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Hi everyone:

I'm requesting a small modification to the BCWG consent item. I was the Council liaison to this working group, and they've done a great job assessing our flood plans, reaching out to other NC communities to see what their best practices are, and incorporating those approaches into their recommendations for the Booker Creek subwatershed.

One of the big take-homes from the report is to enhance the town's focus from mitigating flooding (holding back the water) to mitigating flood damages (adopting a variety of policies and programs that will keep people and property safe). After staff review of the working group's proposal, I'd like for them to bring their recommendations back to Council, so we can have a discussion about updating our stormwater policies and moving forward on a new flood plan for the area.

My suggested change would make this an explicit part of the process (underlined):

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council receive the report as described in the June 21, 2023 meeting materials and refer the Working Group's recommendations to the Manager and Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board for review and developing a public engagement plan, and have staff bring back their recommendations to Council for establishing an updated flood policy.

Best,

Amy