

2040 Comprehensive Plan Strategic Advisors Meeting Healthy and Sustainable Element Group Summary of Discussion Points

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Italics are adds/deletes/edits to policy and objectives

Integrated Natural and Built Environment Policy

- Are we talking about sustaining what we have? Canopy is important. More than just canopy that makes a difference. Clarifications needed on policy vs objectives?
- How important is tree save through development? Need to better understand how targets are planned and met. Referring to quantity and quality of trees. *Need to add quantity and quality to what is required for tree canopy. Tree species, size.*
- Retain, *expand and* improve open space. Questions around what open space means. Public plazas are very different than true natural open space. Should these be separated into groupings? *Natural vs. urban.* Should be more natural spaces, not just open spaces?
- What is Romare Bearden? Open space, public open space?
- *Should be a mechanism in the objectives for coordination with P&R on open space. Make this an objective. Meet the goals and coordinate with County P&R Plan.*
- Policy should address water quality along with objectives #3&4. Bodies of water like Freedom Park are important. Add a sentence in the framework that addresses water quality and treatments like dry creek beds, rain gardens, etc.
- Is there a difference in the way we frame things? This is what we want, but this is want we don't want...like capping a creek? Need to include *protecting and preserving*, conservation as important pieces of this policy/objectives.
- *ADD Protecting and preserving tree canopy and water quality.*

Healthy and Active Communities

- Access to healthy food choices and health services
- What truly ties to access? Trails and parks.
- Talk about walkability and how coordination is occurring between County/City staff.
- Struggling with 3rd bullet. Wording. Add *negative* determinants. Air quality in China - examples of why bad air in this country – what are the health outcomes and share this and then point source – what are the causes?
- Talked about sub-bullets of the determinant objectives...changed wording of bullet #3. Getting more cars off the road is a part of many of the objectives.
- Zoning will have to go into the discussion on this and how it will affect where pollution occurs.
- Encouraging walkability is key here; better busses, connectivity, names of other cities – Europe and it is going to take a lot to change that. How do we change how fewer drive?
- Improve accessibility and walkability.

- Spread out different types of zoning to 'spread the wealth'. Looking at how to lower carbon footprint for all, especially companies. Look at sq miles – big city.
- Policy is putting the burden on the individuals to choose creating equitable distribution of industrial sites vs open spaces vs retail vs all land uses. *Equitable access to health facilities and healthy food choices and food. Equitable access to transit to all parts of Charlotte.*
- Reorder bullets, last one first please.
- What about conversion to electric busses and change to fleet? How does the budget and fiscal short-range viewpoints affect long range planning?
- Keep in mind the market piece for all objectives/goals. We need development in various parts of the city, so stringent laws could drive away some. What will the market take? Downside to a lot of stringent regulations. Companies don't have to be here. Population grows by 30,000 every day in Charlotte with commuters.
- NIMBYism...must decide whether profits or people is most important. Winning cities are important, but what compromise happens through health, air quality.
- 2nd to last bullet VERY specific to asthma...maybe not #1 health concern in this community. Question this and maybe it can be eliminated? What is the #1 health issue? Need to rewrite: *Decrease the number of health related cases per capita rather than asthma.*
- What about incentives to companies? Give incentives to be more green and help with connectivity or putting in a new signal to help pedestrians to walk more safely. Redo intersections, add ped facilities – provision of these through incentivizing and ensuring more walkability.
- *Encourage development that maintains or improves air quality.*
- *Decrease environment related health outcomes.*
- Busses and environmental justice – equity.
- There was a question about the rights and compliance for the disabled. City developing ADA transition plan and complies with ADA.

Alex described next steps for compiling comments.

Healthy and Active Communities

FRAMEWORK POLICY:

Charlotteans will have access to healthy choices in an environment that is supportive of active living. *How do these tie to below objectives? Trails, playgrounds, and provide equitable access to health-promoting environments or healthy environments*

MAPPING IMPLICATIONS:

Encourage development types and larger development patterns that maintain or improve air quality, promote healthy behaviors, and provide equitable access to physical and mental health care.

PROPOSED OBJECTIVES:

- Low Carbon Cities - Decrease Carbon Per Capita - *Meet SEAP goals*
 - Incentivize companies to provide ^{positive} environmental infrastructure.
 - Monitor, Maintain, and Seek to Improve Air Quality
 - Mitigate Known ^{negative} Determinants of Health and Improve Health Outcomes
 - Decrease the Number of New Asthma Cases Per Capita *environment-related health disease/outcome.*
 - Increase Percent of Households (New and Existing) within a 10-Minute Walk, Bike, or Transit Trip to Health Services *+ Healthy Food choices/services.*
 - Prioritize long-range fiscal planning for conversion to a carbon neutral fleet, including buses.
- [Distribute different types of zoning throughout the city.]*
Get cars off the road and improve accessibility to all parts of Charlotte through encourage walkability. Encourage pedestrian environment (aesthetics + safety).
access to transit services.

Proposed Objective

Low Carbon Cities - Decrease Carbon Per Capita

Vision Element:



Target Goal:

___%*

*to be determined with ongoing input

Goals Met:



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Proposed Objective

Monitor, Maintain, and Seek to Improve Air Quality

Vision Element:



Target Goal:

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Proposed Objective

Mitigate Known Determinants of Health and Improve Health Outcomes

Vision Element:



Target Goal:

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Goals Met:



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Proposed Objective

Decrease the Number of New Asthma Cases Per Capita

Vision Element:



Target Goal:

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*to be determined with ongoing input

Goals Met:



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Integrated Natural and Built Environments

FRAMEWORK POLICY: Charlotte will be abundant in a variety of trees, plantings, and open spaces at different scales throughout the entire community, *for the purpose of protecting the environment & reducing risk of flooding.*

MAPPING IMPLICATIONS: Retain existing improved open spaces within and at the edge of Charlotte and promote development that uses site planning and building techniques that integrate new and existing green space and retain or improve water quality and the tree canopy.

PROPOSED OBJECTIVES:

- Quantity → *Protect + preserve*
• Quality of Citywide Tree Canopy (under development)
- Retain, *Expand* Improved Public Open Space → *Retain, improve, expand public open space.*
- Reduce Flooding Risk and Maintain or Improve the Quality of Creeks, Watersheds, and Stormwater *Protect, preserve*
- Reduce Surface Runoff and Erosion
- Meet goals of Mecklenburg County Parks + Rec Plan. (coordinate, connect to)

Tie to two objectives related to water

Proposed Objective

Quality of Citywide Tree Canopy (under development)

Vision Element:



Target Goal:

___%*

*to be determined with ongoing input

Goals Met:



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Safe, Inviting, and Distinctive Places

Proposed Objective

Retain Improved Public Open Space

Vision Element:



Target Goal:

___%*

*to be determined with ongoing input

Goals Met:



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Coordinated Growth & Development

Proposed Objective

Reduce Flooding Risk and Maintain or Improve the Quality of Creeks, Watersheds, and Stormwater

Vision Element:



Target Goal:

___%*

*to be determined with ongoing input

Goals Met:



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Safe, Inviting, and Distinctive Places

Proposed Objective

Reduce Surface Runoff and Erosion

Vision Element:



Target Goal:

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*to be determined with ongoing input

Goals Met:



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Safe, Inviting, and Distinctive Places

Transit- and Trail-Oriented Development (2T-OD)

FRAMEWORK POLICY: The majority of households will be located within a 10-minute walk of high performance transit or a regional trail.

MAPPING IMPLICATIONS: Develop new housing close to existing and planned high performance transit and regional trails and ensure new transit routes and trail alignments are accessible from existing neighborhoods.

PROPOSED OBJECTIVES:

- Increase the share of Charlotte residents with access to transit
- Increase the Percent of Households (New and Existing) within 1/2 mile access to Trail A
- Increase Walkability Within a 1/2 mile of Transit and Trails
- Increase Bikeability Within 2 miles of Transit and Within a 1/2 mile of a Trail Access Point

Don't "or" and "and" phrases
Vague

Proposed Objective

Increase the share of Charlotte Residents with Access to Transit

Coord. Pedestrian facilities

Element:



Access?
High Capacity

Goals Met:



Transportation Choice & Convenience



Equitable Access to Services Resource

Safe Access

Proposed Objective

Increase the Percent of Households (New and Existing) Within 1/2 Mile Access to Trail Access Points

Vision Element:



Target Goal:

___ % *

*to be determined with ongoing input

Goals Met:



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What came first? The chicken or the egg? It seems difficult to work like this. It is simply encouraging residential density around existing & planned transit and planning residents of new housing plans.

Proposed Objective

Increase Walkability Within a 1/2 Mile of Transit and Trails

Safe Access

Target Goal:

___ % *

*to be determined with ongoing input

Goals Met:



Transportation Choice & Convenience

Healthy & Sustainable goal too

Proposed Objective

Increase Bikeability Within 2 Miles of Transit and Within a 1/2 Mile of a Trail Access Point

Vision Element:



Goals Met:

Do we mean high capacity transit?

Target Goal:

___ % *

*to be determined with ongoing input



Transportation Choice & Convenience