



TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL

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Legislation Text

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Booker Creek Working Group Update.

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Overview: Council approved the prioritized projects in the Lower Booker Creek Subwatershed Study in 2017, including six flood storage projects in the Booker Creek watershed. The Town completed construction of the first project, formerly called Elliott Flood Storage and now called Booker Creek Basin Park, in February 2021. Community members voiced concern about the tree removal and effectiveness of the flood storage device and petitioned Council to cancel the remaining projects. The Town held a Community Meeting to hear public concern on September 13, 2021. The Council withdrew their approval of the remaining flood storage projects on [September 22](#) [<https://chapelhill.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=884069&GUID=0F646ACD-8944-40CE-8485-8E48FF6B8323&Options=info|&Search=>](https://chapelhill.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=884069&GUID=0F646ACD-8944-40CE-8485-8E48FF6B8323&Options=info|&Search=>) and approved the creation of a working group. The working group is composed of members of the public with diverse expertise and experiences. Tonight, the co-chairs are presenting an update of the working group's activities to the Council.

**Recommendation(s):**

That the Council receive this update.

Key Issues:

- The working group has been drafting group agreements and a mission statement.
- Maggie Chotas, a facilitator from the Dispute Settlement Center, is assisting the group.
- The working group meets on [October 18](#) [<https://www.townofchapelhill.org/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/19176/15>](https://www.townofchapelhill.org/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/19176/15) to finalize the group agreements and discuss the mission statement.
- Details about the group, including member composition, past meetings, and public comments, are available at www.townofchapelhill.org/bookercreekstudies [<http://www.townofchapelhill.org/bookercreekstudies>](http://www.townofchapelhill.org/bookercreekstudies)

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

PRESENTER: John Morris and Pamela Schultz, Co-Chairs, Booker Creek Working Group

The purpose of this item is to provide the Council with an update on the activities of the Booker Creek Working Group.