

**ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
GOALS AND PRIORITIES  
Fiscal Year 2009-2010**

**Goal One: Ensure a community network of basic human services and infrastructure that maintains, protects and promotes the well-being of all County residents.**

**Priority 4:** Review services to identify and protect 'safety net' programs and services.

**Priority 5:** Encourage for profit investments in affordable housing and review available tools.

**Goal Two: Promote an interactive and transparent system of governance that reflects community values.**

**Priority 6:** Develop plan and tools to improve how County and citizens communicate with each other; foster two-way exchange.

**Priority 7:** Improve intra- and intergovernmental coordination, cooperation and collaboration. (a) Work with Town of Hillsborough on: Joint land use planning approaches, policies/ordinances, and annexation, and Economic Development Districts. (b) Work with City of Durham on: Economic Development Districts

**Priority 8:** Examine advisory boards and commissions to: (a) Ensure they are meeting their missions; (b) Determine how boards relate to each other and how their work can best be integrated with the BOCC; (c) Ensure sustainability goals; (d) Ensure fit with overall County vision; and (e) Recognize (and be sensitive to) consistencies represented by boards, commissions when framing this review

**Priority 26:** Clarify and communicate to public how and why County funding is allocated the way it is

**Goal Three: Implement planning and economic development policies which create a balanced, dynamic local economy, and which promote diversity, sustainable growth and enhanced revenue while embracing community values.**

**Priority 2:** Implement Comprehensive Plan (a) Rewrite zoning and subdivision regulations (Unified Development Ordinance).

**Priority 3:** Develop economic plans for three (3) districts.

**Priority 9:** Update economic development plan for County: (a) Clarify economic development plan for each district; (b) Identify spectrum of tools; (c) Identify other stakeholders; and (d) Identify what the County wants to see happen.

**Priority 10:** Develop an energy plan that includes economic development strategies to attract, retain, and grown 'green' business

**Priority 19:** Be actively involved and informed about UNC-CH decisions and intentions

**Priority 20:** Support transit, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities and other alternatives to the single passenger automobile.

**Priority 21:** Amend County zoning to address and modernize airport and related issues.

**Goal Four: Invest in quality County facilities, a diverse work force, and technology to achieve a high performing County government.**

**Priority 11:** Invest in technology to increase work efficiencies; e.g. web streaming, paperless agendas, integrated tracking systems between field and office.

**Priority 22:** Review and update County personnel and operational policies and procedures.

**Priority 23:** Design and fund space for County Attorney Offices. Manager and BOCC to discuss concept and staffing

**Goal Five: Create, preserve, and protect a natural environment that includes clean water, clean air, wildlife, important natural lands and sustainable energy for present and future generations.**

**Priority 1:** Conserve high priority natural areas, wildlife habitat, and prime forests.

**Priority 12:** Implement County's Environmental Responsibility goals

**Priority 15:** Complete stewardship and management plans for Lands Legacy.

**Priority 16:** Develop an accounting and assessment system of water and air pollution: (a) 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; (b) Begin multi-year implementation of Observable Well Network

**Priority 24:** Plan to acquire/land bank for future park development.

**Priority 25:** 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 the Capital Investment Plan (CIP).

**Goal Six: Ensure a high quality of life and lifelong learning that champions diversity, education at all levels, libraries, parks, recreation, and animal welfare.**

**Priority 13:** Plan to provide 'equitable' library services for Orange County residents.

**Priority 14:** Fulfill remainder of bond issuance approved by voters in 2001 for soccer and Twin Creeks

**Priority 17:** Review the Schools and Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance: (a) Is it doing what it was originally intended to do? (b) Does it have application for Durham and Mebane?

**Priority 18:** Address inequities between old and new schools. Older schools are in need of capital improvements. Building new schools has been the funding priority.