

**ATTACHMENT 2: GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES FOR  
2009-2010 BUDGET**

<b>County Priorities for FY 2009-2010</b>	
<b>Guiding Principles</b>	
1	Create budget ethic/discipline for BOCC and staff that does not assume an annual increase in the tax rate
2	Focus on providing 'core' county services.
3	No new services can be added without exchanging current services or increasing taxes.
4	County workforce is a valuable asset which should be protected.
5	Make county government accessible, understandable and transparent. Begin now to relay the message to citizens, partner agencies, and organizations that current levels of service may not be maintained. Make clear county priorities and what might change.
6	Maintain a 'reserve fund' as a safety net dedicated for responding to emergencies.
7	Exercise caution when considering issuing new debt.
8	Work against unfunded state and federal mandates.
9	Provide 'adequate' staffing to perform core county services.
10	Hire staff with 'flexibility' to be reallocated to cover core functions.
<b>Revenues</b>	
1	Diversify tax base, including new 'green' commercial tax base.
2	Lobby local General Assembly representatives to consider legislative reforms to allow flexibility in revenue generation.
3	Seek potential federal dollars for infrastructure (new emphasis or new resources based on political shifts).

## IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES FOR 2009-2010 BUDGET

Priority #	Votes	Priorities for FY 2009-10 (sorted in descending order)
P-1	6	Conserve high priority natural areas, wildlife habitat, and prime forests. (Goal 5)
P-2	5	Implement Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Goal 3) a. Rewrite zoning and subdivision regulations
P-3	5	Develop economic plans for 3 districts (Goal 3)
P-4	5	Review services to identify and protect 'safety net' programs and services. (Goal 1)
P-5	4	Encourage for profit investments in affordable housing and review available tools. (Goal 1)
P-6	4	Develop plan and tools to improve the way county and citizens communicate with each other; foster two-way exchange (Goal 2)
P-7	4	Improve intra- and intergovernmental coordination, cooperation, and collaboration. (Goal 2) a. Work with Town of Hillsborough on: o Joint land use planning approaches, policies and ordinances and annexation o Economic Development Districts b. Work with Durham on: o Economic Development Districts
P-8	4	Examine advisory boards and commissions (Goal 2): a. Ensure they are meeting their missions b. Determine how boards relate to each other and how their work can be best integrated with BOCC c. Ensure sustainability goals d. Ensure fit with overall county vision e. Recognize (and be sensitive to) consistencies represented by boards, commissions when framing this review
P-9	4	Update economic development plan for county (Goal 3): a. Clarify Economic Development plan for each district b. Identify spectrum of tools c. Identify other stakeholders d. Identify what county wants to see happen
P-10	4	Develop an energy plan that includes economic development strategies to attract, retain, and grow "green" business

P-11	4	Invest in technology to increase worker efficiencies, e.g., web streaming, paperless agendas, integrated tracking systems between field and office .(Goal 4)
P-12	4	Implement county's environmental responsibility goals (Goal 5)
P-13	4	Plan to provide 'equitable' library services for OC residents. (Goal 5)
P-14	4	Fulfill remainder of bond issuance approved by voters in 2001 for soccer and Twin Creeks. (G- 5)
P-15	3	Complete stewardship and management plans for land legacy. (Goal 5)
P-16	2	Develop and accounting and assessment system of water and air pollution (Goal 5): b. In conjunction with ICLEI; set emissions reduction target for 2030; conduct public education campaign and link public with opportunities to improve energy efficiency and use sustainable energy sources c. Begin multi-year implementation of Observable Well Network
P-17	2	Review the Schools and Adequate Facilities Public Funding Ordinance. (Goal 2) a. Is it doing what it was originally intended? b. Does it have application for Durham and Mebane?
P-18	1	Address inequities between old and new schools. Older schools are in need of capital improvements. Building new schools has been the funding priority (Goal 4)
P-19	0	Relations with UNC-Chapel Hill: Be actively involved and informed about UNC-CH decisions and intentions (Goal 2)
P-20	0	Support transit, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities and other alternatives to the single passenger automobile (Goal 3)
P-21	0	Amend county zoning to address and modernize airport and related issues (Goal 3)
P-22	0	Review and update county personnel and operational policies and procedures. (Goal 4)
P-23	0	Design and fund space for county attorney offices. Manager and board to discuss concept and staffing. (Goal 4)
P-24	0	Plan to acquire/land bank for future park development. (Goal 5)
P-25	0	Develop a policy/update current plan about how parks will be developed, appropriate ratio of parks to population, length of time to develop, and incorporation of such into CIP. (Goal 5)
P-26	0	Clarify and communicate to public how and why county funding is allocated the way it is. (Goal 2)