



Smart Growth Collaborative & Water Resources Collaborative Joint Meeting: Continuing Essential Functions During COVID-19

Thursday, June 11, 2020

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Remote meeting – Webex link shared with RSVP

Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions (~15 min.)

TJ Cawley, Morrisville and Lori Bush, Cary - Water Resources Collaborative Co-Chairs

Wendy Jacobs, Durham and Steve Rao, Morrisville - Smart Growth Collaborative Co-Chairs

2. Facilitating Food Security (~30 min.)

Zoe Dehmer, Director of Operations & Planning of the Acme Food & Beverage Co., will share how the Carrboro United Food Hub has worked with local farms and food organizations to create new models to support both food security and local business.

3. Preparing for Hurricane Season During COVID-19 (~30 min.)

TJCOG Planner Kaley Huston will give an overview of FEMA and other organizations' planning and operational guidance on preparing for the 2020 hurricane season, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic response. While the FEMA guidance focuses on hurricane season preparedness, most planning considerations can also be applied to any disaster operation in the COVID-19 environment, including no-notice incidents, spring flooding, and wildfire seasons.

4. Questions & Open Discussion (~40 min.)

This is intended as a venue to learn and share best practices and ideas in response to an evolving situation. Please come prepared to share your experience continuing provision of essential services, including but not limited to food, water, housing, emergency services, broadband infrastructure, and/or parks and recreation.

What policies and/or practices have you had to create or implement because of COVID-19 that you imagine will be here to stay?

Did you experience, or do you think there is opportunity for, intergovernmental or regional collaboration to help streamline any process(es) (if so, which processes)? Are there ways that TJCOG could help to increase your resilience and ability to provide essential services?

How is your organization approaching maintaining/increasing access to essential services as COVID-19 impacts continue to highlight pre-existing inequalities?

Were there rate or fee increases proposed for new initiatives that have now been tabled? If so, are you coming up with creative, alternative ways to accomplish your work?

5. Closing (5 min.)

Co-Chairs

Speaker Biographies

*A native of Chapel Hill and lifetime lover of food culture, **Zoë Dehmer** currently serves as the Director of Operations & Planning at Acme, a seasonal Southern restaurant in Carrboro. The daughter of a public school teacher and a public health communications director, Zoë was raised to understand the importance of working to improve the local community where one lives. In March of this year, Zoë led the development of a new business, Carrboro United, aimed at buoying the hyper-local restaurant and agriculture industry through the public health & economic crisis that is Covid-19.*

***Kaley Huston** joined TJCOG in June 2018 after graduating with her Master's in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, specializing in Land Use and Environment, with a Certificate in Natural Hazards Resilience from the Coastal Resilience Center of Excellence. While at Carolina Planning, she was a Development Associate for the Development Finance Initiative at the UNC School of Government and contributed to several projects and initiatives related to Hurricane Matthew disaster recovery and resilience in Eastern North Carolina.*

2020 Meeting Schedule

All meetings will be held 2-4pm via TJCOG Webex or at TJCOG.

- **Thursday, September 10th** - Joint Smart Growth & Water Resources Collaborative meeting (Topic TBD)
- **Thursday, December 10th** - Joint Smart Growth & Water Resources Collaborative meeting (Topic TBD)