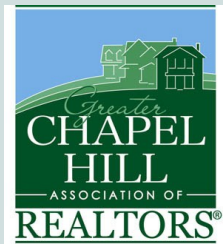


Coalition Members



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promoting a path to sustainability that
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a collective voice for diverse stakeholders

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The Coalition's Vision Statement

Orange County Comprehensive Plan Coalition members are committed to working together to:

- learn more about the county's Comprehensive Plan and help educate the community about its importance;
- provide input to the county planning and advisory boards, and especially to the County Commissioners, about our shared priorities for environmental health, social equity, and economic vitality; and
- present a common voice for diverse stakeholders to express our shared interest in planning for a future in which we concurrently realize environmental conservation, energy efficiency, affordable housing, social equity, a thriving economy, regional agricultural production and transit-ready, walkable, mixed-use communities.

"Joining a wider federation of community partners has helped us to learn about the planning process, find some common ground with a diverse group of organizations and learn how to impact community policies for the betterment of those we represent."

*- Chris Moran, Executive Director
Inter-Faith Council for Social Service*

Coalition members believe the update to the Comprehensive Plan should:

- determine where compact, walkable, mixed-use, transit-supportive growth and redevelopment should occur within the County's planning jurisdiction;
- make affirmative commitments to invest in infrastructure that will stimulate development that promotes economic vitality, social equity and environmental health; and
- be a foundation for future policy decisions that produce sustainable, just, and equitable outcomes.

Defining Sustainability

The Coalition defines sustainability as managing the impacts of human activity on local and global resources and habitats in order to ensure that we provide for the needs of current residents without compromising the quality of life for future generations. Our primary goal for the people of Orange County is to achieve this "sustainable" outcome by creating ecologically-sensitive patterns of development, especially by concentrating our urban footprint.

"The Walkable Hillsborough Coalition supports the Comprehensive Plan Coalition's efforts to have the comprehensive plan reflect our organization's interest for new and appropriate existing development to be compact, walkable, mixed-use and transit supportive. We appreciate the work of the Coalition to find common ground across divergent organizations with diverse missions, as well as the Coalition's push for public involvement early in the comprehensive plan update process."

*- Holly Reid, Co-founder
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Visit the Orange County Web site for information on the Comprehensive Plan update process:

http://www.co.orange.nc.us/planning/compre_cpupdate.asp

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