



December 2024

Hello ChathamCAN Community,

We hope you are finding time and space to celebrate this season with family and friends. Remembering to be grateful, looking for joy, and finding awe in nature are all important as we go forward in these difficult times.

UPDATES AND FOLLOW UP

CORA has exciting news! On July 1, 2025, CORA is going to expand by opening a second choice food pantry in Siler City, at the site of the current West Chatham Food Pantry. The new site will be modeled after their current pantry and operations. They are in need of volunteers for the current site and will be needing additional volunteers with the expansion. CORA is a win-win-win. They offer a high profile climate solution, food waste diversion; address a critical community need, food insecurity; and provide a great opportunity for community involvement.

Have you looked at our website? Check out the impressive list of groups in our directory at <https://www.chathamclimateaction.org/directory> and watch for more updates. Give us your feedback and suggestions by replying to this email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CALLS FOR ACTION AND RESOURCES

Pittsboro Climate Action Plan On Monday evening, the Pittsboro Board of Commissioners voted to approve a contract with Central Pines Regional Council to facilitate the development of a Climate Action Plan! The Board will continue discussion of a [draft Resolution for Policy to Address Climate Change](#). Thank you to the 18 or so ChathamCAN members who showed their support by attending the meeting.

Chatham County Commissioners With the inauguration of **Amanda Robertson**, who expressed fierce support for climate action, the BOC is poised for strong, local climate action - even more necessary as a result of the recent national election.

Union Taylor's Community Action Center Looking for ways to minimize consumerism during this season? Consider donations and regifting. Union Taylor's Church is hosting a Holiday Pop-up Thrift Market on December 20th (10-2) and 21st (9-3). They are seeking donations. More info [here](#) or call Cicily McCrimmon at 919-777-4016.


PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Carolina Farm Stewardship Association

CFSA supports small and mid-sized farms and local and regional food businesses that provide healthy food and economic opportunity. They provide resources to create equitable and racially just food systems and promote regenerative farming practices that are resilient and responsive to climate change. They recognize the urgency of transforming agriculture's role from damaging nature to healing it. CFSA started [FarmsSHARE](#), a network of food hubs, farms, and farmer cooperatives to distribute in-season, locally-produced foods to where it is most needed. See <https://www.carolinafarmstewards.org/>.



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

- **Volts** A newsletter, podcast & community focused on the technology, politics, and policy of decarbonization. In your inbox once or twice a week. [Volts | David Roberts | Substack](#)
- **Cheaper, Faster, Better: How We'll Win the Climate War.** Tom Steyer. 2024. "Renowned investor and climate champion Tom Steyer gives us a unique and unvarnished perspective on how we can all fight climate change—joyfully, knowledgeably, and even profitably—at a time of unparalleled consequence and opportunity." <https://www.spiegelandgrau.com/cheaper-faster-better>
-  [Buy Now! The Shopping Conspiracy | Official Trailer | Netflix](#) Pulling back the curtain on the world's top brands, exposing the hidden tactics and covert strategies used to keep all of us locked in an endless cycle of buying - no matter the cost or the impact on the environment. Highly recommended!
- [Another Way to Keep Food Out of the Trash](#) NYT (read free) article on "Too Good to Go," a company that calls itself "the world's largest marketplace for surplus food."

BREAKING CLIMATE NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

- Carrboro instigates the first lawsuit in the nation against an energy utility, DukeEnergy. Take action to follow and support them at <https://www.suedukeenergy.org/>.
- Durham announces curbside compost expansion. This action is crucial because, according to 2021 EPA figures, Sampson County, where Durham trash is landfilled, ranks second in the nation for methane emissions <https://indyweek.com/food-and-drink/with-ambitious-curbside-food-scrap-collection-pilot-durham-looks-to-cut-landfill-waste/>.

We wish you peace and joy as we close out 2024 and prepare for the challenges confronting our communities and our beautiful planet in 2025.

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

P.S. Feel free to 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.