



Milestones in the Town of Chapel Hill Collaborations with the Northside and Pine Knolls Neighborhoods



1970's

The Town starts investing in infrastructure and substantial housing repairs in the Northside.



1996

The Town begins funding community organizations supporting Northside and Pine Knolls.



2002

Midway Business Center opens.
The Town helps fund Chapel Hill's first small business incubator. The Center is located in Midway, the historically Black Business district connecting Chapel Hill and Carrboro.



2004

The Town establishes the Northside Neighborhood Conservation District .
Encourages development similar to the majority of neighborhood.



2006

The Town establishes the Pine Knolls Neighborhood Conservation District.
Encourages development similar to the majority of neighborhood.



2011

The Town passes a Temporary Development Moratorium in Northside & Pine Knolls.
Allows residents and the Town to jointly design an action plan to address incompatible development.



2012 - present

The Town and community organizations implement the Northside and Pine Knolls Community Plan.
Successes include:

- Creation of a home rehabilitation program to assist longtime homeowners.
- Establishment of local affordable housing funding source.
- Creation of Northside Neighborhood Gateway.
- E-newsletter shared to over 23,000 UNC students living off campus.



2017

Pine Knolls is added to the Northside Neighborhood Initiative.

1941

Hargraves Community Center is constructed.

Formerly called the Negro Community Center and the Robeson Street Center, it was renamed in 1973 to honor a former Parks and Recreation Commission member. One famous visitor to Hargraves was Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1960.



1990

Northside is listed as a Conservation Area in the Chapel Hill Land Use Plan.

For the first time, the white population is about equal to the African American population in Northside.



1999

The Chapel Hill Comprehensive Plan Working Group identifies Northside as focus area.



2003

The Town adopts new zoning regulations and ordinances to ease noise and traffic.



2004 - present

The Good Neighbor Initiative begins.
The Town partners with UNC and community organizations to promote positive living experiences in neighborhoods where students and non-student residents live in close proximity.



2006 - 2011

In Northside & Pine Knolls, modest single-family homes continue to be converted to larger rental properties.



2012

The Town adopts the Northside and Pine Knolls Community Plan.
Includes new zoning regulations to encourage compatible development and an action plan to address other community issues.



2013

Northside Housing Market Action Plan developed.

Initiated by Self Help Credit Union and The Marian Cheek Jackson Center, the Town assists in developing a 5-year action plan to change Northside's housing market from majority student rentals to a diverse, multi-generational neighborhood.



2015 - present

Northside Neighborhood Initiative established.

The Town provides funds to support the Northside and Pine Knolls land bank. Successes include:

- Over 30+ housing units collaboratively developed for affordable housing.
- For the first time since the 1980s, Northside sees a rise in its African American population

