

Task Force Meeting #4

Thursday, January 21, 2021

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welcome



Opening and Timeline Catherine Fray Task Force Chair

Timeline

Project Start-Up

Summer – Fall 2020
Engagement and Analysis
Interviews
Website Design
Draft Issues & Opportunities

Phase 1



Community Vision Formation

Winter 2020 – Spring 2021
Pop-Up Events
Community Survey
Meeting in a Box
Task Force Meetings
Community Workshops
Draft Goals, Objectives, Vision

Plan Recommendations

Summer – Winter 2021
Preliminary Recommendations
Draft Plan
Task Force Meetings
Community Open House
Town Council Review & Adoption

Phase 3

#2

Town Council



#3

task force meeting 3 and community workshop reflections



Quinton Harper Task Force Co-Chair Task Force 3
Progress toward Vision and Goals for:

- Land Use
- Affordable Housing

Feedback from Task Force 3 – Land Use

- The community incentivizes affordable housing development through policies and the zoning ordinance. There is a variety of housing, from taller buildings to tiny homes.
- Parking is de-emphasized and development that keeps cars off the road is encouraged.
- Public art, public space, and communal "living rooms" ("Weaver Street is Carrboro's living room—what do different cultures' living rooms look like?") should be located throughout Town, not only downtown.
- Placemaking is incorporated throughout all of Carrboro and utilized as a way to make the community even more welcoming, distinct, and special.

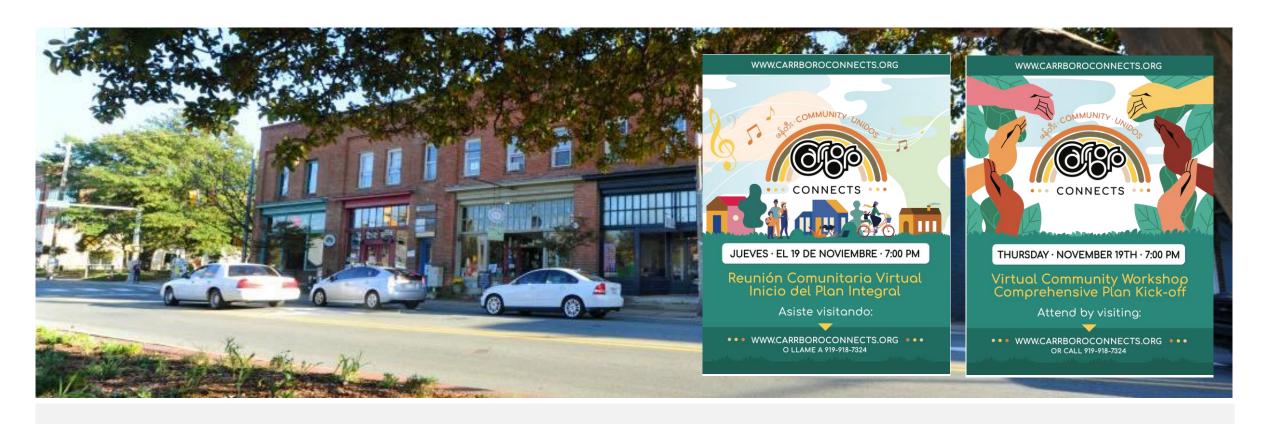
Feedback from Task Force 3 – Land Use

- Consider land use as a social determinant of health (greenspace, walkability, environmental protection, safe and affordable housing, etc).
- Equitable distribution of infrastructure, public services, affordable housing, and businesses
- Carrboro has a diverse set of non-residential land uses to provide a strong tax base and enhance economic sustainability.

Feedback from Task Force 3 – Affordable Housing

- No matter your job or wages, anyone should be able to live in Carrboro.
- People can stay in Carrboro and stay in their homes, not be pushed out via gentrification.
- Affordable housing and diversity are throughout Carrboro, not concentrated in one area.
- Processes are streamlined and unnecessary barriers are removed to help developers do what is right.
- Environmental/energy focus is part of affordable housing and equity concerns (housing is the pivot/linkage between equity and the environment).
- Carrboro has options for all people and provides a balance between renting and owning opportunities.

Community Workshop 1 November 19th

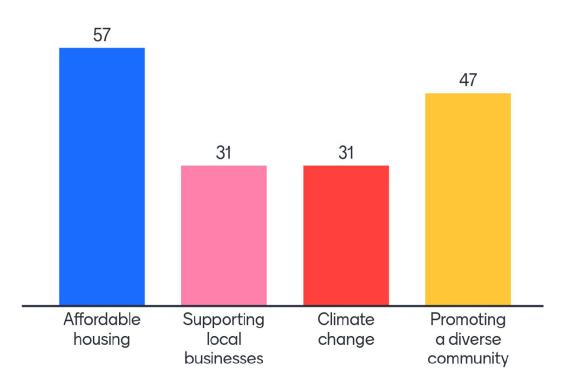




What do you love most about Carrboro?



What are Carrboro's greatest challenges?





Draft Climate Change & Environment/Ecosystem Vision & Goals



Heidy Persaud, CNT

Definitions

Vision – the big picture of what Carrboro wants to be

Goal – outcome-focused "what" Carrboro is trying to achieve

Strategy – "how" Carrboro will achieve the goal

Project – specific initiatives that will be undertaken to implement the strategy

Climate

Vision: The town is a leader in mitigating climate change, and increasing resilience of the environment and residents from climate change impacts

Goal 1: Achieve 80% reduction in per capita greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 (Community Climate Action Plan, updated October 2020)

Goal 2: Achieve 80% reduction in municipal emissions by 2030 (Energy and Climate Protection Plan, updated October 2020)

Goal 3: Expand participation in the decision-making and implementation of climate change goals and policies across race, gender, ethnicity, immigration status and income.

Goal 4: Enable lower-income residents (renters and homeowners) and small business owners to participate and benefit from energy efficient and climate programs. (Climate Action Plan, RainReady Carrboro)

Environment/ Ecosystem

Vision: Preserve open space and ecologically sensitive areas through all available means (Carrboro Vision 2020, Small Area Plan for Carrboro's North Study Area) while improving access to experiencing these places.

Goal 1: Conserve and protect natural resources through land use planning, conservation and development practices.

Goal 2: Conserve and restore watersheds, ecosystems, and native species. (Eno-Haw Hazard Mitigation Draft Plan, Carrboro Vision 2020, Little Creek Watershed Assessment, Morgan Creek Local Watershed Plan, Bolin Creek Watershed Restoration Plan)

Goal 3: Promote environmental policies and access to ecosystems to be equitable across race and income.

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transportation, water, green infrastructure + energy

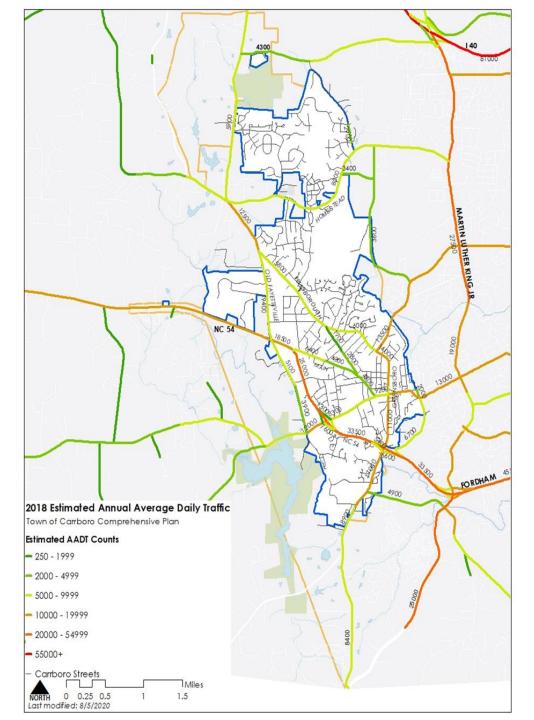


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transportation

ROADS + ARTERIALS

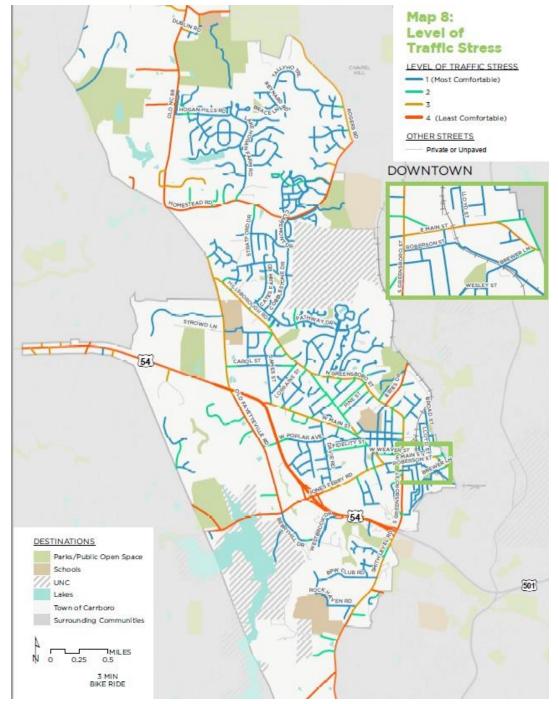
- Traffic Volume
- Traffic Congestion
- Air Quality
- Parking



transportation

PUBLIC TRANSIT

- Local Bus Service
- Walking & Biking
- Equity & Sustainability



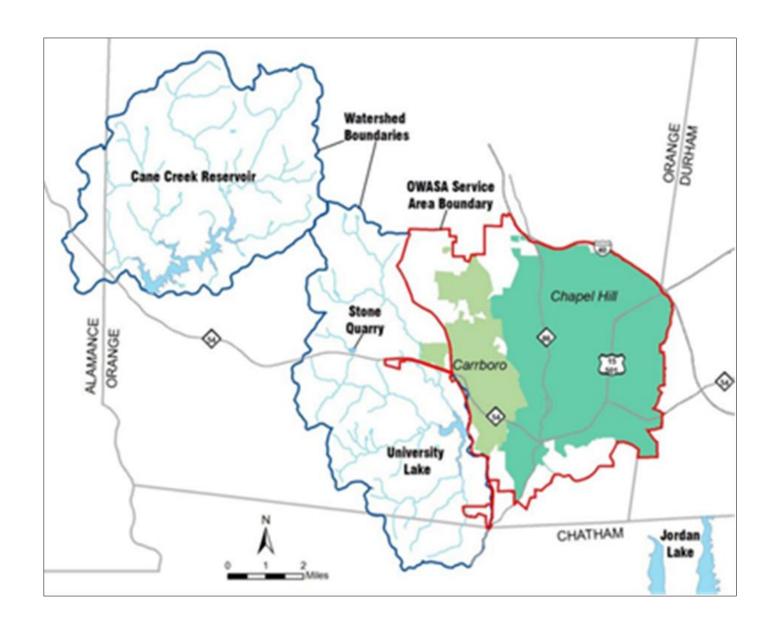


transportation

- 1. Equity-focused transportation initiatives & outreach
- 2. Connected biking and walking system
- 3. Public transit system that encourages non-auto travel

water

- Water Supply
- Water Demand
- Wastewater
 Infrastructure
- "One Water" Approach



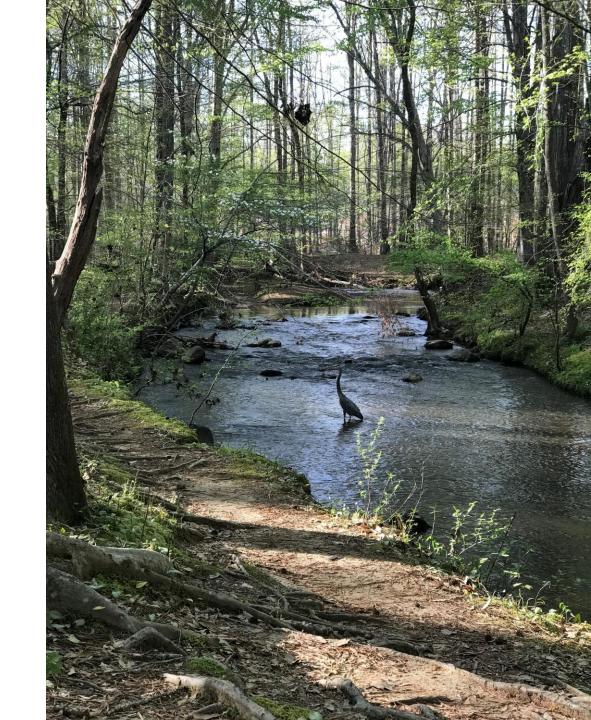


water

- 1. Education and awareness
- 2. Maintaining a sustainable water supply
- Exploring alternatives for water supply
- 4. Resident Education & Assistance for Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) Implementation

green infrastructure

- Natural Areas
- Greenways
- Urban Forestry, Landscaping, and Planting



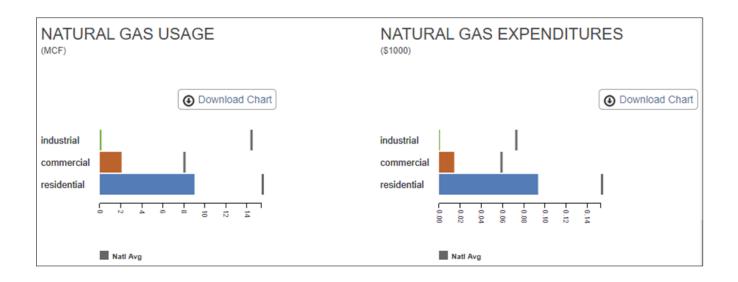


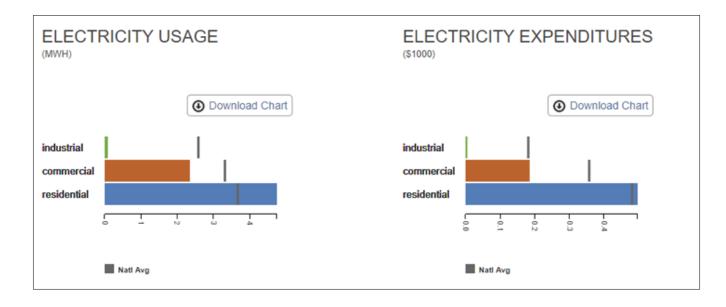
green infrastructure

 Connected greenways and parkways, while protecting the natural environment

energy

- Energy Sources + Uses
- Energy Expenditure + Affordability
- Renewable Energy Initiatives







energy

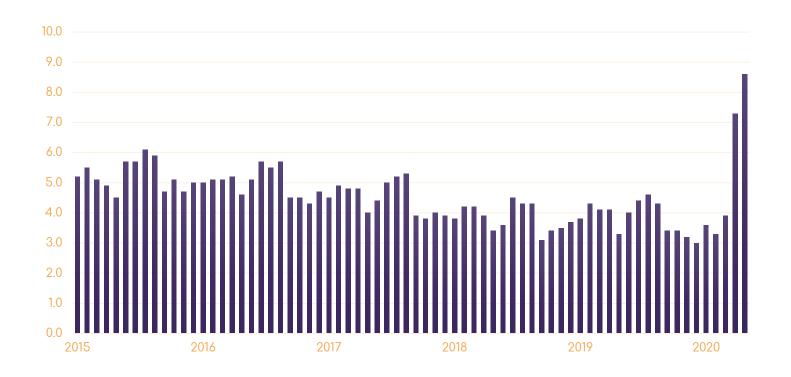
- Equitable initiatives & affordability
- 2. Energy efficiency
- 3. Renewable energy & electrification

Economic Sustainability

- Overcoming challenges of BIPOC businesses
- Promote inclusive, equitable growth
- Walkable, place-based and resilient
- Build on Carrboro's strengths in arts, culture and entertainment
- Promotion of green economy
- Reduce frictions and barriers to redevelopment
- How to encourage more start-ups



Unemployment in Carrboro 2015-2020

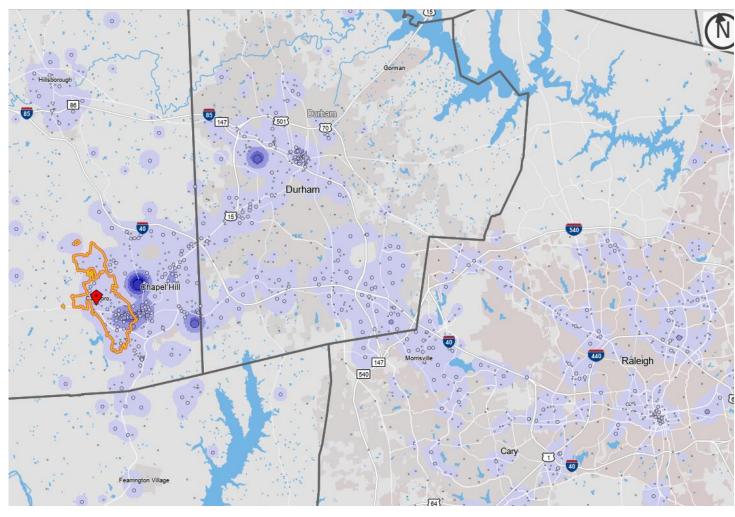


Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), North Carolina Department of Commerce, Labor & Economic Analysis Division and U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Equitable, Inclusive Development

- BIPOC businesses
- Connect low-, moderate- and middle-class to jobs
- Ensure a welcoming atmosphere to all

Where Carrboro Employees Live



Source: On The Map, 2020

Access to affordable housing and address employment mismatch

Retail Gaps

	Town of Carrboro				
	Retail Gap (Surplus)	Capture Rate			
Total	\$161 million	53%			

	Town of	Carrboro	15 Minute Trade Area	
Category	Retail Gap (Surplus)	Capture Rate	Retail Gap (Surplus)	Capture Rate
General	\$50 million	5%	\$228 million	70%
Merchandise				
Motor Vehicles	\$64 million	2%	\$214 million	54%
and Parts				
Gasoline	\$17 million	47%	\$90 million	54%
Stations				
Furniture	\$11 million	12%	\$66 million	13%
Electronic &	\$5 million	45%	\$34 million	43%
appliance				
Restaurants &	\$4 million	86%	(\$7 million)	103%
drinking places				
Food stores &	(\$6 million)	111%	(\$20 million)	106%
beverage		, .		

Grow the local economy

- Support local and minorityowned businesses
- Focus on filling gaps through small business growth rather than chains



Build on Carrboro's strengths and diversity of skills

- Keep small town feeling in a growing regional economy
- Opportunities for job training and development

Triangle Regional Goals & Objectives

- 1. Cultivate a competitive environment that supports business retention, expansion and innovation.
- 2. Design and maintain robust infrastructure to support sustainable business and population growth.
- 3. Invest in workforce development.
- 4. Create vibrant and connected places to increase the overall quality of life.
- 5. Plan for the prevention and mitigation of future shocks and strengthen recovery methods to support a more resilient economy.

- How can we create a more inclusive (occupation, wages, education level, race) economy?
- How can our economy be more place-based, resilient, and more walkable?
- How can we grow the arts and entertainment sector?
- How do we encourage the transition of our economy to one based in the green industry-sector?
- How can we reduce friction/barriers to redevelopment?
- How can we encourage more business start-ups and growth, preferably in the tech industry?
- How do we encourage more racial equity in business growth and start-ups?

Economic Development Strategic Issues and Opportunities

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Break-Out Discussions



- Everyone has been assigned to participate in either Transportation & Infrastructure or Economic Sustainability
- Each session will discuss several focused questions based on input that has been received to date
- Goal will be to develop draft Vision, Goals and Strategies to present back at a future Task Force meeting

#8

report back



- 1. What are the "big ideas" that you have heard that will have the greatest impact?
- 2. What are the cross-cutting themes across issue areas?



engagement update



Francesca Sallinger & Benito Garcia, Teska



Share updates with your advisory boards, organizations you are involved in and social networks







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Share your vision for the future and take part in Carrboro's first Comprehensive Plan!



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debrief & next steps





next steps

Upcoming Meetings:

- Feb. 18 @ 5:30, Task Force 5 Recreation, Parks & Culture and Public Services
- Mar. 18 @ 7:00, Community Meeting 2
- May 13 @ 5:30, Task Force 6 Workshop on Goals, Strategies and Projects (note: this was originally scheduled for April 15)

Homework:

- Review and submit comments on Climate and Environment/Ecosystem Draft Vision, Goals & Strategies via web site or email
- 2. Provide an update on Carrboro Connects to your Advisory Board