

GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY ACTION PLAN

Goal: Establish a deliberate and realistic approach to address growth while preserving our environment and individual communities.

<p>Outcome: What is desired outcome? How will we know we've been successful?</p>	
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OBJECTIVE	INITIATIVE	Complete/Modify/Delete/Replace
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<p>1. Implement a comprehensive approach for developing Wake County's open space, parks and greenways to address gaps, leverage opportunities and resources, and enhance collaboration with municipal partners.</p>	<p>1. Develop a Wake County Open Space, Parks and Greenways Comprehensive Plan that evaluates current and future Wake County open space and parks' needs.</p> <p>2. Prepare for a new parks, open space, and greenway bond referendum that will provide for more recreational opportunities and environmental education, assist in the development of a countywide interconnected greenway system, and provide additional watershed protection.</p>	
<p>2. Promote sustainability efforts throughout the county.</p>	<p>1. Review and expand on Wake County's 2011 Sustainability Report.</p> <p>2. Evaluate oversight/advisory structure to address Sustainability Initiatives; consider new advisory board or recast existing boards as needed.</p> <p>3. Review and update 2004 Energy Design Guidelines.</p>	

3. Maintain protection of watershed and stream buffers.	1. Study issues associated with oil and gas development (including hydraulic fracturing) to ensure the protection of not only the environment but also the residents of the region.	
	2. Encourage farmland preservation; revisit goals of Wake County Agricultural Economic Development Plan (WCAEDP).	
4. Address quality and quantity issues associated with water resources.	1. Review and revise water resources policies to reflect the most up to date scientific data and understanding, including groundwater use and potential septic impacts.	
	2. Promote conservation measures on farms and forest lands in current and potential water supply watersheds in Wake County.	
5. Plan for issues associated with continued growth in Wake County.	1. Determine the impact that projected population growth will have upon the demand for County Services.	