

GLOSSARY OF TERMS RELATED TO WASMPBA

Joint Planning Land Use Plan and Agreement: Adopted in 1986 by Orange County and Chapel Hill with Carrboro added in 1987. This plan established the rural buffer and transition areas.

Urban Services Area: The Town's 1986 Land Use Plan and 1989 Comprehensive Plan included the concept of an Urban Services Area, which is an area projected to be an urban growth area of the Town, served by public water and sewer.

Water Supply Watershed: The Town's Land Use Management Ordinance (LUMO) Section 3.6.4 Watershed Protection District (WPD). This section of the LUMO only addresses the Jordan Lake watershed protection district as currently adopted. Town staff are reviewing the water supply watershed boundaries for the Jordan Lake district and the University Lake district. Town staff believes a portion of the Town's planning jurisdiction is within the University Lake watershed boundary and is working to address this issue.

Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ): The ETJ is an area outside of the Town's corporate boundary, but adjacent to the Town, where the Town has planning and zoning authority. The Town may annex properties within the ETJ.

Rural Buffer: The rural buffer is an area intended to remain rural in character without water and sewer service. The Town may not annex within the Rural Buffer. The Town may review and comment on permits, but Orange County has the planning authority.

Transition Areas: Transitional areas are areas of future urban growth. The Town's land use regulations apply, but Orange County may review and comment. The County has final approval on rezonings. Parcels within the Transition Areas may be annexed

WASMPBA (Water and Sewer Management, Planning, and Boundary Agreement): Signed in 2001 to define areas where parties to the agreement may or may not provide water and/or sewer service. This plan was developed to complement growth management, land use, and annexation plans.

These terms, as well as others, are defined in the WASMPBA agreement:

- **Primary Service Area:** Areas where water and/or sewer service is provided, or might be provided according to adopted plans and future amendments to adopted plans.
- **Long-Term Interest Areas:** Areas where water and/or sewer service is **not** anticipated, but if provided, OWASA or Orange County will be responsible for coordinating the provision of service.
- **Essential Public Facility:** A publicly owned facility such as a school, fire station, or solid waste convenience center that provides a service for the health, safety, and/or general welfare of county residents.
- **Adverse Public Health Condition:** A situation where a wastewater (septic) system is failing and no on-site repair area is available or a well water supply system is contaminated and options to remedy the situation do not exist.