

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE
REALITY CHECK GUIDING PRINCIPLES
FOR QUALITY GROWTH**

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners will be initiating the formation of a Comprehensive Plan to guide growth and development in a sustainable manner, respectful of the County's distinction in the quality of its agriculture, natural resources, and quality of life over the next 30 years; and

WHEREAS, a 15-county region centered on the Research Triangle has a projected growth of 1.2 million new residents by 2030 and an increase of 700,000 new jobs; and

WHEREAS, a collaborative vision for growth and land use for this region, Reality Check, was initiated by a joint partnership between Triangle Tomorrow and Urban Land Institute Triangle; and

WHEREAS, the Reality Check visioning exercise and results summit established consensus among participants and attendees on the following Guiding Principles for Quality Growth:

TRANSIT

Improve regional transit, matching land use decisions with transit investments

VIBRANT CENTERS

Reinvest in city and town centers, promote compact development, density and mixed use, assuring a balance of jobs and housing

SUSTAINED GREEN SPACE

Define appropriate growth areas and establish preservation areas to ensure sustained agricultural and forestry endeavors and enduring protection of ecosystem services, including water supply and quality, and

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners recognizes additional complementary and fundamental principles requisite for quality growth including:

EDUCATION

Establish public schools in correlation to residential growth to ensure excellence in the provision of public education countywide

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Commitment to protection of Chatham County's natural environment to ensure that future generations will continue to experience the quality of life that previous generations have enjoyed.

WHEREAS, a Reality Check Action Committee led by Triangle Tomorrow will lead a Quality Growth Initiative whereby each city and county of the 15-county Reality Check region will be asked to adopt and endorse the three Guiding Principles for Quality Growth; and

WHEREAS, city and counties in this region will be encouraged to and supported in using these Guiding Principles to make future decisions about growth in their cities/counties ; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS endorses the Reality Check Guiding Principles for Quality Growth.

Adopted this, 14th day of December, 2009.


George Lucier, Chairman

ATTEST:


Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, Clerk to the Board