

Pittsboro Community Conservation Priorities

Introduction

The Chatham Conservation Partnership invites you to provide your input to assist us with ranking the conservation priorities of the Pittsboro community.

Your responses to this survey will provide a framework to rank potential conservation areas within the town of Pittsboro and its extraterritorial jurisdiction.

We encourage you to participate and to share this survey with others in the Pittsboro community.

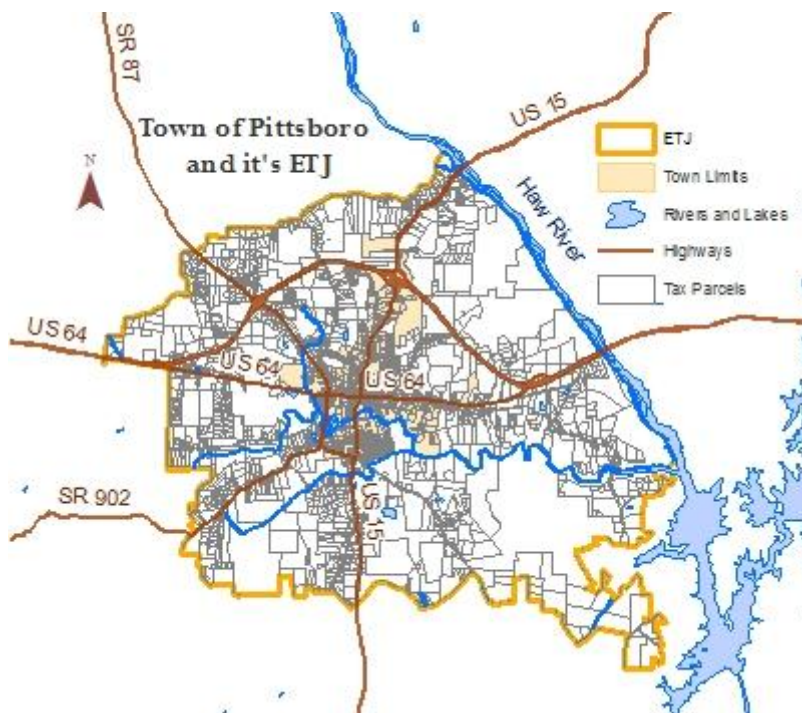
The survey will take less than 5 minutes to complete. All responses will be kept confidential and you may opt out of any questions you prefer not to answer.

Thank you, in advance for your participation.



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Pittsboro Community



1. Where do you reside?

- Within the town limits of Pittsboro
- Within Pittsboro's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ)
- Outside of Pittsboro and its ETJ, but within Chatham County
- Outside of Chatham County

2. Check all of the following that describe you?

- Resident of Pittsboro
- Property owner in Pittsboro
- Business owner in Pittsboro
- Work in Pittsboro
- Consider Pittsboro to be my *hometown*

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Your Conservation Priorities

3. Rank from 1 (most value) to 7 (least value) the following potential conservation goals for Pittsboro:

<input type="text"/>	Culture and History
<input type="text"/>	Farmland
<input type="text"/>	Forestry and Tree Protection
<input type="text"/>	Natural Heritage (the sum total of the elements of biodiversity, including flora, fauna and ecosystem types, with associated geological structures and formations that are inherited, maintained, and bestowed from one generation to the next)
<input type="text"/>	Recreation Lands
<input type="text"/>	Water Quality
<input type="text"/>	Wildlife Habitat

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Conservation Indicators

4. Rank the following conservation indicators for **Culture and History** from 1 (most value) to 3 (least value).

Areas of historical significance

Areas of cultural significance

Landscape features, such as key views and vistas

5. Rank the following conservation indicators for **Natural Heritage** from 1 (most value) to 3 (least value)

Significant Natural Heritage Areas (SNHA) are areas of water or land with known locations of rare species or rare or high quality natural habitats and are some of the best examples of biodiversity in NC.

Rare or protected species, high quality natural habitats, and special wildlife breeding and wintering habitats (e.g., colonial bird nesting sites)

Cape Fear shiner habitat

[The Cape Fear shiner](#) is a small (approx. 2 inches long), yellowish minnow with a black band along the sides of its body that was listed as endangered in 1987 under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973. The Cape Fear shiner is native to and only exists in the upper Cape Fear River Basin in North Carolina.

6. Rank the following conservation indicators for **Wildlife Habitat** from 1 (most value) to 4 (least value)

Wildlife corridors that provide areas of habitat connecting wildlife populations separated by human activities or structures (such as roads, development, or logging)

Unfragmented forests that provide wildlife habitat

Floodplain forests adjacent to streams and wetlands

Sites that provide essential habitat for one or more species of birds

7. Rank the following conservation indicators for **Farmland** from 1 (most value) to 3 (least value)

Voluntary Agriculture Districts

Working farms

Good farmland identified by low slopes and prime farmland soils.

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8. Rank the following conservation indicators for **Recreation Lands** from 1 (most value) to 5 (least value)

<input type="text"/>	Lands for active parks such as soccer fields, playgrounds, and dog parks
<input type="text"/>	Walking and biking trails
<input type="text"/>	Waterway accesses for swimming, fishing, and boating
<input type="text"/>	Game lands for hunting
<input type="text"/>	Natural areas for wildlife viewing and nature based recreation

9. Rank the following conservation indicators for **Water Quality** 1 from (most value) to 6 (least value)

<input type="text"/>	Headwater streams
<input type="text"/>	State designated water supply watersheds
<input type="text"/>	Vegetated riparian buffers along streams
<input type="text"/>	Steep slopes 20% or greater that are highly erodible
<input type="text"/>	Floodplains
<input type="text"/>	Wetlands

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10. Rank the following conservation indicators for **Forest and Tree Protection from 1 (most value) to 4 (least value)**

Timberland

Land cover such as tree canopy coverage, impervious hard surfaces (eg. asphalt pavement and rooftops), etc.

Street trees

Unbroken tracts of forest

11. List any specific areas of concern or significance with regards to conservation within Pittsboro and its ETJ that you have that have not been addressed in this survey.

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You're Done!

Thank you for taking the time to share your conservation priorities with us. For more information about this effort, check out Planning Tools for Pittsboro project summaries on the Chatham Conservation Partnerships wikisite at <http://chathamconservation.wikispaces.com/>.