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Hello ChathamCAN Community,

The intense rain and flooding from Tropical Storm Chantal last month have us even more focused on what we can do in Chatham County to fight climate change, mitigate the impacts and strengthen resilience. Our hearts go out to everyone who suffered from this unnatural disaster. The way we use and protect land in our county has major implications for climate. Land use has become a focus for our network advocacy. There are opportunities for you (sign petition below, contact commissioners and planning board members, attend/speak at meetings) to support these local efforts.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS, CALLS FOR ACTION AND RESOURCES**

#### **Update on Petition to Pittsboro Town Board to hold Chatham Park Investors Accountable**

ChathamCAN continues to urge the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners to stand firm on rejecting Chatham Park Investors' (CPI) proposal to substitute one massive plan in place of the 16 small area plans in the South Village originally proposed. We have had overwhelming support for the petition regarding the proposal. Currently we are at 975 signatures (online and hardcopy) and we would like to break a thousand. If you have not done so, please read and **sign the petition [here](#)** and encourage others to sign. Upcoming meetings: Pittsboro Planning Board Monday, August 18 and Pittsboro Board of Commissioners Monday, September 8. Both meetings begin at 6:00 pm and take place at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center. **Reminder:** you do not need to live in Pittsboro or have a Pittsboro address. This development affects all of Chatham County and commissioners welcome our input. For a brief overview of why we oppose this massive change see [6 Talking Points to Oppose Chatham Park Investor's 5,000 Acre Small Area Plan](#)

### **UPDATES, FOLLOW UP AND RESOURCES**

**See the ChathamCAN website** to learn more about how land use and development affect climate change - for better and for worse. Click on [Land Use and Development](#) and watch the recommended 2-minute video below. Give us feedback and suggestions about our website by replying to this email.

**Waste and Recycling Interest Group with ChathamCAN** Reply to this email if you'd like to join this newly formed group..

### **NEXT QUARTERLY GATHERING**

Current plans are to focus on Alternative Transportation to coincide with a countywide survey by the Chatham County Planning Department - October TBD

### **WHAT WE'RE READING/WATCHING/LISTENING TO (send us your favorites!)**

From Karen Malem: exciting research on [How Local Climate Activism Leads to Remarkable Gains](#) in Grist Efforts to pass laws and advance clean energy projects can significantly reduce emissions, and at a low cost.

Also from Karen, submit a comment to urge Zeldin to preserve EPA's Endangerment Finding <https://actnow.edf.org/a/endangerment>

### **[Pope Leo interrupts vacation to appeal for action on climate change](#)**

Podcast: How to Survive the End of the World - [The Revolution Will Be Incremental with Rebecca Solnit](#)

Podcast: Outrage and Optimism - [Breaking Planetary News: The ICJ Climate Opinion Explained](#)

### **[Union of Concerned Scientists Decades of Deceit - The Case Against Major Fossil Fuel Companies for Climate Fraud and Damages](#)**

Inside Climate News: [Zohran Mamdani Made Addressing Climate Change Central to His Affordability Plan for New York](#)

[North Carolina's Bogs Have a Dirty Secret, and That's a Good Thing](#) New York Times Gift Article

Peat bogs have huge potential to store planet-warming carbon. The ones in North Carolina just need some help to get healthy again.

[2 minute video](#) (Shared by John Bonitz) This type of development is called "new urbanism" and it was built with a focus on walkability, community, and connectivity.

Betsy, Carmen, Lenore, Maura, Meredith and Vickie - organizing for ChathamCAN

*P.S. Please forward this email to others who might be interested in being a part of ChathamCAN. Let us know if you'd like for us to remove you from our mailing list.*