

CFE Committee Priorities

(as of February 2014)

Air and Energy Resources Committee

(May Becker, David Neal, Gary Saunders, and Jan Sassaman)

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 sites on new land development.
2. Create a countywide composting initiative that would help reduce the disposal of organic material in landfill.
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.
5. Assist in evaluating the County's carbon footprint as follow-up to the 2005 GHG inventory.
6. Help implement the County's goal of Environmental Responsibility in County Government.
7. Monitor upcoming statewide air quality standards (O_3 75 ppb in 8-hour period; Hg 85%-90% control; $PM < 2.5 \mu m$), which could require additional controls on emissions from private and public sources.

Water Resources Committee

(Peter Cada, Donna Lee Jones, and Rebecca Ray)

1. Develop and implement a monitoring plan and associated Quality Assurance Protection Plan (QAPP) for more frequent monitoring at existing State sampling locations; identify and initiate monitoring at other locations 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 program (Orange Well Net).
3. Initiate efforts to create a detailed Water Budget for Orange County.

Land Resources Committee

(Loren Hintz, Steve Niezgoda, Jeanette O'Connor, Lydia Wegman, and David Welch)

1. Revitalize effort to eliminate use of herbicides to manage vegetation in utility right of ways.
2. Help implement the development of a comprehensive conservation plan.
3. Educate the public about ways to promote biodiversity.