

Monday, March 17, 2008

Earth Action Day Citizen Steering Committee  
Brian Kinahan, Co-Chair

### **Citizen Petition**

This petition is submitted on behalf of our citizen led steering committee to Earth Action Day, a celebration on the Plaza. Chapel Hill's Parks and Recreation Department is working with a citizen-led steering committee to plan the town's first Earth Action Day Celebration atop the James C. Wallace Parking Deck on Rosemary Street, Saturday, April 26, 2008 from 11AM until 4PM. A free event for the whole family, Earth Action will provide a fun-filled afternoon of learning through demonstrations, performances, and activities by and for all ages. The event will focus its message on earth friendly actions we may all take in improving our human relationship with the environment.

The Town of Chapel Hill became the first U.S. municipality to commit to a 60 percent reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2050 through the Carbon Reduction Program. With this said, and the commitment this council represents, we hereby petition the council to consider flying the Earth Day Flag, year round, at the Town Hall Facility at 405 North Columbia Street in Chapel Hill. Furthermore, we the people, of this citizen led steering committee, pledge our commitment to furnishing an authentic Earth Day Flag as our contribution to this cause.

In addition to coordinating the Earth Action Day Event, the steering committee and staff are seeking ways, in conjunction with Town's Sustainability, Energy, and Environment (SEE) committee, to present a special ceremony for unveiling the recent energy-related accomplishments at Fire Station #1 and the new Town Hall Blue Urban Bikes (BUB) lending library or BUB HUB. This ceremonial event is tentatively being targeted for Tuesday, April 22, 2008, which is EARTH DAY. We recommend, as developments continue to move forward on details of this ceremony, our committee make the presentation of this authentic Earth Day flag to the Town of Chapel Hill at this special ceremony.

Thank you for your time and consideration.