

Intergovernmental Parks Work Group (IP Work Group) Membership, Mission and Charge

...as per resolution adopted by Orange County, Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough boards

Membership

The Work Group shall have 18 members, as follows:

- Orange County Board of Commissioners (one member, or designee of Board)
- Carrboro Board of Aldermen (one member, or designee of Board)
- Chapel Hill Town Council (one member, or designee of Board)
- Hillsborough Board of Commissioners (one member, or designee of Board)
- Mebane City Council (one member, or designee of Board)
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools Board of Education (one member, or designee of board)
- Orange County Schools Board of Education (one member, or designee of Board)
- OWASA Board of Directors (one member)
- Carrboro Parks and Recreation Board (one member and one alternate)
- Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation Commission (one member)
- Chapel Hill Greenways Commission (one member)
- Hillsborough Parks and Recreation Board (one member and one alternate)
- Orange County Recreation and Parks Advisory Council (one member and one alternate)
- Orange County Commission for the Environment (one member)
- University of North Carolina (one member)
- Duke Forest Resource Manager (one member)
- Triangle Land Conservancy (one member)
- Eno River Association (one member)

* - Advisory board and elected representatives from each jurisdiction would be appointed by the elected board of that jurisdiction.

Meetings

The Work Group will meet three times per year (fall, winter and spring)

Tenure

The Work Group will work for three years (July 2000-June 2003), providing yearly reports and a final report in June 2003. If desired after three years, the participating parties may make it a permanent, standing group. (*April 2004 it became a permanent, standing group.)

Charge

To build on the momentum of the Joint Master Recreation and Parks Work Group process by accomplishing the following:

1. To gather, exchange and **share information** on parks planning and development in the municipalities and County.
2. To **maintain and update the Inventory of Parks and Recreation Facilities** developed as part of the Joint Master Recreation and Parks report, including new properties acquired or dedicated
3. To foster communication between the municipalities and County on **future opportunities and collaborative ventures**
4. To provide a **coordinating mechanism for updates to parks and recreation plans** in each jurisdiction
5. To **review and inform the municipalities and County concerning parks needs** and potential opportunities
6. To develop **parameters for parks standards** (leaving flexibility for the actual standards to vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction within these parameters)
7. To **develop and coordinate public education and public outreach** on parks issues (coordinated brochures, etc)

Nature of Work Group and Staffing Arrangements

The Intergovernmental Parks Work Group is inter-jurisdictional, providing information to all elected boards on the areas listed above. It is not a formal advisory board of any jurisdiction. Staffing for the Task Force would be of a joint nature, including:

- the Parks and Recreation Directors from Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Mebane and Orange County
- the Environment and Resource Conservation Director from Orange County. (*4/1/2010 the department became known as The Department of Environment, Agriculture, Parks and Recreation.)

The Director of the Department of Environment, Agriculture, Parks and Recreation* will be responsible for administration, agenda preparation and meeting coordination – working with the Parks and Recreation Directors from the municipalities in Orange County.