

***June, 15, 2015 Chatham County BOC work session.***

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:**

**Q: Are you asking for the BOC to only invest in you and Habitat for Humanity?**

A: No. We are in favor of an annually funded budget item that will allow the County to partner with the non-profits and business community to address a wide range of needs including but not limited to:

- Funds to fix sub-standard housing
- Funds for rental assistance
- Funds to help obtain grants, which can be leveraged
- Funds that are 0% loans
- Funds that are direct grants
- Support for interim housing such as extended stay hotels

**Q: Are you asking for money today.**

A: No. We realize that the County needs to pass its budget and evaluate options over the next 4 to 6 months. We recommend that the County create a line item in its budget with minimum funding to support any studies or information that the BOC may need this year.

**Q: Can you build in Pittsboro?**

A: Yes. Our current site has waste water available to it already due to the lots created in 2007 on Small Street. We will submit a sketch plan for review and approval from the Town and we are confident that we can deliver 9 building lots to Habitat with more to follow.

**Q: Are you asking for the BOC to set up a housing agency or add staff?**

A: No. We know that you are fiscal stewards for the tax payers and do not advocate adding staff without a compelling reason and a rational nexus to support such a decision. We support the county working with and investing in the existing non-profit and business community to provide this type of staff support. We want as much of the resources to actually address the underlying problems.