



Growth and Sustainability Board Goal

*Presentation to GLUE Committee
October 10, 2016*



Board Goals & Objectives

- Approved by the Board November 2015
- 9 Goal Areas to track and monitor progress of the Board Goals
- Plan to update and revise goals annually
- 2016 updating process to begin through work in committees
- Desired outcome: update 2017 goals in order for departments to consider as they develop FY2018 budget requests

Board Goals Committee Work

- Focus on outcomes – what are we trying to achieve?
- Review progress on goals
- Determine if goal / objective/initiative:
 - Has been Achieved / “Done”?
 - If the goal still applicable?
 - Need to be continued / modified?
 - Revise goal wording?
 - Revise / add objectives and/or initiatives?

Today's Agenda

- Goal Core Team members review each objective and associated initiatives
- Review by objective
- Discuss desired outcomes
 - How will we know if we've been successful?
- Update objectives and initiatives



Growth and Sustainability

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



Objective GS 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.

GS 1.1: County Open Space, Parks and Greenways Comprehensive Plan that evaluates current and future Wake County open space and parks' needs.

- Draft Greenway System Plan complete. Includes over 270 miles of proposed greenways throughout the county to create a regional greenway network.
- Draft Parks Master Plan complete. Includes expansion and improvements at all (8) existing county parks
- Open Space continues to be a priority. Recommendations of open space purchase from remaining funding is in process.



Objective GS 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.

GS 1.2: 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.

- Pending approval of the Parks Master Plan and the Wake County Greenway Master Plan by the Board of Commissioners.

Review GS1

- Focus on outcomes – what are we trying to achieve?
 - What will success look like?
 - Can we measure it?
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Objective GS 2: Promote sustainability efforts throughout the county.

GS 2.1: Review and expand on Wake County's 2011 Sustainability Report.

- An Energy Benchmarking survey was conducted with 22 questions and 14 responses from peer communities on issues related to sustainable design, energy management and best practices
- Raw survey results were shared with the Energy Commission for feedback



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GS 2.2: Evaluate oversight/ advisory structure to address Sustainability Initiatives; consider new advisory board or recast existing boards as needed.

- 3 new Commission members have been appointed to the Citizen's Energy Advisory Commission since December 2015.
- The Energy Advisory Commission held a flash retreat on June 28th to review the mission and direction of the commission.



Objective GS 2: Promote sustainability efforts throughout the county.

GS 2.3: Review and update 2004 Energy Design Guidelines.

- Wake County Government has hosted three meetings with Wake Technical Community College and Wake County Public Schools to review and contribute to the update of the guidelines
- A Table of Contents and section descriptions have been drafted based on feedback from group meetings
- The Energy Advisory Commission has reviewed the Table of Contents and section descriptions and provided comments and direction

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Objective GS 3: Maintain protection of watershed and stream buffers.

GS 3.1: 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.

- Researched local ordinances from other areas across the country
- Conducted a conference call with Bradford County, PA, located in the Marcellus Shale region
- Monitor legislation relative to oil and gas development



Objective GS 3: Maintain protection of watershed and stream buffers.

GS 3.2: Encourage farmland preservation; revisit goals of Wake County Agricultural Economic Development Plan (WCAEDP).

- Economic boost of Federal and State funds to Wake County farmers for completion of conservation practices installation increased 136% above FY15.
- Hosted the 11th Annual **K**eeping **t**he **F**arm Workshop to address issues and barriers impacting Wake County farm and forest landowners. (As recommended by the WCAEDP).
- Final Draft of REVISED Wake County Voluntary Agricultural District Program seeking comments from partners and stakeholders (As recommended by the WCAEDP).

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Objective GS 4: Address quality and quantity issues associated with water resources.

GS 4.1: Review and revise water resource policies to reflect the most up to date scientific data and understanding, including groundwater use and potential septic impacts.

- Completed planning for a Water Partnership. The Board of Commissioners approved the plan and created the Partnership on May 16, 2016
- Collaborated with stakeholder groups and local governments to identify and invite representatives for the Partnership. All but one spot is filled
- A meeting is scheduled in October 2016 to assist in the selection process of the remaining applicant



Objective GS 4: Address quality and quantity issues associated with water resources.

GS 4.2: Promote conservation measures on farms and forest lands in current and potential water supply watersheds in Wake County.

- 2,225 Forest and Farmland acres with new comprehensive Conservation Management Plans
- Increased Federal and State cost share funds, reserved for Wake County family farms, by 78%
- 5,694 tons of sediment prevented from reaching water courses in Wake County Watersheds – from conservation Best Management Practices installed on crop farms and private lands.

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Objective GS 5: Plan for issues associated with continued growth in Wake County.

GS 5.1: Determine the impact that projected population growth will have upon the demand for County services.

- The 10-year facilities master plan for the Human Services Department has begun. This plan will describe the service delivery space needs of the department based upon future demand for services and optimization of workflow process.
- Soil and Water Conservation Department received a \$50,000 grant for Urban Agricultural Specialist to address food deserts and local foods needs

Review GS5

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What's Missing?

- Are there other desired outcomes related to this Board Goal that we're missing?
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