



## **County Manager Charlie Horne**

**Interviewed By: Molly Carlson  
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Charlie Horne always has been interested in the government. As an undergraduate at Western Carolina he studied law. He now has been a County Manager for 30 years.

As a County Manager, Mr. Horne has to prepare the annual budget, guide the operations of the county, and connecting with others in the government area. He also interacts with the County Commissioners by making recommendations and answering any questions that they may have.

When I asked Mr. Horne what advice he had for a high school student he said access your interests and take different subjects to determine your career. He also said to Take Time, don't rush because you might end up with a career you don't want or like.

# CHATHAM PARK

The largest issue in Chatham County is Growth and how we can manage it and its impact. The big project in Chatham County right now is Chatham Park which is 8,000 acres. Mr. Horne and others are trying to find ways to keep agriculture and still help control the growth. Chatham County is trying to improve the county and create more jobs to help the people within the county and Chatham Park is going to help that.



Chatham Park is said to create 99,000 jobs in the Triangle in the next 40 years.

Chatham County will see a major increase in vehicle traffic due to Chatham Park.



The County Manager will be very busy dealing with the challenges of this development, and its impact on the environment and the community.

Following my interview with County Manager Charlie Horne, I attended the County Commissioner meeting where the main subject was fracking. At this meeting Chatham County enacted a 2-year ban on fracking.

County Manager Charlie Horne says the county is set to embark on a 2-year study of ways to improve its land use plan. He says the board wanted to ensure the county's laws adequately address the fracking process before any drilling projects move into the county.

