

Mission Statement Resources

Booker Creek Working Group

December 6th, 2021

Draft Mission Statement

Make recommendations to the Chapel Hill Town Council for Stormwater Management in Chapel Hill that are:

- Consistent with the three goals of the Town's Stormwater Management Program;
 - reduce flooding,
 - improve water quality, and
 - protect and restore natural stream corridors
- Consistent with the Chapel Hill Climate Action and Response Plan
- Consistent with Chapel Hill's equity goals in the Strategic Plan
- Demonstrating a balance between reducing flood damages and minimizing environmental damage and requiring that recommended projects have benefits greater than their financial, environmental, and social costs
- Reflecting consultation with the Chapel Hill community affected by stormwater problems and solutions

Mayor Hemminger's Framing Comments

Mayor Pam Hemminger's opening questions at the first meeting on October 7, 2021:

- Where is it flooding in our community and by how much? (in layman's terms - 6 inches, etc) how many homes, streets & businesses?
- What ideas can help reduce flooding during big storm events - and by how much?
- How to get the community engaged on their own properties with stormwater reduction
- How long do you think it will take to come back with short term & long-term ideas?
- Who is not at the table and what expertise are you still needing?
- What role do our existing bottomland forests play in mitigating large stormwater events?

Council Feedback on the Mission Statement

On October 20th, chairs John Morris and Pamela Schultz presented an update to the Council, including the draft mission statement. A recording of the presentation is [available online](#).

At the same meeting, engineer Mary Beth Meumann provided an overview about [Town Stormwater regulations](#) and how they could change in the future to address climate change. The presentation includes descriptions of green infrastructure and low impact development.

Group Norms

To promote a productive and effective group culture, the group agrees to the following norms:

- Begin and adjourn on time
- One speaker at a time
- Listen for understanding
- Say what you need to say while making room for others to say what they need to say
- Embrace a learning mindset
- Be mindful of assumptions & ask questions
- It is OK to disagree...please do so respectfully
- Share your own story and respect the stories of others
- Be goal-oriented & clarify objectives for each meeting
- Engage with staff for context & details
- Work toward consensus. If consensus can't be reached, decisions will be made by a significant majority of at least 3/4 of quorum - with a minimum of 6 present.
- Notice will be given to group members for critical votes and deferrals will be made to the next meeting as relevant. Critical votes are defined as any specific recommendation that would go to the Town Council, including the final report.
- Attendance rules will be guided by the standards of the Town's committees.