

Petition: To the Mayor and Members of the Chapel Hill Town Council
From: Chapel Hill Farmers Market Board, CHALT, and loyal supporters
Subject: "A Home for the Chapel Hill Farmers Market"
Date: December 4, 2018

The Chapel Hill Farmers' Market needs a permanent home. The market is currently held at University Place, and this location does not meet all the needs of an outdoor market.

The Chapel Hill Farmers' Market Board, CHALT and loyal supporters petition the Town Council to embrace reserving part of the American Legion Park for a future home for the Chapel Hill Farmers' Market. In work already completed, task force members and survey respondents overwhelmingly supported a multi-use pavilion for a farmers' market and other open-space activities that would bring community members together.

There are many ways to work together to accomplish this goal. We propose the following::

- Support the Town Council's planning efforts to reserve part of the American Legion Park for a future home for the Chapel Hill Farmers' Market.
- Assist the town to secure funding and participate in planning for a permanent multi-use pavilion, similar to the nearby Durham and Carrboro Farmers' Market pavilions.
- Research parking agreements with nearby businesses (Europa Center) in the event that onsite parking isn't adequate or feasible.
- Encourage town planners to create a space around the American Legion property that is accessible by multiple modes (cars, bikes, pedestrians, etc.) It is also a place that builds on the potential synergy created by a Farmers' Market near a school, Ephesus Elementary, by promoting healthy, student/family-friendly activities.
- Assist in promoting the healthy advantages of a Farmers Market and community activities once the vision for this property is realized; this includes permanent signage, promotion on town-sponsored websites, social media, buses, radio, etc.

Thank you!