

**CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON THE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

3rd Annual Review

February 5, 2009

7:00p.m.

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”
- The Committee will review the Comprehensive Plan on a recurring basis and propose updates and revisions as they are needed

VISION STATEMENT

(June 2005)

In the year 2025, Shenandoah County will be a primarily rural community that:

- Protects its natural resources
- Directs its growth to the towns, ensuring it open agricultural character
- Provides a variety of jobs in business, light industry, tourism and sustainable agriculture

VISION STATEMENT (cont.)

- Maintains moderate growth of a demographically varied population
- Supports safe and efficient interstate transportation and maintains the rural character of its primary and secondary roads
- Affords its students excellent and appropriate education

VISION STATEMENT (cont.)

- Serves its citizens with public facilities and services that enhance their quality of life
- Ensures preservation of its natural beauty and unique, historical character by strictly adhering to the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS

Year	Public Svc. Areas	Private Septic	Total
2006	308 (61%)	198 (39%)	506
2007	167 (64%)	95 (36%)	262
2008	87 (71%)	36 (29%)	123

SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

School Year	# Students	Operations Expenditures (\$ M)	\$/Student	% change vs. Prior Yr.	State Average \$/student
2002-2003	5577	39.2	6910		8186
2003-2004	5780	41.1	7106	+2.8%	8852
2004-2005	5860	50.2	8571	+20.6%	9202
2005-2006	6036	53.6	8878	+3.6%	9755
2006-2007	6034	58.0	9617	+8.3%	10584
2007-2008	6068	56.4	9292	-3.4%	NA

- All nine Shenandoah County schools fully accredited for 7 consecutive years
- Shenandoah County's On Time Graduation rate is better than 72% of school divisions state-wide.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Development of “Right Now” Site Plans – North Shenandoah Industrial Park
- I-81 Corridor Coalition Formed (Shenandoah Partnership, Roanoke Valley, New River Valley)
- Participation in Regional Agriculture Marketing Effort (Shenandoah, Warren, Page, Augusta, Rockbridge)
- Solaris – NSIP
- Route 11 Potato Chips – Mt. Jackson
- Wine Trail

ACTIONS OF PC & BOS

- The CAC Reviewed more than 200 Actions taken by the Board of Supervisors in 2008.
- Actions were generally found to be in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan

NOTABLE ACTIONS

- January 22, approved construction of new and preservation of old courthouse
- March 11, approved RFP for planning consultant - Community Planning Project
- March 11, SUP approved for distribution center – Northern Industrial Park
- April 3, approved 500,000 sq. ft. Solaris building in Northern Industrial Park
- April 22, approved bid for masonry repairs at Alms House

NOTABLE ACTIONS (CONT.)

- Aug 26, approved Old Valley Pike Corridor Overlay District
- October 28, approved resolution of support for TEA 21 application by SVBF

IMPLEMENTATION CHAPTER

ITEMS UNADDRESSED BY 2008

- Sinkhole Ordinance
- Affordable Housing
- Mapping Areas Unsuitable for Development
- Engage Economic Development Consultant
- Upgrade County Jail and Public Safety Facilities
- Modify Street Design Ordinances
- Create County-Wide Transportation Plan

CAC GOALS FOR 2009

Participate with Planning Commission and Planning Staff to produce Comprehensive Plan recommendations.

Priority Areas:

- Land Use & Subdivision
- Urban Growth Areas (in cooperation with Towns)
 - Process
 - Plans

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN NEEDS

- Cell Tower Policy
- Wind Energy Policy
- Comp Plan Change Process
- High Level Financial Plan
 - Capital Improvement Program
 - County Services
 - Land Use Taxation Policy
- Lighting Policy

SUMMARY

- The Planning Commission & Board of Supervisors actions in 2008 were overall consistent with the Comprehensive Plan but some implementation items require attention
- The Comprehensive Plan needs development
- The CAC plans to contribute to this work in 2009