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What district do you live in? *

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If you are a Chapel Hill Resident, How long have you lived here?

Greater than 10 years

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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board: Eligible

Question applies to Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board

Select a Seat Category for the Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board *

- Owners of Single-Family Residential Property within Chapel Hill

Which Board is your First Choice? *

- Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board
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How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

- Advisory Board or Council member
- Email

If you chose "Other" from the advertising opportunity listed above, please specify:

Interests & Experiences

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

I believe that the combination of my financial background, CPA, MBA finance and work experience, and my advisory board and other board and organization involvement over the past 20 years serves well as a basis for being a useful asset on the Stormwater advisory board. Volunteering on a variety of boards and getting involved in city and county activities and improvements has expanded my insight into the needs of the community. I approach any and all involvement with an open mind and no preset agenda other than to assist in continual improvement for the residents of Chapel Hill and Orange County. I am willing to take on leadership roles in order to enhance involvement, communication, progress, and productivity. Thank you and I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve the residents of Orange County as a member of the Stormwater board.

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

Current Board President, Choroideremia Research Foundation Chapel Hill Planning Commission, 2+ terms, past chair Friends of CH Parks and Recs Board, past chair Orange County Parks and Recs Council, 2 terms, chair 2 years Chapel Hill Parks Commission, 2 terms, past chair Hope Gardens Board (UNC student community garden), 2 terms, past chair Retired medical equipment company leasing controller

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Gender *

Male

If other, please describe:

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over 55

Former CPA & Financial
Manager, Volunteer

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

Yes No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

Yes No

Are you a Town of Chapel Hill employee?

Yes No

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4-9 years

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Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board

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Social Media

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Interests & Experiences

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I commute to work at the University daily by bicycle. I also work for Carrboro Recreation and Parks and routinely travel to assignments by bicycle. I ride an e-bike, mainly on streets with no bicycle lane or painting. For stormwater, I have 3 years of experience studying stormwater finance at the Environmental Finance Center at UNC Chapel Hill School of Government. I have surveyed every utility in the state for stormwater rates in the last two years and I have drafted multiple reports on stormwater financing and funding. I also was a researcher for the Jordan Lake Nutrient Management study commissioned by the NC Legislator. My colleague and I explored governance and finance models for meeting the requirements under the Jordan Lake Rules. I spoke at the Nutrient Symposiums at the NC Botanical Garden and met with stormwater and elected officials throughout the Jordan Lake watershed, including our very own Mayor Hemminger.

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Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning at UNC Masters Certificate in GIS Sciences 6 months of bicycle commuting as an employee and 7 years of bicycle and bus commuting as a student.

[Evan_Kirk_CV.pdf](#)

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Gender *

Male

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25-34

Research Project Director

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

Yes No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

Yes No

Are you a Town of Chapel Hill employee?

Yes No

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EDUCATION

Master of City and
Regional Planning
UNC-Chapel Hill (2019)

Masters Certificate in
GIS Sciences
UNC-Chapel Hill (2017)

B.S. in Environmental
Sciences
UNC-Chapel Hill (2016)

FIELDS OF WORK

Land Use Planning
Environmental Planning
Energy and Sustainability
Environmental Finance

RELEVANT SKILLS

ArcGIS
Visual Basic
Microsoft Excel
Microsoft Access
Qualtrics
SQL

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Project Director, Environmental Finance Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

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Professional Experience

Project Director, Environmental Finance Center *2019–Present*

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | Chapel Hill, NC

- Conducts applied research on water and wastewater finance.
- Provides analysis and technical assistance for environmental service providers.
- Leads educational workshops related to water and wastewater rate-setting.
- Uses data to create visual aids and draft decision guides for policy decisions.

Research Assistant, Environmental Finance Center *2017-2019*

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | Chapel Hill, NC

- Conducted 2019 NC Stormwater Fees Survey including 88 fee structures; presented findings to 2019 Charlotte Elected Officials Stormwater Workshop
- Conducted applied research for Jordan Lake Nutrient Management Study and created 'revenuehed' funding Excel tool
- Co-presented two webinars for 2016 Hawaii water rates survey

Leaders in Environment and Finance Fellow *Summer 2018*

Envirolink | Raleigh, NC

- Researched and drafted report on the nutrient trading framework in North Carolina
- Created management capacity survey for water and wastewater utilities using technical, managerial, and financial metrics
- Assisted in the creation of utility asset management program database framework

Student Rates Specialist, Environmental Finance Center *2016–2017*

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | Chapel Hill, NC

- Collected data and performed QAQC for water and wastewater rates in 8 states
- Drafted water and wastewater rates survey summary reports

Relevant Reports

Riggs E., Kirk E. (2019). **The Stormwater Finance Landscape: Where We've Come from and Where We've Yet to Go**. UNC Environmental Finance Center. https://efc.sog.unc.edu/sites/default/files/2019/NC%20Stormwater%20Landscape_Final%20Draft_0.pdf.

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Other (provide additional information below)

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Town of Chapel Hill's website

Interests & Experiences

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

My interest in stormwater management is driven by several factors. These include my personal interest and concern about our environment, what winds up in our waterways, and the clear understanding, that water, that is free of contaminants, pesticides, insecticides, and a range of other "things" is essential to the healthy life on our planet. As a local citizen who has filled over 680 bags of litter (along with her spouse) since April 2020, I appreciate first-hand the amount of litter that winds up on our streets and highways, that can be found in curbs and on private and public property – that ultimately finds its way into our water ways. In the past 2.5 years we have picked up >3000 face masks along – which when they find their way into the waterways are a hazard to fish life, wildlife, and human life. I have had the privilege of partnering with members of the Town of Chapel Hill including Mayor Pam Hemminger, Sammy Bauer in the Public Works Department, as well as the DOT, as I led the East Chapel Hill Rotary Club ,to which I belong, to Adopt-a-Roadway S. Estes for a quarterly litter pickup. I realize that there are many factors that contribute to effective stormwater management and welcome the opportunity to be considered for the Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board.

Please provide a brief summary of any other relevant qualifications (skills, abilities, interests and/or experience) you bring.

Please see the section above. In addition, I have extensive business experience. I take a pragmatic approach to challenges and problems -- getting the facts, engaging a range of points of view, getting the facts on the table, exploring options and then making a decision that will drive positive outcomes and benefits. I am also a concerned citizen who is willing to roll up my sleeves to help make a difference.

[Linda M Sanders Bio 2022.pdf](#)

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Gender *

Female

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over 55

Executive Coach & Business
Consultant

Occupation

Are you a caregiver for or identify with a disability?

Yes No

Have you participated in the Peoples Academy?

Yes No

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Yes No

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Linda Sanders – ***Experienced Executive & Trusted Accountability Partner***



Linda is a certified executive coach, an entrepreneur, and a trusted business advisor, who brings a rich set of insights from her 30+ years in leading, managing, developing, and coaching cross-functional teams at Fortune 500 firms, privately held companies, and academic institutions.

Her extensive business experience spans C-level roles in a range of disciplines including leadership, sales & marketing, business development, strategic planning, partner relationships, and M&A – spanning industries that include High Tech, HealthCare & Life Sciences.

Linda has considerable global experience having managed global teams, having been tapped for an International Assignment in Tokyo, Japan, and having lived in Australia for 8 years during her youth. These experiences provide her with insights that are central to appreciating & navigating cultural differences in the business world.

As a certified executive coach & business consultant, Linda partners with her clients to equip them to realize their goals, whether transitioning into new roles, managing through the challenges of burnout, improving self-confidence, embracing new possibilities, or leading authentically. Her areas of specialty include Leadership Development, Personal Branding, Communications, Strategic Planning & Business Transformation. Her clients include CEOs of new ventures, and the leadership at F1000 companies, academic institutions, & non-profits.

As a co-founder of a clinical stage pharmaceutical company, Linda appreciates first-hand the myriad set of challenges that come with launching and sustaining a new business venture. Her entrepreneurial spirit has led her to be a mentor, advisor, and coach to over 60 startups and non-profits. She sits on the board of multiple startups and is on the board of directors for the Better Business Bureau Educational Foundation of Eastern NC.

Linda holds a BA in Architecture, Trinity University, and an MBA, UNC Chapel Hill Kenan-Flagler Business School, and her certifications include Certified Executive Coach from UC Berkeley Executive Coaching Institute, Certified Professional Coach from NC State University, ICF credentialed as an Associate Certified Coach.

As a Rotarian, Linda shares the unwavering commitment of “service above self” and can often be seen in the mornings picking up litter around Chapel Hill with her husband Brian.

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None Selected

How did you find out about this opportunity? (select all that apply)

Other (provide additional information below)

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I received a postcard from the Town, found hearings related to development, and participated via Zoom.

Interests & Experiences

What perspective(s) do you bring to the board(s), commission(s), committee(s) or task force(s) to which you are applying?

I grew up as a military dependent and have lived abroad in Europe and Asia as well as in more than a dozen states. My degrees are in Political Science, Economics Development, and Economics from California, Indiana, and Illinois. Now a 40-year resident of Chapel Hill and professor at UNC, I have lived within town limits including 5 years in rentals near the University and now 35 years as a homeowner in the Durham County portion of Chapel Hill. A labor economist by training, I worked on valuing benefits for manufacturing workers, researching and testifying for the Smart Start Childcare Legislation, and other issues that evolved into port planning for climate change. For more than the past decade as a Global Research Institute Scholar, I have traveled extensively to see and learn from other places about how to best communicate the water challenges of climate change from flooding due to severe precipitation, hurricanes, sea-level rise as well as droughts, wildfires, and health threats from extreme heat and contaminated floodwaters. In sum, I am very interested in the issues of stormwater, and transportation, and the collaboration between UNC and the Town in addressing problems proactively so that we can better build resilient communities.

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I served from 1990 to 1996 on the Town's Transportation board including on numerous regional committees to develop the Triangle Transit Authority's plans for buses, rideshare, and rail service. I chaired the board for nearly all that time and was co-author of the Council requested "Single Occupant Vehicle Use" report that was used for the new CH planning initiatives for development throughout the 1990s. From 1996 to 2002 I was a Trustee (and served in all leadership positions) of the Triangle Transit Authority (now GO Triangle) as Chapel Hill's appointee. I have presented, researched, published, and teach primarily courses on local development with respect to infrastructure as it relates to important corridors ranging from transportation, utilities, and stormwater issues. I served 20 years on the UNC Buildings and Grounds Committee which advises the Chancellor on a wide range of issues related to campus development including stormwater management, transportation plans, and building-specific plans from physical accessibility, to landscaping on campus properties. I served on several "town-gown" committees examining University growth and the development of the "Carolina North" property. I have also audited many of the relevant UNC graduate courses in Planning and the school of Public Health, Marine Sciences, and countless local, state, and global conferences and training on water risks related to the built environment. For more than 30 years I have been deeply engaged in the public service mission of the University by developing UNC APPLES service-learning courses with community partners in the town, region, and state for my students to work with as part of individual or course projects. Many alumni have gone on to work for those non-profits, government agencies, and educational sites. In addition, I am a Thorp Public Service Scholar at the Center for Public Service, working on communicating water challenges through innovative strategies such as CLIMATOPIA with my students. We have developed a children's fabric board game to teach and provide resources on how to better plan for and recover from water disasters which will be distributed to environmental education sites statewide next year. We used the MakerSpace facilities on campus (BeAM) to design and produce it. I am deeply committed to community engagement and using the diverse skills and perspectives of all members of our community in problem-solving.

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University of North Carolina
Professor

Occupation

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