

**Meeting Summary  
Chatham County Economic Development Community Meeting**

**Moncure School  
Moncure, NC  
6:30-8:00pm  
July 17, 2007**

**6:30 Introduction/ Greetings**

**6:40 Overview of ED Plan**  
(PowerPoint Presentation)

**7:00 Public Input: What types of jobs or businesses would you most like to see in your community?**  
(Feedback was solicited from attendees and written on a flip chart at the front of the room. The attendee feedback is detailed in the table below.)

**7:15 Rank Jobs and Businesses**  
(Attendees were asked to place blue stickers next to desirable businesses/ jobs, and red stickers next to businesses/ jobs they would not like in Chatham.)

<b>Jobs/ Businesses</b>	<b># of Blue Dots (priority)</b>	<b># of Red Dots (do not want)</b>
Grocery Store	32	
Pharmacy	22	
McDonald's and Other Restaurants	12	3
Farms and Agriculture	12	10
No More Polluting Industries	9	
Entertainment / Movie Theatre	9	4
Senior Center	8	
Doc-in-the-Box/Urgent Care Facilities	7	
Recreation	5	
Sustainable Industry	5	
Hospitality	4	
Dollar General and Other Retail	4	
Arts Related Jobs	4	
Cultural Heritage/ Arts Tourism	3	
Dry Cleaning/ Laundromat	2	
Biomass Linked to Local Forestry Industry	2	
Residential Development	2	2
Work from Home	1	
Specialty Wood Products	1	5
Low-Density Residential Development	1	7

**7:20 BREAK**

**7:25 Breakout sessions- Public Input**

(The room was divided into 3 groups and each group was asked to answer the series of questions detailed below.)

**Are there any additional jobs/ businesses you would like to see in Chatham?**

- Dispersed Social Services
- Pharmaceuticals
- Community Center
- Park/ Recreation Facility
- Car Repair Shop
- Business Incubator
- Discount Retail
- Wal-Mart
- Small Shopping Center
- Car Wash
- Financial Institutions

**What changes need to happen related to Economic Development to create these jobs or businesses?**

- Small Business Incubator
- Micro-loans
- Incorporate Moncure
- Water/ Sewer system
- Better internet coverage
- More jobs locally
- Need more residents/ rooftops
- Education: a High School and funding for higher-ed
- Community College training programs to support new jobs (possibly in hospitality and health/senior care industries)
- Improve basic workforce skills
- Reduce odor problem off of Highway 1.
- Fiber Optics
- Improve crime, specifically drug related
- Financial Services needed in the area
- More residential development
- Reinvestment of profits
- Adequate parking as development occurs
- Encourage businesses to hire locally
- Environmentally friendly development
- Police Services – need a satellite station in Moncure

- Offer incentives to businesses, i.e., tax credits for local hires
- Strip mall retail
- Recreational activities for adults and kids
- Improved transportation systems
- Grant money needed
- Enforcement of environmental regulations, and pollution clean-up
- Better housing
- Affordable/ Workforce housing partnerships
- Better use of Jordan Lake as a resource
- Rezone industrial to residential
- No more chicken or hog farms
- Reduce Noise Pollution
- Reduce Light/ Air Pollution to preserve the Night Sky
- Reduce Soil Pollution
- Bring in small, clean industry/ factories to create more jobs

**What do you most like, or want to preserve in your community?**

- Jordan Lake
- The Night Sky
- The local Post Office
- Open space preservation
- Trees, Streams, Creeks, Rivers and other natural resources
- Rural/ Country Character
- Small town feel and familiarity
- Unique sense of community and collaboration
- Historic Buildings and Properties
- Diversity- racial/ social/ age/ economic/ political
- People and current residents
- Preserve existing small, locally owned businesses.

**7:45** Breakout Reporting and Discussion

**8:00** Closing

NOTE: Approximately 70 people in attendance.