



What Makes a Sustainable Community and Why it Matters?

Tuesday, June 30

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Zoom at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89093940207?pwd=TEFrVjhyYnJLdEtTK2ZlYt0M0N1Zz09>

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or livestream at the OCICC website

<https://www.facebook.com/OrangeChathamICC/>

Join us for a Zoom and live stream discussion on how we can all work together to make our communities more sustainable in the long term and resilient in the face of both natural and economic disasters. The discussion will center on sustainability in a community context, how it affects people, the climate, and the economy, and why it is the best approach for our long term well-being as interdependent individuals and communities. How can we use principles of sustainability to foster environmental justice and the well-being of all?

The conversation is sponsored by Orange Chatham Interfaith Care for Creation and Interfaith Creation Care of the Triangle.



The featured speaker will be **Melissa McCullough**. Melissa earned a Masters of Environmental Management from Duke University School of the Environment. She is the Associate National Program Director of the EPA Sustainable and Healthy Communities Research Program, but will not be speaking on behalf of the EPA. Melissa is also locally active as a member of the Chapel Hill Planning Commission, Vice-Chair of the Orange County Climate Council and the Sierra Club Orange Chatham Group, and Chair of the Orange County Climate Coalition.

The webcast will be convened by Jesuit-trained **Bob Weickert**, who retired after 30 years with IBM, Chair of St. Thomas More (STM) Environmental Stewardship Committee and the STM Community Garden. Co-host **Lynn Lyle** is president of Interfaith Creation Care of the Triangle, former school counselor, and former development officer with the NCSU College of Education.

An Opening Reflection will be offered by **Sarah Ogletree**, MDiv, Wake Forest University School of Divinity, and Program Coordinator, NC Interfaith Power & Light.

A panel of local thinkers and doers will be facilitated by **Kathy Kaufman**, retired EPA air quality policy analyst; active in local and state climate advisory boards and community organizations.

The panelists who will respond from their different perspectives are:

Delores Bailey, Executive Director, EmPOWERment, Inc., Chapel Hill, whose mission is to empower individuals and communities to achieve their destiny through community organizing, affordable housing, and grassroots economic development.

Emily Barrett, Sustainability Manager, Town of Cary, since 2010 (will not be speaking for the Town of Cary). M.S., Department of Environmental Science and Engineering, School of Public Health, UNC-Chapel Hill.

Damon Seils, Carrboro Town Council; Board member, Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization; member, Chapel Hill Public Transit Committee.

Jarred White, Program Coordinator for the Rural Faith Community Organizing Initiative with the Rural Advancement Foundation International-USA, MDiv, Duke Divinity School

Background Reading

The Overview of the UN Sustainability Goals Report (the overview is a series of graphic summaries, easy to read through, with a whole report, if folks feel like delving.
<https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2019/The-Sustainable-Development-Goals-Report-2019.pdf>

A 2007 Harvard Business Review article, which is a follow up to the 1999 book Natural Capitalism:
<https://hbr.org/2007/07/a-road-map-for-natural-capitalism>

Project DRAWDOWN encourages community action to work together to advance climate solutions. Examples can be found at:
<https://drawdown.org/programs/drawdown-communities>