

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ON THE  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

1<sup>ST</sup> Annual Review  
December 7, 2006

# OUTLINE

- Charter
- Review of Actions by Planning Commission & Board of Supervisors
- Status of Priority Implementation Actions
- Summary

# CHARTER

- Mission: “On an annual basis the committee will review the County’s actions of the previous year as they relate to the Goals, Objectives, Strategies and Implementation Actions of the Plan and report its findings to the Planning Commission”

January 10, 2006

# Shenandoah County 2025

## “The Vision”

The following Vision Statement describes in a broad sense what we as a county want to be 20 years from now. It is based on a consensus of popular aspirations and a realistic projection of current socio-economic trends. The Vision Statement provides the framework for formulating a meaningful set of goals and policies for Shenandoah County over the next 20 years.

- Protect its natural resources
- Directs growth to the towns ensuring the county's open, agricultural character
- Provide a variety of jobs in business, light industry, tourism, and sustainable agriculture
- Maintain moderate growth of a demographically varied population
- Support safe & efficient interstate transportation & maintain the rural character of primary & secondary roads
- Affords its students excellent & appropriate education
- Serves its citizens with public facilities & services that enhance their quality of life
- Ensures preservation of its natural beauty & unique, historical character by strictly adhering to the goals & objectives of the Comprehensive Plan.

# ACTIONS OF PC & BOS

- Reviewed 46 Actions
- With several unavoidable exceptions, actions were consistent with Comp. Plan

# SOME NOTABLE ACTIONS

- April 6; April 25: Restricted reapplications of rezonings to 1 year minimum interval
- May 4; May 23: Denied rezoning of 20 acres in A-1
- May 4; May 23: Defined meaning of “public water & sewer”
- June 1; June 27: Repealed the option of submitting a preliminary sketch plat
- June 27: Established Sliding Scale Zoning Committee

# Some Notable Actions (cont.)

- June 27: Approved contract to assist Planning & Zoning staff with completion of Old Valley Pike Overlay District Plan
- Oct. 5: Joint public hearing on screening self-storage units (final action pending)
- Oct. 10: Approved to have Moseley Architect – Conduct 20 year Master Facilities Plan
- Nov. 14: Tightened Erosion & Sediment Control Ordinance

# IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

## CHAPTER 10, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

# NATURAL RESOURCES

- County – wide stormwater management plan
  - Tighter E&S rules – Done
  - Need broad urban plan to protect North Fork
    - Cooperative effort with Towns
    - Infrastructure considerations
  
- Ordinance on septic system pump outs
  - WRAC proposal went to PS & CA Committee, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>
  - Proposes pump outs at time of sale

# NATURAL RESOURCES (CONT.)

- Expansion of Best Management Practices in Riparian Areas
  - LFSWCD & WRAC consolidating efforts across all “impaired” watersheds
  - Will request County support on this by resolution
- Support Regional Water Resources Policy Committee
  - County has supported with funds and participation

# LAND USE

- **Open Space Development Ordinance**
  - Has been superseded by intensive study of Sliding Scale Zoning
  - Citizen understanding grows
  - Discussion Continues
- **Encourage Affordable Housing**
  - County joined HOME consortium, Feb. '06
    - Requires sponsorship within County
    - Other initiatives should be explored
    - Towns should play a role
- **Study merits of PDR's**
  - Examined by AG Task Force
  - State legislation pending
  - County action required to be eligible for funding
- **Develop special ordinances to protect sensitive land & water, battlefields, and their historic, scenic, and cultural resources**
  - Proposed ordinance to activate Historical Preservation Commission

# ECONOMIC DEV. & TOURISM

- **Develop economic development strategies in relation to agriculture**
  - Ag Task Force established (final report scheduled December 12, 2006)
- **Develop strategy to attract new businesses & industries**
  - Membership in Shenandoah Valley Partnership under consideration
  - Participation in economic development symposium hosted by VEDP (pending)
  - County wide mechanism to develop competitive economic strategy is needed
- **Form county-wide Chamber of Commerce**
  - Shenandoah County Chamber Advisory Group is active

# COMMUNITY FACILITIES

- **Explore ways to fully utilize classroom space before embarking on new school building program**
  - School Board completed utilization study (VCU Contract)
- **Upgrade county jail, public safety & court facilities**
  - Separate efforts on-going on each of these
  - 20-year Master Facilities Plan under contract
- **Support renovating Edinburg School as Arts Center**
  - Board of Supervisors committed \$1.5m contingent on Arts Center raising necessary funds

# TRANSPORTATION

- **Implement Old Valley Pike Corridor Plan**
  - Under contract; a Citizen's Advisory Committee to monitor
- **Develop a Transportation Plan through 2025**
  - Will be proposed in next Planning & Zoning Budget
- **Petition Governor & General Assembly for Strategic Alternatives**
  - "Reasonable Solutions" Resolution approved by Board of Supervisors, Oct. 11, 2005

# ADMINISTRATION

- **Establish permanent Citizen's Advisory Committee**
  - Done (Jan. 10, 2006)
- **Annotate relevant staff reports – re: conformance with Comp. Plan**
  - On-going
- **Form permanent joint council of town managers & county administrator**
  - Being done at Planning Director level with Town Planners

# RESIDENTIAL GROWTH SUMMARY

- Occupancy permits  
issued Feb. – Oct. 2006

<b>Areas</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Service County</b>	<b>Unincorporated Permit</b>
Units	419	293	126
(%)	100%	70%	30%

# SUMMARY

- With several unavoidable exceptions, Planning Commission & Board of Supervisors actions were consistent with Comp. Plan
- Most but not all of Implementation Actions for '05 and '06 have shown meaningful progress
- Open acceptance of Comp. Plan by political leadership and citizens of Shenandoah County has been very evident