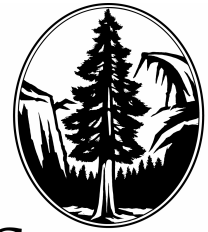


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- **Council Candidates Forum** - Tuesday, October 9, 7pm., Chapel Hill Town Hall.
- **Endorsements:** Please keep your eye out for coverage in the newspapers and on our listserv so that you can be aware of our endorsements. The Political Committee and the Ex-Comm acknowledge the importance of endorsing genuine environmentalists, those who have worked for actively for strong environmental public policy. You can support endorsed candidates with confidence whether as a campaign volunteer or contributor.

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Open Space Bond

This November, Orange County voters will be presented with a bond package that includes authorization for up to \$20,000,000 of Orange County general obligation bonds to pay capital and related costs of providing parks, open space and recreational facilities.

Already, the burgeoning growth in Orange County has created a "deficit" of parkland relative to current and projected future populations. Concurrently, land values throughout the county have escalated, creating a situation in which land acquisition becomes more urgent.

Orange County has created the Lands Legacy Program that anticipates the space needs of future inhabitants, both human and animal, and systematically acquire land for parks and natural areas. The plan is moving forward slowly on a limited County budget. Passage of the bond issue will accelerate progress, permitting the county to protect valuable natural and cultural resources that will otherwise

*(Please see back of page)***Bond Package Provisions**

- \$7,000,000 for land acquisition for future parks and the nature preserves
- \$1,200,000 for a 193-acre park/educational campus in Chapel Hill Township
- \$2,300,000 for developing or improving parks in Cedar Grove, Efland and Hillsborough
- \$2,000,00 for a 70-acre park south of Chapel Hill and adjacent to Scroggs Elementary School and Southern Village
- \$1,750,000 for expansion and improvement of the popular Chapel Hill and Carrboro Greenways
- \$3,500,000 for an aquatic Center in Chapel Hill's Homestead Park
- \$2,000,000 for additional soccer fields at park sites across the county
- \$250,000 for lighting athletic fields at Smith Middle

OCG Meetings

Thursday, Oct 11th at 7:30 PM in the Church of Reconciliation John Hudson will speak to us about the mission of the North Carolina State Sierra Club. Hear about the "big picture" of environmental issues at a state level and how we can contribute.

Wednesday, Oct 3rd, 2001. ExCom meeting. 7:30 pm at the Oriental Garden Restaurant on Rosemary Street. Submit agenda items to Robert Porter at robertporter@mindspring.com or 933-7613.

For new members--Join us at a new member dessert reception to be held Thursday October 11th at 6:30pm, just before our regular membership meeting at 7:30pm.

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be lost or damaged to incompatible development.

In 1994, a bond issue that would have permitted Orange County to purchase farmland development rights from willing sellers failed at the polls. Between now and election day, be an advocate for parks and open space. Convince your friends and neighbors to vote for this investment in Orange County's future.

Outings

OCT 13 (Sat) 10 a.m. Hike and explore downtown Durham. See historic buildings and new renovations of old buildings. We will walk for 2 hours followed by optional lunch at Foster's. Easy to moderate. Call Janet Burhans-Hitti (HWG) at 919-572-2407 or jhitti0326@cs.com.

OCT 20 (Sat) The Sierra Club and the Triangle Rails-to-Trails Conservancy are co-sponsoring a series of service outings to build the American Tobacco Trail by opening the Southern-most portions in Durham County. Meet at Massey Chapel Rd. where it intersects the ATT. Start time is 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning. Difficulty level varies--something for everyone! Bring work gloves, water and a bag lunch. A request for tools will be distributed. For additional information contact Thad Howard (HWG) at Thad.Howard@duke.edu or 919-544-9126.

OCT 19-21 (Fri-Sat) Cole Mountain Base Camp. Easy day hikes to enjoy fall colors, rare fall wildflowers, and pick apples from the trail. Spectacular views of California. Call Dick Udry (OCG) at 919-929-1779 between 8 and 10 p.m. or e-mail udry@unc.edu.

OCT 19-21 (Fri-Sat) Pond Mountain Wilderness. This is a moderate to easy backpack along the AT taking in Laurel Falls, Watauga Lake & Dam and Pond Mountain. Total distance is about 14 miles with gorgeous scenery, some excellent campsites and lots of water for recreation and bathing. About an hour north of Boone, NC. A good trip for a first timer. Contact Chris David (CG) at 919-518-2648 or gardenrefinery@mindspring.com.

OCT 21 (Sun) For a new experience, join us for a Sunday afternoon hike on the Weaver Creek Trail in Chatham County. Contact Bill Bussey (OCG) 919-545-9104 9104 <billbus@gte.net> or Annette Jurgelski (OCG) 919-644-0280.

OCT 27 (Sat) Contemplative Places. A short walk of 4-6 miles to local quiet, scenic locations, where we will have the opportunity to spend a bit more time communing with nature. Easy to moderate pace and terrain. Call Hal Rubin (CG) at 919-380-8322.

OCT 27 (Sat) Sierra Club/Triangle Rails-to-Trails Conservancy service outing to build the American Tobacco Trail. This day will be a cooperation-sponsorship day. Please ask your company to post this outing at work and sponsor this outing. An information sheet detailing the project is available to send to your employer. See Oct 20 for further details. Contact Thad Howard(HWG) at Thad.Howard@duke.edu or 919-544-9126.

OCT 27-28 (Sat-Sun) Eno River State Park Backpack. Backpack in one of the Triangle's outdoor treasures, the Few's Ford section of the Eno River State Park. We'll backpack to our campsites, hiking 1-4 miles (distance to be determined by group), and set up camp. After dinner, we'll roam the trails along the Eno River, using the light only from the nearly-full moon. The next day, we'll leisurely break camp and backpack our gear and sense of peace to the trailhead. Ideal trip for beginning backpackers. Easy to moderate pace and terrain. Group size limited to 10. Call Shelly Eberly (OCG) at 919-967-7358 between 8 and 9 p.m. or e-mail seberly@nc.rr.com.

NOV 2-4 (Fri-Sat) Apple Orchard Mountain and Falls. Car camp and day hikes off the Blue Ridge Parkway near Peaks of Otter. Call Chris or Odile Gould (HWG) at 919-493-1194 8 - 9 p.m., or email chris_gould@mindspring.com

NOV 3 (Sat) 10 a.m. Hike on the American Tobacco Trail. About 6 miles roundtrip. Hike starts behind Hillside HS. Go in at Riddle Road. Lunch at Foster's restaurant following the hike. Easy. Call Janet Burhans-Hitti (HWG) at 919-572-2407 or jhitti0326@cs.com.

More outings information is available on-line at
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