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Cc: jonahay@nc.rr.com
Subject: FW: [Centralwestneighbors] Chapelboro Feature on Stormwater
Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2013 1:27:53 PM
Attachments: EnvironmentalFactSheets_Benefits_of_green_space.pdf
mugenyi_green_space.pdf

Hi Megan,

Please share this email with SC members as well as place it on the community input page.

Although most of us have read about the advantages of maintaining green spaces, it is important for all of us to reread these articles as we proceed to convert a large area of greenspace in Chapel Hill into an urban style development.

Let us all evaluate if our recent efforts at planning the Central West area provide more advantages to Chapel Hill than the advantages listed in the Environmental Fact sheet article attached above. Similarly do we get more social advantages than those listed in the second article above.

As Maria's email puts it very well that "*development does not need to mean filling all available space with man-made structures".* Her viewpoint (third para) on encouraging new businesses is also pertinent. Let us strike the proper balance.

Thank you.

Regards,
Firoz

To: Centralwestneighbors@yahoogroups.com
From: jonahay@nc.rr.com
Date: Wed, 10 Jul 2013 11:03:11 -0400
Subject: Re: [Centralwestneighbors] Chapelboro Feature on Stormwater

Thanks for sharing this, Julie.

It further bolsters my opinion that development does not need to mean filling all available space with man-made structures.

Development can also encompass safeguarding and maintaining green space, vegetation (not just trees) and biodiversity, which are important to our wellbeing in many ways. See the two attachments, for example.

Also, from my point of view, the tax base for the town and a way of keeping property taxes down for home owners is to encourage more business, but not just small, locally-owned and therefore often more expensive businesses. Town resistance to having a big box store like Walmart, Costco, Target, etc. is somewhat elitist from my perspective. Granted, these businesses are not always good employers but many people work there, many people shop there (most of us probably) and the prices of those stores are attractive to people with lower incomes. What ever happened to the idea of such a store out on Eubanks?

Maria

From: julie mcclintock
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2013 5:37 PM
To: centralwestneighbors@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [Centralwestneighbors] Chapelboro Feature on Stormwater

Great article about Stormwater in Chapel Hill on Chapelboro http://chapelboro.com/columns/common-science/no-where-else-for-the-rain-to-go/

--Julie McClintock

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