



September 2025

Hello ChathamCAN Community,

Chatham County is stepping up! There is a lot going on at the local level with climate solutions. And lots of recommendations to read, watch and listen to. Read on!

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

### **Update on Pittsboro Town Commission and holding 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. The proposal was presented to the Town Planning Board at their last meeting on September 15th. They now have 60 days to make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners to approve or reject the current plan. Please consider attending any of the following meetings to learn more and show your concern about the direction of this hugely influential development in Chatham county:

- Monday, October 6th @ 6pm Ag Center - Town Planning Board Work Session on Chatham Park's South Village Small Area Plan
- Monday, October 13th @ 6pm Ag Center - Town Board of Commissioners (agenda to be determined, but will likely involve more discussion of the South Village Small Area Plan)
- Monday, October 20th @ 6pm Ag Center - Planning Board meeting (vote on recommendation to the Board of Commissioners likely at this meeting likely).

**Impacted by Tropical Chantal? We want to hear from you!** Please contact us at [chathamclimateaction@gmail.com](mailto:chathamclimateaction@gmail.com) with your story, or send your phone number and we will reach out to you! We plan on hosting our next community conversation on this topic.

**Pittsboro Street Fair** - Saturday, October 25-10:00am – 4:00pm. ChathamCAN will have a tent.

Can you volunteer to take a shift? It's a great time to interact with people about climate solutions.

**Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Public Input.** On a related note to Tropical Storm Chantal, Chatham County will host a public input session on a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan

September 30, 2025 @ 6:00 pm at the Emergency Operations Center, 112 Innovation Way, Pittsboro. For more information, see:

<https://www.chathamcountync.gov/Home/Components/News/News/17074/19>

**Climate Week NC** is **Monday, September 29th - Friday, October 3rd**. Register for [FREE online Climate Action Workshops](#) Monday - Thursday. Summit to be held in Greensboro on Friday, 10/3.

### UPDATES, FOLLOW UP AND RESOURCES:

**Chatham County Board of Commissioners will hold a 2 day retreat focused solely on climate change.** The first of the 2 days will take place Friday, October 17th at the Agricultural and Conference Center. Time to be determined. This will be an open meeting so the public can observe. The second day of the retreat is planned for November 6.

**Draft Pittsboro Climate Action Plan Community Meeting:** Draft will be available on [Pittsboro website on 9/29](#). The public is invited to give feedback on the draft on **Wednesday, October 15 between 4:00 and 7:00 pm** at the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center

**Waste and Recycling Interest Group with ChathamCAN** Reply to this email if you'd like to join this newly formed group. 5 people are currently active.

### NEXT QUARTERLY GATHERING

Our next Community Conversation will take place the first week in November: **Lessons from Chantal – How Tropical Storm Chantal impacted Chatham County and What We Can Do About It**. Details TBD. Look for an announcement soon.

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

Written by ChathamCAN member, Nick Gower [How Local Governments Are Financing Climate Action Without Federal Funding](#)

Learn about suburban development, biking, transportation and climate solutions through these short [videos](#) from the nonprofit, [www.strongtowns.org](http://www.strongtowns.org). "A broken development pattern is bankrupting your city and endangering your neighborhood. A member-powered movement is fighting back."

**How are communities achieving Vision Zero?** Barkha Patel, Director of Infrastructure, City of Jersey City and Ryan Sharp, Director of Transportation and Parking, City of Hoboken <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C25QQRsb4Vc>

**How communication advances bike/pedestrian goals** John Bauters, also known as "America's Bike Mayor," shares his expertise on the vital role of strategic communication in creating safer, more accessible streets. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IwZ980GMF5E>.

Bill McKibben's latest book: **Here Comes the Sun: A Last Chance for the Climate and a Fresh Chance for Civilization**. WW Norton 2025. (Borrow from Vickie by replying to this email.)

Karen M suggested checking out **Clean Aire NC** for their [Air Keeper Dashboard](#). The dashboard provides local information on air quality and emissions: “Your air. Your Community. Your Data.”

**Emergent City** documentary about how innovative development = higher rent and property taxes and how community organizers in Brooklyn fought back in favor of green industry: <https://www.pbs.org/video/emergent-city-dmkqj4/>

**Science Vs** podcast from Spotify Studios. The show, hosted by Wendy Zukerman, explores various topics, from the science of 5G and ADHD to fluoride and fasting diets. The goal is to provide listeners with a trustworthy source of scientific information, free from the noise of fads and strong opinions.

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.*