

Letter from the Steering Committee

Dear Fellow Citizen:

Work began in September on the joint CAMA Regional Land Use Plan for New Bern, River Bend and Trent Woods. We want citizens like you to come together, voice your concerns, hopes, and identify growth related issues for policy development and implementation planning in a Town Meeting format.

The Steering Committee is discussing growth issues, and wants to hear area residents on the issues that are important to you. The intent of this meeting is to create a shared vision for our area, and to preserve our natural, historic and cultural heritage and ensure quality growth for our future. We have an opportunity with the plan to work with residents, businesses and elected officials and show that we are committed to work together for the best possible future for our region.

We hope that you will get involved in this planning effort. You can:

- Send an email. Send a comment or suggestion to planner@newbern-nc.org, subject line Regional Land Use Plan. All of your comments will be compiled and reviewed by the Steering Committee.
- Write a letter. You or your organization may wish to forward comments to the Planning and Inspections Department, LUP Steering Committee in writing via the following address:
PO Box 1129, New Bern, NC 28563.
- Listen in to a Steering Committee Meeting. These meetings are open to the public. Call 252 639-7581 for meeting dates and times.
- Attend a Town Meeting: Attend a scheduled Town Meeting in your area.

Please get involved! Take a role in developing this plan.
We look forward to hearing your views.

Sincerely,
The Regional Land Use Plan Steering Committee



Plan a Better Future – Town Meeting

When: January 28, 2008
Where: Garber Church
4201 Country Club Rd.
Trent Woods, NC
Time: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Food will be served

What is a Regional Land Use Plan

A land-use plan contains a vision for our communities and provides information, policies and maps that serve as a community's blueprint for growth.

At the local level, land-use plans provide guidance for both individual projects and a broad range of policy issues, such as the development of regulatory ordinances and public investment programs. The plan is used to help evaluate rezoning petitions, development plans, and other land use proposals. The plan can also help support state and federal grant applications.

The Coastal Area Management Act requires each of the 20 coastal counties (and permits municipalities') to have a local land-use plan in accordance with guidelines established by the Coastal Resources Commission. Once a land-use plan is certified by the CRC, the Division of Coastal Management uses the plan in making CAMA permit decisions and federal consistency determinations.

Concerned about the Future of

New Bern River Bend Trent Woods

What Questions does the Regional Land Use Plan Answer

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to go?
- How will we get there?

What does the Land Use Plan Address

Each land-use plan includes local policies that address 6 management topics:

- Public Access to coastal waters
- Land Use Compatibility
- Capabilities of the sewer, water and transportation systems
- Protection of water quality
- Protection of natural features to reduce storm and natural hazards effects
- Topics of local concern including, protection of cultural and historic resources

What area does the Regional Land Use Plan cover

The Land Use Plan covers the following areas:

- New Bern, in yellow
- Trent Woods, in green
- River Bend, in Orange



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For additional information about the Regional Land Use Plan, contact the New Bern Planning Department

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Share your ideas and concerns at the first Town Meeting

(details inside)