

Proclamation

Community Planning Month

WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all places, and community planning 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 completed its first comprehensive plan, Carrboro Connects, a 20-year plan 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, in the past year, the Town’s planning staff has worked to implement Carrboro Connects, focusing on identified priorities while continuing to carry out the regular services provided to the community; and these implementation efforts have included drafting revisions to the Town’s Land Use Ordinance to align the Town’s regulations with identified goals; beginning the process for creating a new downtown area plan; identifying areas for improvement in the development review process; completing a racial equity analysis of the traffic calming process; launching the Green Neighborhoods Grant Program; expanding transportation demand management grant programming; coordinating with NCDOT on roadway and infrastructure improvements to enhance safety and accessibility for pedestrians and people on bicycles, including the completion of resurfacing and restriping projects to add bike lanes on East Main Street and Merritt Mill Road, and planning for similar improvements on North Greensboro Street and Jones Ferry Road in the coming year; and

WHEREAS, the planning staff also hosted and participated in countless community events and conferences to forward the Town’s goals through community engagement and coordination with partners and stakeholders, and continued to implement the Community Climate Action Plan and Bicycle Plan, among many other projects and events; 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 2023 as National Community Planning Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Damon Seils, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2023 to be Community Planning Month in Carrboro. I encourage all residents to celebrate the contributions made by the professional planners of Carrboro and neighboring communities; and to recognize the dedication of the members of our numerous

advisory boards and other community members who 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 26th day of September, 2023.

Damon Seils

Damon Seils, Mayor

