that we do not have unbridled growth putting pressure on rural nature of the area and clean water
- Improve schools
- Would like to see some revenue expansion along the 15-501 corridor.
- I would like every resident to have clean water and good education
- Too much growth
- Better schools.
- More shopping areas close to where I live
- Improve schools
- Not have Chatham Park.
- Improved broadband access via county-wide fiber optic installation, dog parks, public transportation, sensible zoning.
- I would like the County to embrace the amazing recreational opportunities here and enhance the natural areas, thereby attracting the growing population and creating awareness of the potential environmental impact that comes with the influx of people and development. That will affect positive change that creates a win-win for all.
- access to more than one internet provider. More amenities.
- not much; slight increase in job opportunities, younger residents
- Strictly control residential and commercial development so that more green space is preserved, water quality is not compromised, schools keep up with enrollment, and traffic is manageable.
- Better restaurants, grocery stores and improved quality of the water
- Need for planned growth and zoning
- Add a stop light at Big Woods & Hwy 64
- More restaurants, shopping
- Kick Cary out of Chatham Co
- 1. Eliminate sanctuary status for illegals 2. Better cell phone service
- For folks to understand that growth will come to Chatham County whether you like it or not. And planned growth is the best way to go
- Increase funding for schools to get ahead of the increased demand on the school system. Poor students are at a distinct disadvantage with the limited busing. Also, set aside land for conservation so it can't be developed.
- Quality and stability of education leadership.
- Less development
- Nothing!!
- dog park, better water department, internet for all and affordable, good schools
- Slow and arrest development of stupid giant sprawling neighborhoods that we don't need

- More amenities (restaurants, grocery options)
- Limit the accelerated rate of development and reduce clearing of forests
- More development
- Hate the fact that there are hungry children (and adults) right down the road from me.
- Less poverty and better opportunities in Siler City for its residents and visitors. Better town center in Pittsboro.
- Less housing developments
- Too rural. Lacks commercial. Too far away from restaurants and stores.
- Better internet and phone access
- Healthcare
- More shopping, cultural & adult educational opportunities.
- Manage growth instead of trying to fight/stop it
- Stop Cary
- Get rid of Cary
- Would like to see reasonable zoning put in place without irrational resistance.
- county youth organization. County does a poor job of running youth sports
- More jobs so kids don't have to leave
- More public transportation
- only that our future won't be like cary
- Improve transportation options
- Improvement to the downtown area including traffic and parking.
- More bike trails. A better planned infrastructure - fewer strip malls being built, more intelligent hubs of density interspersed with large natural tracts.
- NA, but concerned about too much growth and development.
- The water treatment system. 1,4 dioxane is a huge issue and I'm worried all the other chemicals not being addressed in our water supply.
- Too many loaded newcomers moving in will crowd out the locals and put even more financial pressure on families just getting by
- I would like to make it harder for developers to gobble up great swaths of land with the vision of building another Cary.
- I would like people living in East, West, North and South Chatham cooperatively creating the future, owning what they create and have the issues and concerns of areas where they do not live be their concerns as well. Example: The unique concerns of people living in the West are also the concerns of people living in the East, South and North, and all are working together to create a united county.
- more recreational activities, more restaurants
- TO HAVE A BASKETBALL RECREATION FACILITY FOR CHILDREN TO GO TO....NOT ONE SINGLE INDOOR BASKETBALL FACILITY
- Not sure
- Schools
- Lack of foresight with growth and education.
- A new Highschool or significant improvements/size of Northwood HS
- Schools
- more access to local shopping
- Send all of the imports back to where they came from.
- Improve water quality --- sedimentation of streams is very serious problem
- Better enforcement of lighting ordinances, Better enforcement of sedimentation rules
- Not sure I want to change anything, but concerned that new building will change the countryside
- Ensuring that the positive qualities of Chatham are prioritized as the County develops.
- ATTITUDES OF VARIOUS FACTIONS THAT WE READ ABOUT ALL THE TIME.

- I would revoke Chatham Parks right to exist. That was the biggest mistake in Chatham counties history.
- Need a stop light at RT 64 and Big Woods
- Distrust of rural people for newer residents and, sometimes, new ideas
- Improvement in schools. Wider roads. More restaurants other than fast food.
- I think growth needs to be reigned in.
- narrow roads
- Better safeguards for natural resources including scenic.
- better public schools
- Better roads/more functionality such as turn lanes
- Make developers create attractive and environmentally sound developments, with lots of green space and buffers
- Traffic
- Slow the growth
- Traffic is increasing and I don't like it!
- Would like to see a little more commerce so that our tax dollars can stay in the community, instead of giving surrounding areas our sales tax revenues. At the same time, there should be controlled growth and not growth for the sake of growth that will turn Chatham into another Cary or Holly Springs. There should be a way to offer more conveniences to the community without sprawl.
- Low priority government giving to maintaining natural environment. Uncontrolled clear-cutting of woodlands by developers.
- Controlled growth and closer access to shopping
- Slow growth
- 1. Mentality that huge growth is good. 2. Provide better services for low income people 3 Educational outreach for those left behind by development.
- Nothing comes to mind.
- Improve roads, improve schools
- Need new high school closer to North Chatham area
- If growth is to happen, make it very controlled such that the character of the landscape is preserved. I did not see this happen along Jack Bennett rd. please do not let this become another Cary or a place where the land is just filled in with haphazardly placed subdivisions. we need to include designated farmland in the planning. Otherwise the agriculture will be pushed out and away.
- Start deporting illegal aliens and don't allow Muslim refugees to settle here
- Water quality
- Would like Chatham Park Investors to be reasonable and willing to consider seriously the concerns of Chatham residents, to preserve some natural areas, include schools, affordable housing, and mitigation of traffic in the plans, as opposed to replicating Cary and making a fast buck.
- Need for pCleanass over ramps on 64.
- Traffic and accessibility
- A High School is needed in NE Chatham
- Lack of access to shopping and restaurant options (without driving at least 25 miles and Walmart doesn't count).
- Mass transportation opportunities
- Citizens be allowed to participate in development decisions that impacts on infrastructure
- Growing/changing too fast.
- The current movement toward fast food and strip malls.
- Keep standards high for growth Worry about clean water
- less construction density
- Increased commercial base similar to Chapel Hill, Carborro, Pittsborro. Small business growth vs franchise
- I would love to protect the world nature and character of the county. I would like the county to not B too expensive for people to own land and have Farms

- More options for entertainment and shopping.
- More bike/running trails.
- Public transportation availability
- County wide waste water system
- I don't want to see 15/501 turn into another Capital Blvd or Glenwood Rd.
- More shopping and restaurants
- Less bedroom subdivisions and protection of ecosystems
- I wish there were more through roads in the NE part of the county, especially toward Durham/Southpoint and RTP. The Lystra road closure highlighted this problem - Lystra is the only E-W through road in the area for nearly 20 miles! There are not many options for commuting to RTP: either 15-501 to 54 through Chapel Hill, Fearington Rd past Governor's village (affected by Lystra closure), or crossing Jordan Lake via Martha's chapel (also affected by Lystra closure) or else all the way down to 64. Traffic on these routes is getting worse each year. Also, it has taken forever to repair Lystra - a whole new road or bridge over Jordan Lake could have been constructed in the 6 months it has taken. Some better local restaurants besides fast food. Better quality soccer fields.
- More stores, restaurants and facilities near our home. Alas, that means growth. Thus crowding will increase. Just be careful in not letting growth run amok.
- Increase in population has brought more traffic, more stoplights, more destruction of wooded areas, loss of habitat for animals.
- Restoration of Pittsboro so that it would be a functioning town
- traffic on 15/501
- I wish the public schools were better.
- Increase transportation opportunities, develop effective climate change control policies for reducing and mitigating CO2 emissions.
- Reduce zillions of strip malls popping up everywhere, preserve more forest, better protect stream buffers/water quality.
- Control growth to protect environment and provide affordable housing
- more to do for young people- skate park, movie theatre, etc
- Safe biking trails for transportation not just recreation. Increase in public transportation.
- Improve the traffic situation through downtown Pittsboro.
- I would like Chatham County to be tuned in to all of its residents without small town boards and mayors making deals that will change the character of the ENTIRE county.
- more green technology..
- Far drive to anything including shopping, restaurants, mall, shopping
- Chatham park development trajectory without consideration of environment
- Additional express bus routes. More local restaurants.
- Increase watershed protections along rivers and Jordan Lake
- Google fiber would be great! More environmentally conscious planning.
- Reduce light pollution
- Prevent developers from turning northeast Chatham into another Cary
- I would like to see that the thoughts and ideas of people that are different (race, ability, gender, belief, economic status, sexuality, etc.) are sought out and listen to.
- More recreational opportunities for young people.
- At present nothing but public transport in major corridors would be helpful
- I would like the budget to allow for the purchase of farms and easements so that no land-owner would have to sell to a developer in order to fund retirement.
- Run Chatham Park and Cary out.
- More public transportation
- The rate at which cookie-cutter developments keep encroaching. In other words, slow them down.
- Board of Commissioner division between political parties & the transparency with which they make decisions

- More jobs, better pollution control of our waterways, better schools.
- Make all citizens, developers adhere to clean water regulations near all creeks, rivers and lakes. There are rules in place, enforce the rules. Fine those who break the rules.
- not enough roads to support all the growth, its dangerous to ride a bike.
- Stop intrusive real estate development
- Stop destroying so much of the pine forests and such intense, dense building along 15-501 and Hwy 64. Remove the pro-development county commissioners
- the board of commissioners who want to tell people what they can and can't do with their land, lower taxes, try to bring back jobs and businesses that have left chatham because it is so anti-business
- Insulate the county from pressures to become like Cary.
- More recreational and entertainment choices. Theme Park of some kind near Jordan lake or on Cape Fear River near Haywood would do well I think, but I realize that all depends on property owners
- Interstate access - the commute to any area from Chatham county is arduous at best. 421 to Greensboro is the nicest drive. But traveling north to Durham or east to Raleigh is challenging.
- Improve level of county services
- less friction between those living in the eastern & western parts of the county
- The traffic is getting worse and needs better appropriate speed limit adjustments (schools, etc.). Commercial development appears to be largely unregulated (e.g. 15-501) and it is looking like highway 70 in North Raleigh. We need to attract industry for jobs.
- Bicycle lanes are needed -- our roads are much too dangerous for bicycles and cars to share. More green space for hiking trails would be great. Speed limits on country roads need to be adjusted downward as they become busier. (I live off of Parker Herndon and Andrews Store.)
- More job opportunities in the county.
- Improve education, improve water quality, more conserved environmental areas, more trails and greenways.
- The constant development of new housing communities. The rush to turn Chatham into Cary.
- Nothing needs changing.
- More businesses. More shopping and dining options. Variety of doctors.
- More recreational/artistically engaging activities for youth to participate in.
- More Jobs, Activities for the Youth
- employment opportunities for my children
- Stop big developments. Allow small business to grow. Chatham 'Leaders' (Planning Board, Commissioners) to stop making all processes difficult for the public. Leave property owners alone. Many of us bought property to have privacy and/or to be able to run a business out of our homes.
- LOWER TAXES, STOP OUR GOVERNMENT FROM BUILDING AND LOWER TAXES
- Commissioners should be elected in each district and only the voters living in a given district should be able to vote for the candidates running for that district
- Get rid of politics. Separating the people and killing the area.
- The hostility of its politics. People are not listening to each other or working to compromise.
- more modern attractions such as restaurants, entertainment, etc.
- Move the liberals somewhere else!
- More family recreation and attempts at revitalization.
- nothing
- I would like to see more things to do in Chatham County. Live music that embraces multiple cultures, events that are reflective of Chatham County as a whole, and not just a particular race of Chatham County
- Internet access. Not enough service providers here. I do not have anything available to me.
- More diverse governmental representation
- The encroaching developments!
- I would like more public transportation, better internet in rural areas, and an Aldi.
- Nothing! Yet....
- More commercial growth in the western areas concentrated in Siler City.

- Lower taxes
- better internet service (higher speeds)
- Improve cell phone and internet access
- Siler City's unethical government.
- Crackdown on drug dealers & crime
- To be frank, I'd like to wipe Chatham Park off the map. I'd like to change the fact that people who are not native to Chatham see an opportunity to make a buck by buying up and developing land.
- More businesses and employment opportunities More affordable housing
- more understanding amongst the varied people especially with the western area conflicts with the eastern more densely populated area
- Urban & suburban growth.
- Stronger protection of environment in face of development, more opportunities (including jobs and transportation) for rural youth, especially those from poor families
- better schools
- crime and poverty in Siler City - do more to improve the downtown / 64 Area
- Improve some areas of Siler City which are run down and abandoned
- More affordable family assistance. Especially upkeep and repairs.
- More jobs and business opportunities.
- To have more access to recreational activities, ie- recreation center, more trails, swimming pools.
- I liked it just the way it was.
- Lack of zoning in many areas, lack of citizens' input in planning for Chatham Park, the apparent rush for commercial and housing development.
- development that take from ground water and what feels like no common ground between different areas in the county
- movie theatre in Pittsboro/Siler City - playing current movies!
- no more chatham parks like developments
- Slow down uncontrolled growth.
- Get the county government to stop making regulations restricting what people can do on their property!!!
- pressure towards defining growth as urban density, immediate access to whatever you want to buy, constructed "green space" vs land/water/air that supports a well balanced healthy population of people/plants/birds/animals/fish/insects- you get my point. This is becoming a rare resource and will be regarded as precious and can be a source of income for Chatham- people hunger for spacious quiet vibrant places. NOT parks. Real land. This means the world to me.
- Guns
- I'm concerned about increased development and its effect on the environment and wildlife.
- I would like better protection of our water from pollution and over-development (this also requires changes at state level/surrounding counties), more preservation of forests and remaining natural areas including sensitive environments in our watershed and farmland, prioritize affordable housing and public transportation in future development, expand commitment to our public schools, zoning regulations to protect local businesses and prevent big box stores from clogging our corridors, more inclusion of people of color in county leadership...
- The commissioners who believe in across the board zoning.
- Urban pressure. I really do not want us to be swallowed up by the Triangle or Triad as has happened to Apex.
- To keep urban sprawl at a minimum
- Bike paths. Accessible transportation. NOT zoning.
- It is not very convenient to get around 15-501 in heavy traffic times of the day when back roads are routinely closed. I would like to see repairs made to these roads that last. It makes a huge impact on commutes.
- Would like it to become more gentrified and more attuned to environmental issues
- assurance that Chatham Park does not destroy the natural areas the TLC study recommended
- It would be nice if there was a good clothing store closer by. Walmart does not count.

- Public transportation more available and trolleys or buses easier to access. Rising cost of restaurants making going out to eat less affordable. Too many people from other parts of country with money raising cost of living for those who worked with NC wages. The way 15-501 is developing and traffic with exit from 64 dangerous; no indoor swimming pool near downtown Pittsboro or gyms with affordable swimming fees.
- Slow down development. We are not Wake County. If I wanted what Wake offers I would have moved to Wake.
- too many people coming in that want everything the same as where they came from.
- The politics are bloody nasty
- Better quality of education. My children will go to private schools unless things change. Also all the schools in Chatham are too far from where we live. Both my husband and I work in downtown Raleigh.
- Nothing
- Proximity to good good schools
- Traffic, over growth.
- We need more jobs and more opportunities for Equal Employment
- Existing inequality for the poor living here-- CORA has FAR too large a population needing food and security, jobs.....
- better winter road maintenance
- Control development so it is done right but still occurs
- Roads
- It's deadly boring
- More upscale amenities and more inclusiveness.
- better representation- community voice and better environmental protection
- Very little in fact. Its current mix is like Goldilocks' porridge - just right!
- Improve Whippoorwill Road
- HEAVY TRAFFIC DURING COMMUTER TIMES
- More jobs for people who need them and better public schools.
- PARKS
- The hot weather. Maybe more air conditioning. Better restaurants. Better choices of movie theaters and restaurants, and libraries.
- Better transportation options
- Better water needed!
- The only thing that occurs to me is that I'd like a reduction in traffic.
- nothing
- a nearby area to walk in the shade in summer with occasional seating, a good surface to walk on easy parking, and safe areaa
- Not a thing....
- NOTHING
- I like the very rural aspect of our area but the family farms are dying. It also seems that the county doesn't want to keep the farms around either, especially with the ridiculous taxes that keep on rising even though we don't get the same services as the rest of the county. Don't tax the small rural areas that live off the land and only have access to the fire department but taxes is for other services like North Chatham, Pittsboro and Siler City have.
- Regulations around use of guns for 'recreational' purposes other than hunting.
- I would like for there to be a thoughtful plan for us to avoid becoming Cary or Apex. Parking lots and strip malls will not reflect what makes Chatham Count special. I would like for Chatham county to have a plan to keep us from being the unzoned dumping ground for neighboring growth. I don't think you can pick the easiest or quickest solution available, but we need to have a well-informed and thoughtful guide for our future as a county.
- more support for affordable housing more health care for those not currently covered food for people who need it

- Jobs for the citizens
- Needs more culture and diversity. More opportunities for employment and fun
- Better infrastructure. A viable sewer system to support more restaurants.
- More opportunities for young people
- Need to clean up Haw water supply, have a better water supply without low pressure problems
- Update Piggly Wiggly shopping center, bring business to downtown that will renovate and occupy old buildings, safe places for kids to hang out
- More local restaurants
- Need more amenities
- Bring some business to Siler Cith
- Attempted growth in government regulations
- I would like real zoning, to preserve the areas that are agricultural in nature, like where I live
- Threat of overbuilding within my community.
- More control over strip malls
- More public transportation.
- Need retail & restaurants. It is a shame that to shop you must go to Apex or Chapel Hill.
- Nothing
- More money for public education
- More jobs and more things for kids to do
- Public transporation to make us less dependent on autos
- Needs to be more things for the youth
- Less traffic and less clear cutting.
- More medical facilities
- wising there were some way of unifying county
- Reverse the new construction that has been started by Chatham Park.
- Less regulation, more business friendly. The current environment is not acceptable to business NOR families...
- better grocery stores near downtown.
- housing affordability (single family 100-200k range, maybe some rental opportunity near Chapel Hill/Cary/Apex) and improvement of utilities
- More amenities (stores, restaurants, etc.)
- Rid us of unplanned development and growth.
- need more community control
- Build an indoor swimming pool.
- lack of planning for imminent growth
- Quality of life improvements
- I want it to stay the same ,maybe more shops in Pittsboro but no Big Box stores.
- the urbanization , the fast paced growth.
- Elect/appoint leadership who recognized the full value of maintaining the rural character of the town, and preserving it's most precious resources - forests, open land.....and its abundant,critical water supply and recreational water resources. Growth and development isn't necessarily economically good for the town. Many shortsighted public officials are putting the financial and economic needs of a relatively small population of business owners and unemployed ahead of protecting and preserving what other cities and towns envy. What we have and are rapidly losing due to the desire of others to live here and continue to erode and take away is what is most important that we protect.
- Contain rapid spread of growht
- Siler City needs an economic boost. The library program in Randolph county was exemplary, as was the Randolph Partnership for Children there as far as those types of programs go. If the north-eastern part of

the county ends up controlling the rest of the county, I wouldn't be opposed to seeing the eastern half secede into its own county.

- Need more growth - restaurants, culture, business
- Open-Ended Response
- Chatham Park coming in.
- More places to shop.
- Slow down growth. Remove impact fee for lifetime residents.
- It is time to invest in schools - K-12 for a growing county population including respect for charter schools as a valid and important option. Offer and support a "menu" of pathways to an educated populace.
- better transportation
- having to drive through city of Pittsboro to get to Chapel Hill
- higher wages
- Less influence by the " original Chatham county people" their influence is not good
- Taxes are steadily rising
- I would like leadership that is more proactive on issues like protecting farmland, growing from population centers, well paying jobs supported by an excellent school system, AFFORDABLE housing, broadband plus more. We need to invest in our community and our people.
- No drilling or fracking or toxic waste sites
- Jordan Lake, waterways water quality.
- Educational resources/quality, Child Care Resources Increase in Entertainment & Recreational Opportunities for all ages
- Rural natural gas, high speed internet and fire hydrants
- Not let the rest of the county become like north east Chatham
- Much more SLOWING of Growth
- better opportunities to retain the current lifestyle / character.
- More restaurants
- Need more restaurants
- More restaurants (non-chain)
- More jobs in the county for residents. Kids are leaving and everyone commutes out, leaving less time for community involvement.
- I would change how we vote for commissioners so that each district voted on their own commissioner instead of the entire county voting on all 5
- The close minded anti-everything people how complain incessantly but don't try to contribute to making it better.
- More restaurants (non-chain)
- No open burning allowed .
- More opportunities for jobs within the county.
- Governments and businesses need to plan for the REAL, hotter more chaotic climate changed future we face rather than the 1960 - 1970 past that now is being planned for...this includes the Comprehensive Plan now being developed!!!
- less government regulations
- More roadway
- More conveniences... Shopping, health care providers, restaurants...
- Improve schools
- The leaders need to understand why people want to live in the city and why others wish to live a country life. Don't change either option.
- lower property taxes more jobs
- Backward looking tendency of many citizens
- Divisiveness
- nothing

- Reduce taxes.
- The marked opposition of the eastern vs. western populations, and resultant political differences, has been recognized as a major negative for years. Changing this circumstance must become a primary effort.
- more for my grandkids to do to stay out of trouble.
- More stores in Siler City, getting rid of illegal aliens...fixing up Siler City and all the run down buildings..stop putting all the money in Pittsboro
- High taxes
- Lack of internet service in rural areas. I would like to see improvements on the schools in Southwest Chatham since we pay taxes just like North Chatham. I would love to see someone from Southwest Chatham on the board.
- Sewer so that we can get grocery store and laundry in our area
- I would like to have job opportunities in Chatham that mimic the payscale of surrounding counties like Orange and Wake
- Board of Commissioners
- The division between East Chatham and West Chatham regarding politics. The favor of policies/politics is heavily weighed in favor of East Chatham because the population is heavier there. There needs to be more opportunities for industry and growth.
- I would like to see more business in the city area's more restaurants and shops. I hate having to drive to southpoint or crabtree valley malls.
- Taxes should be decreased.
- Implement planned and controlled growth through comprehensive planning and zoning
- Poor planning
- District / Precinct Voting for elected County Commissioners. Focus on expansion / preservation of Agriculture Business.
- North Chatham seems to be all commissioners and other government officials care about. Taxes and property values continue to go up in southwest Chatham, yet internet and county water are not available in many areas.
- I wish those moving in from Chapel Hill and Raleigh would stop trying to turn it into Chapel Hill and Raleigh. I do wish there was more industry and jobs around Siler City.
- No more housing developments!!
- Stop housing developments , and their negative affects on the environment and air and water quality , they also smell bad.
- Nothing
- Improved economic activity in Siler City
- More job opportunities
- Communities only looking for jobs and growth in industries and agricultural pursuits that harm our environment (mining, large chicken related businesses, etc).
- Commissioners who vote for the needs of ALL of the people, not just Pittsboro views
- I would like to see the overpopulated "Liberal" areas that are spill over from Chapel Hill either have less (political) influence over the county or that they be split off into their own area leaving the rest of the county to choose how they want to operate independently.
- Reduce urban growth pressure
- We do not need more and more government buildings that house more and more government employees who impose more and more restrictions upon us. We also need to send all illegal aliens back to where they came from instead of burdening the taxpayers with expenses for taking care of them such as school, healthcare and jails.
- Better schools, more employment opportunities within the county besides minimum wage jobs. There is not much employment opportunity in this area at all, most residents have to commute to Sanford, Raleigh, Apex for good paying jobs.
- Increased protection of forests, streams, and farms.
- Increased protection/preseervations of small farms, natural habitat,
- more amenities
- The amount of Northern's moving in trying to control and change Chatham County to what they want and how they want to live.

- Cost of living, job availability and retail shopping
- I would like for people they have moved into Chatham to stop messing it up for us that have lived here our whole lives
- I wish that Pittsboro and Siler City could agree to disagree and stop feuding. Sometimes I wonder if we would be better off to divide east and west with Siler as county seat of a new West Chatham County.
- All the permits that are needed to do anything on my property.
- The north Chatham people that have moved in stop trying to run the western part of Chatham county. Western Chatham does not try and change there way of life.
- Commissioners who actually listen to the citizens rather than those who consider citizen input a "waste of time".
- Politics
- I would like to get rid of North Chatham and give it to a different county, the growth in that area has become unruly, and has ruined the natural wonders of our county.
- Improved planning for encroaching development
- More job growth within county. Wish I did;t have to drive from my home in PBO to CH to find work.
- More businesses in the southern part of the county.
- we need improved roads and bridges.
- When we moved here over 30 years ago we found neighbors who were friendly and helpful. We did not ask the neighbors to change their way of life to suit us. Sometimes change is not necessary. I would probably remove unnecessary fees involved with building in Chatham County and fund the county with tax base.
- Amenities for the youth
- stop suburban sprawl
- The lack of communication and the refusal to listen to input.
- threat of a corrupt government stripping me of my private property rights, and curtailing my dreams of a prosperous future
- The rate of growth, we are growing to fast and no one in government seems to be working together to make this a win/win for the residents.
- Less urban sprawl and more concentrated growth.
- The traffic.
- would like to improve quality of life for everyone--too much gap between high and low income residents
- I'd like to see the Cary-like plans be installed elsewhere-somewhere not rural that is already set up for development (maybe fayetteville?).
- More community events
- I want a county wide sewage plant in place.
- See less cement from Chatham Park which makes runoff into the Haw River. Water quality issues amplified by coal ash being encased in Moncure by Duke Energy.

What is your vision for Chatham County 15 years from now?

- Small town feel
- I would like to see sure most will not like or agree...Cary or Burlington, where everything is just outside my door, so I'm not driving a hour to get all these things.
- I hope that the integration of Chatham Park doesn't take away the small town feel of Pittsboro. I hope that there is a plan in place for the influx of traffic and people. I would hope that taxes wouldn't increase and push out the poor. I'd like Pittsboro to be like Carrboro as Chatham Park is to Chapel Hill. I'd hate it to be a great divide of Haves, being Chatham Park, and the Have nots.
- Gradual increases in development,(employment, housing) preservation of rural lifestyle, leaders who LISTEN to County residents.
- No urban sprawl, lots of forests and farmlands preserved
- Though it would be nice to see more skilled labor jobs and jobs for college graduates nearby, I would love nothing more than to see Chatham retain it's rural character, because that's what makes it special, unique, and home-y to begin with.
- That the seemingly inevitable reality of Chatham Park and its "Hugeness" will leave the quaint and friendly quality of out town and county only enhanced, not overwhelmed!
- Better jobs closer to home
- No clear view of what would be best for all.
- very much the same as it is. with more access to resources. clean air, water, natural land, organic farms
- more jobs, some build up but still country feel
- rural areas maintained
- Smart growth around the towns not with more wellspring and septic systems.
- A lot more growth
- Eclectic population remains, haven't lost 80% of our trees/foilage; traffic isn't horrible
- Planned areas of density separated by green rural buffers. More retail and business opportunities.
- sustainable development; high quality of life with good economic opportunities
- more economic opportunities, hopefully preserving the rural and agricultural uses in as much of Chatham as possible.
- Development that encompasses housing and retail, especially grocery stores within the community.
- At my age, I'll skip this.
- Vibrant communities with excellent schools.
- Reduction of taxes
- I would like Chatham to have the same feel it does now. I understand the importance of growth, but also respect and value to rural aspects of the County.
- That Chatham County would remain unique and not become a subdivision of Cary and Apex.
- I'm sure there will be growth, but hope to see managed, sensible growth with infrastructure and attention to roads, green space, etc.

- Affordable, flexible housing options for older adults
- Some expanded industry to create local jobs and moderate growth that complements the county's current rural character.
- Small town feel in downtown areas but more development in outer areas. Would like to retain character of friendliness and small businesses.
- Same as last question
- At my advanced age, it matters very little.
- Doubled in population, expanded services and businesses, heavier traffic
- Growth
- No Chatham Park
- High-tech community - - in every way.
- Grow some, but slowly& with traffic, water & waste addressed beforehand.
- Maintaining a lower cost of living while growing and encouraging small business.
- To be honest, I can't imagine and, unfortunately, I will not be around to see it.
- See number 10 as well. A well-managed and controlled building up of Chatham Park, with much listened-to input from citizens and appropriate experts along the way. A county where those who simply drive through are impressed enough to want to eat, stay overnight, shop and/or even move here!
- Keep the small town feel, but offer more services. I don't want it to become another Apex or Cary.
- Change, big change, is on the way. My vision would be that Chatham County keeps a rural feeling and that development adds, rather than detracts, from all the wonderful culture and opportunities we have enjoyed the past several decades.
- Growth, but in ways that attract more people who care about resource conservation, stewardship, and helping other people.
- I would love to see a new high school being built, more job opportunities!
- It's going to butt up to Apex and Chapel Hill by then. Hopefully not Siler City. Shit.
- A planned growth region within the Raleigh Metropolitan Area
- Extensive forests even around businesses and residential areas. Honoring of all wild-life as God-given citizens that help us in ways we can't begin to know.
- Great place to live, work and play!
- Green spaces, green buildings, and green ways. Limit commercial development to the ETJs of Pittsboro, Siler City, and Goldston and keep industrial development to the current designated areas. Great K-12 and community college educational partnerships and investments.
- Fewer regulations, less government
- Would be wonderful if all the textile jobs would come back to Chatham County, and both poultry facilities were back running in the county.
- Hopefully not too much change. A major grocer would be nice.
- it'll look like cary in the ne section, ugly.

- That Chatham Park will bring opportunities for the youth of Chatham Co.
- manage growth - and the opportunity to grow - wisely, while maintaining a rural, ag-based lifestyle that is (and has been) the backbone of this county
- Education will become a priority and we utilize our environment to instruct students. I hope that a community close to the RTP will actually invest in technology for students
- Pretty much stay the same.
- Continued affordable lifestyle balancing corporate taxes with the reasonable needs of the citizenry
- More industry we need jobs
- Nice growth and a growth of jobs
- My ideal for Chatham County is an area that can act as a retreat for all of the surrounding areas (Raleigh, Chapel Hill and Durham). Chatham county is breathtaking and the Haw River, despite issues of pollution, is one of the most beautiful rivers in North Carolina. We should focus on protecting that resource. By implementing large buffers on either side of the river, we may be able to help repair the damage that has been done over the years. I've been told by my husband that rivers in the Piedmont were not orange at one point in our history. Wouldn't it be great to strive for a river that does not turn red when it rains? I would love to preserve the feeling that you are getting away from the city by limiting the development on either side of 15-501 and 64. That way when people drive into Pittsboro they feel like they are coming into an oasis and a step back in time away from the city. I am sure that will not happen but I can dream. I moved back to Pittsboro after college because it is so peaceful here. I would hate to lose the thing that made my childhood so magical. I understand the need for growth, but I can only hope that it will be set back from the roads and waterways so I can pretend that I am still in a small town when I drive around. I don't want Wal Mart greeting me when I drive into Pittsboro to go to Verlies and the Roadhouse.
- Same authentic small town character
- I want to see CC grow and am very excited about plans for Chatham Park because I want to live in a walkable community. I also want more options for dining, shopping and recreation. I see Chatham Park as a huge asset to our county - not only for providing additional jobs but much needed taxable income/revenue.
- Sorry, I'm not a visionary--I would like everything to stay just the way it is.
- slowing the growth
- Limit number of franchise stores
- More parks and bike/hiking trails.
- Residential communities inclusive of seniors, working families and single people.
- Like any other county in NC; Chatham will continue to grow and expand, but we desperately need to preserve our wildlife habitats amongst the Haw to continue teaching the children of the future what it means to give back to the community, animals, and nature. The children of the future need to be aware of animal habitats, river preservation, water cycles, recycling, and appreciating natural beauty.
- More specialty shops and restaurants, improved schools, no chains. Flourishing of chatham marketplace
- a live play and work community
- A vibrant, cultured community with a small town feel!
- A high tech hub like RTP that attracts business and families to live and work here.
- Squares. Plazas. Call them what you will, but these are community spaces, hopefully surrounded by small businesses, that offer people to come and gather, commune, get to know people, shop, play and

just get together around a common square. Communities that have such a square offer much to their residents and visitors as they attract people to come and hang out and shop.

- Limited growth, rural character maintained, traffic flow infrastructure for northern part of Chatham Park. Might install infrastructure that directs traffic flow towards 64 bypass instead of Pittsboro. With 2200 acres of growth will come 15,000 people. Shopping centers, restaurants, grocery stores etc will need to be constructed in the northeast to relieve pressure from facilities located here.
- There will be more people and more traffic.
- A carbon copy of Wake County, with all of the associated problems (pollution, loss of quality of life, increased government meddling in the lives of citizens, and overpopulation/crime).
- I fear it'll become just another densely populated burb with bossy, rich people taking over
- Responsible growth without sacrificing environmental concerns
- To keep its character and not have it become another Cary.
- As our population grows, I would like to see additional quality school options, including more private school options. I would like to see preservation of rural space and sustainable agriculture. I would like to see an even more awesome co-op style grocery store and more robust farmers' market.
- Major job producer with Chatham. Park including world class health care and better education
- More populated, more interesting/unique small businesses (NOT big box/chain businesses), more greenways, "village"-style housing, biking trails!
- I'm afraid of the vision I see... More cars, more houses, more people, more pollution
- contain sprawl to Chatham Park, leave the rest of the county alone
- same vision as 25+ years ago, rural living with plenty of recreation possibilities
- Unfortunately, I believe the reality is that it will be another Cary-like commuting area. My vision would be a county that resists urban sprawl, big box-stores, and unattractive housing developments while preserving its natural beauty and character
- No change or change with slow growth. Urban sprawl destroys communities and lifestyles
- A hub of innovative and sustainable solutions for shelter, food, water, and employment that honors the natural and rural landscape and systems.
- Clean, landscaped, with free city/county-wide wifi (e.g. Wilson, NC), young families, tech industry jobs and training, forward-thinking, and progressive.
- more housing developments with all the pressure on infra-structure.
- Be sure to manage growth and not have Chatham County turn into an Apex or Cary.
- planning for climate change, no urban sprawl, green jobs emphasis, sustainability emphasis, limits on growth, affordable housing
- I envision Pittsboro becoming more of a suburb to the Triangle. I think Pittsboro and the county will strike a balance between town and city life with Chatham Park coming.
- Chatham County has become a modern county that has overcome its manufacturing and industrial deficits and has built a reputation for supporting cultural, business, and educational leadership.
- Protect the character of downtown Pittsboro; revitalize older neighborhoods in Siler City
- country /suburban community with more business and better education

- People of varied backgrounds, skin tones, incomes and ages living together in harmony and without poverty in leafy, peaceful communities where traffic flows smoothly.
- maintain rural character with small developments Clean industry Landscape commercial
- positive impact made by chatham park
- interconnected trail - bike and run - trails everywhere. lots of local jobs - NOT a lot of big box retail
- controlled land development, with consideration of water capacity and school commiserate with population growth.
- The county will grow and retain its charm and quality of life.
- well planned growth and development
- Successfully navigating the growth of Chatham Park to retain the nature of the county while improving infrastructure, schools, jobs and overall quality of life for the entire county
- Preserve the unique culture, ag, recreation, arts, music while providing opportunities for Chatham residents to thrive.
- I would like for it to be the same BUT since growth is going to happen, I'd like the decision makers to remember that not everyone can purchase a \$200,000 home or afford expensive rent.
- Planned so traffic is minimal, access to health care and more entertainment opportunities
- to become an urban community
- To not grow yo fast
- a wonderful place to live with more amenities
- Good jobs, slow growth and environmental protections.
- Chatham park!!
- My vision for Chatham would be to have been able to accommodate growth without losing the home town feel that it currently has.
- Good public educational opportunities for children & teens, lots of trees, clean water and air, green spaces for youth to enjoy nature. Better public transportation for commuting to Raleigh, etc. Affordable entertainment opportunities without leaving Pittsboro area.
- Less bickering about whether you've lived here for seven generations. Schools that actually teach our children. Jobs that aren't minimum wage for our young adults.
- Rural community with high value economic opportunities in agriculture, arts, education, tourism, crafts industry. Intentional development of high-density urban development in towns, low-density in rural/agricultural areas.
- growth but not to turn into cary.
- it's sad, the fix is already in. clone of cary with ugly houses, traffic and nasty, money grubbing, strangers
- Moderate growth in population, businesses, more community development and better outdoor facilities for families to enjoy the topography of chatham county.
- more trees
- Try at best to maintain the rural community

- To be a leader in NC for smart growth, recreational opportunities, and affordable living.
- Expensive
- Business growth and bigger opportunities
- Planned growth to a thriving community
- Major growth
- Greenway so, controlled development, appropriate zoning
- Controlled development with emphasis on protecting our environment and good public education for our children, a tree ordinance to protect our forests and green spaces for education
- Vibrant, locally centered and inclusive community, with smart planning that maintains rural character of most of county.
- A county that has acknowledged the reality of global climate disruption and addressed it through responsible mitigation and adaptation on the local level to ensure as is possible a viable environment for living sustainably in the county.
- With proper planning and conservation, the county will be able to meet the needs of its residents. Water and traffic will need very careful considerations.
- National leader in rural farm/ forest preservation.
- MUCH GROWTH!!! PLEASE let the county grow, transform
- A light rail access to allow for better traffic management. People working in RTP, Durham/Raleigh/Chapel Hill will need the option to use public transportation and existing rail right-of-ways could be the answer.
- Don't have one.
- More businesses and denser populations within the towns.
- a thriving town center
- It will be awful , crowded over run with development. 15-501 will be like I-40 at rush hour. If I could afford to I would move away.
- pockets of growth confined to distinct areas with no sprawl between
- Moderate growth while still preserving environment and forests.
- economic growth while retaining the beauty of the area
- more diverse
- Better schools
- I'm afraid Chatham Park is determining this. I want strong protections for forests and farm areas, or parks to provide this. Protection for the Haw, our drinking water source. A vibrant downtown Pittsboro with a cultural arts center and more dense housing options.
- A vibrant community - people want to live there, things to do) that is complementary to Durham, Raleigh, and Chapel Hill.
- I would like to see the development of a new human/nature collaboration in shaping the footprint of land disturbed by construction. I would like to see a truly diverse urban/rural community that reimagines what it means to thrive holistically. If we focus attention on the ways in which soils and their fruits mitigate our (human) consumption of resources -by shade, by carbon sequestration, by water infiltration, by nutrient absorption, etc. -then perhaps the cutting of existing trees and the scraping and compaction of existing

soils can be seen as an opportunity to engage in a new kind of relationship with the landscape. In the process of designing with an eye toward imitating nature's 'waste nothing' dynamic, perhaps we will also design a community in which everyone's needs are adequately met. So I would like to see affordable housing, working vegetable gardens and shared green space instead of yards, flowers for pollinators as well as for aesthetic values, permeable pavement, vertical parking garages with garden terraces on top shaded by solar panels, verticality carried on below ground to take advantage of geothermal efficiencies.....

- Great quality of life with well-planned land development.
- A community filled with creative artists and lots of small businesses, all while holding on to the beauty and rural character of our county.
- Better educational system, still beautifully bucolic, and people who are still smart, friendly, and kind.
- A slow growth, slow democracy county that protects our environment and rural character and focusing on developing local businesses and farms. We get away from the foolishness of 20th century megasite that will materialize to create jobs but just reproduce similar job boondoggles like the Siler City Business Park and Briar Chapel.
- Slow, organic growth
- Retain the excellent natural landscape which was what attracted us here in the first place. There ARE alternatives!
- changing into more congestion with traffic
- Slow controlled growth with attractive shopping, restaurants, amenities, etc. Not developed like Polks Village - clear cutting all trees and putting up several buildings w/ very little landscaping.
- Rural, small town communities are maintained with thoughtful, well-planned growth
- Keeping its rural character
- Keep as is.
- Keep its character but that will be hard to do with all the growth plus all the traffic that will come about because of the traffic.
- A county with a rural character, with towns with central parking and access to shops (especially grocery store, etc) within walking distance of parking place by means of safe sidewalks.
- dynamic Pittsboro/Siler City with thriving countryside surrounding these two urban areas. No sprawl
- maintain rural environment, while improving overall quality of living
- I'd like to keep it rural, and a place for agriculture and artisans, but I fear it will be bumper-to-bumper traffic, houses on postage stamp lots, big box stores, traffic, townhouses and apartments as far as the eye can see...
- Unfortunately, I have a strong believe it will be be Cary part 2
- Growth in certain areas while maintaining the rural landscape and community aspects. Increased job opportunities, public transportation plan (within the county and to/from nearby counties), affordable local foods available all over the county, increased community events and strengthened traditions involving all small communities within the larger county community.
- well-planned, slow growth but that is more pedestrian friendly--with strong transportation system
- Work, play, live! Simple as that, if I do not have to go to Raleigh for business I would be much happier.
- Growing

- 15 years from now, I would like to see a community that is more environmentally sustainable. There needs to be a big focus on health. I'd like to see improved and quality of life improved for people in the western part of the county in particular. I'd like to see less wealth disparity. I'd like to see a more robust food system. I'd like for equity to be a priority in everything that the local government/planning dept does.
- Good sustainable, well managed growth that enhances Chatham County
- More access to conveniences while maintaining rural feel and quiet neighborhoods
- As close as possible to the way it is now. Keep all of Chatham Co. rural.
- I would like to see it grow, create jobs for our residents and future residents while working to avoid traffic tie ups, loss of scenic beauty and much higher taxes. The western part of the county could benefit from higher paying manufacturing jobs with access to major transport hubs while the eastern side could be more tech centric with proximity to RTP. Keep more jobs in Chatham versus all in the big three counties of Wake, Durham and Orange. Growth pressures will put strains on water and sewer, so these need to be planned.
- A well-planned community that has thoughtfully provided opportunities for local jobs, local entrepreneurship and strong educational options while preserving the local flavor of our diverse communities within the county.
- Mix of rural and suburban with good jobs and schools
- Semi rural with pockets of clean and pretty developments
- We hope it supports an organic lifestyle.
- All populations will profit from increased business growth without losing what is now enjoyed.
- More schools, leaving open spaces and trees, more parks and destinations. Not major development.
- Keep rural feeling with safe place for kids
- See 10. Schools and business will drive change for the county. You need to put resources in today vs race to catch up.
- Better Roads and additional schools in NE Chatham.
- To remain a quiet county with no high-rises.
- Controlled development to keep rural nature
- That it retains its character, beauty, and small town feel.
- That it will maintain its bucolic setting while allowing people to live/work in the same county.
- Pittsboro is renovated to become a destination for dining and entertainment Community College is thriving with classes offered to attract 2 year student to a trade track Schools are viewed as competitive and same calibre as Chapel Hill schools Businesses are encouraged to come to Chatham county Growth is controlled yet steady
- Maintain the rural feeling, without density of housing and businesses
- A Portlanesque art center that attracts creative class and uses locally sourced solutions
- Still somewhat rural, lots of protected open spaces, job growth, non-commercial
- Planned development that doesn't look too hodgepodge. If shopping is added, I hope it is in a centralized way without making the whole county look like a patchwork quilt of random development. I hope transportation keeps up with the growth by making sure the roads don't become too overcrowded.

- rural and progressive
- I would like to see measured growth along the 64 and 15-501 corridors such that traffic doesn't become burdensome and these areas don't become overpopulated with commercial chain retail (I don't want to see intersection after intersection of shopping centers that will make traffic a nightmare).
- Not to look like Cary
- Family-oriented community with outstanding public education and attractive, safe activities for kids of all ages.
- A community with forward thinking vision with respect to the environment and its citizens. A place where you can live, work, eat, and get fit without leaving the county.
- Slow growth and clean water
- Moderate growth population growth; moderate economic growth; age-friendly community; dementia friendly community.
- Good educational system, low crime, good housing
- Responsible growth
- An area with a balance between work and family life with range of housing that includes more housing that is available to people with a range of income.
- great schools,visually appealing and great cost of living
- carefully planned growth within an eco-friendly environment
- Managed development with cleaner water for all, lots of green space, technical schools
- Growth is essential but controlled so we grow but without sacrificing what's good about the county now. . . so I hope in 15 years we have evidence of growth but still have maintained the history and country setting.
- Promote our farmers, our artists and invest in sustainable programs and projects that enrich our communities. Provide educational opportunities & jobs for our young people to settle in our county.
- Retain rural feel but close to Chapel Hill
- More yet controlled new business development; CCCC a leader in higher education; rural character maintainec
- Not box stores and plaza strips.
- better schools, growth in terms of job opportunities, with additional infrastructure needs paid for from increased tax revenue primarily from new business growth.
- Can't say that I have one.....other than to avoid making it too different from what it is today.
- Gradual growth, with a mix of housing...not excluding low income families. Not just a luxury suburb of Raleigh.
- Controlled growth and more retail along 15/501
- Stay Rural
- Population & economic growth, hopefully orderly planned & executed.
- a bedroom community like cary

- Any development be carefully planned to enhance, not destroy, the desirable character of Chatham County.
- I like what downtown Durham is doing. Developing but keeping character (boutique restaurants vs chain restaurants). Hoping GC area will become more developed.
- Clean industry, more manufacturing with housing and schools to support the growth
- That we grow industry. Keep education as a top priority and increase First Responder services (Public Safety, Fire, EMS).
- Steady economic growth and low property taxes
- Controlled growth and development, focusing on expanded employment opportunities, quality education, and environmental protections.
- Slow growth that fits the needs of the community at large
- Carefully planned growth
- The same look and reputation as Cary but not as crowded.
- Increased shopping and businesses and preservation of local communities.
- Bedroom communities
- Growth!
- A fine balance of rural and urban
- Areas of retail while retaining the farms and rural areas
- I see Chatham Co duplicating Fairfax Co, Va. Growth and home building are ruining the semi-rural county.
- A thriving county with low unemployment and upgraded infrastructure, Existing schools need to be remodeled and, in some cases, expanded.
- Managed growth for quality lifestyle
- See 10 above. Also three or four major park/play areas near most populated sections.
- Chatham Park will be a tremendous asset. How will it benefit all of us - from Pittsboro to Siler City to the Orange County line. Chatham county needs to work for all of us.
- Northeast corner/East being much more heavily populated with the rest rural.
- I'd like to see the county grow and businesses to be successful. I'd like to support farmers and the small town charm.
- More population, more congestion
- Smart growth.
- More populous and better industrialized
- I don't have one now. I plan to cash out and move further west in 5-10 years.
- I fear it will lose its character. My hope would be to retain it.
- Hopefully not overdeveloped.
- Keeps a rural flavor but grows as needed

- Loudon County, Virginia.
- Better road system with wide breakdown lanes or bike lanes on all major country roads. Better traffic control systems and turn lanes that anticipate increased traffic. Unified county government with no local government - this hodgepodge of planning, public safety, water and sewer development is just plain silly. Growth is coming. Is it going to be under the control of Chatham County or Chapel Hill and/or Cary? Water rights and the ability to sustain growth are paramount. But also good transportation, so that mass transit is possible. Either dedicated bus ways or interurban trolley/train system to link Chatham County to Durham/Chapel Hill/Raleigh are needed. US 64 already looks like the I-680 in the Bay Area. A dedicated mass transit right of way down the middle of 64 from Raleigh to Ashboro is needed.
- NOT MUCH PROBABLY WILL BE DEAD
- A planned expansion of business and shopping in a central area with the highway access to a semi rural environment in most of the county. Most urbanization occurs haphazardly and without planning giving rise to too many roads requiring maintenance.
- What I would like to see is a thriving community that balances growth and rurality.
- What I would wish for is prudent, responsible growth of homes & businesses with respect to safety, environment, and social support (education, elderly, lower income)
- Thriving and modern county with premier level education
- for it to be a preferred county for families because of the green areas, the schools, amenities and culture and close to dining and shopping
- unrestricted growth
- desirable mix of farming and residential living
- controlled growth
- More industry
- More phased infrastructure development to support business and population growth.
- Modest growth, increased cultural activities, little tax growth
- The county must invest in infrastructure to fulfill the needs and expectations for residents of the NE portion of the county or it must curtail growth.
- Dynamic, progressive (thinking - not politics) integral and developed participant in the Triangle.
- I know it can't stay the same, the 4 lane 15-501 encourages growth, and so do the large vacant tracts of land but people are healthier when open spaces and countryside are not forgotten in the race to financial gain.
- Steady growth
- Controlled growth of developments that enhance the lifestyle and education of its citizens
- a place where the poor have a better life
- Stop the huge growth
- An over crowded high traffic area with inadequate roads.
- DK
- A pleasant rural community with less development.

- Avoidance of over-building. Maintenance of green
- At age 87, I have very little 15year vision
- Good schools, well paid public workers, environmental standards.
- Some industrial growth and growth in East.
- Prosperity while keeping the small town charm if possible
- More development and supporting business
- what I see coming if thoughtful environmental planning is not in place: Chatham will be built out from CH to Pittsboro...congested roads due to increased commuter traffic and pressures on all natural resources -- water supply, more pollution and hotter summers...wild life issues...loss of farms and fresh food supply etc... now is an opportunity not to make the mistakes our neighbors have made....
- It will be a County with many more residents and a good deal of traffic
- Preservation of open space.
- Rapid urbanization
- The vision that I expect is that we will be a metropolis and similar to Cary, over populated and schools not keeping up.
- Right now my negative vision is crowded, squeezing out the low and middle class historic residents, higher prices and with that more diverse shopping and things to do (one positive). Managing the negative above is critical.
- Keep development in urban areas and maintain the rest rural. To this end encourage clustered development in areas such a Governors Club, Governors Village, Carolina Meadows, or Manns Chapel/Hwy 15-501 rather than continue strip development along highways (Such as 15/501).
- RURAL AND QUIET
- Controlled growth, maintaining country life style. Lower cost of living.
- ?
- Of course, I would love for it to stay the same, but realizing that is not possible, I would like to have growth strictly controlled. Not an area of malls and storefronts and more and more expensive housing developments.
- strategic growth that will help maintain the characteristics and community we all love
- Frankly, it is more of the same as the advantages that we have now, with more consideration given to transportation needs.
- No fracking, controlled growth.
- Still plenty of undeveloped open space
- That our identity as a friendly county where citizens have input responsibility continues.
- That the environment isn't compromised because of growth.
- A county that has managed to confine dense growth into a corridor east of 15-501 and preserved our green space and farmland.
- Hopefully more restaurants. Better schools. Less abandoned housing. All the housing values going up.

- job growth and increased prosperity in the western part of the county,
- There will be a population influx because Chatham County is a great place to live; implementation projects for renewable energy and water supplies are in progress, the public schools are well rated, the growth is being well-managed with infrastructure upgrades keeping up and there is a welcoming climate for people of all types
- I probably won't be here in 15 years!
- Growth, be a destination, better jobs, shopping
- Don't be the next CARY! Be Chatham!
- Not to be overrun with rampant development and traffic.
- My current prediction for Chatham County is grim. Unless planning is science based and improved tremendously, I envision a time when northern Chatham County is a mass of people, asphalt, buildings, cars, and few green spaces. Only careful planning and strong leadership can prevent Chatham County from becoming yet another offensive jumble of sprawling suburbia. My most hopeful vision of Chatham County is one in which Chatham Park developers (and others) have taken on the challenge of creating a visionary plan for their development. A truly visionary and very wealthy individual could gather together a team of creative and enthusiastic planners who could devise plans that could change the way generations of people " live, work, and play." Well-informed planners should accept the limits of the soil, land, and water. They should embrace the best storm water management practices that are known to man and protect Jordan Lake. Adequate green space and parks should be required. All developers should be given guidance from professionals, so that traffic patterns are planned in advance to protect the convenience and safety of citizens. Clean industry should be recruited by Chatham Park, so that the tax burden of the development is not placed at the feet of current citizens. To create a 21st century model development would take experts from all disciplines and a commitment to excellence that has not yet been demonstrated.
- Growth but at a pace that we can all live with and that doesn't affect our quality of life as we know it today
- Controlled growth. Clean water. Better access to I-40. Progressive government
- Great schools and safe with limited growth.
- To have slower growth. We are already going to be o ER taken by the ill conceived Chatham park.
- Controlled, slow growing community with a retention of rural characteristics
- Stop the growth NOW. It is not a top pick as to where to live if it grows into a New York or New Jersey. Don't force the locals out, it will never be the same desirable community.
- A thriving community of people who care about being responsible with natural resources. Easy access to shopping conveniences and cultural events.
- Job opportunities, housing for low and middle income families. affordable Public Transportation linking communities to county resources.
- Not to grow too much
- hard to say, I will be 82 years old then.
- That Chatham County retain the qualities which make it such a great place: its rural character, beauty, reasonable traffic.
- More jobs. Better economy
- Clean neighborhood

- The growing process needs to happen over time, not all at once. Better Schools, better jobs, more resources for adults with special needs.
- Slow well planned growth with proper infrastructure to support growth. Employment opportunities and the expansion of Parks and Recreation in all corners of the county.
- Families coming to Chatham County for the best schools in the state.
- We would like to be in a more urban setting so the new development is of interest to us.
- Top of mind community in NC (possibly all of the east coast) to live, raise children and send them off into the world well equipped to become productive and thriving (not just surviving) adults.
- That there are resources for better schools that support kids with disabilities.
- Strong public schools Well paid teachers Great community programs
- Controlled neighborhood growth, which will happen, that is contained to certain areas like Chatham Park.
- Don't know. Won't be living here. We did not know about Chatham Park when we built our home here. Now that we do know about it, as soon as we can recover the cost of our house through a sale, we will be leaving.
- A community that remains relatively quiet but has pockets of activity for retail and industry with good quality schools and opportunity for everyone.
- great place to live. AND have great employment opportunities
- Slow, light growth.
- Communities where you don't have to leave Chatham to find well-paid, worthwhile jobs, great schools, cultural opportunities both as a audience and artist, historic preservation, and recreation that celebrations our protected natural resources.
- affordable housing available, restaurants, innovative small businesses, not too many Republicans, water available and Jordan Lake cleaned up through science and hard work--not voodoo.
- A well planned, thriving community that values education and balances growth.
- An occupied CAM Site, people moving here to WORK IN Chatham County and a flourishing Chatham Park.
- I'd like to see if stay as small as possible
- I'd like it to remain sleepy and not look like Cary and Morrisville. They have been ruined from what they once were.
- Larger but not anything like Cary and now Apex
- I hope a successful integration with Chatham Park that doesn't overwhelm our infrastructure or swallow our beautiful chatacter.
- A distant memory if things keep going the way they are
- carefully planned growth and development.
- I hope that Chatham retains its natural beauty and character as it develops more recreational and job opportunities for its residents, and does not become another over-developed, traffic-congested area like Cary or Apex.
- controlled growth and preservation of rural character, encouragement of small farms

- A close knit and thriving community. Character and beauty is preserved along with new development and opportunities within the county.
- better planning
- Eclectic blend of southerners and hippies, just like it's been since I moved here.
- Rural, scenic, beautiful. Improvements in existing schools.
- Growth
- Hopefully not too much housing growth
- Some form of usable mass transit in the most populated areas.
- Careful zoning with attention to our rural community and excellent school system
- Sustainable growth
- Chatham will still have the small town/community feel with more business
- Retains rural character, reasonable, selective growth, excellent schools.
- better schools, more job opportunities, but still rural feeling
- Growth in tax base thru the: 1.attraction of more manufacturing business 2. residential and commercial taxes resulting from the development of Chatham Park
- Rural community feel to remain, commercial growth without creating a strip mall effect up 15-501 or along 64.
- A hell hole like Cary, Apex, Holly Springs, New Jersey...
- more access to some retail areas while maintaining rural character
- Growth with lots of green space incorporated into the plan
- Somehow, a county that retains its physical beauty and ease of traffic while providing jobs.
- Small planned growth that will not over whelm road infrastructure
- Supporting farmers, open space, clustered housing. Great schools. Great restaurants.
- following in Cary/Apex growth timeline
- To keep its beauty and not overdevelop. Accommodate wider roads for bikers.
- We are overly concerned about un-checked growth, lack of infrastructure.
- Please, please, go very slowly in developing along 15-501. We do not want another long strip mall.
- Much more suburban.
- Not to change more than necessary, so slow growth to accommodate local needs. Better internet and schools are a big concern for the future as so many people need this for families and to run enterprises.
- measured growth that merges urban with rural
- I like how Cary prepared for the growth, while Apex did not upgrade its infrastructure (now it is too late, after all the growth they experienced). I would hate see our roads turn into parking lots with clogged cars. Lots more greenways.
- Quality growth (residential and commercial) that enhances the tax base but holds the line on raising taxes

- Clean up water pollution on Jordan Lake and Haw river
- We have such an opportunity to show the rest of the state and country how to develop communities properly. The goal is not just for the developers to make money and to create bedroom communities for the growing population but to grow by maintaining the sense of community which will only better the world in which we live. Chatham County has a clean slate to build new villages and towns with locally owned and operated business - not sub development after sub development surrounded by huge shopping centers and box stores! If we strive for well planned towns where more people have leadership roles and ownership roles then more people will care about each other and the spiraling downward where we are heading today will reverse! In the US we have so many developments where people just drive into their garage after work or from school and do not interact or come back out of their house or apartment until they go off again the next day. Rarely do neighbors even know each other! If smaller towns were created and there was a local pharmacy on the corner or a hardware store it would generate a feeling of community. Builders of Hope which started in Raleigh has requirements that their refurbished houses all have front porches for people to congregate. They also have classes and goals for people to learn about how to take care of their homes and gardens while meeting their neighbors! We need to change the way development has happened over the past 50 years as our country has become fragmented with everyone only thinking of themselves. Chatham County has so many attributes - thousands of acres of untouched beautiful land, close proximity to RTP and 3 major universities, well educated residents and a perfect climate - let's show the rest of the world how to make a difference instead of following the same recipe for decline.
- Strong education for youth
- Achieve a balance where significant areas are reserved for nature and recreation while adding homes, services, and jobs.
- I foresee more congestion and traffic.
- A little growth north of 64 and alot of growth south of 64.
- Urban growth, businesses that keep our water and air clean, infrastructure that does not congest traffic to much. So growth that protects our rural landscape but provides opportunity for residents
- Development occurs in such a way to minimize the negative impact to families and residents who live here and have to drive through here. Development is performed in such a way as to minimize traffic and unsightly commercialism.
- Same as now
- Intensive and extensive urbanization pressures unless we take measures to assure open and green spaces.
- More development in certain areas to attract business and increase property values.
- More cultural opportunity
- I won't be here in 15 years, or if I am, I probably won't have any idea of what the county is like. For the sake of younger people, though, county-wide fiber optic broadband service, dog parks, public transit and managed growth, robust public education,
- Smart growth with an eye to 50 years from now. We should focus on becoming the standard bearers for population growth that stands the test of time.
- That it has shopping, restaurants, medical care, more job opportunities and entertainment. All well planned to mitigate traffic congestion and noise.
- i hope it doesn't get congested with a huge increase in population and amenities due to Chatham Park as well as increased cost of living

- Controlled residential and commercial growth with an emphasis on improving the infrastructure that is already in place. Strict preservation of natural areas. Strict environmental guidelines that protect our water, land, and air.
- I probably will not be a resident in that time.
- A Cary-like community
- Slow managed growth so we the schools, waste service & water treatment can be adjusted as necessary
- Bring many of the good things of Cary, including great jobs for the citizens, while maintaining the beauty and controlling the growth
- Fully functioning, multi-dimensional community of Chatham Park is a compliment to Chatham and its residents
- I would like to see Chatham county as a model for integrating a rural, small community lifestyle with the influx of commuters interested in living in a subdivision bubble. Chatham County is rich with agriculture, small businesses and open spaces that I worry will suffer terribly at the cost of "progress" that strips the land and turns the area into a wasteland of plazas and pavement.
- More schools in northeast section. Digitally connected, modern. More commercial, retail. More technology companies.
- Appropriately planned growth so as not to loose the character of the county and become a house farm!!!
- lots of growth, hopefully managed well.
- Like it is before the giant developments come
- I'd like to see it retain and preserve it's rural character and wild spaces.
- More transportation options, preservation of scenic beauty, traffic management, clean air and water, still a sense of community.
- Closer stores and restaurants--BUT not on 15/501. Look to 64. 15/501 is becoming a strip of stores and housing developments that will cause stoplights and traffic all the way to Chapel Hill.
- I probably will live somewhere else that is more affordable
- Focus on healthy aging.
- More shopping, cultural & adult educational opportunities.
- Rural
- Rural; supportive of the many small farmers; rivers well-buffered and protected; Chatham Park failed to materialize, esp. portion along Haw River
- More employment opportunities.
- More developed areas with more schools
- Chatham park has brought jobs and shopping/restaurants. The mega site has a tenant that is revitalizing siler city.
- A modern county.
- pittsboro will definitely be a bigger town, hopefully not a city! i pray that the haw river and jordan lake will finally be protected. i think that is the only way to a real future for chatham county.

- I am seriously thinking of moving before that time as I am discouraged about a number of things. In 15 years, I see traffic congestion, environmental irresponsibility and loss of rural character.
- To keep the values of the small town and ensure any new business conforms to the environment, and landscape to those needs.
- Most optimistically, a lovely community of culturally rich "urban" areas linked by greenways and surrounded by nature. The rivers and air clean, the traffic not too bad. Pessimistically, I'm horrified by the thought of us looking like Cary, (strip mall, strip mall, strip mall) or the stretch of 15-501 right as you cross from Orange to Durham: eight lanes of traffic and strip malls all around. Please don't do that to us.
- Hard to say now that Chatham Park is coming; I like it the way it is now!
- I envision it looking like Cary due to Chatham Park. I'm going to move away.
- Chatham park a bad dream. Take that unwanted mess of a development somewhere else!
- My vision is that I still have cows for neighbors even though I live within 10 miles of UNC; that we have more pasture than pavement; that we not pollute the night sky with streetlights; that we retain the rural character that drew me here in the first place.
- Balanced growth, retaining its rural beauty and agriculture setting, and having ample employment opportunities for all Chatham residents.
- Some growth but not major
- To grow to be the lifeline of NC
- Continue the same smart growth policies
- Middle and High School to support NE Chatham to reduce drive times
- That we won't be here because of the changes. Higher taxes, traffic, less diversity.
- Outdoor living with good schools
- strong community values and programs
- Hopefully to not be taken over by Cary.
- Stop the sprawl. Preserve water, streams, air quality, wild areas. Planned development for poor and rich alike. Promote local organic agriculture.
- Controlled growth that focuses densities with lots of green space in between, greenways and mass transit.
- Good water, good resources, good schools
- I hope we have large areas of green space, healthy rivers, working organic farms, active arts and community programs, outstanding educational system from K-12 and Community College and well paying jobs with companies that don't pollute and take care of their employees.
- A WELL PLANNED COUNTY WHERE ALL CAN BENEFIT.
- My preferred vision is to remain a rural backwater, but i'm afraid in 15 years we are going to look like a suburb of Atlanta, traffic choked, pollution plagued, water scarce, and crowded like a can of sardines
- A more populous, diverse thriving community where people value each other and work together for common good

- To have schools that attract great teachers and motivated students. To have more to offer residents in the way of food and shopping but still maintain the feel and beauty - not become as crowded and traffic-laden as Cary, for example.
- I'll probably sell my farm and move out, as NE Chatham will become a bedroom community for Chapel Hill and Cary
- moderate growth, but nothing that creates another triangle
- A place where natural beauty and undeveloped open space still abound in large, contiguous areas throughout the county.
- Growing at a good pace with new businesses coming along 15-501 to serve our citizens from Pittsboro to North Chatham.
- Chapel Hill now
- Too many people and not enough clean water.
- That Chatham Park has had less influence than I think it will
- Maintain the small town atmosphere of PBO
- We moved to NC from Athens, GA in 2015 and moved from Holly Springs (where we were renting until we found an area that felt like home) to Chatham County early this Spring. We hated the way Holly Springs seemed to be growing without a lot of thought to the impact on the community and hope that Chatham can grow more responsibly than Holly Springs has, with an eye toward the impact on current residents and long-term sustainability, while keeping the natural feel. It would be a tragedy if the focus of growth was shortsighted and spoiled the health of the natural environment and the livability of the area. I'd like to see responsible, controlled growth. Tax stability to keep this area one the most affordable places to live in the long term. There needs to be a careful balance.
- Environmentally focused county that makes conservation of woodlands and wetlands a number one priority.
- Must address the growing population and the impact on schools and overcrowding in the classroom, attracting quality teachers
- Keep the current character, carefully planned development that keeps what is good about Chatham County, while providing jobs and services for lower-income people.
- I'd like it to retain its character, keep its small town feel, but my vision is that it will grow like Cary, Apex, Holly Springs into characterless suburbia. And I know this having lived in Cary since 1965 and watching it lose its charm.
- More of what we have.
- Top focus on education excellence and new high school
- the rural character will to be preserved amongst controlled development. Waterways will be protected with an excellent buffer around the water.
- Attract good restaurants. Discourage the influx of low-end and fast-food chains. We do not need McDonald's and Taco Bell cropping up within 10 miles of one another. We need choices for healthy, good quality meals. Growth will happen of course, we will see an influx of people and building of new homes; but allow Chatham to remain an open rural space, not another version of Cary and the outer fringe of Apex.
- Stay small, rural, cheap taxes & cost of living
- Incorporation of 21st century planning models as opposed to those from 1950.

- Clean commercial industry and no sprawl residential housing.
- A large central area springing out from Carrboro while maintaining rural character
- More restaurants and shopping and businesses along with agriculture and new schools.
- somewhat more urbanized with more schools, restaurants, and cultural activities in the county.
- Increased traffic, more retail, water distribution issues
- Not another Cary or Chapel Hill
- Hope the rural and small town character is preserved.
- Development which emphasizes and compliments the rural beauty of the county.
- Quality bedroom community
- improved roads, high quality LOW density shopping areas, beautiful parks and excellent water quality with plenty of buffer zones
- A melding of the small town culture of Pittsboro and the higher end, quirky aspects of Chapel Hill and Carrboro
- To have clusters of residential areas connected by Greenways and preserved green spaces for all to enjoy
- Growth
- Would like to have a complete system of trails for running and biking in the Jordan Lake area.
- Responsible, sustainable and resilient community, offering affordable living, public transportation and jobs without degrading the natural beauty.
- Carefully controlled development. I don't want another Cary.
- Sustainable and reasonable growth while considering the environment and rural beauty that make Chatham County attractive.
- Increased growth
- Sad- living in the NE area has changed once 15-501 was made into a four lane Hwy- all these pop up non integrated subdivisions - we need tighter compact community rules; protections to our natural resources; things are getting sprawled.
- Obviously more development is coming. It is encouraging that the county is trying to get ahead of it by creating this master plan now. I would like it to be managed in a way that still maintains the quiet and peaceful character of the area while still adding amenities, roads that can handle the traffic, maintain low tax rates, and quality schools that are not overcrowded.
- See #10.
- Focus on quality education for kids.
- A unique place to live & visit with leisure attractions, employment possibilities, and unique architecture (no strip malls & subdivisions, please)
- maintained rural character, planned growth rather than mass urbanization
- I hope there are more, upscale neighborhoods. I also hope there will be shopping options closer to Hwy 64 and Big Woods Rd.

- A county that ranks high in North Carolina for having effective, leading edge climate change control and mitigation policies and a transportation plan that plays a large role in helping to reduce CO2 emission levels.
- A nightmare -- begun with Briar Chapel, and ending with Goodnightville.
- Growth funneled into existing municipalities to preserve natural environment and farmland of rural areas
- more parks and open greenspace for kids to meet and enjoy, so they don't leave the county at night as much. Better jobs!! better shopping options
- Rural character with clean water and green infrastructure built into new developments that protects high quality natural areas.
- Controlled growth at a slow pace, so that the beauty and serenity of the county are not lost quickly to development.
- I would like to see Chatham County grow slowly and sustainably over the next 15 years. I would like to see small farmers continue to provide good local food for its residents.
- going green all the way..
- Assume it will be like Apex which is OK, just don't have such dense residential neighborhoods. and don't build on every single inch of land available
- Slow growth with some additional restaurants and retail. Vibrant community. Maintaining rural and wooded character.
- Preserve natural areas and farms
- Well planned community growth. avoid "urban sprawl" and associated traffic/loss of natural feeling. Google fiber
- Manage gridlock, minimize urban sprawl, control pollution of all kinds
- Keep development and traffic from getting out of control
- Schools where all disabled children are in all classrooms (see SWIFT Schools model), community events that are attended by people of all races, levels of education, ability and income level. For a community to be knowledgeable and proud of its racial history - ex Chatham Co Fair - first black county fair in NC - intentional inclusion of all not just lip service paid to inclusion
- A mostly rural community with population centers that have recreational/retail centers.
- Limited growth
- 11. Vision for CC in 15 years: A collection of vibrant towns and compact mixed-use communities for diverse, healthy active citizens ringed by farms and forests
- Very rural. Successful small farms and farmers markets. Vibrant small towns.
- zoned areas to separate industry from housing areas; rules to prevent olutin of Jordan Lake and feeding rivers.
- Zero expansion of housing without first increasing number and quality of schools. Also manage our water better, and increase accessibility to internet via fiber.
- Thriving & vibrant county where people want to live
- Maintain small-town charm and rural feel, while improving job opportunities.
- Pedestrian and bicycle paths throughout the county. Clean water in Jordon Lake and rivers.

- hopefully there is better infrastructure with the roads to access RTP and chapel hill.
- Keeping the county green, with many mature trees
- Less dense housing, fewer commercial 'strip malls,' and maintain Pittsboro as a nice picturesque "small town."
- chatham park is coming, so the nightmare has already begun
- Maintain the rural character and small town charm while attracting employers of emerging technologies that aren't polluters.
- I really do appreciate this survey. I hope to see more surveys in the next 15 years. Makes me really feel I have a say in the community other than just be ignored or have my comment deleted!
- Well managed growth that protects environment
- clean environment
- Chatham park will hopefully be a well developed and welcome addition to our county, our infrastructure, our work force, and our tax base. We will have a better building code for commercial development. We will improve our roads with sidewalks and bike lanes, and we will have much more in the way of recreational opportunities.
- Planned development with houses on little lots and lots of green space; great schools; a cultural center for theater and musical events; bike lanes; public transportation. All buildings with emphasis on renewable energy.
- balanced growth with emphasis on bringing along Western Chatham.
- a network of trails and Greenaway's following the rivers and interconnecting the river basins and parks.
- A strong, attractive "main street" that serves as a destination for visitors (and their cash). That we will continue to be a community that's rural in nature, and resists the Caryfication of our lovely county.
- More industry and educational opportunities for younger population
- A thriving, prosperous county with various employment opportunities, young adult entertainment venues, aquatic center etc.
- More Jobs, grow more stores
- The economy grow & jobs created and fulfilled
- What I want and what I see is taking place are 2 different things. I'd like the County to stop trying to control everything! Some of us feel like a chess piece being moved around.
- LOWER TAXES & MORE BUSINESSES
- Commissioners should be elected in each district and only the voters living in a given district should be able to vote for the candidates running for that district
- Keeping it rural. Remembering we are an agricultural/arts community
- Continued growth that is planned, controlled by effective zoning laws, and diverse
- to have grown into a thriving county with industry that will relieve tax pressure on rooftops
- Would like it to see the same rural feel that it has today.
- The Saxapahaw community planning agenda has taken a strong hold of control over making their community family centered. I would like to see more in Siler City.

- just that plan for the large community near 64
- I would like to see more affordable housing, better schools, and multi-cultural events.
- Sophisticated rural living.
- that it not be so burdensome for our next generation taxes etc.
- Quality jobs plus upgraded housing and infrastructure.
- Still rural with access to things within half hour drive, but not less than 20!
- Controlled growth and sustainability. If Chatham county grows at the anticipated rate I am most concerned with infrastructure (roads, schools etc) growing as well.
- Building stronger downtown communities, and bringing people and businesses into Siler City in particular, rather than building new/exclusive communities of Wake County transplants. Targeted growth that improves existing towns. Supporting farmers and keeping the rural/urban balance tilted toward rural.
- Continued sustainable growth in the East with a renewal in the West.
- Zoning has been implemented
- stay rural, develop small town jobs without losing the small town quality
- With rising tax base (Chatham Park & Other) improved transportation options and government services, possibly maintaining a Internet system in rural areas. Also increasing senior services to help the increasing % of older residents.
- that Siler voters will wake up & elect a better mayor + most commissioners--& put pressure on them to serve EVERYBODY, not just people they approve of.
- More industry
- I'd like to see growth contained and not to extend beyond Chatham Park.
- To rebuild our community with jobs and safe housing. Bring more businesses such as restaurants and industry.
- continuity in friendliness with respect amongst all the residents new and old, young and elderly, job seeking and job secure
- Thoughtful planning that put nature first. Less greed.
- To still be mostly rural, with cleaner rivers and protected forest lands. Increased equity and opportunities for all. New jobs in the clean (solar and wind) energy local market, weatherizing buildings and houses and local food.
- clean water, air
- An area that has many of the amenities of other nearby cities while still maintaining the current character
- That my kids will be able to afford to live here if they choose.
- A great place to work and live and raise a family in a safe environment.
- A more diverse town with the "small feel" to it with access to a healthy lifestyle and a safe environment to raise our children.
- It will be destroyed by blood sucking developers.

- A County that has maintained its beauty, natural resources, sense of community, and that has ensured slow, planned and thoughtful growth.
- Protected areas for farming especially in the silk hope area where there is a lot of farm trusts and centennial farms
- smart growth keeping the beauty and river corridors
- Growth in and around the towns, not in the countryside.
- The government stays out of individuals private business.
- It stops with Chatham Park. Other parts of the county receive support for maintaining and developing a deep rural economy.
- Better environment
- 15 years from now I'd like Chatham County to still be a place people want to visit for its natural beauty and potential for growth. I don't ever want that potential to be realized.
- Healthy water; sustainable growth; natural beauty and open spaces linking trails across the county; strong healthy inclusive equitable community across racial, class, cultural, and other differences; diverse leadership; lots of dancing :)
- Truth be told I would love to see it just the way it is today. IT's why we moved here.
- Strong protections for agriculture land with incentives to preserve farms. Strong schools and affordable housing for workers in Chatham Co.
- No more change. Chatham park is enough
- I'd like for Chatham County to be grown by local folks doing local things. I wish Chatham would pay attention to how the folks at the Frontier in Raleigh are planning. I am concerned about Chatham's own perception that we need to be more like others...we are not. We are a magnificent, caring, rural county.
- To grow - which I feel will happen regardless of our desires to remain a small town feel- but in doing so make sure there is effective environmental planning in place to not risk health, safety and quality of life while doing so.
- To see Siler City begin to prosper in a more sustainable way, to see towns work together on issues
- fair non partisan legislative redistricting in 2020.
- That it remains as it is with farms that don't need to compete with traffic and are seen as the integral part of the County that they are. That people that come in have respect for farmers and don't see their land as nothing more than wasted space waiting for housing developments. That the school system continues to be something to be proud of (Silk Hope Elementary) rather than a liability (Siler), and that all the schools will upgrade to the highest of standards.
- Green rolling hills and farms; woods; clean water and air. Bike lanes and pedestrian overpasses or bridges in high traffic areas. A community theater (and ticket prices aimed at low wage earners). Better grocery stores. Pumpkins still on Bynum bridge. Kayaking on the Haw accessible. Developers who encourage wildlife corridors, avoid ruining the watershed. A few places to shop tucked away. All parking lots have permeable system for rainwater and space for trees. Any paving added is offset with grass and trees to provide replacement oxygen and cooling.(Any paving heats up the area, so all future paving has a stipulation to provide greenery and trees to counter its detrimental effects). Green spaces with tree identification and the tree canopy preserved or increased. Arts programs like painting or pottery expanded. Expanded agriculture in a sustainable way. All public buildings have solar roofs and energy efficiency. Recycling waste water for toilets expanded. Little share-ride bubble cars with key cards can take people from bus or trolley or small train mass transit to one's destination. The water quality of the Haw River and Jordan Lake becomes pristine clean. Newcomers are all polite and caring. Everyone

recognizes the importance of the environment and nature for preserving sanity and creating a happy place to live and work. More jobs available and housing affordable for those workers. Limits to rich people in McMansions. Super improvements in public education instead of lots of private or charter schools. After school programs for all kids and teens with arts, music, crafts and sports.

- Farm land still a main part of the county. Land conserved and protected from development. Low density housing and central commercial areas.
- that farming remains viable, that we continue to take care of ourselves as a county. that subdivisions stop being sought after
- Just as it is
- Better schools and closer to where we live. Otherwise we will have to relocate somewhere else.
- Growth of population with increase in schools and recreational areas
- better services for older adults, affordable housing, safe community, competitive/local businesses
- More jobs Equal Opportunity
- Determined movement toward EQUALITY in housing, employment, wages, healthcare, ability to feed their family for everyone.
- I hope there will not be much further development and that it can retain it's present character.
- clearly the area is going to grow, I hope that this can be done with sustainable homes (always amazes me that you see more solar panels in the UK than in NC -so tax breaks for clean green buildings and energy provision). Please think NOW, not later about the infrastructure. Road, Schools and hospitals etc. I am excited about sustainable growth.
- A thriving county with great schools, low crime and a rural and urban mix that makes for a great living experience
- D.k
- I don't have one. I will be long gone by then.
- A destination area.
- ????
- Slow small increase in population with corresponding increase in infrastructure needs. Would not want it to be another RTP. We'd have moved there if that's what we wanted.
- Pittsboro is a large "city."
- MORE RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY FOR YOUNG FAMILIES AND SENIOR CITIZENS
- More jobs and better schools.
- More parks and businesses, restaurants etc BETTER roads
- The ability to get around the county more easily, with public transportation by the latest modes of safe travel.
- A little growth, better schools, bikepaths, and transportation, but still have a small town feel with plenty of nature remaining.
- Better water. Not too populated.

- That my 3 greatest concerns (see earlier question) will have been addressed in ways that lessen their impact on the area.
- population growth
- frequent transportation to and from Pittsboro
- Comparable opportunities to neighboring suburbs
- More senior housing. Better schools.
- Stay just as it is. It's perfect.
- I would like for our area of the county be to be left alone or to be regulated by members of the community that live there and not let the the northern and western parts of the county decide how we should do things.
- More law enforcement, more safe activities for high school age students after school, more in depth programs to choose from in schools, Latin, etc.
- A vital community with a focus on the arts.
- The place that realizes where the world is headed. Some thoughtful communities with shared resources and amenities, but a lot of small non-invasive households with great internet connections to work remotely and a garden in the back yard to feed the family. The restaurants will be farm to table because it just makes sense with our necessary support of small farms. We should be East Coast nexus of Silicon and Napa Valleys.
- Continue to build an enriching, caring, and supportive governance
- A County that retains the rural character in the Western part of the county.
- I want to see Siler City back on the map. More stores, Harris teater or lowes foods would be amazing.
- A county that has been brought into the 21st century.
- Suburban
- Keep tax rates affordable, older people staying in their homes, additional county services for senior citizens. Rural areas along the Haw preserved and available for everyone
- Great schools, great outdoor activities, safe place to live, subdivision houses with at least 0.5 acres of land, conserve current vegetation and waterways, retain the small town feel
- ldk
- Sensible rules to keep pollution out of Jordan Lake and the Haw River, affordable housing and public transit, preservation of forested areas, especially buffers along waterways
- An area allowing slow growth affording all access to better shopping, restaurants, and the developing of Chatham Park.
- That I will be able to do what I want on my own property
- A county that grows without excessive government interference
- Urban development stays in northern and far eastern Chatham, more density in those locations, and no random development in the middle of the county
- Good schools, controlled building, more options for older adults - i.e.more affordable assisted living and nursing care for an aging population

- An rural area where traffic is well controlled and development is not non-stop strip malls with endless stoplights.
- Controlled growth with focus on infrastructure maintenance (schools, water system, power, downtown bldgs., etc.)
- More jobs, retail choices, more business & their tax revenue so country does not raise property taxes.
- Keeping small town feel.
- A well planned community that retains the rural feel but embraces the inevitable changes (Chatham Park, more growth, urbanization of major thoroughfares, etc.
- More large business or industries to provide local jobs but with good sound land use planning so that we remain a lovely place to live and work
- To be a rural county with farms and natural areas with small city hubs that are strong communities for all county and municipal residents.
- State of the art planned community with up-to-date services (such as fully accessible broadband) entertainment venues (movie theatres). Our library system sets a good example.
- Vibrant downtown w/out any big box stores. More trails and off leash dog areas. Continued investment in schools.
- Keep scenic beauty and affordable living
- partially developed
- To preserve the rural landscape and keep our water sources pollution free.
- I'm worried it won't be controlled growth and will end up being a mess and just one more strip mall.
- To have more commercial industry and some more affordable housing
- the west to be conserved as farmland and rural. the east to properly adapt to development pressures creating more focalized townships/downtown centers rather than sprawl. Suburban = 1-5 acres anything with less acreage set up to mimic a city/town center.
- Eastern half: I'd love it to look like Cary, with a little lower population density. Western half: same.
- Hopefully a thoughtful progression to planned development and a maintained agriculturally- based economy.
- diverse engaged community that maintains its rural character and protects the environment
- Keep the beauty of the place intact.
- well-planned, organized growth; clean water and air; large areas of rural and agricultural land kept intact; rural quality of life sustained in parts of the county; designated areas for commercial and industrial entities; low traffic congestion; excellent schools; ample affordable housing
- Appearance
- A beautiful rural place to live unlike Cary/Apex, Chatham County will be valuable because it is different than the surrounding areas. We do not need another suburban ,treeless development . If you want that it already exists . Chatham County still has the chance to be different. I like Fearington Village ,a beautiful development unlike any other in the Triangle(i do not live there) because you can't see the houses for the trees and traffic is under 25 miles per hour. It can be done!
- Peace and quiet.

- Desired vision is to control and reduce commercial and residential growth, control traffic growth and congestion, control the "wildfire" of incessant "pop up" small retail stores and strip malls.... and maintain the current character. My unfortunate actual vision of what Chatham County will look like is that of Cary, Apex, and the "Reston, VA" look and feel that a select few public officials and residents "think" might be better for the county. I happen to have visited the Reston, VA area for business numerous times and am thankful that I don't live there. The urban sprawl and traffic congestion is unbearable! Most of our residents have probably never spent significant time there and have no real idea what it's like. Unfortunately, these residents are going to experience that saying "Be careful what you wish for, you might get it."
- More restaurants, controlled growth, good schools
- A little better economy in the Siler City area, maybe helped along by mega site development.
- above
- Open-Ended Response
- That it retains what makes it unique. That it resists development and makes its legacy valuing the land and the locally-produced farm products.
- Green spaces saved. Expanded shopping close by.
- Wise growth through careful planning
- Chatham Park will stimulate investment in infrastructure, small business opportunities and a vibrant local economy.
- Large Senior Center, Large Youth Center and expansion of the Arts.
- Progressive
- I would like for the county to remain mostly rural, but I would like to see our plants that are sitting empty to be occupied with great employers
- Good balance of business and residential tax base, vibrant city centers in Pittsboro and Siler and Holdston, county wide broadband, strong small and mid-size farms. A transit system and bike lanes.
- betterpaying jobs
- expanded arts events and handcrafted shopping venues, more locally owned businesses including more restaurants and bars, preservation of rural character, more parks and natural areas, no fracking, limited industrial growth, bike and pedestrian pathways
- Slow, sustainable growth while retaining the charm.
- Still have the small town feel Increase quality of education resources and After care
- Keep urban sprawl out and maintain a Rural setting
- I hope it's about the same as now, maybe even more farms/agriculture
- Slow growth with infrastructure to match, still keep the small town feel
- Less like Chapel Hill, more like Pittsboro.
- Don't have a specific vision, but hope with all the development of Chatham Park, it can keep the same rural feel and charm.
- Easier access to healthcare, shopping and activities.

- We preserve what is good about the county, especially its rural areas, but we also allow economic growth near the towns and industrial centers, like Moncure, so that there are local jobs.
- Unrestricted zoning on rural areas with controlled zoning expansion around areas of urban growth to preserve the country rural life style
- Mix of rural and pedestrian friendly residential and substantial preserves nature with trails, parks, places for families to gather, work, socialize and live.
- Retain scenic ambiance
- Keep Chatham Co. rural and wooded - with low taxes and low cost of living.
- Basically keeping the rural character. Big lots for houses, but keeping some affordable. Lots of green space, forests and fields. Protecting the resources we have now so that they don't degrade. Development in groups with space around them, not right up against each other(housing and business)
- Chatham governments and residents realizes that population growth in our hotter, climate-changed world is detrimental to economic wellbeing and needs to be discouraged.
- keep northeastern growth where it is
- Rural character that transitions to a suburban sprawl with small town feel
- A vibrant rural area with pockets of commercial/retail/residential density.
- Low poverty, higher education opportunities
- Keep the city in the city and the country in the country.
- A progressive county that protects the environment, our water, has a good job base that doesn't rely on chicken plants and supports creative people.
- I don't have one at the moment
- keeping our rural settings but bringing in more employment , jobs.
- I would like to see Siler City bring in businesses.
- Recognize Chatham as a bedroom community.....that's what it's been for years. There are plenty of (job) opportunities in surrounding urban areas. Finances (taxes & spending) and other fiscal issues should be planned as such. Capitalizing upon a "small town" mentality, rather than chasing rainbows, is not a bad plan as long as politicians and county government approach it properly.
- more for young folks.
- a beautiful, growing with industry and store and a safe place to live in Siler City
- Clean safe cheaper
- More jobs available. Highway improvements in rural areas and more places for the children to go in Southwest Chatham.
- More business and economic growth
- Personally, I would like to see Chatham work with Wake and Orange to promote cultivate the Biotech and Ag business in Chatham. I would like Chatham to be more than a "Bed and Breakfast" for those two counties. I think with the influx of higher "tech" jobs, the residents will benefit due to the citizens demanding more and better education.
- A Board who protects it's citizens!

- more industry and more job opportunities for everyone.
- with chatham park coming to the Pittsboro area , more people maybe more shopping I think it will be good for the county. maybe the megasite will have something big that will bring in jobs or maybe a big mall there!
- Maintain rural Farm lands.
- A community that has developed strategically with the growth that Chatham Park will bring to the county. A county that includes quality of life as a major basis in planning for growth and not just economics
- Would love for it to remain rural and for the government to stay out of our business. Leave our property unzoned!
- Continuing a presence of Agriculture Business and not allowing this industry be pushed away from Chatham County.
- More jobs and industry in the Siler City area.
- More jobs on the west side of the county while still keeping the rural feel.
- The East side leaving the West alone, the tax money is all spent on the East side anyway!
- Yankees moving back north, illegal aliens moved back where they come from..
- Major development to not be near me.
- A major industry at the CAM site Restaurants and living quarters downtown More cattle and chickens and small farms catering to nearby urban populations - a booming farmer's market, stockyards and meat processing plant
- Chatham Park and advanced manufacturing offering plenty of jobs
- Chatham County is unique in its large areas of scenic beauty and low density of "industrial type" businesses. I would like it to continue as a destination-type community.
- Develop guidelines that promote business and not defer them. Less worry about GREEN and more worry about survival.
- It is hard to say at this point. I am located in the southwest portion of the county, I hope to see it continue to maintain the rural, low development, agricultural focus.
- It does not become another Apex or Cary.
- I hope something happens that makes it grow. Chatham Park is a good start, but now North Chatham and the politicians it supports is bound and determined to prevent anything else from happening.
- Even though my children will be out of school by this time, I hope educational opportunities for my grandchildren and other families in the community will be more advanced without having to relocate to other areas to provide our young people with better educations. I hope there will wider range of employment and job opportunities for people within the county.
- Chatham park will destroy our county turning it into an suburban nightmare with subdivisions, traffic, polluted streams, and loss of forested habitat.
- My vision would be that Chatham Park would not happen, as well as limitations on other development/subdivisions that will destroy our environment, reduce agricultural lands, increase traffic, and increase pollution.
- More restaurants, hotels and amenities, improved infrastructure, high speed internet.
- Being the same Agricultural based County which founded and sustained families for years.

- I would like to see it grow and be bigger and better
- I would like to see more companies come to the county and offer some good paying jobs.
- Chatham Park will be well under way by then. The eastern part of the county will resemble Cary/Apex Siler's leadership will begin to age out and lose control. New ideas will develop and hopefully regenerate and revitalize Siler City. Goldston will slowly begin to look like Pittsboro did 20-25 years ago.
- To see more sustainable living going on in the county. Schools should teach it in every grade.
- To be a rural county that is prospering in agriculture resulting more off the farm jobs for the rest of the county
- Slow and measured growth and attraction of industry to replace jobs lost to NAFTA.
- Preservation of natural resources
- I would like to see it remain basically the same with more emphasis put on small business and technological work at home businesses. I would like to see it maintain its rural beauty, but provide clean ways for people to make a living.
- Continued viability and success of agriculture in western Chatham, accompanied by economic development (not necessarily a megasite) to enhance the vitality of Siler City and Pittsboro.
- Open space still in abundance. Controlled growth with adequate infrastructure, water and schools paid for by developers- not citizens. Why should we pay for them to make a profit?
- Other than Chatham Park coming in and taking over Bynum & Pittsboro, I see very little changing.
- Controlled growth to preserve the agricultural/farming lands of our county.
- That Chatham retain its roots. More small farms and sustainable farming.
- More amenities
- To not control, but manage growth that allows for growth but protects the farms and other natural resources of the county.
- normal and natural growth, conservation of rights that are protected by the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, among them, private property rights
- that the county should continue to be more rural than urban in nature
- I would like to see clean living, a home for small business, a destination that everyone would like to visit for special educational opportunities, more arts, more music. Keeping the wonderful agricultural feel of the county.
- Manufacturing jobs around Siler City, Moncure and east of Pittsboro.
- A nice house.
- diverse and prosperous community living in a sustainable rural environment
- My memories of what it was 15 years ago, pristine, healthy, with clean water.
- Growth with minimal pains
- growth while maintaining small town feel
- More diverse population base.

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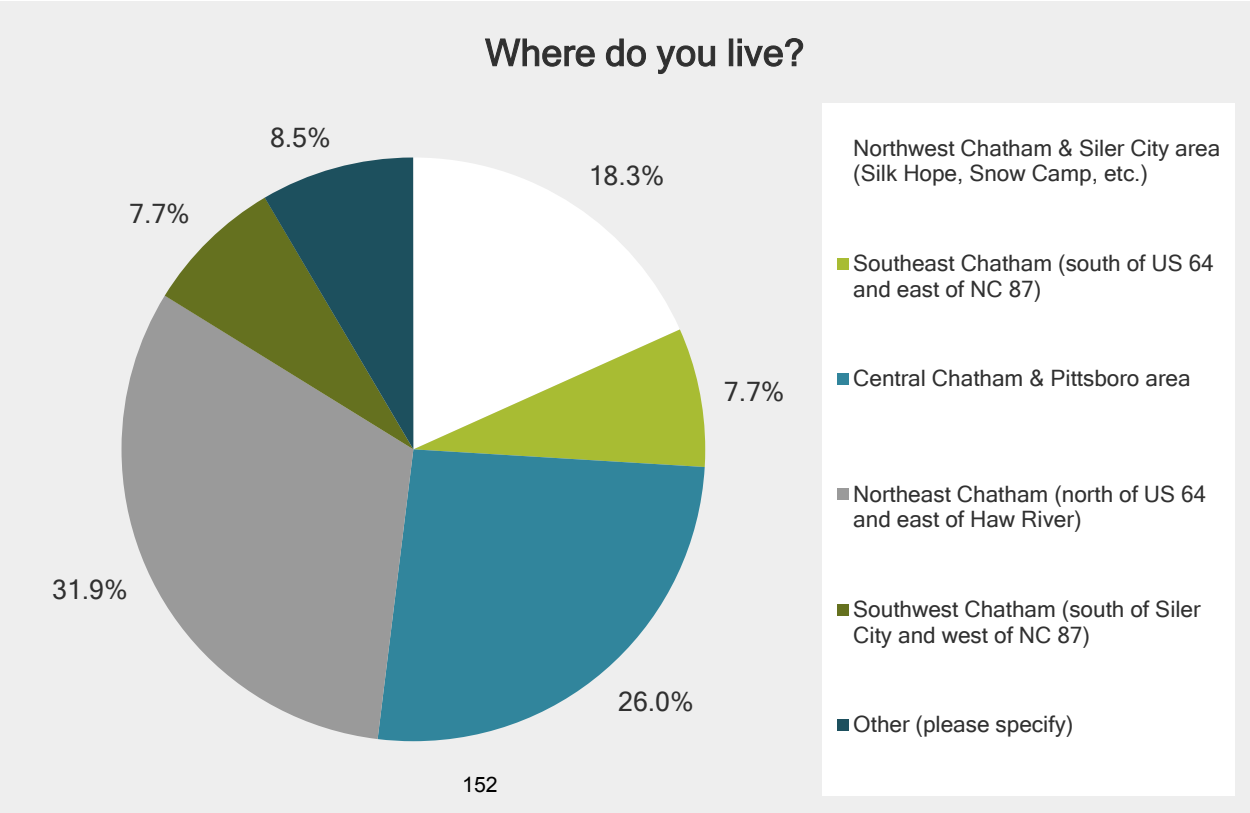
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Q1: Where do you live?

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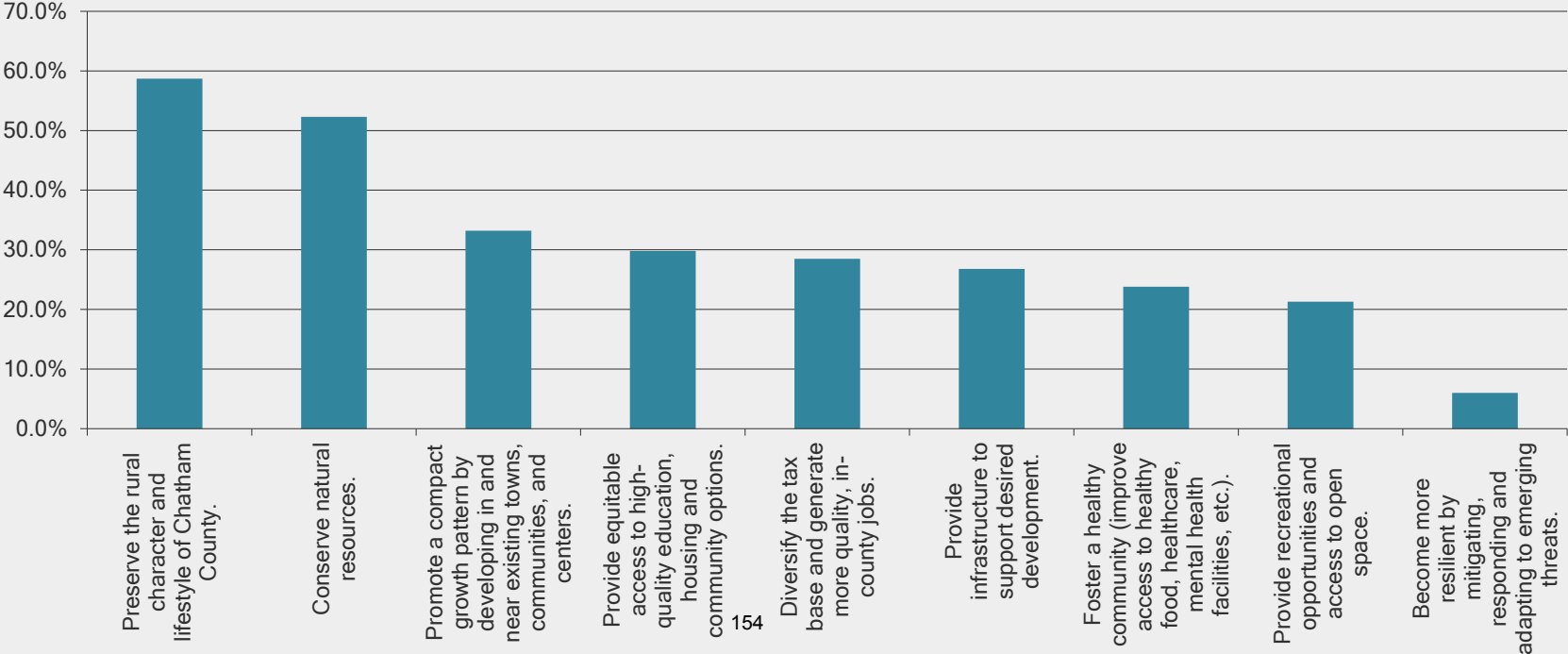
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Where do you live?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Northwest Chatham & Siler City area (Silk Hope, Snow Camp, etc.)	18.3%	43
Southeast Chatham (south of US 64 and east of NC 87)	7.7%	18
Central Chatham & Pittsboro area	26.0%	61
Northeast Chatham (north of US 64 and east of Haw River)	31.9%	75
Southwest Chatham (south of Siler City and west of NC 87)	7.7%	18
Other (please specify)	8.5%	20
	answered question	235
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Q2: What are your top three priority goals?

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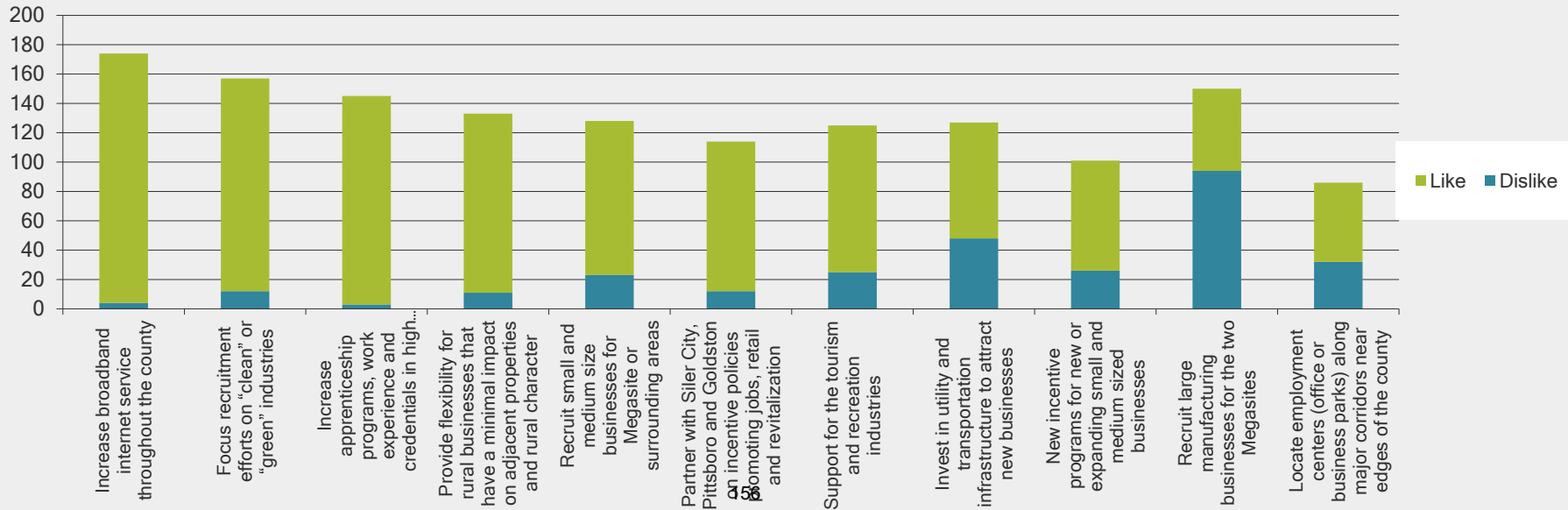
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What are your top three priority goals?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Preserve the rural character and lifestyle of Chatham County.	58.7%	138
Conserve natural resources.	52.3%	123
Promote a compact growth pattern by developing in and near existing towns, communities, and centers.	33.2%	78
Provide equitable access to high-quality education, housing and community options.	29.8%	70
Diversify the tax base and generate more quality, in-county jobs.	28.5%	67
Provide infrastructure to support desired development.	26.8%	63
Foster a healthy community (improve access to healthy food, healthcare, mental health facilities, etc.).	23.8%	56
Provide recreational opportunities and access to open space.	21.3%	50
Become more resilient by mitigating, responding and adapting to emerging threats.	6.0%	14
Other (please specify)	11.9%	28
	155 answered question	235
	skipped question	0

Q3: Economic Development - What are the most important action items for each topic area? "Like" up to 5, "Dislike" up to 5.

Answered: 214 Skipped: 21

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Answered: 214 Skipped: 21

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Answer Options	Like	Dislike	Response Count
Increase broadband internet service throughout the county	170	4	174
Focus recruitment efforts on "clean" or "green" industries	145	12	157
Increase apprenticeship programs, work experience and credentials in high school and community colleges	142	3	145
Provide flexibility for rural businesses that have a minimal impact on adjacent properties and rural character	122	11	133
Recruit small and medium size businesses for Megasite or surrounding areas	105	23	128
Partner with Siler City, Pittsboro and Goldston on incentive policies promoting jobs, retail and revitalization	102	12	114
Support for the tourism and recreation industries	100	25	125
Invest in utility and transportation infrastructure to attract new businesses	79	48	127
New incentive programs for new or expanding small and medium sized businesses	75	26	101
Recruit large manufacturing businesses for the two Megasites	56	94	150
Locate employment centers (office or business parks) along major corridors near edges of the county	54	32	86
Other (please specify)	Other (please specify)	6	6
		answered question	214
157		skipped question	21

Q4: Transportation - Allocate Resources: You have \$10 to spend on the following transportation projects. Divide the \$10 up the way you think would be most beneficial to the county.

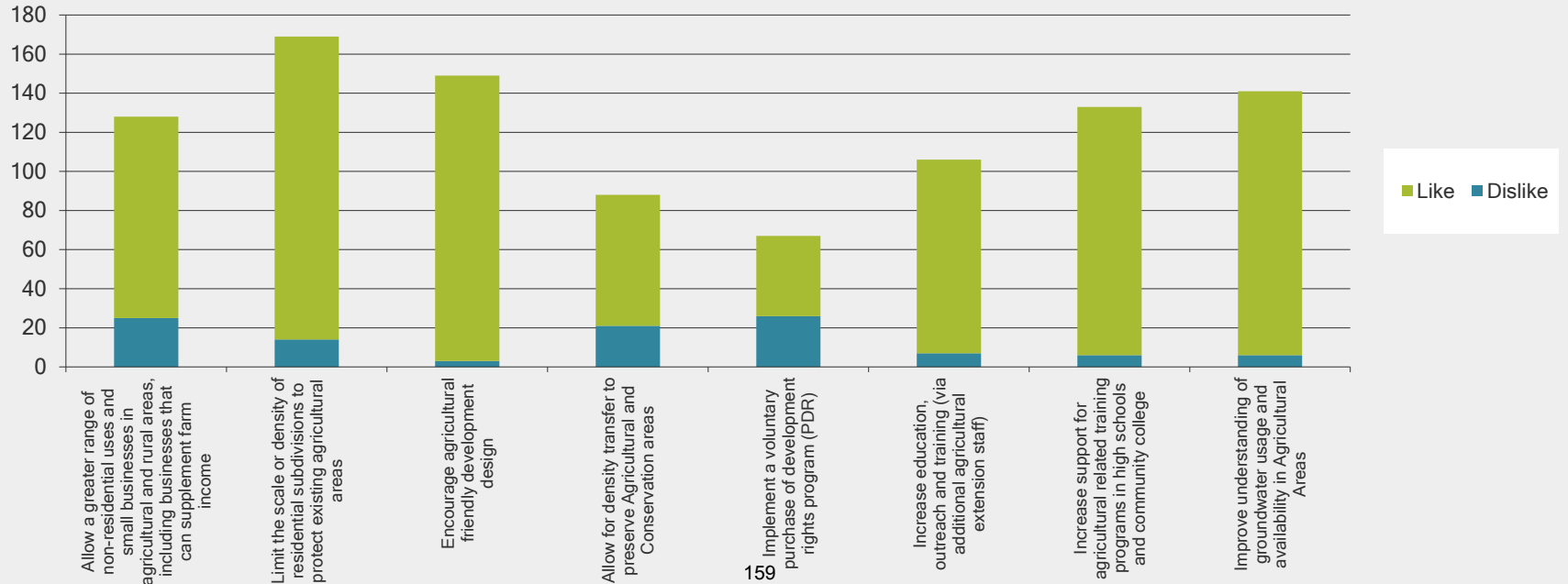
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Budget (\$)												
Answer Options	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Response Count	Rating X Response Count
Improve transit service to Chapel Hill, Durham, RTP and Raleigh	24	51	22	20	16	4	1	3	1	3	145	446
Construct sidewalks and greenways near Centers	30	55	24	12	9	1	0	0	0	1	132	321
Provide on-road bike lanes or wide shoulders for bicyclists	30	58	24	6	6	1	1	2	0	1	129	311
Spot safety improvements on rural roads	43	55	13	8	4	0	0	0	0	2	125	264
Connecting roads along US 15-501 to alleviate traffic	30	45	21	3	8	2	0	0	0	0	109	247
Intersection and access management improvements	47	40	16	7	5	0	0	0	0	1	116	238
Road widenings	24	36	12	6	4	0	1	0	1	0	84	192
TOTAL (MUST TOTAL \$10)	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	145	149	1457
Other (please specify)											6	
											answered question	204
											skipped question	31

Q5: Agriculture - "Like" up to 5, "Dislike" up to 5.

Answered: 209 Skipped: 26

Agriculture - "Like" up to 5, "Dislike" up to 5. See Informational Boards [HERE](#) for more information.



Q5: Agriculture - "Like" up to 5, "Dislike" up to 5.

Answered: 209 Skipped: 26

Agriculture - "Like" up to 5, "Dislike" up to 5.			
Answer Options	Like	Dislike	Response Count
Allow a greater range of non-residential uses and small businesses in agricultural and rural areas, including businesses that can supplement farm income	103	25	128
Limit the scale or density of residential subdivisions to protect existing agricultural areas	155	14	169
Encourage agricultural friendly development design	146	3	149
Allow for density transfer to preserve Agricultural and Conservation areas	67	21	88
Implement a voluntary purchase of development rights program (PDR)	41	26	67
Increase education, outreach and training (via additional agricultural extension staff)	99	7	106
Increase support for agricultural related training programs in high schools and community college	127	6	133
Improve understanding of groundwater usage and availability in Agricultural Areas	135	6	141
Other (please specify)			9
		answered question	209
		skipped question	26

Q6: Land Use - Review the Future Land Use and Conservation Map, descriptions HERE. What do you like and/or what changes would you make to be more in-line with your vision of the County?

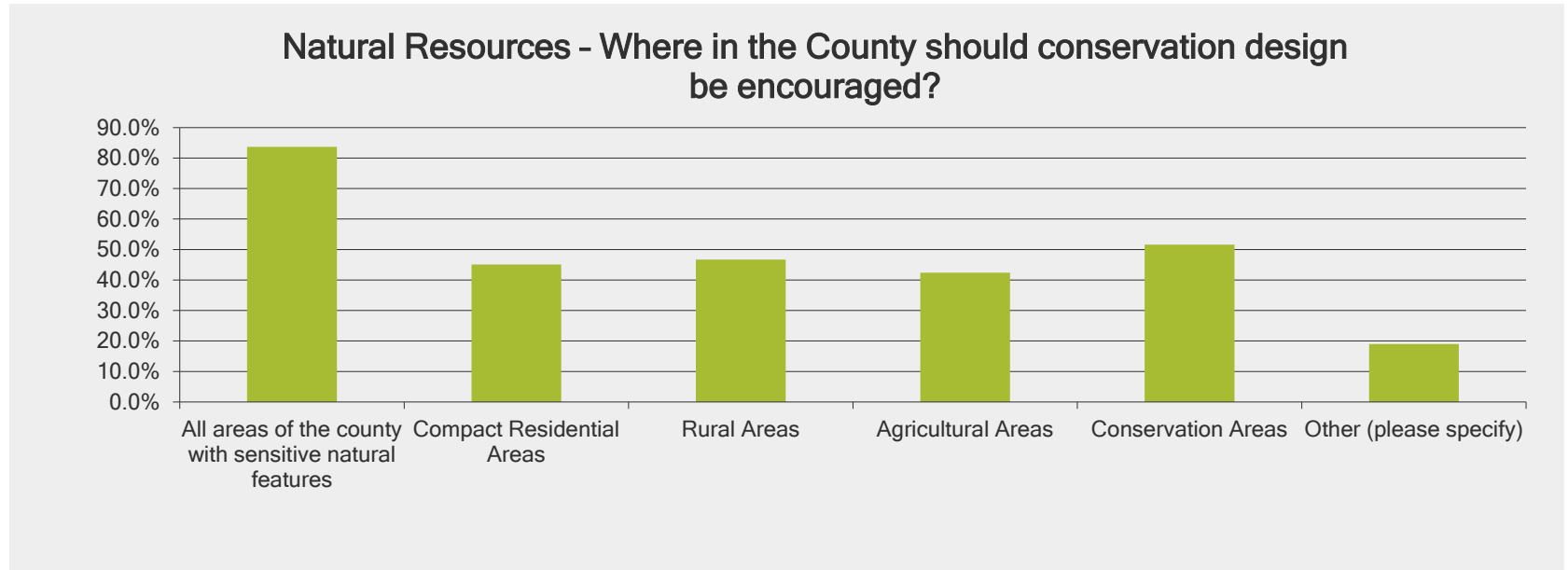
Answered: 78 Skipped: 157

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Answer Options	Response Count
	78
answered question	78
skipped question	157

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Answered: 184 Skipped: 51



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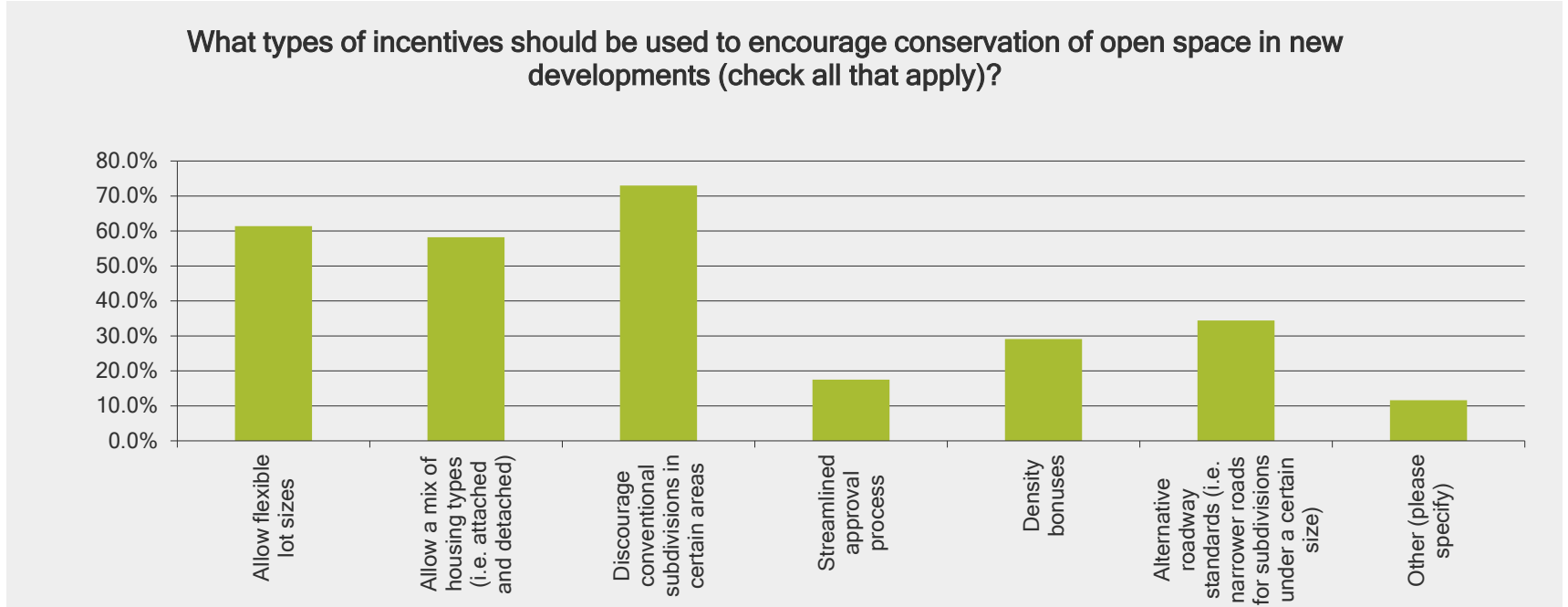
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Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
All areas of the county with sensitive natural features	83.7%	154
Compact Residential Areas	45.1%	83
Rural Areas	46.7%	86
Agricultural Areas	42.4%	78
Conservation Areas	51.6%	95
Other (please specify)	19.0%	35
	answered question	184
	skipped question	51

Q8: What types of incentives should be used to encourage conservation of open space in new developments (check all that apply)?

Answered: 189 Skipped: 46



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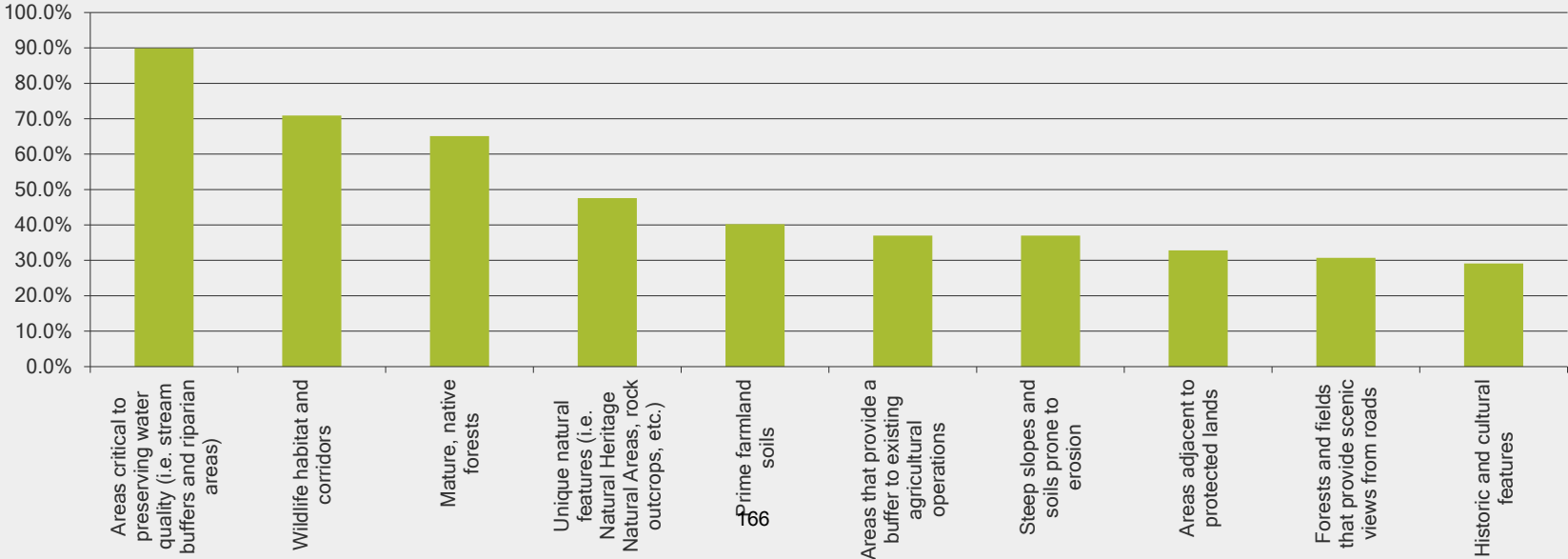
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Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Allow flexible lot sizes	61.4%	116
Allow a mix of housing types (i.e. attached and detached)	58.2%	110
Discourage conventional subdivisions in certain areas	73.0%	138
Streamlined approval process	17.5%	33
Density bonuses	29.1%	55
Alternative roadway standards (i.e. narrower roads for subdivisions under a certain size)	34.4%	65
Other (please specify)	11.6%	22
	answered question	189
	skipped question	46

Q9: What should be considered priority areas for conservation as open space as part of new developments (check up to 5)?

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Areas critical to preserving water quality (i.e. stream buffers and riparian areas)	89.9%	170
Wildlife habitat and corridors	70.9%	134
Mature, native forests	65.1%	123
Unique natural features (i.e. Natural Heritage Natural Areas, rock outcrops, etc.)	47.6%	90
Prime farmland soils	40.2%	76
Areas that provide a buffer to existing agricultural operations	37.0%	70
Steep slopes and soils prone to erosion	37.0%	70
Areas adjacent to protected lands	32.8%	62
Forests and fields that provide scenic views from roads	30.7%	58
Historic and cultural features	29.1%	55
	answered question	189
	skipped question	46

Q10: Parks, Recreation and Health - Review the Parks Recommendations, Parks Concept Map and Health Recommendations (see map [HERE](#)). What changes or additions would you make to have the greatest impact on quality of life or health?

Answered: 64 Skipped: 171

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Answer Options	Response Count
	64
answered question	64
skipped question	171

Q11: Other Comments: Based on your priority goals what are your ideas on actions that the county, towns or other partners (businesses, school board, civic groups, non-profits or individuals) can do to achieve them. For example, what projects, programs, policies, or plans could really have an impact? Provide your feedback on action items or any other topic below:

Answered: 100 Skipped: 135

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	100
answered question	100
skipped question	135

What do you like and/or what changes would you make to be more in-line with your vision of the County?

- I would protect existing homes, churches, and small stores in communities like Moncure. I'd be sure that farmers, especially small, sustainable farms which often have only five or less acres - are protected from large industries and compact communities (dense developments). I'd be sure all polluting industries are kept out or kept clean.
- Zone so that agricultural land doesn't get turned into high density housing. Housing divisions should not be able to tell farmers what they can grow especially if they come into the area and locate next to farms.
- pay attention where existing farms are already and don't limit their future options to expand the types of agricultural enterprises
- STOP CLEAR CUTTING, PRESERVE WATER QUALITY, DON'T ALLOW DUMPING IN HAW, JORDAN, ECT
- Luther Rd has different shading on opposite sides of the road. I live there with chickens, gardens, and consider my 20 acres rural, but I'd like for the properties bordering both sides of the road to be designated rural or think the rural nature of some residents, small farmers would be infringed on.
- Keep in mind the difference between small scale vegetable production and other types of conventional agriculture. Land use policies should support small scale producers.
- Slower growth - open space maintained.
- Stop the development. Let the people vote on bonds to protect Chatham's rural character.
- There is a crossroads center at Chicken Bridge Rd and Old Graham Rd. that is very dangerous intersection - wrecks there often. Also large area of forest land. Am very supportive of the plans for preservation of natural and agricultural areas!
- I like the idea of making the natural beauty of our County more accessible through protecting our recreation areas and implementing some of the ideas from parks and recreation. Concentrating development into community centers will help to reduce the sprawl seen in neighboring counties to our east. Forestation along the roads as a buffer around housing is so necessary. Furthermore it is critical to prevent corporations which have hazardous waste (dumping) practices from locating near our lakes and rivers. Thank You!
- Allow incoming developers the ability to create high density areas around the municipalities & industry corridors, but make them purchase in county offsets within the conservation zones. Temper expectations and investment in megasites major manufacturing is not looking at NC and new facilities will be more automated than job creations
- Protect ag from subdivision encroachment - unless different type of subdivision that includes working farm.
- Preserve water availability, limit development building, support agriculture.
- On Map- add coal ash landfill and quarries to map for the boot heel area
- On Map- add "future school with park" that the county purchased land for on Pea Ridge Rd
- - limit expansion of megasite (Moncure) to protect homeowners/residencies in nearby communities
- -develop policies/rules to protect environment in Boot Heel
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We ask you to recognize and support this conservation neighborhood by placing it on the "Land Use and Conservation Plan" map in the green "Conservation" color (along with other relevant maps and descriptions). The current draft map instead contains an expanded Briar Chapel CCO (compact community ordinance) area that engulfs some of these conservation lands with the yellow "Compact Residential" color.

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- more parks and protected land, especially along the haw river. is this where i say we don't need a shit ton of chain stores clogging up our corridors, the same/similar ones a few blocks from the other?

- By designating areas as agricultural or conservation you are infringing on the rights of the land owners. Reasonable development guidelines are expected - cutting by half or more the value of someone's land is not acceptable.

Imagine that the land you are designating is yours and the sale of that land will fund your retirement. How would you like it if by the stroke of a pen the value of your retirement assets were cut in half.

If the county wants to provide green space and parks - buy the land. Don't condemn other peoples land just because you moved here when the county was more sparsely populated, bought an acre, and now you want to close the gate behind you and use other peoples private land as your park.

- Like the preponderance of protected, conservation, agricultural and rural, but am upset by the small tract development so common in rural areas. Would prefer to see more details in the ETJ's where development should be concentrated. Would also be concerned about the expansion of ETJ's.
- I like that the compact community development seems to be associated with established growing areas and development in general isn't running amok.
- Maintaining agriculture focus along US 64 and US 421 ignores reality. As population increases, the major corridors will become a focus of development. More people will move west as Chatham Park becomes a reality and those people will want amenities and retail development and will not want to drive the 10-20 minutes to PBO or Siler City just to get groceries. This plan is a dream that has no basis in reality.
- scenic beauty ordinances along roads - not strip malls
- I like that the plans try to keep rural areas rural while still providing access to more amenities. I would like to see more importance placed on keeping wooded areas in their natural state so wildlife is not forced into residential areas.
- More conservation areas in northeast chatham.
- Too much development along northern 15-501. Need more walking paths and green ways. Need more pickleball courts. Should have less development close to Haw River.
- Do not like development bordering Jordan Lake.

Like the amount (or more) being kept rural and farmland.

- Keep it rural.

Keep it rural.

Keep it rural.

Why not add zoning that reduces the amount of fast food places? Check out Nantucket Island's success. Put money into a transit system but keep it affordable. We moved here to get away from traffic, overcrowding and stressful living. Sorry to see the area change so. Thanks for asking.

- Use the previously drawn map furnished by the EDC before 2014 to shape planning and permitting policy.
- I would like to see denser, taller construction in the towns--even more than 4-stories. I would also like to see in-fill housing there to relieve pressure on the surrounding areas. I would like to see greenbelt-type zoning into and out of the towns. I feel 15-501 north of Pittsboro has lost its unique feel and is quickly becoming one long line of generic looking strip malls with slow moving traffic. I would not want to see this

repeated elsewhere. Also, the map does not make explicit any possibilities for public transportation. I really, really, really want public transportation to connect points inside the county and the triangle.

- I like the Village Center plan immensely. I think it will create a compromise between those who want to implement population density and those who want to preserve agriculture and rural areas.
- Given the great interest in preserving "rural character" and agriculture in various surveys, priority should be given to developing incentives to support conservation of agricultural and natural resources.
- nodal development with greater County engagement with Chatham Park additional elements evaluations.
- I want to say something clearly, because I think it has been overlooked: many Chatham residents PREFER to drive out of the county to work and shop, and then return to rural Chatham. It is a happy trade-off for many, because we love Chatham County like it is.

I do think western Chatham needs more employment opportunities and better transit options to employment centers.

Housing: conservation subdivisions are a very good idea. In subdivisions, consider placing a cap on house price or on the average house price. Expensive houses require high income, and people with a lot of money often get things their way, which would not bode well for Chatham's rural and agricultural character. Encourage affordable houses near megasites.

To better protect Jordan Lake: do not make 751 four lanes, but do add decent bike lanes to it and to side roads east of the lake. Do not have a village/village center at 751/Lewter Shop Road - subdivisions east of 751 can shop further east even if in Wake County, and use 540 for north/south travel. Yes, there would be a loss of tax revenue, but a big gain to protecting drinking water and the environment, which is also a gain for tourism. Run-off into Jordan's creeks and streams needs much more attention. Water and sewer along them should not be allowed. Construction run-off already turns them red after just a moderate rain. Require Chatham Park to move development much further from the Haw River near Bynum. This would protect both the river and tourism.

Agriculture: do everything possible to promote and protect and encourage more farms and farm markets. Encourage small farms, too, as they are the ones that provide fresh local food and have a good impact on the environment. Require Chatham Park to set aside good land for small farms and a farmers market.

This is not mentioned in the plan, but as the county grows, more businesses will want to erect billboards along our beautiful roads, and I think that needs to be addressed also.

This plan reflects a lot of careful and thoughtful input, and with a little more tweaking, could become a plan that other areas use as their blueprint. Thanks for your hard work to date.

- I would like for conservation areas and protected lands to either expand or be more carefully conserved. I would especially like for rural areas to be protected from significant urban and/or suburban expansion while still aiming to increase opportunities close to existing town centers.
- I believe that you have allowed too much public density near Jordan Lake. We also need to work with Parks and Rec to connect Pittsboro, SC and Goldston through bike trails.
- More rural and agriculture area, more conservation of natural space.
- There seem to be a real dearth of conserved or protected lands in the SW of the county. This would be the time to focus on expanding these before development reaches the area.

Likewise, economic development in the SW part of the county seems lacking. If we want to reduce commuting and therefore traffic and road development across the county, job opportunities need to be available more locally.

I like the idea of community/village centers IF that means that sprawling development is discouraged as the alternative to help preserve the rural nature of the county.

- As per the map, from what I can see without exact distinction of location it appears favorable.
- I appreciate the goal of maintaining rural character of county but am not
- Like the green ways parks trails byways etc. education centers and year round rec centers.
- I feel that the area west of Hwy 87 towards SH elementary should be kept rural and not developed except for agricultural purposes.
- The "Conservation" land use description as written still seems to allow fragmentation of wildlife corridors and plant habitat. Even the low density development and limited roadways described in the "Conservation" land use category can result in fragmentation of habitats and disruption of wildlife migration.
- I like the centers. However, the part of the county where I live is covered by the legend, so I can't see what is there. Poor design to cover up part of the county.
- I'm not sure.
- 1) Preserve farmland in north eastern part of county through conservancy efforts. 2) Increase minimum lot size in rural areas for provide wildlife corridors. 3) Require developers to develop business/employment opportunities along with housing to keep jobs in county and commuting distances short.
- keep the area south of Chapel Hill to Pittsboro residential with light commercial, such as restaurants and small store retail to support residential use.
- Reduce the "compact residential" area east of 751.

Is this where I can say that US15-501 and US64 ought to be limited access roads like US1 and US 421 and that development needs to provide access roads and overpasses?

- Good job on that map- but- 1) we need visible, numerous greenways with access points between Siler City, Goldston, and Pittsboro. Too many bicycle injuries occur on our back roads. 2) We need our rivers to be actively monitored for flow, sediment, heavy metals, nutrients. The USGS gage at HWY 64 is only monitoring discharge and temperature. We have three (3) major rivers crossing Chatham County, the least we can do is actively monitor its health and safety. 3) We need the town of Siler City to STEP UP

and make it a livable, vibrant place, with walkable areas to shopping, schools, neighborhoods (all neighborhoods!), businesses, crosswalks across 64 and 2nd Avenue. Love's Creek should be an asset, not an eyesore. We are intimidated by the vibrant, diverse community that is Siler City, but this is an asset we should embrace. Everyone wants a livable community. Use the tax base of Chatham to improve all of Chatham, and N. Chathamites will spend money and time in our natural areas and quaint but LIVABLE and working towns, rather than fighting the traffic in Chapel Hill and Durham. Good role model: Boone, NC. We can do this!

- Concerned that overabundance of large retail establishments and medical type businesses in community and neighborhood centers will lead to vacant buildings
- 15-501 corridor: stricter regulations for landscaping along the highway to maintain natural beauty; i.e. more buffers, curbside plantings, denser landscape materials. Better, more stringent planning.
- In the Town Center, I believe putting in a

YMCA with an indoor swimming pool would be invaluable to the Community as a whole. I suggest looking at Siler City as the IDEAL location for this due to Mountaineer getting ready to build there. It is

expected to bring in around 700 new jobs,

which of course, will attract more younger families relocating to

the area along with their children to settle in and

become invaluable

members of an up and coming town. YMCA would enhance the growing direction of said families, including the ones already established here and the families in more rural areas to come into Siler City to drop off their grandchildren, children for, ex. here, swimming lessons, and while waiting for swimming to get over, the parents go get a bite to eat and shopping.

We recently moved here from South Florida and truly cherish our town of Siler City. Thank You.

- Must maintain 2,000 foot buffer for Haw River development to preserve watershed integrity, recreational use and wildlife habitat.
- Individual property rights must be preserved
- More protected areas along the entire length of the Haw River.
- Like the blend of rural/green areas with plans for development. We need planned development to bring good paying jobs for residents of this county.
- I really like it. Like the conservation areas and concentration of density in areas that are already trending dense.
- Maintain the rural characteristic of the county, allow controlled growth around the towns and mega sites. By controlled growth, mean appropriate density and mix of commercial/residential. Green industries and businesses should be given priority. Housing should encourage incorporation of green technologies as appropriate.
- Love to see more of the conservation areas protected. I am delighted with the idea of working to create instruments that keep land in forestry and agriculture, with awareness that industrial scale agriculture may be worse than traditional scale.
- Reduce the size of orange and white areas
- As the county grows I would like to see a focus on mitigating light pollution. Preserving the night skies and protecting nocturnal wildlife is essential to keeping the county rural. I'm not interested in seeing the country become another part of generic America (aka, Generica).

I would like to see a greater effort made to improve Internet connectivity and cell coverage in the county, especially if the population increases. Whether it be incentives or some sort of municipal options, Internet connectivity is sorely needed.

- Stricter light pollution abatement regulations.
- I like the projected river corridors and would like wider buffers.

I like the idea of compact communities to preserve large tracts of open space, but also think large single family acreage lots should also have impact and "clear cutting" limitations.

I would like to see a minimum preservation requirement on all develop-able parcels.

- Purchase more conservation land along Haw River. Encourage dense development, purchase natural areas near Pittsboro, reduce policies which allow sprawl, require ROI considerations for infrastructure investments.
- Perhaps more of an employment center/jobs area in North Chatham.
- Develop Stroud property into a park. Walking trails or bike trail. Make Chicken Bridge access safer.
- I like 70% of new growth in municipalities and near centers.
- I assume that there is some overlap between employment centers and town centers.

Encouraging walkable mixed use development in places where there is already development. Connecting pockets of development that already exists.

Recognize and conserve valuable lands for agriculture encourage more local farms/food through incentives for sustainable agriculture. Rather than focusing on incentives for developers come up with useful creative ways that land can continue in agriculture for future farming.

- I liked the agricultural map where density closer, so trees, agriculture preserved and expanded.

I'd like to see regulations or ordinances to stop developers from removing all trees and topsoil on a subdivision site. Leave existing landscape (rocks, trees, hills, etc).

Traffic circles and so much paving need to be minimized!

Conservation areas need to be a high priority for wildlife and tree canopy, ephemeral streams.

Affordable housing (less than \$200,000) must be mixed with these rich \$400,000 housing units

- Residential taxes will remain main revenue source? Preserve attractive features of county to facilitate this.
- Preserve breaks in commercial development along 15-501 and other major corridors. Encourage clean/green businesses.
- I love the focus on agriculture. And appreciate the ag-friendly subdivision design, protecting farmland so that it's not right up against a subdivision. Like the parks and trails. Would like to see lots of clean energy.
- Am somewhat colorblind. Having difficulty analyzing it. consider hasmarks and shading to distinguish areas
- Along the 64 HWY corridor between Pittsboro and Siler City make sure commercial and retail does not intrude on agriculture protection plan. Although the map shows low-medium needs it could be intrusive.

- Looks great.

Will need metrics to ensure positive outcome for water quality/groundwater supplies.

- Encourage more land conservancy by landowners. Keep rural areas rural. Put developments near existing "built up areas". Maintain natural areas - forest, ponds, streams, etc.
- We have a strong and growing local food economy. We should do all we can to support and connect both farmers and purchasers.
- While there are so many parts of Chatham I want preserved like the rural character, the farms and woods, what I address here is one of my main concerns: The Haw River, its watershed, ephemeral streams, and wildlife habitat that are threatened by development. I would also like to comment on limiting the commercial development of 15-501 from Pittsboro to Chapel Hill and total bulldozing of habitat and ecosystems because it is cheaper for developers to work with a flat treeless moonscape. The third concern I want to address is the use of Silk Hope Gum Springs Rd for gravel trucks and heavy cement trucks traveling many times a day through the neighborhoods instead of using Hwy 64, designed for commercial use.

What should be preserved along the Haw River? The original buffer of 2,000 feet even reduced to 1,000 would help wildlife and provide a natural view of the river as well as keep the water cleaner for Jordan Lake. Since the town of Pittsboro may have given that natural resource to Chatham Park Investors—can the county require some of its return to conserve as green space and a wildlife corridor? During the July 21, 2016, CCP discussion of the Unified Development Ordinance and Chatham Park's definition of open space, with our need to maintain natural areas and tree canopy for the community, Chatham Park said it is conserving only 1,000 acres and their "green spaces" counted land between road and ditch according to Chuck Smith with Preston Development. Chuck Smith said if we wanted that buffer on the Haw for conservation, we could buy it. The comprehensive land use plan was more than 15 years old, so those who originally bought the land for Chatham Park Investors knew there was supposed to be a decent buffer for the river. They should work with the county on conserving the watershed. Building huge McMansions for rich transplants across the river from our state park trails will not enhance quality of life for many Chatham residents or visitors to the area. The greenway along the Haw, including the buffer along CPI land, should be preserved as part of the state or county park system. Working with the Triangle Land Conservancy, can't the county do more to keep all our conservation areas protected?

To me, the Haw River is sacred. I speak for many people I know who feel closer to God or divine love near its natural beauty. So along with the health reasons for preserving the land closest to the river, the spiritual component for the community must be considered. We need to conserve wild and free space for wildlife and for future generations as our county population is projected to reach approximately 100,400 by July 2036. If we don't save a wider buffer than 500 feet along the river now, that natural area will be gone forever. The ephemeral streams and little creeks that feed the river also need to be saved in their natural state.

My next concern is turning 15-501 into the chaos of the Durham-Chapel Hill corridor. With a shopping center failing in Cary, department stores moving out of already established malls with changes in buyers' shopping patterns, we need a limit to commercial and office space along the highway so unnecessary building does not completely destroy the rural character along some of that road. The county needs to preserve smooth and expedient travel along 15-501 so the road is not crowded full of traffic and stoplights, with cement and duplicated shopping areas destroying the calm atmosphere or Chatham's natural beauty. Do not put sewer and water or other infrastructure along 15-501 to limit additional developments along the road. Work with DOT to stop putting so much cement in turn areas, too. Preserve some of the farmland and woods along 15-501 and require developers to stop scraping acreage clear of life and topsoil to save money. Work with the lay of the land. Developers need to work around trees instead of destroying them. The variety of trees we have, as well as old large ones and stands of trees, all need to be protected. Get the tree ordinance in place before any more developments of any sort are approved!

Finally, with all the construction east of 15-501, a rural road west of 87 in Chatham has become a highly

trafficked cement route. Please direct the heavy cement trucks to use Hwy 64 instead of Silk Hope Gum Springs Rd where it is no longer safe to walk beside the road as these trucks zoom back and forth daily. Also, being stuck behind slow gravel or cement trucks impedes normal traffic at times. As development increases, getting the construction vehicles onto 64 instead of our country roads will help our rural quality of life.

Thank you for allowing this input. I know money may speak louder than the voices of residents in Chatham, but we need to speak up for nature herself, since she only whispers on the wind and burbles quietly along the river.

Sincerely,

Joy Hewett

- I actually like it a lot.

What changes or additions would you make to have the greatest impact on quality of life or health?

- fresh food for everyone - not just the wealthy
- Jordan Lake is a reserved conservation. Consider that it was not built to supply H2O to communities and people.
- transportation
 - education/marketing on alternative transportation modes - existing and planned (go triangle)
 - make case for increased employment of non driving and rural populations via improved alternative transportation network.
 - make case for how improved transit dovetails with promotion of Chatham county's visitor attractions via day trips, ect from Chapel Hill, Raleigh, Apex ect
- Parks = exercise = good health. Probably 10 fold on our investment return.
- I am very supportive!
- preserve our habitat. provide for green paths. education facilities & community rec centers. Great Idea!
- make sure the trails are well made. Look for conectivity with other counties and municipalities.
- for question above - no! enough protected land already! Took half the county in some areas. All of this gets too invasive of property rights. If the public wants to preserve something, buy it at marked value
- Very aggressive plan - lots of parks + greenway on Rocky - But, FORGOT horses in Chatham - they need trails.
- Water quality as to purity is very important to current health and future health of our citizens.
- construct the park on pea ridge road that the county has already purchased land
- yes to extensive and linking trail systems, as well as more parks. i will frequent them as well as take my classes there and send students, clients, and friends.
- for number 9 - Did you find any place where you don't want to devalue land?
- No comment
- More Parks & rec programming in general and walking/biking trails in and near town centers
- Yet another scenario where East Chatham gets everything and the rest of the county gets the scraps.
- I like more community gardens. Maybe get schools involved.
- More pickle ball courts. It is one of the fastest growing sports and includes all ages and races. One of the only places in Chatham County where I see that happening. More trails also to encourage exercise and to be able to get out and enjoy the beauty of our county.
- More tennis and pickleball courts, more hiking paths and greenways
- Chatham County (as the entire country) is experiencing a fast growing number of people interested in the sport of Pickleball. The county does not have facilities that can accommodate the numbers. This is a fast growing sport that provides exercise, fun and team play to a fast growing number of Chatham County residents.

- More protected land so we can rest easy. Less traffic and crowding is better for mental health. More local businesses vs. huge national chains.
- We have enough parks, not adequately maintained. Promote industry, commerce, jobs to grow revenue. Then, deal with parks. Cart comes after the horse.
- These could be more evenly distributed. The concentration around Pittsboro and the paucity surrounding Siler City is notable.
- Top priority should be equitable access through location, and increasing quantity and quality.
- more transit
- It appears that greenways are on the roads? are you considering a bike lane a greenway? Get the greenways to connect Pittsboro, SC and Goldston
- Increase the area of protected land and conservation land.
- The plan seems to lack trails or especially MUPs from the NW of the county, Silk Hope area. This could open this beautiful part of the county for offload commuting and day trips from the more highly populated areas in the NE.
- Encourage the county to expand the plan for a greenway trail system that connects and unites different parts of the county together.
- Parks and walking trails in West Chatham; completion of funding for Bray Park aquatic center
- Like recommendations

- Unable to open
- No changes.
- Access to parks for all citizens through increased public transportation options
- Plan for large corridors of wild spaces for plants and animals (not used for other purposes) within highly developed areas; parks should include woodlands, not just playing fields
- I'm still angry that the Jordan Lake equestrian area was never built and that horses are not allowed in the gamelands. Jordan Lake provides more opportunities for non-residents than for Chatham County residents.
- Most of the "greenways" are located east and north of Pittsboro. This is missing a huge opportunity to bring business and development to the west of Chatham. It is also presumptuous. Serious hikers and bikers want mileage, and Chapel Hill/ North Chatham already has areas they've utilized. Bring the bounty out west, to places that haven't been overdeveloped, don't see enormous traffic, and frankly, need and infusion of outside investment. Build safe access points for parking and walking to businesses, new eating establishments, and outdoor recreation entrepreneurs will flock here like flies (which is good). The Rocky River at 64 is gorgeous, healthy, and a perfect welcome point for visitors to Siler City. DO NOT widen roads for cars; instead, build bike lanes. Let car traffic slow down. Much of California above LA was developed this way- for human life, not car life- and they have extremely vibrant agricultural (and organic) communities. Don't ignore Goldston, either. Goldston needs a greenway to Siler and Pittsboro. Goldston is absolutely ready for a revitalization- walking paths, park facilities, and historical areas. Right now it's being neglected, and historical buildings (in Goldston, Siler City, and Pittsboro) should be preserved.
- Potential park locations,

Indoor Rec Centers (again, it is a priority to put in a YMCA no farther than 5 miles from the hospital in Siler City, due to an unforeseen Health Issue while working out! !)

- Larger setbacks on the Haw River. Improve canoe access below the Historic Bynum Village and access / trails on both the Haw and Rocky Rivers. (Also, must ALL the colors be a different hue of green?) Sorry, picky but difficult to discern the map. Great plans if they can be implemented.
- More playground space for children and walking tracks for adults.
- Parks along rivers are excellent for people to visit, picnic, congregate as well as parks near businesses offering walking paths and picnic areas for employees to enjoy lunch outside.
- Chatham needs an indoor pool!!! Maybe the YMCA is going to take care of that but perhaps the county can help them in some way.
- Proper bikeways on all major and minor roads. Bikeways and walking trails should be encouraged, developed and maintained throughout the county.
- Safe bikeways
- Way making signage w/ fun facts about area.

Natural area signage/educational of natural flora and fauna identification.

More discussion/ideas about protecting night skies or exploring "dark park" opportunities.

Really like the proposed walking and biking trails esp that connect to towns.

- More county parks w/in Pittsboro's jurisdiction. More natural areas purchased public expense to conserve areas listed as significant natural heritage areas. More pools, greenway, and nature preserve.
- Contiguous greenways between parks.
- Development of more trails (natural surface & greenway) is highest priority.

-Lower Haw River Surface Trail

-Rocky River from Siler City to 15-501 Surface Trail

-Greenway connector b/w Pittsboro to Lower Hay

- Trails on Haw and Rocky ASAP.
- Parks and greenway connectors, safer urban to park walk/bike access. Higher ease of crossing major intersections on foot (Powell Place to Lowes for example).
- Indoor swimming facility within Pittsboro town limits.

Keep conservation and wildlife corridors along the rivers a priority so hikers and canoeists can enjoy natural beauty and creatures here a chance to thrive.

Trees provide oxygen!

Country roads with "sides" so people can walk (no necessarily sidewalks on rural road but wider flat sides to existing roads).

- Water quality - wider stream buffers (Chatham has muddy streams whenever there is a development). Stricter laws governing land clearance/disturbance.

Penalties - for sedimentation of streams and Lake Jordan

- Family parks with playgrounds, picnic tables, shelters, restrooms.
- Have a master plan. Save the green!
- Put more rec facilities in Pittsboro area. Too much focus on north Chatham.
- Safe places to walk and hike, access to healthy food, access to mental health care.
- No interest in these topics.
- Love the focus on nature preserves and interconnecting park system.

Do more fun stuff at parks so people know about/value these resources.

- More parks in western area.
- 1. Trails and greenways
 - 2. Establish a county department of conservation lands.
- A balanced approach to park services throughout the whole county. As a rural county, we have few trails for hiking any distance over 1 mile. Most facilities are only in Pittsboro.
- More access to healthcare in general - both mental and behavioral health care - more centers, transportation to some - county working with the state to get increased medicaid eligibility!
- Save any land near the Haw River, whether easements or deeds for conservation or purchase, to create a wildlife corridor and access to the river. Pace's Mill and the possible Jones Ferry crossing, ephemeral streams along the river, rock outcrops, Chatham Park's land closest to river all need to be conserved as naturally as possible. Bynum trail should not be altered to put a bridge across Pokeberry Creek. If they can't get a bridge with handwork don't put big machines there.
- Create smaller access trails from various subdivisions to the main trails marked on the map.

Other comments: Based on your priority goals what are your ideas on actions that the county, towns or other partners (businesses, school board, civic groups, non-profits or individuals) can do to achieve them? For example, what projects, programs, policies, or plans could really have an impact? Provide your feedback on action items or any other topic below:

- Moncure school is deserving (and past due) for improvements. If growth and change are so vital and important to the county, so should our community and youth. In comparison to other schools of Chatham County, Moncure School needs a major facelift as well as updating of services.

Please encourage the updating up current establishments, as well as your consideration of creating new establishments.

- Having lived in Southeast Chatham my entire life, I'd like to see the County doing something to improve the quality of life in this area. We have so many young couples in our community who grew up here, moved away for college/and or jobs, and later returned here to live - mainly because we have such a close knit, caring community. Most of them commute to jobs in Raleigh, Sanford, Morrisville, etc. but prefer to live in this community. However because of all the industry that has been located here in the past 30 years or so and the coal ash "dump" (and that is the only word for it!) that we now have in our area, I doubt seriously if the next generation will choose to live here. There is no way anyone in County government could begin to know what we're having to put up with since the coal ash started coming in. We know for a fact from the air quality monitoring reports that our air quality has declined. Truck traffic is horrendous (with several bad accidents in the past year) and will only get worse once the Mocre Megasite attracts more industry. We're all anxious to see what the County is planning in the way of infrastructure for that! Coal ash trains that block traffic for anywhere from 20-45 minutes several times a day have disrupted all kinds of schedules – kids going to school (although we are assured the trains would not run during the times school was about to take in or let out for that day), work schedules (especially those who have a long commute), medical appointments, meetings, etc.

We were told several years ago that the County purchased land for a new school and/or a Park on Pea Ridge Rd. and we looked forward to having a new school in our area. Just recently we learned it would be built near Sea forth. Just one more disappointment for our community! Is there anyway we could get a nice family park down here on that land with some walking and biking trails, picnic area, and recreation areas? With everything we're having to put up with down here, please at the very least, consider giving us a park for families to enjoy.

- I'm most concerned about Moncure area, which is most of Southeast Chatham. I don't want a mega-site to change the rural and small town character. No polluting industries allowed; more dumps of coal ash, landfills, nuclear waste, etc. We've fought off pollution for 20 years, still fighting Duke trying to dump 12 million tons of coal ash here. We're already getting toxic air from 1.5 million ton. Moncure - Pitts Rd, if made wider would threaten all the small homes and farms along it. We shouldn't have compact communities here. Our rivers are being polluted now - by coal ash ponds leaking and (illegible) going back into Cape Fear from Sanford waste water treatment plant. We need green space and protection not megasite businesses. We area have white/black community, largely poor. We need protection not development. Chatham Park threatens our water, too. I'm chair of Chatham Citizens against Coal Ash.
- Promote economic growth such as Chatham Park as long as this is a net positive cash flow to Chatham. CP (Chatham Park?) should pay for all required infrastructure.
- protect farmers and farmland
- Improve education and training for the residents!!
- land use and open space are my top priority. I am concerned about the number of developments coming in and the destruction of natural areas. Access to public outdoor spaces.

- Handicap accessible park(s)/trail(s) on Rocky River.
- Definitely need access to recreational areas and facilities for exercise in the county. Housing needs to be thoughtful and contain green spaces - not clear cutting for dense housing everywhere like they did in Cary.
- Open space.
- Consider #/stack of remote/ work from home residents w/in the county - and the possibilities of future WFH (work from home) population.
- the county need to take control of the growth situation! Keep housing developments small. Grow infrastructure first --> like most northern cities & counties. Example: we are planning to approve "x" subdivision for "x" people in the next 5 years. If schools and roads need to expand, that happens first even if development is developed. Let's not be like Wake County which is outgrowing everything (schools roads & resources!) thanks!
- thanks
- Allow the people to VOTE on bonds to protect Chatham's rural character.
- Projects which "tactfully" inform land owners of the need to exhibit through their pride and 'love of home' to preserve what they so treasure about Chatham. Ex: your grandfather worked this land - grew food, cut timber, raised cows/hogs, now in their memory Preserve Chatham!!!! In a good way.
- The plan should not seek to avoid growth, but to target it in a way that retains our character and culture. If there is a majorly invasive project, make sure it goes to an appropriate area and require the developer to pay to conserve some other part of the county. dont be afraid of density. Encourage it over sprawl. Utilize Rail for industry over roads.
- keep out the chains! bring in manufacturing.
- As residents of Galloway Ridge Retirement community our interest is in recreational opportunities, conservation and aesthetic values. We are not as interested in job opportunities and economic growth. However we realize this is selfish, but we strongly urge that businesses that do locate in Chatham be sensitive to set backs, plantings, buffering so that the area will develop in an attractive setting. Carol o Bell Grettman - Galloway Ridge
- I think roundabouts slow traffic and are more efficient than traffic lights. I hope that the rural feeling of this area can be preserved. Businesses should be required to install attractive, well landscaped areas along roadways. (BAD example at Walmart) Sidewalks in residential areas. no ugly shopping centers. Perhaps Cotswald theme of architecture with green garden areas incorporated. Downwardly directed street lights so stores can be seen! minimize lighting at night. Attractive large pots of blooming plants in all business areas. (Sorending? ... cannot decipher script) pedestrian signals (tinkling) where street lights are essential. Evelyn Ullman 919-542-1798
- Interested in clear incentive programs - minority businesses.
- Again, be careful of a "taking" by people who own 0.25 acres to dictate what others would do. Lots of people want to "preserve" land features of private property expense. "you maintain this beautiful area and pay taxes in it so I can see on my drive to and from work to my condo" There is no harm in development being "green" (a questionable cost effective approach) or conservational as long as it does not limit development with too many regulations. Jordan lake was a huge conserver of private land and provide acres and acres of green and recreational space. To "buffer" an area which was already purchased with more than adequate buffers is overkill for the tax base. In order to protect that area, much needs to be done to improve the technology for real septic systems (NC State Research) and reduce fertilizer runoff through education. Limiting everything by county policy is far too restrictive.
- Protect the landowners rights.

- -Develop programs/new revenue sources to help fund farmland and natural area preservation easements (PDR's).

-Broad support and problem solving to increase the financial and social needs of farmers (across all scales and production types). This better addresses the root cause of losing farms to development.
- please develop plans that ensure Chatham County does not become another Apex, Cary or Holly Springs! Thank You for the opportunity to comment!
- while it might seem unrelated or inconsequential, i feel it would be deeply impactful to have town and county employees attend a racial equity workshop to raise awareness and analysis of how institutional racism is everywhere and hurts us all and learn how we can work together to end it. let's ensure that the power to make decisions for the future of our wonderful county not unconsciously perpetuate inequities. (check out the Racial Equity Institute in Greensboro or contact Chatham Organizing for Racial Equity: chathamforracialequity@gmail.com). THANKS YA'LL! ~from a lifelong chathamite
- Chatham county will be best served by attracting a variety of business that provide good paying jobs. This would provide a better tax base and fund the purchase of private lands for public use.Consider this as an alternative to your current socialist approach.
- Achieving what I would prefer in Chatham would require stopping the clock. Population growth is overtaking the county as rural land disappears under the developer's advances. I would like a policy of "in-fill first" in that all property within certain distances around cities and towns (perhaps their ETJ"s) must be developed, and the more concentrated the better, before rural properties are divided and developed. It would also be appropriate that fiscal incentives be made available for people willing to remain in or develop working farms.
- New to the area, not sure how to answer the question. In general, I would like Chatham Co to be very progressive in its residential and commercial development. Give priority to developers who use green materials, integrate mixed use and agricultural elements into the space etc.
- High School and Middle school in Moncure. Moncure area has more industries and provide more tax dollars but no Schools. If industry workers come to Moncure to work it would be most efficient for them to live here and relocate here but there is no place for them to stay nor schools for their families. Children in Moncure leave home at 6am to travel 2 hours and ride bus to arrive by 8am. That's 4 hours a day and a half days work. Moncure Pittsboro Road is poorly paved and inadequately maintained yet residents and industries paying more tax dollars don't get any assistance from the county for better roads and living habitation, only help to bandaid the issues. More housing schools and business merchants would be good thing so Moncure can be more than a job it can be a home.
- The first thing that needs to happen is for the County Commissioners to actually LISTEN to what residents across the county have to say rather than listening solely to their Northeast supporters.
- Protect areas that have limited access or no roads by not building new roads.

Support voluntary citizen conservation efforts.

Require new developments and expansions of existing ones (especially Briar Chapel) to solve their own transportation problems as a part of the planning process, before approval and before construction.

maintain road-less areas

- I have seen what can happen when development get over done and green space is lost. Don't let it happen here.

- More 'hang out' space and activities for teens.

More dog friendly spaces.

Nature educational spaces and centers.

- Trying to attract well-paying jobs to the area so residents don't have to commute so much. This additional income will be spent by working residents on the new amenities and on improving private residential properties.
- Add an EMS station closer to Briar Chapel and Fearington Village.

Make roads safer at intersections - Eliminate blinking yellow arrows and set arrows to red or green, only. Install higher signal light systems. Widen roads. Add shoulders to all secondary roads.

- Pickleball courts and other activities to promote community cohesion through like-minded groups
- I may seem single focused but.....the country needs more pickleball courts (which can double as tennis courts, however tennis is on the decline as pickleball in on the increase). The growing number of players increases every week and has already outgrown the current facilities. This will only become worse as the population grows as expected.
- Make make agriculture and quality of life top priorities. This is what is inherent in the area and does well. The rural character of Chatham County is what has drawn the residents/or kept them, here. Make the new Ag Center a true center for the community. Celebrate rural living!
- Industry, commerce, jobs. These afford all the basic functions of government. Then, when revenue and budget allow niceties, like parks, fancy schmancy, and la-ti-dah, have plan ready for stepped improvements of same.
- I am desperate for regular public transportation to Raleigh and between Siler City and Pittsboro. The 64 is growing increasingly congested. Growth would be so much easier to handle if I weren't stuck in traffic on days when I can least afford to be. I wonder if there are any models for development that don't rely so heavily on the subdivision. Even a few sites with something different to offer would make the county a unique destination. I would like to see amenities such as green spaces accessible to all, which is why I noted the absence of parks and rec plans for Siler City. Finally, I would like to see affordable housing prioritized. I am a working professional with an income of 80k a year and glad I bought my house 8 years ago or I would have been priced out of the eastern portion of the county.
- I see three areas of great need in the near future in which the County has currently provided little or no effective support: (1) conservation land, (2) agricultural land, and (3) affordable housing. The County should promote and support the development of organized, effective programs with able partners immediately to engage the looming threats.
- Congratulations with your ambitious strategic plan 2040 for the County, particularly its participatory decision-making quality in the roll-out in the Horton Middle School and now in the battery of questions about important sectors in the County.

There is one area that I consider missing both in the roll-out and the battery of questions, i.e. a task force and a battery of questions on STRATEGIC ENERGY PLANNING. Each task force dealt with energy questions in their particular sector, but a comprehensive view on energy 2040 is also needed, mostly on account of the looming climate catastrophe.

If a strategic energy plan 2040 had existed, the energy provision for the Community College and the New Ag Center could have included the planning of a solar system or even co-generation at the 90-acre county sit for the present and future buildings and energy users at this site.

Thus I recommend that the County planners and its LandDesign consultant still consider ways of adding strategic energy planning 2040 to its ambitious Chatham 2040 plan, so that it becomes a completely comprehensive plan.

- I do think western Chatham needs more employment opportunities and better transit options to employment centers.

Housing: conservation subdivisions are a very good idea. In subdivisions, consider placing a cap on house price or on the average house price. Expensive houses require high income, and people with a lot of money often get things their way, which would not bode well for Chatham's rural and agricultural character. Encourage affordable houses near megasites.

To better protect Jordan Lake: do not make 751 four lanes, but do add decent bike lanes to it and to side roads east of the lake. Do not have a village/village center at 751/Lewter Shop Road - subdivisions east of 751 can shop further east even if in Wake County, and use 540 for north/south travel. Yes, there would be a loss of tax revenue, but a big gain to protecting drinking water and the environment, which is also a gain for tourism. Run-off into Jordan's creeks and streams needs much more attention. Water and sewer along them should not be allowed. Construction run-off already turns them red after just a moderate rain. Require Chatham Park to move development much further from the Haw River near Bynum. This would protect both the river and tourism.

Agriculture: do everything possible to promote and protect and encourage more farms and farm markets. Encourage small farms, too, as they are the ones that provide fresh local food and have a good impact on the environment. Require Chatham Park to set aside good land for small farms and a farmers market.

To keep Chatham beautiful and protect its agricultural and rural character, we will need to keep "Cary" and more "Chatham Parks" at bay.

This is not mentioned in the plan, but as the county grows, more businesses will want to erect billboards along our beautiful roads, and I think that needs to be addressed also.

This plan reflects a lot of careful and thoughtful input, and with a little more tweaking, could become a plan that other areas use as their blueprint. Thanks for your hard work to date.

- A true focus on protecting the character and natural beauty of Chatham County. I am worried that Pittsboro and the surrounding areas will end up like Cary. We have something special here and I want it to stay that way.
- Developers need to bear more of the costs of the infrastructure expansion needed to support their businesses. That includes new schools, roads, water, sewage and other county services.

I would like to see the EDC focussing as much on small business development as they are on trying to capture the massive auto plant. The more rural parts of the county would be well served by local jobs that

do not involve commuting.

The planning ordinances need to actually have some teeth. As it stands, when development goes wrong there can be no response.

- Improving the educational county system by building much needed newer schools. Building a new library branch in the North East corridor of the county near Briar Chapel is also needed. The school board needs to be proactive in promoting the need for 21st century progressive new public school plans.
- Litter clean up. Road adopt. Western roads filthy regularly. Report dumping, Especially animals dead and alive. County events at parks for exposure and promote county and community. Workshops, education or publications on county workings, available services, using county resources.
- Before encouraging further development, thought needs to be given to the effects on the local schools, and a proactive approach to preparing for an influx of kids from new developments should be taken.
- Again, recruiting more phone, internet and cable providers
- I am concerned about limited broadband service in low-density neighborhoods in the county, including northeast Chatham. Current service providers appear to be under no contractual obligation to upgrade or improve service to these neighborhoods.
- Small projects in the community of small towns like Moncure.
- Don't allow areas that are already protected from development (like stream buffers) to count as the open space/green space requirements for high density development. Encourage space for community gardens and other outdoor community activities. Use the extension service to advise on landscaping and land use for county projects
- Roads: More limited access roads (non-toll) to move commuters around residential and shopping areas. If you're going to build circles, make them big enough for trucks. The one on 87 near the library and the ones at 15-501 and 1 going into Sanford are frightening.

On question 9, All of the Above.

- Control the insane gridlock property owners are imposing on high-visibility areas in Siler City- yes, we need to preserve our small town feel, but not at the expense of livability. Abandoned, empty businesses should not be allowed to remain unoccupied- specifically, the old Belk building, other furniture stores, etc. If owners refuse to rent to businesses, they should sell, repurpose, or demolish. This is ridiculous. People deserve communities where they can walk without fear of dying from being run over by a vehicle, shop, eat, and get to a job. Kids should have places they can walk to to play sports and enjoy their communities. Greenways (SAFELY planned and implemented- near roads or lighting, and wide enough to accommodate bikes and pedestrians) connecting the three towns of Goldston, Siler City, and Pittsboro would bring a cohesion to Chatham County we've never had. Also- our rivers (and streams) are enormous resources! Let's protect them, and get hydrologists in here to set up plans to monitor their ecological health and well-being. Our residents depend on wells and groundwater for drinking, and rivers are a vital component of groundwater recharge and health. Finally- encourage sustainable businesses, big and small, to come to Chatham, and prohibit businesses with the potential to harm- specifically, fight the impulse to accept short-term gains from hydraulic fracturing and coal ash pond enterprises, which will create very serious and devastating long-term consequences on our county's economic viability.

- 15-501 is in danger of losing its visual appeal by not having more stringent landscaping requirements for new construction. Developers should be held to a stricter code: more bufferings, curbside planting, denser foliage, etc. more professional design.
- Planted buffers between highway and business. Curbside plantings. No car dumps visible from major highways - Lady Bird Johnson rolling over in her grave!!
- Understandably, Siler City, Pittsboro and Gladstone are locations where Hispanic individuals and families will live and work and settle. As such, their Religion is extremely important to them. However, you MUST also SERIOUSLY consider meeting with the Roman Catholic Bishop in Raleigh to determine putting in MORE CATHOLIC CHURCHES in these 3 towns and it is sincerely important to press with the Bishop to have many more English speaking Mass's on Saturday and Sunday, along with locating more clearly, concise English speaking Priests. The only only only Catholic church that is within a decent driving distance now is St. Rita's (Siler City, but considered in Pittsboro). Unfortunately, there are not enough understandable, clearly speaking English priests there. PLEASE PLEASE HELP!
- Developers MUST maintain a 2,000 foot boundary with the Haw River.

The Haw River, the Jordan and Rocky River and their watersheds, all ephemeral streams and habitat must be protected and maintained from current and future development for both today's and tomorrow's generations.
- 1. Please require buffer zones (trees, shrubbery, etc...) in front of all new developments and businesses, not only along secondary roads but also along primary roads like US 15-501 and US 64. Otherwise the beauty of Chatham County will soon suffer the fate seen in many other states and counties.

2. Please do all that is possible to preserve the rural character of Chatham County through tax incentives, business aid, conservation agreements, etc. Urban sprawl like that seen in parts of Apex is never pretty and must be stopped or slowed before it takes hold here.

Thanks from a concerned citizen.

- Having moved from an area where strip malls and standard suburban development consumed a formally attractive rural area, I believe it is essential for Chatham County to require developers of residential and commercial sites that they allow for buffer zones of trees or attractive landscaping that will enable Chatham's rural countryside to be preserved. This is as important on 15-501 and other large roads as on small roads.
- 1. Require road-side plantings along 15-501 commercial sites > buffering, curbside plantings.

2. Adopt measures to prevent sprawl.

3. Tightly regulate, restrict unsightly billboards along roads.
- Let's build public access tracks and rec facilities to be used after hours at schools. Businesses that program green and sustainable growth should get more incentives than those that just bring jobs.
- Excited to see Chatham planning growth. It is time for this county to get with the future of making our county offer more jobs to keep commuting at a minimum, housing, and amenities so that we can enjoy the diversity from planned growth.
- Monitoring, preserving & safe keeping land in Chatham Co from large corporations (WalMart, mining companies, fracking industry) that have only profit motives not care of our community. Review & approve purchase of land by whom, what is the purpose & plan of this property/industry & what is the long term affect to the environment & community.

- Encourage high school and college students to become involved in the communities. Town and county elected officials should volunteer in classrooms across the district so they can become familiar with our education system on a personal level. They need to learn what teachers and administrators face on a daily basis. Elected officials should also spend time personally driving every road in the county, walking every park in the county, and taking public transportation while attempting to access the internet. Maybe then some of these issues won't be so abstract to them.
- Maker spaces like TechShop <http://www.techshop.ws/> can foster community & incubate small businesses. Can also train use in more efficient & sustainable manufacturing techniques.

BROADBAND ACCESS

Multiuse space in villages for carpooling, co-op meetings.

Look at carbon impact of farmers getting to markets and investigate co-op produce busses .

- Stop "improving" roads for autos, focus on bikeways instead.
- Light pollution abatement (Chapel Hill astronomy club is an excellent resource) and broadband Internet improvement.
- Poverty is responsible for driving people to make decisions that may not be sustainable for them or be in the public interest. Reducing poverty can lead to more sustainable (economic, environment, socially equitable) outcomes for everyone.
- The improvement of schools are a priority that needs to be addressed. Build more schools especially high school levels. Hiring more quality teachers, and other staff members including social workers.
- I would like to see eco-tourism explored as an economic driver/development strategy/opportunity.

I would like to see rainwater harvesting on the list of alternative solutions w/ utilities, agriculture, water quality, and potable water options.

- The magnitude of the proposed Chatham Park is unreasonable. Do whatever you can to reduce the projected population of this mega development.
- Education about preserving nature and encouraging physical movement. Several post-its seemed very concerned about taxes funding parks, as though parks are not a priority. Also, bicycles. Many post-it notes concerned about sharing the road.
- One (personal) concern is regarding a 5 acre lot I own - it is not eligible for agricultural land use although it is currently used to grow hay for horses. Residential tax rate only although it has no perc site or home site.
- Proposed minor road link from Briar Chapel - crossing Andrews Store Rd to Lichen Trail should be removed from the proposal. Lichen Tr is a gravel driveway serving about 10 families. A paved road here would not only be very disruptive to our neighborhood but also it is very hilly and would require major land disruption. There is a road within 3/4 mile (Parker-Herndon Rd) which already has access to Briar Chapel (road) on the North of Andrews Store Rd and already ends up near where the proposed "minor road" would come out.

Please take this proposed road out of consideration on the plan.

Should have stricter runoff rules/education to bring streams and Jordan Lake to a cleaner condition.

- Locate regional recreational facilities and parks w/in Pittsboro. YMCA's don't provide services to undersized communities, prioritize partnerships w/ public agencies and municipal groups.

GREAT JOB CHAT CO PLANNING AND LAND DESIGN!

Good show.

Bottom line - I'd love to see the draft priority goals implemented via policies, more planning, and funding which reflects the articulated priorities. I'm happy to support bonds to purchase conservation land. Developers shared their fair share for increased demands in services that they create.

- I found it alarming to see plans - albeit conceptual - for a road to cross through my property and separate y home from the rest. There should be more thought in presenting routes. At least, property owners along an alternative route proposed should be notified so that they can provide input. Not everyone would notice this. Therefore, DOT would not know why design is not feasible.

County needs to consider safety a priority in planning design with increased traffic pressure from residual growth. This includes runoff from impervious surfaces that would impact water quality. Also, an aging population need better signage and lighting.

A resilient community is vital for impacts from climate change that we do not even begin to comprehend. Encourage solar installations and storage. Support small farms and markets.

- Form centric housing development encouragement - incentives.

Sustainable oriented business development.

- We need to take a stand to educate developers, business, and real estate, that the way of the past is not the way of the future. Boxstores will be a thing of the past, we need to all learn how to take care of the land, while at the same time take care of the elderly and the young. We need to make towns and villages where people know one another and work together instead of living in subdivisions that are endless rows of houses with nothing to bring people together.
- Internet has to be a priority. DO NOT forget areas in ETJ that are not served now!
- There are old community centers across the county. Can they be targeted for a useful life again?
- Transportation - Don't widen roads for more cars, have buses that are fast, green, efficient, on-time, and people will actually use them.

Nothing about the arts in these plans: incentivize arts-based businesses.

It is unrealistic to think that Chatham County will not be altered. The entire Triangle region will grow into one connected metropolis by 2060 or so. Chatham residents will be working in neighboring counties and many already do. The preservation of "authentic" experiences and "rural lifestyle" is short-sighted, though places change. Be on the forefront of this and put transit to other parts of the Triangle as your priority. Recognize the reasons for doing that.

- Continue to encourage input from all community members - including school kids (all grade levels) as well as non-English speakers, folks living in areas where average income is lowest in the county.

Support independent businesses and compact growth and infill. Discourage continued building of new

commercial space leaving not so old commercial space vacant. Encourage and enforce a tree protection ordinance before we don't have any trees left.

Organizations to work with: Triangle community foundation, CCCC, TLC, Conservation Trust NC.

Look at model sustainable, usable, economically diverse and thriving communities around the US and world.

- Find a way to buy land along Haw River Chatham Park wants to develop. Pittsboro gave away county resource by changing 1 house per acre from 1 house per 5 acres and not requiring conservation corridor along watershed for buffer!

Don't put infrastructure along 15-501 so only office and commercial space already started along road will be there. Too many red lights and weird cement barriers coming up to make traffic flow weird...

More senior housing and alternative communities for seniors needed.

- Transportation - we travel Old Graham Rd and others. It is 16' wide, 8' lanes. Bicyclists have no business riding on that road or others like it (Crawford Dairy, Jones Ferry, etc).
- Be prepared to push back against developers. I live in Forsyth County, GA, for 20 years. As time went on, the developers used whatever method they could to get their project approved. The result was a county that lost its rural origins, became just like any other suburb in the country, and small businesses closed because they could not compete against the national chain stores that moved in. Please preserve the rural, small business community in Chatham County.
- There are a number of 3rd party groups working to achieve these goals, especially conservation work. Creating governmental funding sources with particular requirements to access these funds are effective ways for governments to guide this work without having to actually do it themselves. A grant program that prioritized certain conservation or outdoor recreation goals could provide this guided support.
- We need flexibility in construction permitting. For example, great strides have been made in handling of gray and even brown water on site, yet neither is permitted and water is wasted.

Also, smaller housing should be encouraged. Right now, building an 800 SF house costs about as much as building a 1600 SF house since many permitting and inspection costs are the same.

- Having lived in the Charlotte area prior to moving here, we were dismayed by the growth of housing developments BEFORE adequate infrastructure was in place. We love the rural feel of Pittsboro and the close proximity to amenities (shopping, 3 major universities). The lure is just that combo: hope we won't lose it in this process.
- To make sure the comprehensive plan is done right even if there is a need to extend meetings, community input is key. If the county has to spend a few thousand dollars to hold more meetings it will be useful in the long-run for the citizens of Chatham.
- Give property owners with existing businesses the option to rezone their properties to the way they should be immediately. You are stagnating small businesses with the residential zoning. They will not be able to rent/lease/sell their buildings for a new business to come into the county without waiting the few months to go through the zoning process. Everything should not have been zoned residential to begin with. You SAY you want new small businesses, but your actions say otherwise! Please correct this mistake as soon as possible!
- Government should not be so enamored with the pressure/protect that it denies on limits rural landowners their property rights and freedoms.
- 1. Pay teachers more \$
- 2. Get kids outside, on farms as part of school programs

3. Increase internet access

4. Focus on quality of life (esp. resource/land conservation) as a draw for businesses (tourism, and rural-friendly industries).

- Remember, residential development COSTS THE COUNTY MORE \$.

5. Land conservation through easements (I'm sure you've spoken with TLC).

6. Bring back Home Ec, Shop, & 4-H for all schools.

7. Keep supporting programs like the night out in Siler City and the Hispanic liason to promote understanding and value between communities.

- I am still educating myself. We need to take a wise approach to our future. I am unsure now but will have better ideas by April.
- Start a conservation lands department in the county. Good management of conservation lands will encourage donation of additional land. Example: Manatee Co., FL.
- Educate the public on what it means to live in a rural county. Some basic education by part of a realtor's sales pitch, ie; what it means to live next to a farm - yes, they are allowed to spread sludge, yes, timber can be clear cut.

Buying next to a stand of trees today, does not mean they will be there tomorrow.

Tractors are slow.

Open fields does not mean they don't belong to some one and you can drive your ATV through it.

Plow: money to purchase development rights.

- You have done a monumental job here. I applaud you!

Two things I haven't seen addressed (or I've missed!) -

1. More information on possible impact of Chatham Park on all these great plans for the county!

2. Immigrant population especially Hispanic - how to engage, support, utilize their unique gifts!

- The county should focus on cooperation with its municipalities. Growth should be concentrated in the municipalities.

Thank you for your hard work. I enjoyed the meeting.

- * A game changer that is needed is to bring in businesses to create jobs in Chatham County.

* As the population grows, build a new highway north of 64 that takes you to RTP, Durham, and the airport

*Allow subdivisions to have on-site vegetable gardens that are tended to by the residents. Or, allow for mini farming on-site by an entrepreneur who then sells the produce to the residents.

It would also be helpful to understand what Chatham County is planning long term in conjunction with other big projects like Chatham Park. How are Chatham County views alike or different from these mega projects?

- I like the proposals, I wonder if we could create a 'small' industrial area and invite a big presence company (Amazon) which could increase the employment within the county and offer more jobs.

Plan Chatham Agricultural Focus Group Survey

FIRST DRAFT January 5, 2017

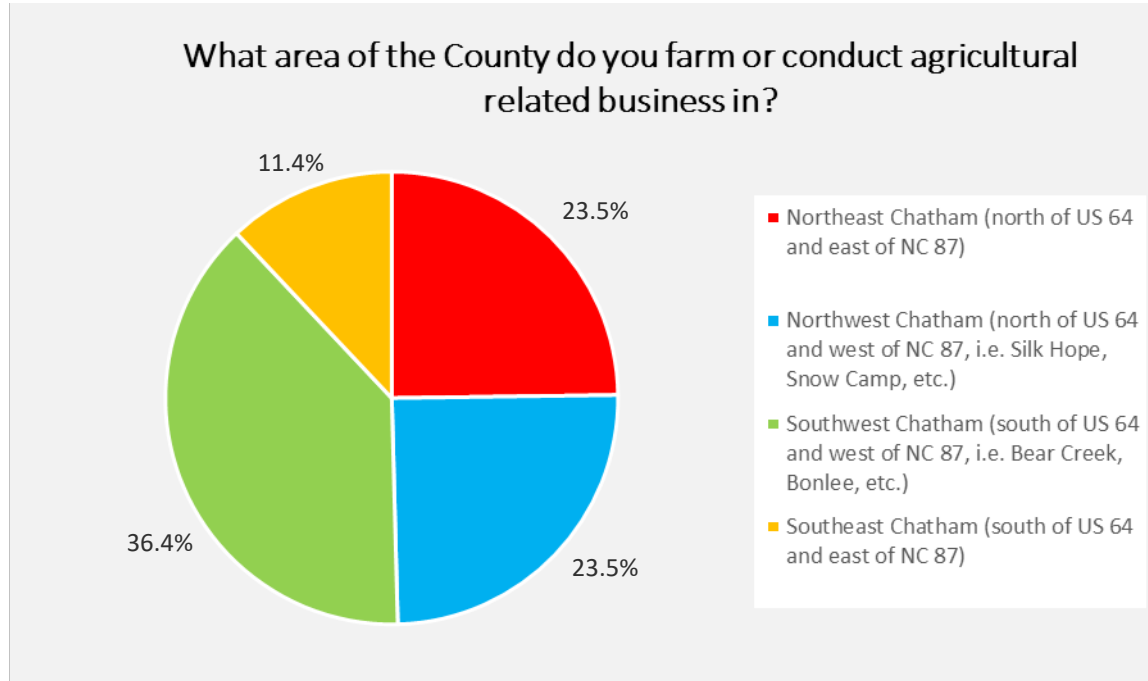
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Total Responses

Survey Period: Fall of 2016

Q1: What area of the County do you farm or conduct agricultural related business in?

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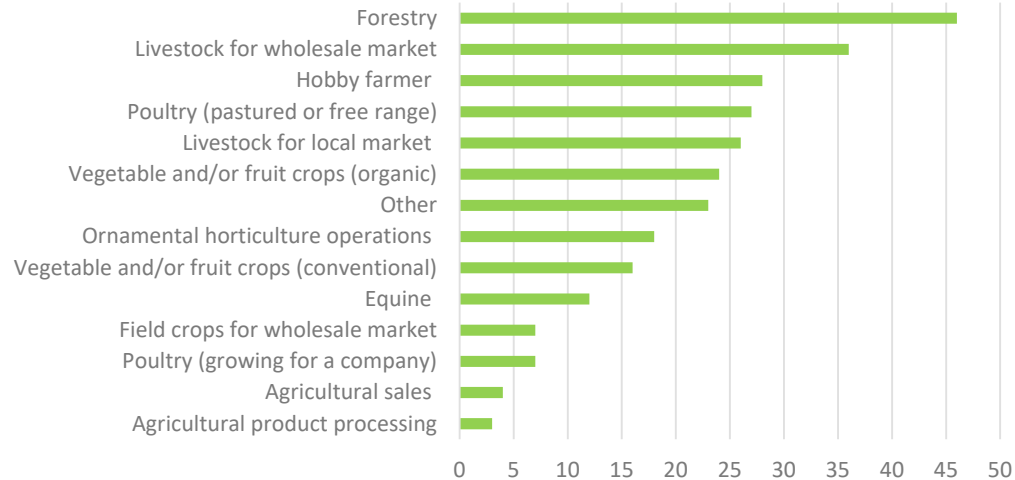
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What area of the County do you farm or conduct agricultural related business in?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Northeast Chatham (north of US 64 and east of NC 87)	23.5%	31
Northwest Chatham (north of US 64 and west of NC 87, i.e. Silk Hope, Snow Camp, etc.)	23.5%	31
Southwest Chatham (south of US 64 and west of NC 87, i.e. Bear Creek, Bonlee, etc.)	36.4%	48
Southeast Chatham (south of US 64 and east of NC 87)	11.4%	15
	answered question	125
	skipped question	0

Q2: What type of agricultural operation do you participate in or support?

Answered: 277 Skipped: 5

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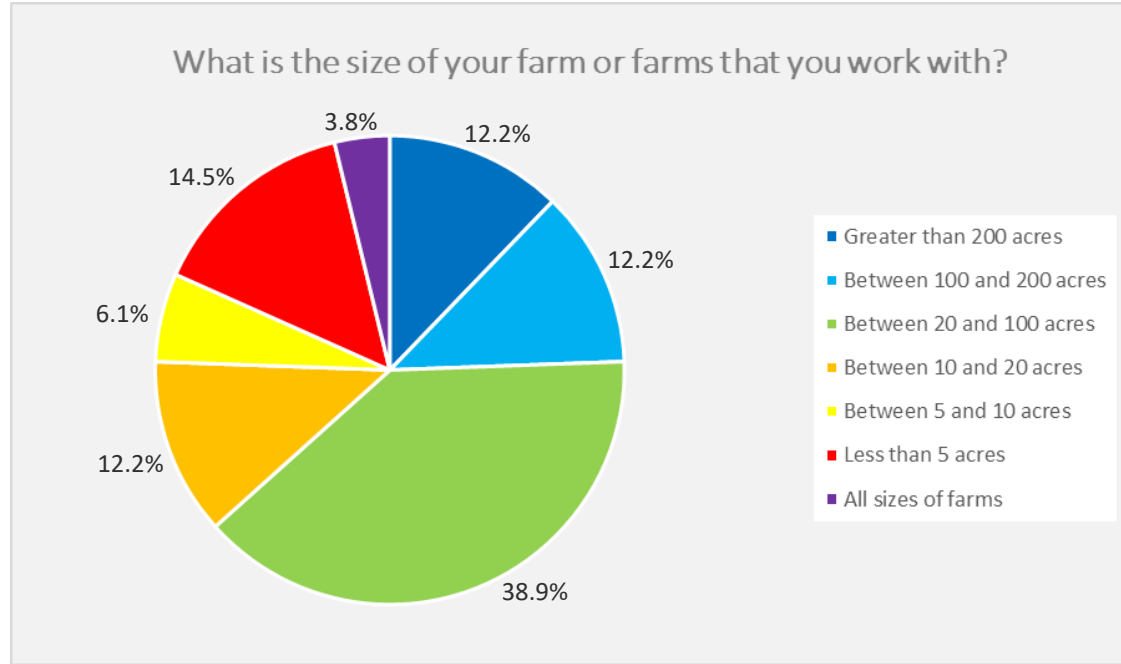
Popular Responses:

- Bee keeping
- Dairy
- Greenhouse/Plant Nursery
- Hay production
- Farmer's Markets

What type of agricultural operation do you participate in or support?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Livestock (cattle, swine, sheep, goats, etc.) for wholesale market	28.3%	36
Livestock (cattle, swine, sheep, goats, etc.) for local market (direct sale, CSA, farmers markets or retail on site)	20.5%	26
Equine (boarding, training, breeding, etc.)	9.4%	12
Poultry (growing for a company)	5.5%	7
Poultry (pastured or free range)	21.3%	27
Field crops (corn, soybeans, wheat, barley, etc.) for wholesale market	5.5%	7
Vegetable and/or fruit crops (conventional)	12.6%	16
Vegetable and/or fruit crops (organic)	18.9%	24
Agricultural product processing (slaughter facility, meat processing, winery, etc.)	2.4%	3
Agricultural sales (feed, equipment, supplies)	3.1%	4
Ornamental horticulture operations (nursery, greenhouses, Christmas trees, etc.)	14.2%	18
Hobby farmer (farming is not a major source of income--do not submit a schedule F, i.e. own a few horses)	22.0%	28
Forestry	36.2%	46
Other (please specify)		23
	answered question	277
	skipped question	5

Q3: What is the size of your farm or farms that you work with?

Answered: 131 Skipped: 1



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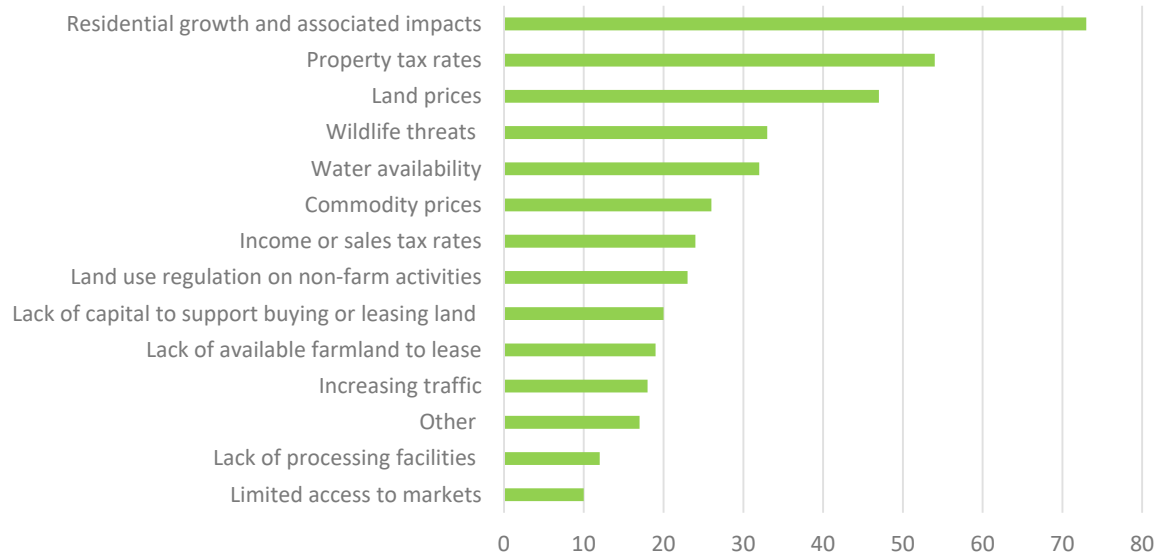
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What is the size of your farm or farms that you work with?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Greater than 200 acres	12.2%	16
Between 100 and 200 acres	12.2%	16
Between 20 and 100 acres	38.9%	51
Between 10 and 20 acres	12.2%	16
Between 5 and 10 acres	6.1%	8
Less than 5 acres	14.5%	19
All sizes of farms	3.8%	5
	answered question	131
	skipped question	1

Q4: What are the primary threats to agricultural operations you are involved with in Chatham County?

Answered: 408 Skipped: 0

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Answered: 408 Skipped: 0

Popular Responses:

- Maintaining a steady profit from day to day operations
- Water Quality
- Increased property taxes
- Decline of healthy ecosystems
- Keeping livestock plants/crops safe from outside threats

What are the primary threats to agricultural operations you are involved with in Chatham County?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Lack of available farmland to lease	14.4%	19
Lack of capital to support buying or leasing land or purchase of inputs/equipment	15.2%	20
Commodity prices	19.7%	26
Land prices	35.6%	47
Residential growth and associated impacts	55.3%	73
Water availability	24.2%	32
Land use regulation on non-farm activities	17.4%	23
Lack of processing facilities (options or capacity)	9.1%	12
Property tax rates	40.9%	54
Income or sales tax rates	18.2%	24
Limited access to markets	7.6%	10
Increasing traffic	13.6%	18
Wildlife threats (i.e. coyotes, deer, etc.)	25.0%	33
Other (please specify)	12.9%	17
	answered question	408
	skipped question	0

204

Q5: What factors contribute to the long-term viability of farms and other agricultural operations?

Answered: 430 Skipped: 0

What factors contribute to the long-term viability of farms and other agricultural operations?



205

Q5: What factors contribute to the long-term viability of farms and other agricultural operations?

Answered: 430 Skipped: 0

Popular Responses:

- Access to adjacent markets
- Staying informed on the latest varieties, trends, management strategies
- Water
- Government restrictions
- Location

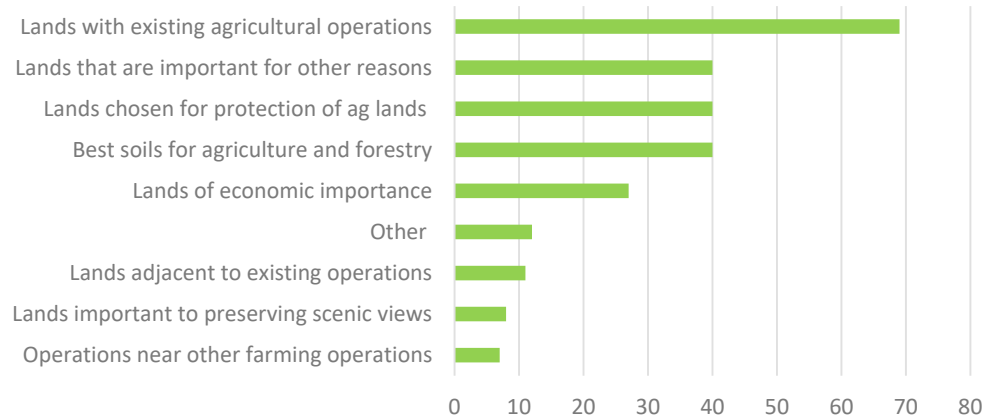
What factors contribute to the long-term viability of farms and other agricultural operations?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Productivity of soils (i.e. prime farmland or forest productivity)	47.7%	63
Size of farm	34.1%	45
Proximity to other agricultural operations	10.6%	14
Proximity to lands with agricultural protections (i.e. voluntary agricultural districts or agricultural conservation easements)	34.8%	46
Present Use Value (PUV) designation (due to tax benefits)	46.2%	61
Limited surrounding residential development	48.5%	64
Low land prices	22.7%	30
Distance to major markets (Greensboro, Sanford, Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Durham, etc.)	15.9%	21
Distance to farmers markets	11.4%	15
Agricultural practices	32.6%	43
Off-farm employment options nearby	12.9%	17
Other (please specify)	8.3%	11
	answered question	430
	skipped question	0

206

Q6: The Farmland Protection Plan (2009) recommends mapping strategic farmland in order to focus agricultural protection efforts. What should the focus of this map be?

Answered: 254 Skipped: 3

What should the focus of the Farmland Protection Plan be?



Q6: The Farmland Protection Plan (2009) recommends mapping strategic farmland in order to focus agricultural protection efforts. What should the focus of this map be?

Answered: 254 Skipped: 3

Popular Responses:

- Preserve lands that have a soil classification indicated as “Prime Agricultural Soil.”
- Identify lands that provide a buffer to our watershed

The Farmland Protection Plan (2009) recommends mapping strategic farmland in order to focus agricultural protection efforts. What should the focus of this map be?			
Answer Options		Response Percent	Response Count
Identify farming operations near concentrations of other farming operations	Operations near other farming operations	5.4%	7
Identify lands that are important to preserving scenic views	Lands important to preserving scenic views	6.2%	8
Identify lands adjacent to existing operations	Lands adjacent to existing operations	8.5%	11
Other	Other	8.5%	12
Identify lands of economic importance	Lands of economic importance	20.9%	27
Identify best soils for agriculture and forestry	Best soils for agriculture and forestry	31.0%	40
Identify areas where landowners have chosen voluntary protection of agricultural lands	Lands chosen for protection of ag lands	31.0%	40
Identify lands that are important for other reasons	Lands that are important for other reasons	31.0%	40
Identify lands with existing agricultural operations	Lands with existing agricultural operations	53.5%	69
answered question			254
skipped question			3

Q7: Agricultural related businesses are protected by state and county laws. What types of non-farm businesses are compatible with or help support farming directly or indirectly?

Answered: 1,652 Skipped: 17

Popular Responses:

- Agritourism
- Food industry/Grocery/Restaurants
- Processing facilities
- Forestry/Botanical Preserves
- Welding, Machining, Engine Repair
- Feed suppliers
- Stockyards

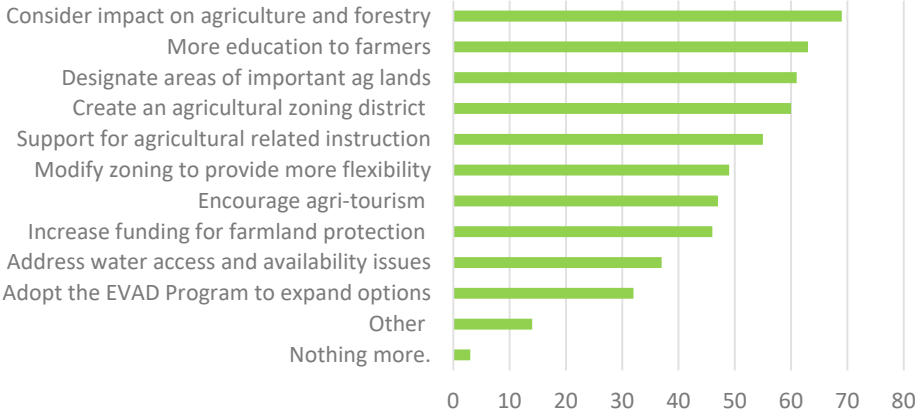
Agricultural related businesses are protected by state and county laws. What types of non-farm businesses are compatible with or help support farming directly or indirectly?

Answer Options	Response Count
	63
answered question	63
skipped question	69

Q8: What should the county be doing to support agriculture?

Answered: 536 Skipped: 3

What should the county be doing to support agriculture?



Q8: What should the county be doing to support agriculture?

Answered: 536 Skipped: 0

Popular Responses:

- Remove stringent zoning regs
- Protect water resources and green space
- Educate non-farming resident of the importance of agriculture
- Stop raising taxes on lands
- Consider concentrated housing developments

What should the county be doing to support agriculture?			
Answer Options		Response Percent	Response Count
Nothing more.	Nothing more.	2.3%	3
Other	Other	14%	14
Adopt the Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District Program to expand options for land owners	Adopt the EVAD Program to expand options	24.8%	32
Address water access and availability issues	Address water access and availability issues	28.7%	37
Increase funding for farmland protection	Increase funding for farmland protection	35.7%	46
Encourage agri-tourism	Encourage agri-tourism	36.4%	47
Modify current zoning to provide more flexibility for rural businesses	Modify zoning to provide more flexibility	38.0%	49
Support for agricultural related instruction	Support for agricultural related instruction	42.6%	55
Create an agricultural zoning district	Create an agricultural zoning district	46.5%	60
Designate areas of important agricultural lands	Designate areas of important ag lands	47.3%	61
More education and outreach to farmers and prospective farmers	More education to farmers	48.8%	63
Consider impact on agriculture and forestry of new ordinances	Consider impact on agriculture and forestry	53.5%	69
			answered question
			536
			skipped question
			3

Q9: What is it about your farming future (or those that you work for/with) that keeps you up at night?

Answered: 88 Skipped: 44

Popular Responses:

- Too many strict ordinances
- The fear of losing more farmland to residential and commercial development
- High taxes. Paying bills on day to day income
- Water quality
- Access to markets
- Farmers selling out to developers

What is it about your farming future (or those that you work for/with) that keeps you up at night?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	88
answered question	88
skipped question	44

PLAN CHATHAM

GOLDSTON:

What bold moves can the county make to preserve the rural/small town character while accommodating new residents?

- Pay attention to the rural areas that make Chatham special.
- Comprehensive community meetings and offers across 6 months.
- Get out and talk to the residents looking at housing covenants – make informed decisions.
- Support preservation of rural areas and farmland, thoughtful development planning with an emphasis on greenspace.

What does it take to position Chatham for continued success?

- More community input, more often. Maybe commissioners need to have more small town meetings.
- More community input that notifies residents across all social media platforms and traditional venues.

How can we continue to make the county more resilient?

- Pay attention to what makes us special now.
- Provide more input and details so we understand what is going on.

Land Use/Utilities

What types of land uses should Chatham County encourage or discourage? How?

- More farming, agriculture, use of small businesses and home based businesses.
- Encourage agriculture and forestry to maintain farming.
- Support “pod” planning to keep us green and lower dependency on fossil fuels.
- Small scale farms and forestry operations.
- Support for local farmers and incentives for land protections.
- Do not zone until a 25 year plan is in place.
- Remove barriers from small scale agriculture.
- Respect water needs and limited natural resources.
- Encourage solar types.
- Protect agricultural uses.
- Make sure existing local business can expand and grow easily.
- Freedom and privacy.
- Avoid the Lee County problems with affordable housing.
- Avoid the dream land trailer park and Runway Road safety concerns.
- Avoid similarities to government housing at Kelly Drive and Washington Street.

What type of infrastructure should the county invest in? Where?

- Extend water lines for fire suppression.
- Invest in safe bridges and roads.
- Plan with EMS partners.
- Sewer and power to be marketable to industries.
- Need internet service throughout the county, which is good for small business, agriculture and maintaining rural areas.
- Better water treatment center. Don't send out bad water notices a month after the fact. There needs to be a more immediate notice.
- Bring secondary roads up to standards.

Economic Development

What type of economic development is needed in Chatham County?

- Don't do to Goldston what you did to Carpenter.
- Should be able to operate home business as owner sees it, not needing to have it permitted.
- Get rid of impact fee.
- We are not the triangle and we do not want to be.
- We need to allow light industry in South-Western part of the county. Jobs are needed badly in this area as it is not a good farming area.
- Remember this is a large county and different parts of the county have different needs and wants, we do not want to be another N. Chatham.
- Manufacturing industry means more jobs! Service industry is unable to sustain itself. Manufacturing is the life blood of the middle class.
- Plan for low density housing to protect our existing resources.
- Support for small scale farmers including processing/packaging facilities, food hubs and grants for rural entrepreneurial projects.
- Goldston - our part of the county would like to have more input on all of the issues.
- We need more manufacturing jobs as manufacturing fuels the economy.
- Do not limit local business. We don't need any more people moving out of the county.
- Many who live in Chatham work in the Chapel Hill/Durham area. Don't increase our drive time. We also would like more commuting bus options.
- Chatham residents do not want to be part of the Research Triangle Area. We are unique and different.

What kind of economic development should be encouraged along the 15/501 corridor?

- Manufacturing!
- Small business is already the largest sector of Chatham economy. Start there and encourage more throughout the other facets of the system; taxes, zoning, transportation, parks and recreation, agriculture, etc.
- No strip malls. Clean industries or customer service based industries.

Transportation

What is the most pressing transportation issue for Chatham County?

- Access for senior independent adults who no longer drive.
- Better county road maps.
- A more robust bus system that has routes to Raleigh and more options to Chapel Hill.
- Safer corridors for big logging trucks.

The key to creating a better transportation system in Chatham County is _____?

- Better roads
- Better sight lines at intersections.
- Take care of what we have now.
- Wider roads to accommodate trucks.
- Improve road structures of rural areas.
- Become more bicycle friendly.
- Support smart planning “pod” system. Build up, not out.
- Planning for increased congestion on road and for future transit needs of new development.
- Provide expanded shoulders for bicycles and enforce their use.

Natural Resources/Parks and Recreation

How can we better protect the environment?

- Improve protection for wet lands, rivers and lakes.
- Think and obtain neutral expertise before you act.
- Keep out any fracking.
- Ensure that the environment impacts of developments are being considered, including the construction process.
- Farmland preservation by ensuring that small scale farmers have the resources they need to reach their financial goals.
- Do more to protect the road sides from trash.

How can we counter threats like growth and climate change?

No responses.

What should the park and recreation priorities be?

- Look at the parks we already have and improve them before building more.
- More park space and promote parks more aggressively.
- Need a centralized Parks and Rec office building to include programming space.
- More partnerships with schools and CCCC for programming space.
- Maintain and finish our parks.
- Pool for Pittsboro area.
- More after school programs.

- Upkeep of current parks and development of the lower Haw River natural area for recreation.
- Public pools that can accommodate persons with disabilities for water aerobics, etc.
- Senior-friendly playgrounds designed specifically to accommodate service needs/interests.

Additional Notes

Carolinabirds.com

The Jordan Place (9901)

- Mature preserve
- Bird sanctuary
- Protect H2O

This land and surrounding land (overgrown, un-reclaimed, fenced, full of stagnant ponds) → Turn idle land into nature preserve.

Creosote: railroad ties

Carolina Meadows (largest employer)

- Will consider shared services for moderate income seniors
- Council on Aging is supportive of shared services.
- Hillsborough Plan on Aging is worth reviewing.

**Applied for a grant to build a pedestrian bridge over.*

Children Place/Exercise to promote parks

Childhood obesity is a problem for 26%

- Signage
- Equipment
- Connect “activity area” via library
- Teachers/mentors

“Chatham Chat List”

Neighbors use to communicate.

PITTSBORO

What bold moves can the county make to preserve the rural/small town character while accommodating new residents?

- Not sure what “character” means. Rural to me means active working farms. Preserve the ability of farmers to function and you’ll preserve the rural character.
- Make Pittsboro and Siler City near centers more attractive to live.
- While “accommodating new residents”, make county website space – “what it means to live in a rural county” – farmers priority is water to livestock (traffic, etc.)

- Build towards the sky (multiple floor buildings, housing arrangements)
- Concentrate residential developments where it makes sense with public infrastructure – no sprawl.
- Concentrate density – preserve green space
- Sidewalks and bicycle paths to connect to local grocery shops
- Get rid of fast food places
- Mixed income housing
- All kinds of housing for all economic levels built close to shops and schools (it is what young people want)
- More activities to attract people (mini golf, theatre, movies, etc)
- Leave it alone
- Sidewalks and real bicycle paths (not just a stripe on the road)
- More roundabouts and fewer intersections with ugly, hanging traffic lights.

What does it take to position Chatham for continued success?

- Do not permit growth to run the county – it should not go faster than the infrastructure to support it
- Do not allow the costs associated with development to increase beyond the ability of new residents to manage them. More residents, more taxes, less farms
- Stimulate farming
- Protect waterways from dense development
- Leave it alone
- Learn from what others have done in Chesterfield Court, VA
- Plan now to build up and not out
- Trails along rivers – bike trails

How can we continue to make the county more resilient?

- Create affordable housing opportunities
- Support small farmers by helping them stay on land
- Monitor housing to avoid racial and economic segregation
- Leave it alone
- Support small communities as focal points for farms and tourism
- Preserve farmland and open/rural space
- Plan alternative transportation on 15/501 corridor

Land Use/Utilities

What types of land uses should Chatham County encourage or discourage? How?

- Encourage farming, discourage big industry and fracking
- Support renewable energy sources (wind, solar)
- Plan in activities to draw people to Pittsboro (mini golf, theatre, movie theater)
- Encourage farming, green manufacturing, mom and pop businesses
- Discourage fracking and water pollutants
- Leave us alone

- Encourage Wendy's in Pittsboro
- Discourage Wendy's in Pittsboro
- Encourage agricultural used and solar farms
- Discourage high density residential housing
- Encourage/support farming and nature

What type of infrastructure should the county invest in? Where?

- For goodness sake! Get us high speed internet! Try running a business from home with the speed we have now.
- No sewer
- Improve drinking water quality by tighter environmental controls on the river and Jordan lake
- Examine high density areas close to town and leave rural areas alone!
- Alternative energy
- Internet everywhere
- Inhibitive development is good. No county sewer
- Water is my greatest concern
- Expand internet access
- Renewable energy
- Cable forward looking broadband (Google fiber) to hi-tech industry expansion
- Protect Haw River/Jordan Lake water quality, which will require action by the state to limit upstream runoff to Haw and other tributaries to the lake.
- County-leadership to bring providers to invest is needed. Broadband/high speed internet is severely lacking in Pittsboro. This limits education of residents, their businesses and employment opportunities (we need avenues for advocacy)

Economic Development

What type of economic development is needed in Chatham County?

- Do a 2040 energy plan
- Attract a major auto assembly plant to Siler City megasite. This will generate jobs as well as spin-off for western Chatham.
- Advocacy for access to broadband now (small business, remote-working employees, students)
- Grow the artisan community
- Grow small business entrepreneurs
- Transportation
- Green business tax breaks
- Development of solar industry
- Growth industries (tech, biotech, etc)
- Clean manufacturing
- Improve marketing for the small businesses we already have.
- Make sure home based businesses aren't heckled out of Chatham Co by wealth development
- People like living in rural environments and are willing to commute for work.
- Good jobs that don't come at high environmental costs
- Emphasize quality of life to attract remote employees
- Small research-based business like Biolex in Pittsboro

What type of economic development should be encouraged along the 15/501 corridor?

- Mom and Pop shops with reasonable rent
- Encouraged?
- How about activities to draw people in (mini-golf, theaters, cozy restaurants, etc)
- Hi-wage businesses, not service jobs
- Plan parallel roads that all new development doesn't access 15/501 through own driveway
- Remember open space
- Couple tech campuses with transportation

Transportation

What is the most pressing transportation issue for Chatham County?

- Lack of bicycle paths (separate from the vehicle roads)
- Bike paths
- Decent transportation to UNC Hospital
- Why should Chatham County pay road tax for fracking in another county?
- No shoulder on major highways
- Bike lanes – not signs saying bike route and then they are on main part of road
- Paratransit for people with disabilities is not the “vehicle” to community integration anyone hoped it would be.
- Sidewalk between housing devs and shopping (especially grocery stores)
- Transit to Siler City for those without licenses
- Shoulders (paved, not gravel)
- NC-902 has trucks, curves, hills, farm equipment, logs, speeds – it needs access to 421
- Lack of attention to this issue. Why is Chatham Park not conducting a comprehensive study on this?

They key to creating a better transportation system in Chatham County is _____?

- Widening key roads before they get too busy.
- A much better equipped infrastructure (moved here to get away from this – build it now)
- Roundabouts instead of unsightly hanging traffic lights
- Pay very close attention to 15/501 Chatham Park access
- Get Amtrak to stop in Pittsboro

Natural Resources/Parks and Recreation

How can we better protect the environment?

- Contiguous natural habitats
- Protect trees
- Micro grid housing communities
- Strengthen protections of waterways
- Strictly enforce existing runoff laws (county)
- Stop ignoring it

- Support a master naturalist program for Chatham which will create 100s of volunteers (call 919-370-0093 for more details!)
- To know why we get sick from the water and learn what we can do to help better the water system
- Tighten controls of private wastewater systems (like the one in Fearington Village)
- Learn how nature is able to repair itself and support that system
- Between River Rocky and Deep. Create nature sanctuary to preserve land, water and wild life.
- At a state-wide level, encourage renewable energy growth.
- Tighten water/land pollution walls now before it becomes a huge disaster.
- Clear cutting without a replanting plan will always be an issue.
- Pockets of dense housing coupled with large expanses of green land.

How can we counter threats like growth and climate change?

- Make it attractive for developers to build net zero housing and offices.
- Reward both commercial and residential building with tax break and incentives. There is so much knowledge out there, why aren't we using it and making it policy/code?
- Institute multi-layered public transportation – anticipate evolution to driverless.
- Make it easy and attractive for inhabitants to do shopping and going out to eat without using their car (bike paths, sidewalks, etc.)
- Have a land use plan that preserves farmland, open space and discourages individual commuting to other towns
- Limit high density residential development
- Address the topic head on – climate change needs to be a part of every conversation.
- Keep buffers on all streams including ephemerals
- Support alternative energy (solar/wind)

What should the parks and recreation priorities be?

- Resurface library walk in Pittsboro
- Greenways and trails
- Land acquisition/preservation on public green space
- Increase public land and recreation acreage
- Create nature preserves and walking trails
- To engage young people living in poverty
- Focus on all ages with limited money resources including small scale places located in accessible areas (walking, public transit, biking)
- Safer bicycling opportunities
- Make Chatham a national leader in green space activities
- Walking trails
- Increased publicity/marketing for How River
- Make the town pedestrian friendly
- Increase the county's natural beauty
- Create trails along 3 rivers
- Carve out exceptionally large areas for recreation
- Consider investing in multi-use facilities to co-locate physical recreation interests with educational/social (arts, classes)

MARGARET WALLACE (BRIAR CHAPEL)**What bold moves can the county make to preserve the rural/small town character while accommodating new residents?**

- Downtown small business development
- Historic building preservation program
- Don't change the traffic circle

What does it take to position Chatham for continued success?

- A Wendy's or Chick-fil-a at Cole Park!
- Don't forget about young people who are attracted to the county for entrepreneurial, recreational and agricultural opportunities (we are the future of Chatham)
- Actively plan for the 60+ growing population (nearly 30% of population)

How can we continue to make the county more resilient?

- Expand in home and community services to enable Chatham County residents to age in place/age in community
- Smaller houses in residential design
- More open space
- Affordable farmland and housing
- Establish a CERT program

Land Use/Utilities

What types of land uses should Chatham County encourage or discourage? How?

- Sustainable agriculture so people can eat fresh local food
- Affordable housing for families
- Housing issue: more moderate and low income rental housing for seniors
- "Conservation subdivisions"
- Open space and public recreational areas

What type of infrastructure should the county invest in? Where?

- Compost facilities for food waste; can be given back to community for growing gardens
- Most important would be to protect clean drinking water, help people to preserve their wells

Economic Development

What type of economic development is needed in Chatham County?

- Professional
- Healthcare
- Arts, entertainment, recreation
- Less retail

- Plan for services that will be needed for growing 65+ age group
- Affordable housing should be allocated in Briar Chapel, Chatham Park, and other large developments
- Recreational
- Agricultural/food businesses
- Entrepreneurship
- Family friendly
- Less fast food
- Sewer options? (help steer density)
- Development for young adults, businesses where young people feel they have a safe place (creative, active environment)
- Flex and office development
- Apex – Chatham joint planning agreement
- Less “big box” stores
- Development that does not compromise the experience of existing homeowners in the county

What type of economic development should be encouraged along the 15/501 corridor?

- Restricted highway access 15-501
- No strip commercial zoning or development cluster commercial
- Prevent marketing of unhealthy food and beverages on billboards along 15-501 corridor
- Small unique businesses and trees
- Appropriate setbacks
- Have sign ordinance that limits “in-your-face” commercialism
- Minimize negative impacts to vehicular traffic
- Maximize screening
- Smaller scale

Transportation

What is the most pressing transportation issue for Chatham County?

- Bikeways
- Public transit for all people (young and old)
- Public transportation to Northeastern part of county (Pittsboro to Carolina Meadows)
- Minimize future gridlock on 15/501 between Chapel Hill and Pittsboro
- Bicycle lanes would be wonderful and of course more sidewalks for people walking on 64 (I can't even bike 20 minutes from Moncure-Pittsboro Road to center Pittsboro because of huge trucks and no shoulder)
- More innovative and affordable transportation options for seniors
- One issue is increased transportation options for seniors (medical and other)

They key to creating a better transportation system in Chatham County is _____?

- Putting roads in places that are respectful of where our rivers and beautiful agricultural land is preserved
- Seems like a lot of people drive alone – car sharing or community board would be helpful
- Focus development along side roads (minimize new driveways)

Maintaining rural character and views on highways and secondary roads

Natural Resources/Parks and Recreation

How can we better protect the environment?

- Protect open space and farms
- Encourage organic management practices on public and private areas
- Plant native plant, tree and shrub species
- Clean our rivers, focus on upstream to downstream cause and effects. I would love for my future children to be able to swim in the Haw!
- Keeping records on water quality for the Haw River, Deep River and Rocky River and how road services/development will impact them
- Ensuring building does not happen too close to the Haw, Rocky, Deep rivers – following LEED building standards
- BWA needs to be updated!
- Update NHP, data layer & forestry layer – NCLD 2011
- Clean up coal ash in Moncure and heavier fines for companies, industries and services that pollute existing environments

How can we counter threats like growth and climate change?

- Maintain and encourage mature stands of forest
- Carbon credits for farmers using conservation measures
- Have more bus transit and capping points for how much natural areas can be developed (for carbon sequestration)
- Renewable energy focusing on cleaning up coal ash pits!

What should the parks and recreation priorities be?

- Haw River and Jordan Lake Enhancements
- Bikeways separate from bike lanes
- Rock climbing wall
- Skate park
- Places where teenagers can hang out. There is no public space for young adults – huge problem
- Focus on community farming/gardening
- Preserving Chatham counties rich agricultural knowledge
- Parks where people can picnic and sit on blankets
- Environmental education focused.

OTHER COMMENTS

- I would like to see Chatham County have something similar to the Wake County Consolidated Open Space Program for land conservation. Wake voters approved \$91 million in bonds to support the program. I'd like to see Chatham become more proactive in this respect, including using bonds, grants, and partnerships to fund a similar program.
- On Boards

- Land Use
 - I agree on all of these [land use issues] especially diversity in land uses, employment and uniqueness of Chatham, agriculture & protect the environment
- Housing and Demographics
 - Don't know where you Guy's get your figures [for median income], they are way to high for the people I know.
 - Would be better to have options for rentals—took us 2 months to find a rental. Small cluster homes NOT townhomes.
- Parks and Natural Resources
 - Better trail system & infrastructure for Haw River & Jordan Lake (i.e. Connect Haw River Natural Area to Lower Haw River State Park)
 - It would be improved with more outdoor recreation centers, parks, bike-lanes, kids want to play and engage in the outdoors.
 - Open a % of shoreline to development [comment located near Haw River on the map]
 - Park & Rec [opportunity], Jones Ferry Rd, county owned strand property, 100 acres, mountain biking
 - More fishing access areas (free)
 - More parks, less golf
 - We don't need that much golf! We need wildlife habitat preserves & community spaces
 - Almost 1,500 acres of golf courses does not reflect nor benefit the local community. Only tourists and wealthier individuals. Severe environmental consequences with watering needs, over-fertilization run-off, fossil fuel use in maintenance, etc....
 - 26.5 miles of trails, when thinking it through, seems negligible to 60,000+ residents being brought in
 - Legend edits: Change Public Land to Publicly-owned land, change golf course and conservation colors to be more different.

PLAN CHATHAM GOALS	Like	Dislike	COMMENTS
1 Preserve the rural character and lifestyle of Chatham County.	21		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •We need metrics for how well we “preserve the rural character and lifestyle” and the “identity of the county.” We have to be creative to come up with metrics for arts and culture!
2 Preserve, protect, and enable agriculture and forestry.	11		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •We have only a 2 day supply of food in our grocery stores. We must grow a significant % of our food now.
3 Promote a compact growth pattern by developing in and near existing towns, communities, and in designated, well planned, walkable, mixed use centers.	8		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Compact growth but ensure conservation efforts to offset. •Discourage sprawl; encourage density
4 Diversify the tax base and generate more quality, in-county jobs to reduce dependence on residential property taxes, create economic opportunity and reduce out-commuting.	14		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •More roads=more development. Stop building roads. •Then must allow #2 on econ development
5 Conserve natural resources.	17		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •No new developments until tree ordinance approved. Require Chatham Park to conserve 1000 ft buffer along Haw river –enforce it. •Clean water, without it we’re in trouble! •Establish a conservation way around the center of the county •Expand buffer regulation on river, streams, ephemeral streams and wetland areas. •Save 30,000+ of conservation lands •Invest in conservation •No fracking!
6 Provide recreational opportunities and access to open space.	8		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Greenways! Encourage tourism of parks and recreational features
7 Provide infrastructure to support desired development and support economic and environmental objectives.	6		
8 Become more resilient by mitigating, responding and adapting to emerging threats.	4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provide incentives for community wide LEEDS building and pressure hardwood forests (max incentives to not cut). •Make plan now for threats: drought (limit development), energy loss (develop solar), media attack (harden wireless towers, etc), rampant over development, oil and gas drilling
9 Provide equitable access to high-quality education, housing and community options for all.	12		
10 Foster a healthy community.	5		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Off-road bikeways throughout the county—could be combined with greenways •Loop walkways for exercise incorporated into parks, schools, and businesses. People like to walk in circles

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
RECOMMENDATIONS	Like	Dislike	COMMENTS
Provide flexibility for rural businesses.	17	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Review existing zoning ordinance for compatibility with existing home based businesses. •Possibly revise/relax some restrictions for western Chatham.
Support home-based businesses.	7	0	
Modify zoning regulations to create flexibility for rural businesses.	6	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Yes, farmers can't earn a living and there will be no services.
Utilize a performance-based approach to zoning in Agricultural & Rural areas.			
Create a mixed use zoning district(s) emphasizing form over use for more flexibility.	4		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Would like to hear more about this? Examples? Has this been done elsewhere? •Me, too.
Increase employment opportunities with Employment Centers in appropriate locations.	9	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What about industrial parks for medium size manufacturing and service businesses in/around Pittsboro, Siler City and Goldston?
Encourage retail, service, office, "flex space" and other business development in Village Centers & Crossroads Communities.	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Strongly suggest non-chain retail. •Non-chain retail, unique shops not all "cookie cutter"
Encourage larger-scale retail, medical offices, and businesses to locate in existing towns, Community & Neighborhood Centers, and Employment Centers.	5	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Good source of tax revenue so funding doesn't fall entirely on homeowners.
Continue to develop and promote CAM and Moncure mega-sites for large industrial, targeting clean industry projects paying above-average wages.	7	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Good! As long as not "clean" industry
Allow a range of complimentary uses in nearby, to create attractive work environments with amenities to compete with other employment location options.	7	6	

Support existing businesses, targeting small and medium-sized firms.	11	5	
Support Chatham EDC and the community college to expand business visitation program.	6	0	
Review incentive policies to encourage greater participation.	1	0	
Increase engagement between elected officials and local businesses.	2	0	
Permit “grandfathered” existing commercial & industrial uses to continue to operate & reasonably expand.	2	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Big box stores hurt small, independent businesses that create a resilient local economy •Retrofits should be required to keep up with “clean industry” and environmental practices •Require clean – up of dirty businesses. Don’t let the pollution literally and figuratively continue.
Strengthen the Chatham Economic Development Corporation (EDC).	4	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Have they done anything good? \$500,000 for renting a “possible” mega site is \$ down the drain.
Increase the EDC’s ability to market and recruit businesses (esp. those in the Triangle and Triad regions).	3	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Focus on businesses that hold the forward thinking, environmentally conscious thinking that is strong in our community. •What kind of businesses with you recruit? What size businesses? Will they employ current Chatham residents?
Develop more complete databases and distribute current information on commercial properties and land.	1	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Don’t focus solely on hitting the “home run” with a mega-site. Look for ways to encourage and attract small/medium sized business. •Outside money comes at a high price. Keep it local. •Don’t waste money on incentives to bring in businesses. Spend it on local, independent ones already here.
Support entrepreneurship, arts, culture & tourism.	16	0	
Support existing service providers & expanded services.	9	0	
Support increased tourism & recreation opportunities, particularly promoting sustainable tourism & authentic experiences.	2	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Explore eco-tourism as viable economic deliver and job generator? Has any research been done in this area?
Explore new communication tools to link Chatham county residents, businesses and organizations.	5	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •High speed internet, internet for home businesses, internet in rural areas, we only one internet provide – need a choice. Even poor service like Time Warner, won’t run a line down a dead end road. We need internet.

Provide equitable access to high-quality education / educated labor force / opportunities for youth.	12	0	
Increase student apprenticeships and other workplace exposure opportunities.	5	0	•This should be part of argument included in megasite occupation. Partner w/ CCCC to train for good. Mega site jobs that require real skills.
Encourage work-related community college credentials and certifications, particularly those aligned with the needs of Chatham-based employers.	4	0	
Strive to increase engagement between employers, educators, workforce professionals, & Chatham EDC.	3	0	
Reinforce towns as residential and commercial centers of the County.	17	0	
Partner with towns on incentive policies to promote downtown revitalization, building renovation & adaptive reuse, façade improvements, & new retail.	15	0	•This should be part of argument included in megasite occupation. Partner w/ CCCC to train for good. Mega site jobs that require real skills.
Provide technical support to towns lacking appropriate staffing (i.e. Goldston).	2	0	

HOUSING			
RECOMMENDATIONS	Like	Dislike	COMMENTS
Process	14	3	
Encourage the incorporation of affordable & workforce housing in new developments.	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Need more affordable housing-should be requirement in developments that cannot be met by providing dollar equivalency to build in other areas – Nimby •Don't encourage but require affordable housing •Who will educate on home care! •Search available houses, many are affordable, don't create slums.
Update ordinances to include zoning provisions for affordable housing with contribution options (i.e. land or fee in lieu).	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Limit it if everyone opts out then we still have an affordable housing and diversity problem •Don't understand
Provide flexibility for developers to match target demographic.	0	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •This sounds like catering to high end developers please explain in plan!
Consider parameters: locational, pricing, rates, delivery, timing, needs.	0	0	
Establish a fund for affordable housing with housing type targets & location parameters.	3	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Actually build Harry Horman's (slightly denser) development of a few years back in Siler City. Please don't regulate it out of existence! •Incentivize developers instead
Encourage developers to partner with Habitat & other nonprofits.	4	0	
Places	11	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Stop allowing clear cutting to build housing developments
Accommodate a mix of housing types where appropriate (near transportation, jobs, schools, utilities, towns).	6	0	
Incentivize affordable & workforce for-sale product with fee reduction & density bonus provisions.	0	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Incentivize "sweat spot" energy/efficiency single family housing for median incomes (\$150k - \$250k price range)
Increase availability of quality senior housing via accessory dwelling units (ADU), pocket neighborhoods, & co-housing, etc.	4	0	
Targeted workforce housing.	1	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Artists village

Product	1	1	•Affordable does not equal houses all built alike and together. Create multifamily high quality options.
Encourage context-sensitive design to distinguish between towns/centers + compact residential vs rural/agricultural areas.	1	1	
Big Idea	2	1	
Big Idea: 100 new affordable or workforce housing units per year.	2	1	
Partnership	1	1	
Partner with municipalities, non-profits, & private entities to increase affordable, workforce, emergency/transitional & supportive housing.	1	0	•Build denser development with more/larger common open space.
Partner to maintain expiring affordable units.	0	1	
Promote & educate re: needs, trends & opportunities.	0	0	
Preserve affordability of existing mobile home parks when redeveloped.	0	0	
Number of affordable housing units by type	0	1	•Also number of units available to median income (not just affordable housing) as defined by HAS

PARKS AND RECREATION			
EXISTING CONDITIONS COMMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More family parks • Increase parks funding to match it's priority ranking in these surveys • Need more opportunities in NW area of county • North west park should have a summer camp and access to swim • We need cooperation w/NCDOT to create realistic bike routes. The ones we have are dangerous. • Not enough tennis and basketball at parks. • There is a need for multi-use parks (tennis and pickle ball courts) west end of Chatham 			
CONCEPT MAP COMMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please include kayak access poin on NW Jordan Lake, perhaps with a dry entry system • Trails in the NW? • Is this a day trail - start at Point A and end up nowhere? [on Rocky River Trail near Siler City] • Plan to connect Pittsboro and Siler City with off-road trail/greenway. Use wide shoulders on lower speed roads as a start. • Will our taxes pay for parks? / Who pays for parks!!! / Who pays for trails / Who maintains park grounds that are added • Parks spark tourism • Build a central county park between Pittsboro and Siler City. • Need connecting and return trails / why are trails not connected? • Conserve land and leave as natural • Conserve more farmland (TLC and Piedmont LC) / Encourage people to conserve their land / farm • Parks in NW District?? • Property values go up with parks • Parks are essential to quality of life • Parks improve health and reduce health costs • Community pools. Salt Water. • Put more rec facilities closter to town. Too much focus on North Chatham. • Connect trails and parks w/bike trails throughout the county - cary section • Connections are needed • Foot trail only along water corridors 			
RECOMMENDATIONS	Like	Dislike	COMMENTS
Maintain & improve existing parks.	3	0	
Implement planned phased improvements to existing parks (Briar Chapel Community Park, Northeast District Park, Northwest District Park, Southwest District Park).	1	0	•Do we have any areas with potential to be "dark park" designated? Night sky parks?
Upgrade playgrounds and equipment and parking at all parks.	2	0	
Plan for a complete and connected system of parks.	15	0	•To encourage cyclists to stay off busy narrow and dangerous roads.
Update the Parks & Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan including a Greenway and Blueway Master Plan.	15	0	

Big Idea	2	1	
Double length of trails and greenways by 2030.	2	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Not enough! Doubling natural surface trail mileage over the next 13 years us 2 miles per year. •How about 1) 500 miles, 30,000 new acres
Address recreational priorities & level of service (LOS) gaps.	21	0	
Improve access & condition of existing trails.	3	0	
Increase the number & mileage of trails and greenways.	3	0	
Create a trail coordinator position.	2	0	
Support the completion of the Haw River & Deep River Trails Currently there are 6.7 miles of greenways, with the majority being the 4.9 miles of the ATT.	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •This is crucial for: 1) conservation 2) river trails •Increase education signage on natural flora and fauna, especially in sensitive areas.
Support the completion of trails & greenways on the Parks and Open Space Concept Map.	2	0	
Update policies & regulations to require dedicated easements & encourage construction of trails & greenways.	5	0	
Improve access to recreational opportunities & open space by partnering with municipalities & private development.	6	1	
Improve access to programming and indoor recreational facilities	5	1	
Construct a multi-purpose indoor recreation center (Northeast District Park and/or co-located new elementary school near Briar Chapel Park).	2	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Market/promote year round transit for visitors access/day trips to Pittsboro/Siler City as destinations. •Multipurpose facilities on western end of county
Partner with Chatham County Schools to develop a model joint-use agreement.	3	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Multipurpose rec center needed closer to town of Pittsboro <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Yes-access for all income levels •Pickle ball/tennis courts in more areas then just city •Open schools for public use •How does the siting of schools factor into the plan? Will schools be located in areas where co-location makes sense? I.e., will they be within the population centers?

Support inclusive & ecologically responsible facility design & programming.	3	0	
Leverage natural, cultural & historic resources to enhance authentic community character, improve access to recreation & support tourism.	22	1	
Improve river access (Haw, Deep, Rocky and Cape Fear) in locations on Parks and Open Space Concept Map.	12	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provide protected wildlife corridors •Open space should include wildlife corridors and tree preservation. Require developers to save trees, stop razing the woods and earth for cement parking lots and “tree free” house plots •Balance with increased parking needs/environmentally sensitive.
Study the feasibility of establishing a nature preserve on County-owned land along Terrell’s Creek.	2	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •This is a beautiful lowland/rocky area
Accept donated lands for nature preserves, historic sites, community gardens & other community gathering spaces.	8	0	<p>support a bid for this</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Create additional incentives to donate. <p>Look at environment impacts of development (and new roads). Rivers-we drink from them!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Land donation can be encouraged by good management/stewardship of county conservation/preservation land. •Need a natural swimming hole. <p>If someone donates land for a specific purpose, i.e. public use-county should not be able to sell it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Have memorandum of agreement between county and municipalities to enforce natural area preservation/prevent crap •30,000 + acre conservation land-county owned

NATURAL RESOURCES			
EXISTING CONDITIONS COMMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Larger buffers standards for ephemeral-headwater streams-wetlands zones—erosion control measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Agree o Except for trails and greenway • Set buffers to protect water quality base on outcome • Information source “July 2013”—how do we support an updated rating survey? • Can the areas (in dark green) be protected within the Chatham park boundaries? • Prevent fracking—build a preserve around Jordan lake • Restrict fracking within 10 miles of Jordan lake reservoir and Sheron Harris power plant • Layer additional data sources on this source from DENR 			
RECOMMENDATIONS	Like	Dislike	COMMENTS
Make open space a key component of the development pattern.	11	0	
Define existing & future open space types & purposes & elevate them to focal points of development - designed & improved for the community.	11	0	•Contiguous
Preserve landscape level concentrations & connections of green infrastructure.	30	0	
Protect Natural Heritage Natural Areas (NHNAs), habitat hubs & wildlife corridors through voluntary reservation, acquisition & partnerships with non- profits & private entities.	20	0	•Limit animal habitat destruction
Limit overall density of development in Conservation Areas.	8	0	
Ensure the viability of natural systems by acknowledging valuable natural resources & employing techniques to preserve their functionality.	2	0	•Preserve night skies •yes! (different “opinion-er”)
Allow density transfers to protect agriculture and landscape level green infrastructure (i.e. greenbelts around Towns & planned activity centers).	0	0	
Protect & improve site level green infrastructure.	5	0	
Require/incentivize low impact development (LID) techniques in and nears centers and compact residential areas.	5	0	
Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) that increases infiltration and/or delays run-off (such as pervious pavement, stormwater planters, filter strips, sand filters, cisterns and rain gardens) are.	3	0	•Funding mechanism for 3rd party conservation work. Ex. Durham open space and trails commission matching grants. •Improve incentives for landowners to preserve their land through land conservancy groups.
Big Idea	17	2	

Permanently protect 20,000 acres of additional land by 2040.	17	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What happened to 30,000 by 2030! This is a modest idea-no a big one -- 40,000! •Support land conservation/conservation easements •Do not clear cut to build houses •Transfer of development rights or other mechanism for keeping the value/cost of agricultural land at its present use value. •Encourage land donations/easement donation by good management of existing acreage. •Don't clear cut and change topography of land •Protect animal habitat-woodlands, ponds, etc.
Encourage or require conservation design in & near Conservation and Protected Lands and in Rural Areas.	11	0	
Modify submittal requirements for conventional & conservation subdivision design (CSD).	1	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Parking lots in shopping centers and towns should look like this (Conservation Subdivision Concept image) •Develop program for performance-based environmental mitigation on working farm lands (vs practice base). Soil carbon possible measurable indicator. •Water quality is terrible in Chatham streams and Lake Jordan. Development run off—this should be a standard recommendation—bigger urgency
Discourage conventional subdivisions (at least in certain areas).	7	0	
Modify procedures, requirements & incentives to make CSD an attractive option for smaller properties.	3	0	
Clarify datasets to use as starting point for identifying primary & secondary conservation areas.	0	0	
Maintain & improve water quality.	18	9	
Maintain higher-than-state standards for riparian buffers.	6	0	
Encourage development to preserve forest cover & uplands.	3	1	
Support studies to determine causes of impaired streams.	4	8	
Restore & preserve drainageways, riparian areas & streams.	3	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Include ephemeral and headwater tributaries, wetlands
Encourage BMPs in agricultural & timber operations.	2	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Need stricter regulations on timbering to protect water quality

Improve education & awareness of natural assets.	5	0	
Improve outreach & access to environmental data.	3	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Have environmental educators •Education-get schools kids out into nature and they will become vested
Update biodiversity & wildlife habitat assessment created during the CCCP & update data.	2	0	
Improve access & support tourism.	2	0	
Protect resources that support tourism and provide access via regional trails & blueways.	1	0	
Utilize development review to protect of key viewsheds & provide recreation access.	1	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Work with land that's to preserve land where clusters of conserved land exist.

RESILIENCY			
RECOMMENDATIONS	Like	Dislike	COMMENTS
Mitigate impacts of drought, fire, flooding and pests.	7	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Support relief organizations with more funds. •And edibles—such a wasted opportunity not to
Update landscape planting guidelines to emphasize native species, diversity, drought tolerant plants, xeriscaping and other sustain- able landscaping practices.	3	0	
Encourage “Firewise” development design in rural areas.	0	0	
Discourage alterations of the floodplain.	2	0	
Encourage design of parks that reduce the transmission of tick borne illnesses.	2	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What kind of design does this? Less trees or more opossums and guinea hens
Improve emergency response.	3	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Communication towers need updated equipment for fire and police service.
Coordination between the Planning Department, Water Department, Erosion Control Department, Fire Marshal Office and the Fire Departments in areas of proposed development.	3	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Some parts of the county have excellent emergency response. Make that county wide.
Require static water points in new residential developments in areas without adequate fire protection service.	0	0	
Concentrate higher density mixed use development in designated areas to encourage walking and biking trips and support successful transit service.	11	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Compact communities ordinance: more stringent conservation regulations as standards for incoming development community.
Modification to Compact Communities Ordinance.	10	0	
New MXU zoning district(s) for flexibility on smaller parcels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •For infill in the vicinity of planned Community Centers •Village Mixed Use (for areas of Bynum, Moncure and other Village Centers) 	1	0	
Preserve and improve tree canopy.	15	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Don’t let Chatham Park cut down our last big forests. Preserve animal habitat.
Preserve forest cover through site design.	10	0	
Conduct additional studies to determine cause of impaired streams.	1	0	
Conduct riparian and stream restoration projects in threatened sub-watersheds.	3	0	

Encourage BMPs in agricultural and timber operations.	1	0	
Increase energy and water efficiency of buildings.	13	4	•Require HERs (Home Energy Rating) at minimum on all new construction.
Encourage infill and reuse of buildings and sites.	5	2	
Lead by example—county owned buildings LEED certified or equivalent.	1	0	
Develop a LEED or LID recognition program.	2	2	•LEED is way overrated! Points given for crazy things –driven by companies and builders that want to look good, not be good!
Encourage rainwater collection & reuse.	5	0	
Make open space a key component of the development pattern.	14	0	
Define existing and future open space types and purposes and elevate them to focal points of development—designed and improved for the community.	14	0	
Preserve landscape level concentrations and connections of green infrastructure.	11	2	•What about donations of land to the county
Protect Natural Heritage Natural Areas (NHNAs), habitat hubs and wildlife corridors through voluntary reservation, acquisition and partnerships with nonprofits and private entities.	10	0	
Allow density transfers to protect landscape level green infrastructure (i.e. green belts around Towns and planned activity centers).	1	2	
Protect and improve site level green infrastructure.	2	0	
Require/incentivize Low Impact Development (LID) techniques in and near Centers and in Compact Residential Areas.	2	0	•Can we do local tax incentives for solar and wind?

Encourage alternative energy.	25	1	•Required energy efficiency or green certifications on all new construction.
Permit on-site renewable energy generation as a principle or accessory use in appropriate zoning districts.	15	0	
Allow by-right solar and wind systems; consider relaxed setbacks for these systems.	2	1	
Orient blocks and buildings to maximize active and passive solar access.	1	0	
Recruit jobs and increase access to broadband to reduce out commuting.	5	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Excellent Idea •Recruit businesses with commitment to telecommuting (and improve broadband) •We lost ability to work from home when we moved to Chatham Cty 3 miles away from community college. It's like not having running water.
Increase walking, biking and transit trips.	1	0	
Encourage electric vehicles.	1	0	
Big Idea	6	0	
Become/remain a carbon negative country.	6	0	•Give incentives to homeowners who use alternative energy sources and build/live in passive constructed homes.

LAND USE			
FUTURE LAND USE MAP COMMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Conservation Area too big •Options for resale of [properties in] conservation areas needed •Conservation area lowers land value, another way to keep land price value •Expand and protect conservation lands •Protection of property owners rights, not a conservation designation-if conservation wanted-private parties conserve •Could be Ag [Collins Creek, Crawford Dairy Road area] •You don't get to look at my land as your park, if you want a park, but it yourself •Many comments for more R5 and R10 zoning [by same person]: Keep R5 or Change to R10 [East of Jordan Lake near Wilsonville], Zone R10 [North and South of 902 in SW part of county], Zone R5 [east and west of Bonlee], Zone R5 [East of Goldston] •No to Employment Center [Near Goldston] / Move Employment Center somewhere else • Preserve breaks in Commercial areas along 15/501 •Need nature preserve here. Along the Haw River and in uplands •Make O' Kelly Chapel Road safe •Change Army Cors of Engineers land from R5 or R10 to no residential -- conservation zoning or watershed zoning •Keep this Village Center small, very close to Lake Jordan [Martha's Chapel Village Center] •Keep both sides of Luther Rd Rural. Any development there would affect wetlands/lake - water •Light Industrial? EPA and County Clean Up [needed, US 64 east of Siler City] 			
RECOMMENDATIONS	Like	Dislike	COMMENTS
Growth where it should be	9	1	
Support development in cities, towns, and existing & planned growth areas.	1	0	
Facilitate development of the City Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) and the Moncure "megsites" and other employment centers to ensure future job creation in the county.	1	0	
Concentrate development in areas to create the critical mass needed for efficient delivery of infrastructure and services (especially transit) and to create destinations.	7	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Agreed! Don't turn us into Cary! •We want to reduce sprawl •Don't let the city people direct the direction for the farmers
Add flexibility and emphasize design with performance based criteria.	0	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What is meant by performance based criteria?
Agriculture that makes sense.	14	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sustainable agriculture is resilient. Agriculture that builds healthy soil, not depletes it.
Promote agriculture as a key feature of the county and component of the local economy and discourage conversion of areas with concentrations viable agricultural operations.	3	0	

<p>Policy recommendations for Agricultural Area on Future Land Use map:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •encourage agricultural uses •discourage residential subdivisions over a specified scale •allow a wide range of complementary uses, including businesses the can supplement income (i.e., small engine repair, tax service, temp uses, food outlets, cafes, etc.), provided performance standards are met to avoid or mitigate im- pacts (i.e., traffic, screening of outdoor storage, etc.) •Study the creation of an agricultural zoning district that codifies the recommendations above. 	3	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Pay attention to where successful farm operations are...they are not all where you think they are.
Discourage encroachment of new development of areas with viable agricultural operations.	6	0	
Encourage integration of small-scale, compatible agriculture into urbanizing areas.	2	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Encourage small scale sustainable agriculture
Live naturally	29	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •"Live naturally" is a buzz word without meaning.
Limit development in conservation areas.	13	0	
Bring open space in its many forms to the forefront, making it a key/in- tegral component of the development pattern.	7	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Use Davidson, NC as a model for this (open space regulations)
Incentivize conservation design (and discourage conventional) in key conservation areas.	9	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •What are the incentives? Examples?
Big Idea	2	0	
70% of new growth in municipalities and near centers. chatham is a model for the agricultural industry.	2	0	

HEALTH			
RECOMMENDATIONS	Like	Dislike	COMMENTS
Reduce Obesity	3	0	
Increase physical activity •Encourage development that support healthy lifestyles •Compact, mixed-use development with “complete streets” = neighborhoods and centers suitable for walking and biking •Amenities/facilities conducive to physical activity, especially with •activities, programs, and classes •Improve access to parks, trails, and other recreation facilities	3	0	•Greenways, trails, bike ways all help •Move/locate greenways away from major roads to reduce inhalation of particulates
Focus on Food	5	0	
•Increase access to healthy foods •Local agriculture, community gardens – Remove regulatory barriers; mobile programs for education/training •Encourage healthy food outlets – Remove regulatory barriers •Offer incentives – vendors in identified locations, and MyPlate scores of 4+; mobile delivery solutions	5	0	•Yes! Local food is already a strength—build on it and find ways to improve both affordability to consumer and viability for farmer •Help more people grow food-urban, container, etc. •Eating plans that minimize fats, sugar, and fried foods. Education of why those are dangerous to health. •Incentivize local “Farm to Fork” restaurants
•Broaden understanding of nutrition through nutrition classes, cooking classes, and other educational programs	2	0	
Improve Treatment Options for Mental Health	10	0	
Facilitate social interaction, reduce isolation – design of neighborhoods, public spaces, and amenities.	8	0	•Provisional for ADA (allow for more opportunities for seniors) Ex. Motorized ADA scooters at library
Increase sense of security – housing; jobs and education; design of neighborhoods and public spaces.	1	0	
Increase access to nature – physical and visual – healing gardens; ecotherapy; forest bathing; conservation design.	1	0	•Improve access to mental health treatment essential!! •Recreation opportunities improve health •work with parks and rec for fund and educational signage with focus on connection and healing.

Make healthcare more accessible	16	0	•Address aging population—spread out over the county
Increase access to healthcare facilities, programs, and information.	5	0	
Address gaps with facilities in key locations, including mixed-use centers.	1	0	•Increase access to geriatric care, adult day centers for the elderly.
Facilitate mobile delivery solutions (i.e., Wellness on Wheels model, Faith Health model).	2	0	•Critical to support aging in place!
Expand broadband for access to online resources.	8	0	•Expand mobile signal
Big Idea	0	0	
county residents have access to integrated system of healthcare services, including local and mobile solutions.	0	0	•Like it!

AGRICULTURE			
EXISTING CONDITIONS COMMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Rather than discouraging timbering, stricter guidelines for cutting. •Incentives for forest owners to not cut their tree •Reduce clear cutting •Preserve what was here 200 years •Rural character depends on agriculture •Provide land owners incentives/options to convert land over time while preserving character. •How can we help new farmers with land prices escalating? •How can the USDA help the new farmers? 			
RECOMMENDATIONS	Like	Dislike	COMMENTS
Promote agriculture as a key feature of the county and component of the local economy and discourage conversion of/encroachment into viable agricultural areas.	17	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Don't limit farmers in what they can do on their own land...it takes a lot of pieces to keep farms profitable. •Keep and maintain the view shed that the agriculture areas provide between Pittsboro-society. •Grow native plants! 100s edible. •Especially organic and farm to table (Chatham County is already special that way). •Encourage small farms. •Support small farms and organic and local farmers markets; more education on water conservation and business/economics.
Policy recommendations for Agricultural Area on Future Land Use map:	7	4	
encourage agricultural uses.	0	1	•Encourage sustainable water quality sensitive agriculture uses
discourage residential subdivisions over a specified scale	3	1	•Please clarify the term "specified scale" Does this refer to a subdivision of 100 homes on ¼ acre lots for example?
limit utility extensions to strategic agricultural areas.	1	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Anything that will keep developers off of prime farmland •Transfer dev rights program (TRD) •Land transfer policies that help connect retiring farmers and beginning farmers. •Rural areas have historically been last in terms of utilities. REUs were established to bring electrical last to get telephone, sewer and broadband—please do not limit utility extension
discourage community wells.	1	0	•Do not "discourage"
minimize impacts on existing operations (agricultural friendly development design).	0	0	•Do not want policy that hurts property value and rights, no developer requirements that hurts property value.
allow a wide range of complementary uses, including businesses that can supplement income.	0	0	•Protect the rights of land owners
Study the creation of an agricultural zoning district that codifies the policies above.	2	1	

Encourage integration of small scale, compatible agriculture into urban areas.	6	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Incentivize/encourage “agrihood” development (with sustainable agriculture practices required). •Increase support for organic agriculture •We must grow more local food—we can do that
Increase education, outreach and training	4	0	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional agricultural extension position, program to connect farmers to available lands • Increased support for agricultural related training programs in high schools and community college 	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Yes—CCCC is an excellent resource already. We have an impressive local food system that should be fostered and encouraged
Ensure that agriculture has long term access to water supplies	6	0	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Improve understand of groundwater usage and availability in Agricultural Areas 	3	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Farmers need dependable access to water! •Study water quality—baseline and measure/monitor going forward •Access groundwater supplies and limit residential development accordingly—prioritize agriculture. •No developments on well water!
General Comments	16	1	
What should the County be doing to support agriculture?	4	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •“Rural Character” depends on agriculture •Also we need the food from the farms •Protect our water resources—protect farmer ability to farm! •Incentivize new community members to participate in local CSA programs •Land can become too expensive for farming •A more palatable approach for farmers may be voluntary agricultural districts •Support incentives for more organic farms •Voluntary agriculture districts may be a more readily accepted and flexible approach for farmers. •Keep farm land affordable-development companies pay higher tax to keep land tax lower for prime farm land-SMALL FARMS ONLY
Consider impact on agriculture & forestry of new ordinances & regulations.	4	0	
More education & outreach to farmers & prospective farmers.	2	0	
Designate areas of important agricultural lands &/or concentrations of working farms on a future land use map & direct development away from these areas.	1	0	
Create an agricultural zoning district to limit residential density in key agricultural areas or improve site design to reduce conflicts.	2	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Support small farmers
Support for agricultural related instruction in high school & at community colleges.	3	0	

UTILITIES			
EXISTING CONDITIONS COMMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Need more education reform/household water conservation –serious conservation • Allow graywater treatment/reuse on private property • Develop/invest in/ incentivize rainwater harvesting systems for portable water use • Improve capacity and upgrade technology for drinking and waste water treatment plants • Don't "give away" all of Chatham Co water—make our residents all dig wells • No more wells!—once underground water supplies are depleted farms/livestock die • Industry and business goes where water and sewer us, need to carefully plan water and sewer system. • Don't forget farms to have piped water. 			
RECOMMENDATIONS	Like	Dislike	COMMENTS
County-wide	26	1	
Promote County-wide planning & coordination with municipalities for water, sewer, solid waste & broadband internet.	9	1	•Streamline policies to remove barriers to rainwater and greywater use in homes and businesses for safe potable and non-potable uses
Require private water & wastewater systems to be built to County standards.	7	0	
Encourage water reuse systems.	10	0	
Identify potential future public utility/urban service areas.	0	0	
Northeast Chatham County	10	0	
Require private water & wastewater systems to be built to County standards.	7	0	•Stop draining the aquafer-if developer want to build more houses, they need to tap into municipal sources
Support well-designed decentralized wastewater systems to support land use goals & objectives.	3	0	
Southeast Chatham County	13	0	
Partner with Sanford to serve the Moncure Megasite & allow up to 30% of sewer capacity to be utilized for development near Megasite and in Village of Moncure.	11	0	
Update utility policies to support housing, health, recreation & environmental goals.	1	0	
Establish a sewer capacity allocation policy to improve failing septic, incentivize desired development patterns & housing types.	1	0	

Western Chatham County	14	3	
Partner with Siler City to serve the Megasite.	0	0	
Limit utility extensions or upgrades in key agricultural areas.	3	2	
Discourage community well systems in Agricultural Areas.	4	1	
Improve understanding of groundwater usage and availability in Agricultural Areas.	7	0	
COMMENTS ON GOALS AND METRICS			
Number & location of failing wells & septic tanks.	16	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Get standards for and allow graywater systems for private residence
Provide infrastructure to support desired development & support economic & environmental objectives.	16	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Distribute energy systems •Support solar roof top and third party solar and solar for Co. building and battery storage.
Create a multi-modal transportation system that is well-maintained, age-friendly & context-appropriate.	1	0	
High-speed internet/broadband should be available to all & enable education & entrepreneurship.	15	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •We have very poor internet and cell phone coverage •Where is cell phone coverage in Silk Hope area? We have very poor coverage here. •Very important! High speed internet/broadband •When and how? Don't leave areas out!!! •Broadband has become as ubiquitous as electricity. It's practically inconceivable that it's not available anywhere in the US.

TRANSPORTATION			
EXISTING CONDITIONS COMMENTS			
•It is harder and harder to drive through downtown Pittsboro. We need a transit assessment before more people!			
RECOMMENDATIONS	Like	Dislike	COMMENTS
USE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE TO REINFORCE CHARACTER	12	6	
Preserve Rural Character	3	0	
•In majority of Chatham, encourage rural cross section road design	0	0	
•Ditch and swale for drainage	0	0	
•Paved shoulder (where possible)	4	0	
•Off-road bicycle facilities	2	0	
•Limited sections with sidewalks, street lighting, bike lanes	0	0	
•Use in Land Use Areas: Rural, Agricultural, and Village	0	0	
Incorporate More Urban/Suburban Designs in Towns, Cities, and Suburban areas	0	1	
•Appropriate in Siler City, Goldston, Pittsboro, and northeastern areas of the County	0	1	
•Curb and gutter	0	0	
•Street lighting	1	2	
•Sidewalks and crosswalks	0	0	
•On-road and off-road bicycle facilities	2	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Make O’Kelly Chapel Road should for head on collision avoidance. Too many critical and fatal accidents. •Night sky certified/friendly for all street and public lighting •Please do NOT put bike touring signed on roads without paved shoulders. Trucks+tractors+bikes=goodbye
PROVIDE SAFE AND CONVENIENT ACCESS	5	2	
•Use access management to preserve roadway capacity on major arterials	0	0	
•Gradual incorporation of superstreet designs on US 15-501	0	0	
•Design to preserve traffic flow	1	0	
•Limit left turns and movements across the road	1	1	
•Designed u-turn locations (can be signalized)	1	1	•Look into the use of frontage roads to limit stop lights, interactions and u-turn turnouts. Would improve traffic flow.
•Encourage network backage roads along US 15-501 through subdivision process	2	0	
•Targeted at-grade rail crossing closures and upgrades, particularly near Megasites	0	0	
PROMOTE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION	19	0	•Explore car sharing—pick central location
Build out network of greenways and trails	0	0	•Horse trails too
•Off-road bicycle facilities most appropriate for majority of the County	0	0	
•Paved shoulders and possible bike lanes on key routes as roads are improved to meet current design standards	0	0	
•Work with developers to include sidewalks in new developments	0	0	

EXPAND TRANSIT	7	0	•Service to Raleigh •Beef up marketing and incentives for carpooling programs by Chatham (existing vanpool)
•Continued support for rural demand-response service	4	0	
•Short-term - Expand stops and frequency along existing fixed-routes	2	0	
•Medium-term - Explore Pittsboro circulator and US 64 Express service	1	0	
•Long-term - Service to Megasites and Goldston	0	0	
Big Idea	3	0	
County residents are able to travel safely and easily through the County by all modes.	0	0	

MAP COMMENTS	Topic	Location	Notes
Bike path on Mt. Gilead? Too much traffic and increasing	Bike/ped	Mt. Gilead Church Road	
Consider out-of-county growth -- Apex. Proposed bike paths on heavily travelled roads. Rethink. Farmington Rd. and 751. Yikes!	Bike/ped, operational/growth	Farmington and 751	
Need better crossing options at 64 and 87 intersection	Bike/ped	87, 64	
The asphalt/cement trucks should move on 64 or 15-501 not hurt rural character driving gravel and cement trucks through Silk Hope Gun Springs Rd. As trucks help the developments, they should move off country roads.	Community character	Silk Hope Road	
Make O'Kelly Chapel Road safer	Safety	O'Kelly Chapel Road	
(referring to 751 widening and possibly addition of greenway) At the expense of the health of the lake and rural and scenic character or the area? This may be a weak point for allowing western sprawl of Cary and Apex	Community character	751	
(referring to 751 widening) CRITICAL wetlands to Jordan Lake	Community character	751	
The addition of ped/bike will be disastrous and dangerous for them. These roads are used for Wake County to RTP and Chapel Hill!	Bike/ped	Farrington Point Rd	
Designated ped/bike here would make safer, already used by bikes I see every weekend and safety is needed	Bike/ped	Farrington Point Rd	
Need "freeway" or better bypass around East side of Pittsboro to accommodate Pittsboro and Chatham Park		15-501	
Connection to Briar Chapel	Bike/ped	intersection of proposed greenway and proposed nature trail along river	
Off road bike path	Bike/ped	unspecified	
Proposed "minor road" uses a private drive. This should not be on this proposal. Parker-Herndon Road is 1/2mile to the east which runs north to south and already has close	Operational/growth	proposed minor road between Manns Chapel Road and Hamlets Chapel Road	
Where did this new road come from? Lichen Trail --> Buck Branch. Please call Jeff Dotson 919-619-8562	Operational/growth	proposed minor road between Manns Chapel Road and Hamlets Chapel Road	

MAP COMMENTS	Topic	Location	Notes
Re: Manns Chapel Road --> beyond Hamlets Chapel Road. Neighbors/residents along new location minor road should be notified. How was this proposed? Who would benefit?	Operational/growth	proposed minor road between Manns Chapel Road and Hamlets Chapel Road	
Maintain/upgrade function of US 15-501	Operational/growth	15-501	
How will the land owners get compensated for 902 road widening	Economic/social justice	902	* Same person
No bike/ped route	Bike/ped	902	*
Why is there a bike and ped walk on 902	Bike/ped	902	*
Why is there a bike route on 902	Bike/ped	902	*
Who pays for 902 improvements	Economic/social justice	902	*
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Does state pay for 902 upgrade	Economic/social justice	902	*
Will there be eminent domain on road widening	Economic/social justice	general	*
Who pays for these roads (pointing to new location major roads downtown)	Economic/social justice	Downtown	*
How many cars can the Pittsboro circle accomodate at rush hour	Operational/growth	Downtown	*
Who pays to widen purple roads	Economic/social justice	general	*
Adding 2,000 cars per year to the road structure. How are you going to handle that!	Operational/growth	Downtown? Everywhere?	*
Over 24 years 48,000 cars will be added to Chatham County Roads. Why!	Operational/growth	general	*
Over 10 years 20,000 cars will be added to Chatham County Roads. Why!	Operational/growth	general	*
Will taxes go up for road improvements	Economic/social justice	general	*