



# TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

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### Receive Final Report from the Booker Creek Working Group.

**Staff:**

Loryn Clark, Deputy Town Manager  
Lance Norris, Director  
Christopher Roberts, Engineering and Infrastructure Manager  
Samantha Bauer, Community Education Coordinator

**Department:**

Manager’s Office  
Public Works

**Overview:** The Council established the [Booker Creek Working Group](https://www.townofchapelhill.org/government/departments-services/public-works/stormwater-management/know-your-watersheds/booker-creek-studies-and-projects) <<https://www.townofchapelhill.org/government/departments-services/public-works/stormwater-management/know-your-watersheds/booker-creek-studies-and-projects>> in 2021 and offered the following guiding questions for the group to consider:

1. Where is it flooding in our community and by how much? (in layman's terms - 6 inches, etc) How many homes, streets & businesses?
2. What ideas can help reduce flooding during big storm events - and by how much?
3. How to get the community engaged on their own properties with stormwater reduction
4. How long do you think it will take to come back with short term & long term ideas?
5. Who is not at the table and what expertise are you still needing?
6. What role do our existing bottomland forests play in mitigating large stormwater events?

In response, the Working Group met 13 times and developed the attached report.

☆ **Recommendation(s):**

That the Council:

- Receive and refer the Final Report from the Booker Creek Working Group to the Manager and the Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board for review and community engagement.
- Adopt the resolution thanking the members of the Booker Creek Working Group members for their work.

**Next Steps:**

- In addition to providing its recommendations, we recommend that staff work with the Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board to develop a community engagement plan to receive feedback on the Working Group's recommendations.
- We recommend that the Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board return to the Council in the fall with an update on its efforts.

**Fiscal Impact/Resources:** There is not a fiscal impact associated with receiving this report.



**Attachments:**

- Resolution
- Report from the Booker Creek Working Group

**A RESOLUTION RECEIVING THE BOOKER CREEK WORKING GROUP REPORT (2023-06-21/R-8)**

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2021, the Council approved creation of a Working Group on Stormwater Management in the Booker Creek Watershed;

WHEREAS, the Mayor appointed twelve members of the community to the Working Group;

WHEREAS, the Working Group was charged with providing recommendations to the following questions:

1. Where is it flooding in our community and by how much? (in layman's terms - 6 inches, etc) How many homes, streets & businesses?
2. What ideas can help reduce flooding during big storm events - and by how much?
3. How to get the community engaged on their own properties with stormwater reduction
4. How long do you think it will take to come back with short term & long-term ideas?
5. Who is not at the table and what expertise are you still needing?
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WHEREAS, the Working Group met 13 times over a nineteen-month period, met with outside experts, discussed their experiences and opinions, and drafted recommendations to forward to the Council.

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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and Council thank each of the Working Group members for their time, and commitment to completing this task, and offer our appreciation for sharing their expertise and ideas to inform the recommendations before the Council this evening. The Working Group members include:

Pamela Schultz (Co-Chair)  
John Morris (Co-Chair)  
Jeanette Bench (Vice Chair)  
Michael Dupree  
Doug Frederick  
Tom Henkel  
Noel Myers  
Chad Pickens  
Louie Rivers  
Antonia Sebastian  
Miguel Rojas Sotelo

Shugong Wang

This the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2023.

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**The Agenda will reflect the text below and/or the motion text will be used during the meeting.**

By adopting the resolution, the Council would:

- Receive and refer the Final Report from the Booker Creek Working Group to the Manager and the Stormwater Management Utility Advisory Board for review and community engagement.
- Adopt the resolution thanking the members of the Booker Creek Working Group for their work.