



Agenda Abstract

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: Oct. 13, 2025
Department: Community Services
Agenda Section: Regular
Public hearing: No
Date of public hearing: N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

Matt Efird, Assistant Town Manager and Community Services Director
Shannan Campbell, Planning and Economic Development Manager
Bryant Green, Engineering Services Manager

ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Orange County Land Use Plan Coordination

Attachments:

Town Staff Presentation – Board of County Commissioners meeting Oct. 14, 2025

Summary:

Orange County is in the process of updating their Land Use Plan through 2050. Details on the process, contents and current drafts can be viewed at <https://www.orangecountylanduseplan.com/resources>.

The Orange County Board of County Commissioners discussed progress of the plan updates at their March 11, April 8 and Sept. 9 work sessions. Follow up work sessions are being scheduled Oct. 9 and Nov. 11, and the board will hold half-day retreats on Nov. 14 and Nov. 21. As part of the follow-up information, town staff was asked to address specific questions about water and sewer capacity and growth plans. The attached presentation addresses the Board of County Commissioner questions and provides background information on the outlook of the town's utilities and connection to the town's growth philosophy as expressed in the Comprehensive Sustainability Plan.

Some of the draft recommendations under consideration by the county for areas outside of town limits are reliant on utility capacity the town is unwilling or unable to supply. Some recommendations, while not reliant on town utilities, may encourage increased density in areas just outside of town that will cause negative impacts on traffic congestion and/or Falls Lake nutrient limits. To that end, the town's long-term plans are best served by continuing to encourage density within municipal limits and retaining agricultural and rural residential uses outside of urban service areas.

Additional background on the county's recent discussions can be viewed at the following links:

<http://server3.co.orange.nc.us:8088/weblink/0/doc/74867/Page1.aspx> (March 11, 2025 work session)

<http://server3.co.orange.nc.us:8088/weblink/0/doc/75125/Page1.aspx> (April 8, 2025 work session)

<http://server3.co.orange.nc.us:8088/weblink/0/doc/76483/Page1.aspx> (Sept. 9, 2025 work session)

Financial impacts:

N/A

Staff recommendation and comments:

N/A

Action requested:

Provide any feedback necessary to facilitate town coordination with Orange County's land use plan update.