

CFE Committee Priorities

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**Air Resources Committee** (**Gary Saunders**<sup>1</sup>, Lucy Adams, Bill Kaiser)

1. Assist in evaluating the County's carbon footprint as follow-up to the 2005 GHG inventory.
2. Help implement the County's goal of Environmental Responsibility in County Government.
3. Monitor upcoming revisions to two federal ozone and particulate matter standards (anticipated in 2013), which may affect both stationary and mobile emission sources and require revisions in Orange County's transportation planning. Advise BOCC on any policy implications for county.

**Water Resources Committee** (**Peter Cada**, \_\_\_\_\_)

1. Develop and implement a monitoring plan and associated Quality Assurance Protection Plan for more frequent monitoring at existing State sampling locations; identify and initiate monitoring at other locations in the county to support State water quality objectives under the Clean Water Act. Collaborate with other entities that may support these efforts (e.g., Eno River Association).
2. Explore and pursue funding sources to increase funding for the County's groundwater observation well network (Orange Well Net).
3. Initiate efforts to create a detailed Water Budget for all of Orange County.

**Biological Resources Committee** (**Loren Hintz**, David Welch)

1. Implement project to identify and protect special roadside native plant habitat from herbicides.
2. Help further the development of a comprehensive conservation plan for Orange County.
3. Educate the public about the benefits of protecting Orange County's biodiversity.

**Energy Resources Committee** (**David Neal**, May Becker, Tom O'Dwyer, Jan Sassaman, Terri Buckner)

1. Recommend a variety of strategies to the BOCC that would encourage energy efficiency in new construction and existing buildings, and recommend requirements for preserving Renewable Energy sights on new land development.
2. Create a countywide composting initiative that would help reduce solid waste disposal.
3. Examine solid waste issues and collaborate with the Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB) on charting a course for the future with a focus on conservation and energy reduction.
4. Research and recommend appropriate use of biofuels and look into UNC's planned use of wood to replace coal at its cogeneration plant.

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<sup>1</sup> Committee spokespersons identified with **bold** print (by request of the Chair)