



# TOWN OF HILLSBOROUGH

## Advisory Board Application

If you are a Town of Hillsborough resident and willing to volunteer your time and expertise to your community, please complete this form. Volunteers for the Parks and Recreation Board must be at least 13 years old, and volunteers for all other boards must be at least 18 years old.

**Name:**

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**Birth date:**

Dec. 2, 1975

**Gender:**

Female

**Ethnic origin:**

White

**Boards you would be willing to serve on:**

First choice — Tree Board

**Reasons for wanting to serve:**

hillsborough is doing a good job of making smart, progressive decisions. the tree board is an opportunity for service in a realm where i feel strongly about the impact of the choices being made and also one in which i feel i might contribute positively.

**Have you served or are you currently serving on a town board? If so, which ones and when?**

no

**Relevant work, volunteer or educational experience:**

most recently i have spent the last decade with the north carolina botanical garden as curator. i have a degree in landscape architecture and have been building gardens, doing design+install, and perhaps most relevantly\_maintaining high end public and private garden spaces for the past thirty years. experience in problem-solving and ground truth.

**How are you connected to Hillsborough (live, work, play, shop, own property)?**

orange county resident\_work+play, grocery, post office, bar, town center

**Have you reviewed the Vision 2030 plan, and what are your thoughts about it?**

im impressed by what i see as a compassionate and thoughtful forward-look\_taking deliberate actions, making smart modifications, protecting fragile resources, front-lining the need for inclusivity, attempting nuanced approaches to a spectrum of interconnected responsibilities.

it seems that hillsborough is making an earnest attempt to evolve in an intelligent way.

**Have you reviewed other town documents (budget, strategy map, small area plans), and what are your thoughts about them?**

not yet

**What challenges do you see the town facing that could be addressed by the board or boards on which you wish to serve?**

one challenge might be staying ahead of the curve in terms of model choices\_

making plant species selections for introductions that accommodate need+function, are sustainably manageable, and that also have the highest ecological value+benefit;

implementing (and interpreting) a wider variety of native species that are highest caliber providers of biodiversity (host plants+specialists, keystone lepidopteran species, et.al); increasing community awareness of problematic issues from exotic invasive species and creating more opportunities for engagement+education on invasive removal methodologies, practices and strategies.

**How you heard about this opportunity:**

Current volunteer

**Agreement:**

✓ I have been advised that I am committing to attend the volunteer board's regular meetings. Attendance at the regular meetings shall be considered a prerequisite for maintaining membership on the board. The Board of Commissioners may declare a vacancy on the board because of non-attendance.