

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING JOINT PLANNING BETWEEN CHATHAM COUNTY & THE TOWN OF CARY

WHEREAS, owners of property in the area of eastern Chatham County between Jordan Lake and the Wake County/Chatham County line are expected to continue to exercise their rights to improve, sell, and develop their land; and,

WHEREAS, the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and the Cary Town Council are equally concerned about protection of water quality in Jordan Lake, an important shared resource; and,

WHEREAS, both Chatham County and the Town of Cary recognize the need for sound long-range planning in this area, having previously adopted separate plans addressing the area's future growth and development; and,

WHEREAS, the Cary Town Council and the Chatham County Board of Commissioners conducted a joint meeting on March 22, 2004, and agreed on the need for coordinated planning by both units of government; and,

WHEREAS, transmittal of pending development requests received by the Town of Cary to Chatham County government has served as an interim step until such time as joint planning between the two units of government does occur; and,

WHEREAS, members of the Cary Town Council and the Chatham County Board of Commissioners are now ready to move forward with a process for joint land use and environmental planning in this area; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed steps in the process and a preliminary timeline for proceeding with this joint planning effort have generally been identified, as shown in Attachment A made part of this resolution; and,

WHEREAS, this process will be conducted by the technical staff of both jurisdictions with oversight by the governing boards; and,

WHEREAS, this process will include extensive public involvement through a variety of public participation opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, public hearings will be conducted before any plan is adopted; and,

WHEREAS, the expected outcome of this coordinated planning process will be a mutually acceptable plan that both governing bodies will adopt and utilize when making both short- and long-term decisions about private development proposals and public capital investments in the area of eastern Chatham County between Jordan Lake and the Wake County/Chatham County line;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County and the Cary Town Council resolve to embark on a joint process to prepare and adopt a plan to address future land use, utility infrastructure, transportation, and environmental protection in the area of eastern Chatham County between Jordan Lake and the Wake County/Chatham County line.

ADOPTED by the Chatham County Board of Commissioners this the 12th day of December, 2005.



Bunkey Morgan, Chairman
Chatham County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Sandra B. Sublett, CMC, Clerk to the Board

ADOPTED by the Cary Town Council this 15th day of December, 2005.

Ernest F. McAlister, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sue Rowland, Town Clerk

Attachment A - Preliminary Steps & Proposed Timeline

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Step/Activity	Proposed Date(s) - 2006
1. Data Collection, Mapping [Staff Technical Team]	January/February
2. Notice of 1 st Community Meeting	February
3. 1 st Open House Community Meeting – Background Information & Issues Identification; Public Comment Period Established	March
4. Preparation of Draft Plan [Staff Technical Team]	April
5. Notice of 2 nd Open House Community Meeting	
6. 2 nd Open House Community Meeting – Feedback on Draft Plan; Public Comment Period Established	Early May
7. Refinement of Draft Plan [Staff Technical Team]	End of May
8. Public Hearing(s) [Governing Boards]	June/July
9. Review by Appointed Planning Boards	July/August
10. Adoption by Elected Officials	September