



# Board of Commissioners Growth, Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting Agenda

Monday, March 12, 2018 – 10:00 am  
Wake County Justice Center, Conference Room 2800

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**Committee Members:** John Burns, Chair  
Sig Hutchinson, Vice-Chair  
Matt Calabria

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** John Burns, Chair

**I. Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Growth, Land Use and Environment (GLUE) Committee meeting on 11-14-2017.**

**II. Item Title: Native Plant Initiative**

Chris Snow, Director – Wake County Parks, Recreation & Open Space (PROS)

Robert Hinson, Chair – Wake County Open Space and Parks Advisory Committee (OSAPAC)

Tom Earnhardt – Writer, host and co-producer of public TV's "Exploring North Carolina"

*Item Summary:* The rapid growth experienced by Triangle and other regions, bring with it a host of concerns. One concern, often overlooked, is the loss of the natural landscaping in exchange for horticultural and non-native varieties of plants, some of which are invasive and can quickly take over our native landscape plants.

On April 28, 2017, PROS staff attended a meeting with Commissioner Sig Hutchinson, OSAPAC Chair Robert Hinson and Tom Earnhardt, about an initiative Mr. Earnhardt has proposed to reduce or eliminate non-native species in favor of native species.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked if OSAPAC might consider this initiative at its May 2017 meeting and provide recommendations on how best to proceed. OSAPAC took up the initiative at two subsequent meetings (June & July 2017) with the discussion focusing on two questions:

- Is this an "educational" effort or a "regulatory" effort?
- Does the native plant nursery capacity exist locally if residences and businesses wanted it, and if not, how long would it take to develop the local nursery capacity?

OSAPAC's recommendation at its May meeting was to recommend a policy that: 1) 100% native species be used in our [Wake County] open space and public park access areas except for gardens for historic and educational purposes; and 2) If County funding is provided for [municipal] greenway or park development, the recipient must use natives as stated above.



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The last two PROS construction projects, Robertson Millpond and Turnipseed Nature Preserves meet OSAPAC's recommendation.

There are other areas outside PROS that might be impacted by anything broader than OSAPAC's recommendation, those being the County's Unified Development Ordinance, County construction/landscaping projects outside PROS, and potentially the Wake County Public School System construction and landscaping.

Commissioner Hutchinson has asked to have a broader discussion at a Growth, Land Use and Environment (GLUE) Committee meeting.

**Attachments:**

1. Lake Crabtree's Native Wildlife Garden brochure
2. Listing on Native Plant guides and online sources

**III. Item Title: Information Only – Proposed 100% Renewable Energy Resolution**  
Commissioner Sig Hutchinson, Vice Chair

**Item Summary:** This item is provided as information only and involves a discussion of advancing a resolution by the Wake County Board of Commissioners in support of a County, State and National goal of 100% clean energy by 2050 and the creation of green jobs.

**Attachments:**

1. Clean Energy Draft Resolution – A
2. Clean Energy Draft Resolution – B

**IV. Item Title: Water Partnership Annual Report**  
David Knight – Chair, Wake County Water Partnership  
Michael Orbon, P. E. – Water Quality Director

**Item Summary:** The Wake County Water Partnership has completed one year of activity. The Partnership creates a report each year to update the County about the accomplishments, decisions and recommendations that have been produced during the year. This is a review of the current year Wake County Water Partnership Annual Report.

**Attachments:**

1. Annual Report v3 PowerPoint
2. Wake County Water Partnership Annual Report 2017-2018 3.2.18



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**V. Item Title: Update on County Financing for Subdivision Roadway Improvements**  
Tim Maloney, ASLA, PLA - Planning, Development and Inspections Director

Item Summary: The first to apply Wake County's Water, Sewer and Road Financial Policy was the Banks Pointe subdivision roadway improvement project. This project is now complete and staff will provide a brief update.

Staff will also present details on two new subdivision roadway improvement projects, Rose Hall and Mallard Crossing subdivisions. The County has received signed petitions for both neighborhoods requesting County financing in accordance with the adopted County policy and North Carolina General Statutes.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. Petition Sample – Rose Hall Subdivision
3. Petition Sample – Mallard Crossing Subdivision

**VI. Item Title: Wake County Water, Sewer and Road Financial Policy**  
Tim Maloney, ASLA, PLA - Planning, Development and Inspections Director

Item Summary: On April 6, 2015, the Wake County Board of Commissioners adopted a Water, Sewer, and Road Financial Policy. This policy was adopted to help guide the County in determining when to consider public financing of critical community infrastructure projects (e.g. water, sewer, and roads). This policy has been applied to one project with several more on the horizon. Now, with a better understanding of how this process works in accordance with state law, and limited County funds to implement these types of projects, staff will present options to consider in revising the County's policy.

Attachments:

1. Wake County Policy Presentation
2. Wake County Water, Sewer and Road Financial Policy

**VII. Next Steps**

**VIII. New Business**