



## MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Steve Schlauch, Planner I; Jamie Hager, Zero Energy and Green Building Specialist at Southern Energy Management

Date: November 28th, 2022

**Re: Sustainable Development Incentives Information Session**

**SUMMARY:** Steve Schlauch with the Pittsboro Planning Department, and Jamie Hager with Southern Energy Management, will be leading an information session and discussion regarding sustainable development incentives and how the implementation process can align with the Town of Pittsboro's core values.

**BACKGROUND:** Stemming from suggestions provided by certain Board members interested in re-introducing examples of sustainable development incentives language back into the Town's UDO following the removal of the Green Building Incentives section in 2018, this information session will highlight incentives that are currently available in the Pittsboro expanse; data from existing certified homes and solar installations; specific topics of importance revolving around clean energy, walkability, maintaining carbon neutrality, access to food and natural lands, and smart preservation of quality natural spaces; and how to keep development incentives minimal but effective for the evolution of a healthy place that preserves the Town's personality, while also welcoming adaptive growth.

The contractual partnership with Southern Energy Management and Jamie Hager began in August of 2022 in order to assist with creating concise, practical, and impactful strategies that can be understood by all and implemented easily by the Town.