



Proclamation



Community Planning Month

WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all places, and community planning and plans can help communities manage change in a way that provides more and better options for how people live, work, and get around; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, the Town of Carrboro completed its first comprehensive plan, Carrboro Connects, a 20-year plan built on the twin foundations of racial equity and climate action that, for the first time, brings the goals of the Town as a whole into a single document—from expanding housing and transportation options to supporting local businesses to improving access to open space; and

WHEREAS, on September 14, 2022, the American Planning Association-North Carolina Chapter (APA-NC) presented to the Town of Carrboro the 2022 Marvin Collins Outstanding Planning Award in the category “Comprehensive Plan, Small Community” at the group’s annual meeting in Winston-Salem; and

WHEREAS, in the past year, the Town’s planning staff have worked with NCDOT on a new cross-section design for East Main Street to add bicycle facilities; supported an Eagle Scout tree and milkweed planting project at Anderson Park as part of the Mayors’ Monarch Pledge; hosted a movie screening and Farmers’ Market activity for the Town’s Bee City USA designation; participated in the Solarize the Triangle program led by TJCOG; submitted an application to the Orange County Community Climate Action Grant Program for a solar array on the roof of the 203 Project; and hosted a volunteer invasive species removal event at Wilson Park; among many other projects and events; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s planning staff also finalized an electric vehicle location suitability analysis with the Towns of Chapel Hill and Hillsborough, Orange County, and UNC-Chapel Hill; finalized a request for proposals for a fleet alternative fuels study; and finalized a grant proposal for an electric vehicle charging station at Willow Creek Shopping Center; and

WHEREAS, the full benefit of planning requires public officials and community members who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the American Planning Association has designated the month of October 2022 as National Community Planning Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Damon Seils, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2022 to be Community Planning Month in Carrboro. I encourage all residents to celebrate the contributions made by the professional planners of Carrboro and our neighboring communities; and to recognize the dedication of the members of our numerous advisory boards and commissions and other community members who regularly contribute their time and talents to the improvement of Carrboro. Furthermore, I encourage residents to become advocates for and participants in the implementation of our award-winning Carrboro Connects comprehensive plan.

This the 20th day of September 2022.



Damon Seils, Mayor