

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON THE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

7th Annual Review

February 7, 2013

7:00p.m.

CAC 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 Comprehensive 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 its open agricultural character
- Provides a variety of jobs in business, light industry, tourism and sustainable agriculture
- Maintains moderate growth of a demographically varied population

VISION STATEMENT (cont.)

- Supports **safe and efficient** interstate **transportation** and maintains the rural character of its primary and secondary roads
- Affords its students **excellent and appropriate education**
- Serves its citizens with **public facilities** and services that enhance their quality of life
- Ensures **preservation of its natural beauty** and unique, **historic character** by strictly adhering to the **goals of the Comprehensive Plan**

Conservation Easement Authority (CEA)

- Work began on three potential easements; two still pending (one turned down)
- Proposed CEA easements total 485 acres of farmland
- Approximately 5,000 acres under Conservation Easement in Shenandoah County
- Received \$100K of local funding from Board of Supervisors
- Pending easements leverage over \$1.3M in non-county funds (federal, state and private)



County Actions to Promote Farm Profitability

- Continued support for Cooperative Extension Office, land use taxation, tax breaks for livestock & farm equipment, Ag/Forestal Districts, CEA funding, etc.
- Promoting agriculture in marketing for tourism and economic development
- Leasing of County Farm as demonstration project for sustainable farming
- Interface between Triplett Tech and Governor's School
- Purchases of local agricultural products (e.g. meat and fresh produce) for use in public schools

Agricultural & Forestal Districts

- **Total acreage in 21 Ag & Forestal Districts = 46,661 acres**
- **30 localities in Virginia have Ag & Forestal Districts, including 9 nearby localities**
- **Shenandoah County has the most acreage in Ag & Forestal Districts in the valley**

Renewal Date	District Names			Acreage Subtotal
2013	Jerome			388
2014	Orkney Springs			1,161
2015	- Coal Mine Hollow - Columbia Furnace - Glaize - Lebanon Church	- Liberty Furnace - Mill Creek - Morning Star - Ridgeley	- St. Luke - Tumbling Run - Wakeman's Grove - Woodstock West	20,129
2018	Bauserman-Clem-Grove, Fishers Hill-Sandy Hook, Toms Brook			4,386
2019	New Market, Cedar Spring Run			4,406
2022	Mt. Jackson			14,993

Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program

From July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

State Cost-Share Participation by County

County	Number of Farmers	Acres	Linear feet of stream protected	Funds used*
Clarke	18	6,780	11,440	\$110,060
Frederick	13	2,671	0	\$77,529
<i>Shenandoah</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>9,300</i>	<i>19,508</i>	<i>\$308,405</i>
Warren	3	218	1,986	\$43,237
Totals	90	18,969	32,934	\$539,230

Source: Lord Fairfax Soil & Water Conservation District 2012 Annual Report

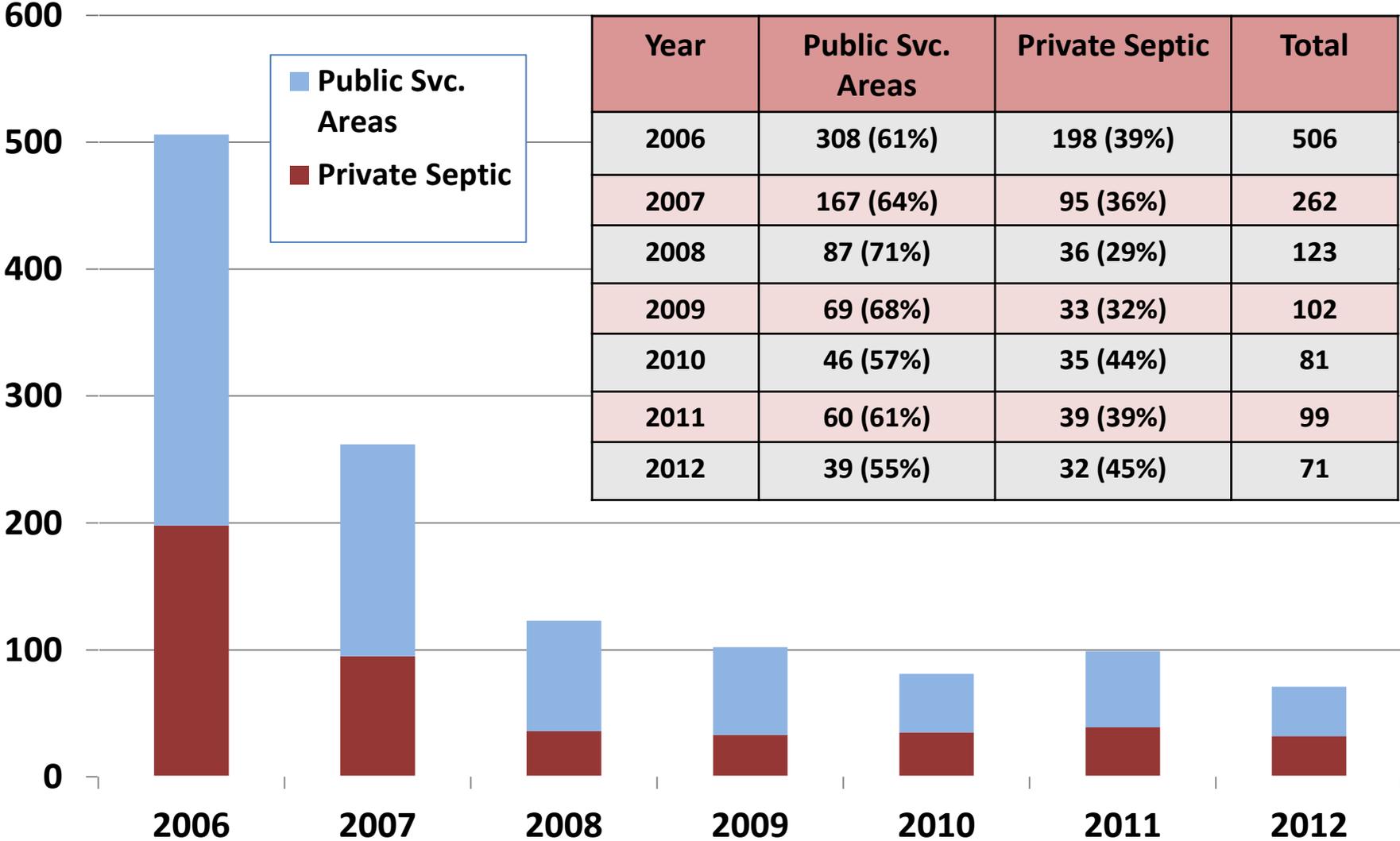
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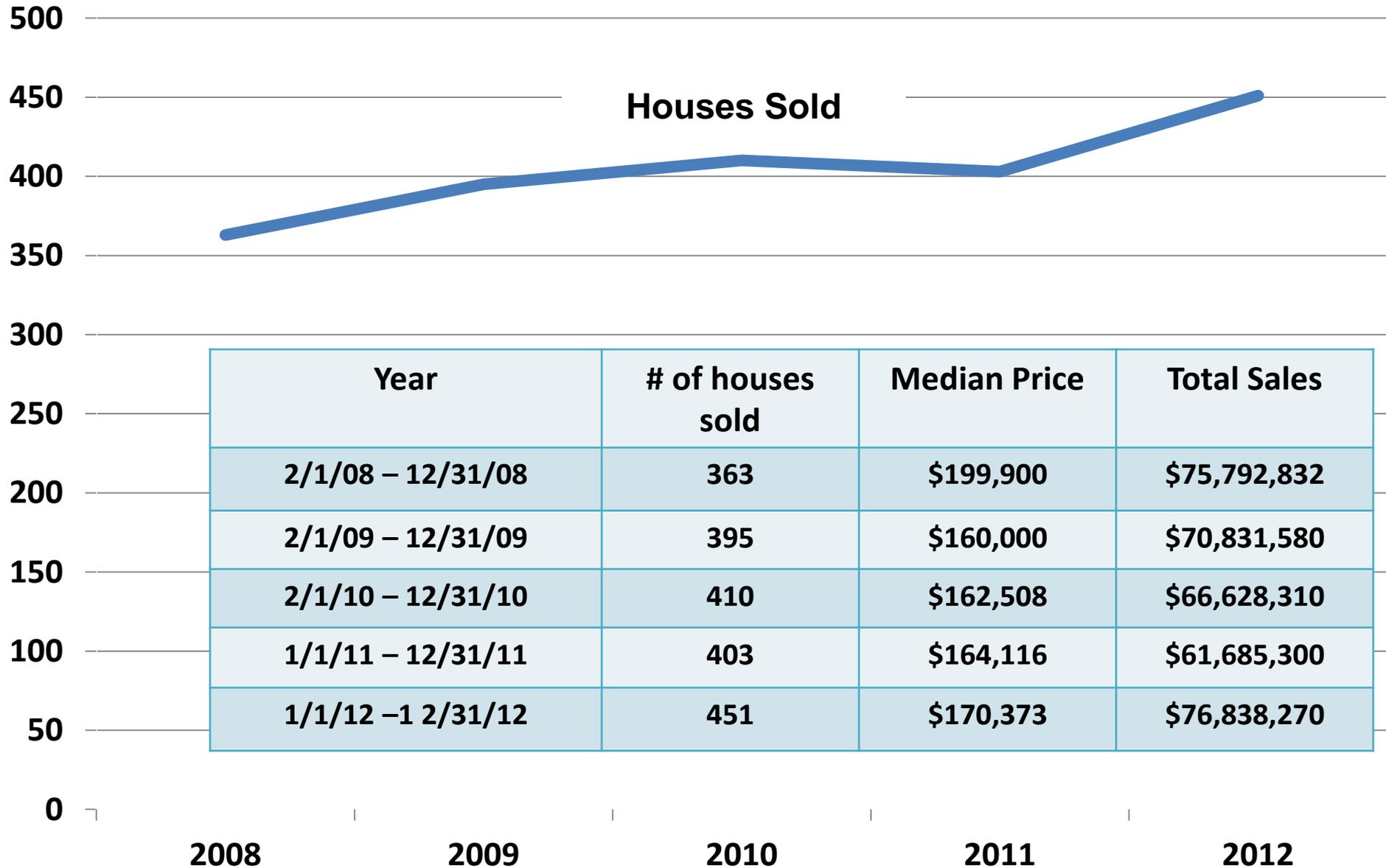
	1992	1997	2002	2007
Total Number of Farms	832	841	989	1,043
Total Acreage in Farms	125,394	126,844	133,032	141,286
Market Value of Ag Products Sold (\$1,000's)	\$55,955	\$73,044	\$69,658	\$101,576

Source: USDA 2007 Census of Agriculture

NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED



Houses Sold in Shenandoah County 2008 - 2012



Unimproved Land Sold in Shenandoah County 2008 – 2012

Year	# Properties Sold	Average Price	Total Sales
2/1/08 – 12/31/08	57	\$101,037	\$5,759,124
2/1/09 – 12/31/09	36	\$85,122	\$3,064,400
2/1/10 – 12/31/10	44	\$65,338	\$2,874,857
1/1/11 – 12/31/11	41	\$95,289	\$3,317,391
1/1/12 – 12/31/12	79	\$65,204	\$5,151,120



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Restructured Economic Development Office to be included as part of newly created Office of Community Development in an effort to foster cohesive land development services.
- Economic Development strategic planning process nearing conclusion
- Economic Gardening – Working to build trusting relationships with existing business and industry in an effort to help promote growth



The image features a green header with the Shenandoah County Virginia logo in white script and a circular seal for the Economic Development office. Below the header is a dark blue banner with the slogan "THERE'S ONLY ONE SHENANDOAH COUNTY IN THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY". The main part of the image is a scenic photograph of a rural landscape with a paved road, a wooden fence, and pink cherry blossom trees in the foreground, with rolling green hills and mountains in the background under a blue sky with light clouds.



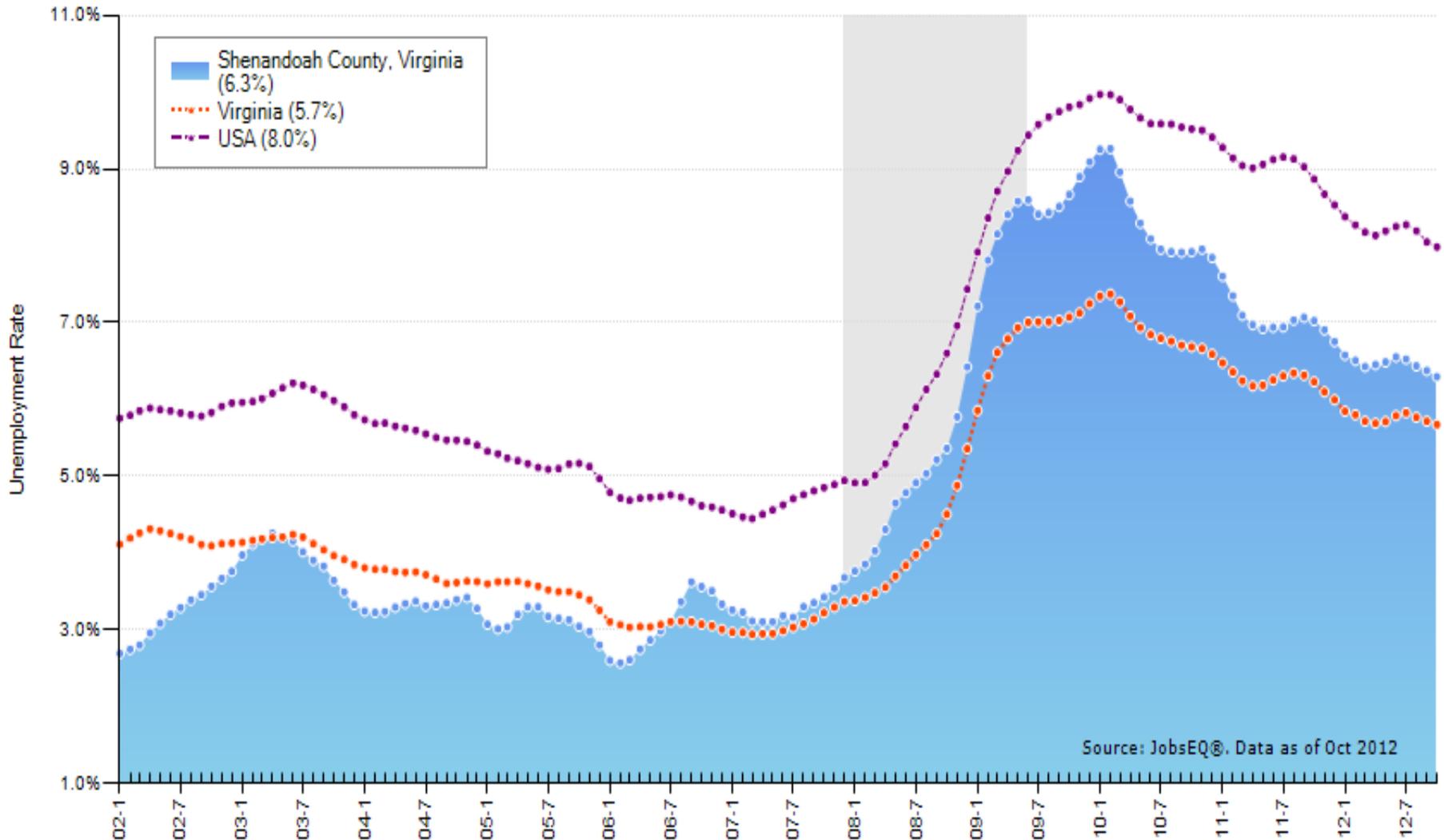
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGIC PLAN**
A Roadmap to the Future:
Building & Expanding Successful
Local Economic Growth

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

- Partnership with VDOT to extend Borden Mowery Rd. in the North Shenandoah Industrial Park (NSIP)
- Partnering with Town of Strasburg to plan for organized growth in and around the NSIP
- Establishment of the Shenandoah County Chamber of Commerce
- Shenandoah County Artisan Trail
- Shenandoah Valley Partnership – Regional Economic Development Organization committed to expanding its marketing function

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (cont.)

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate for Shenandoah County, Virginia

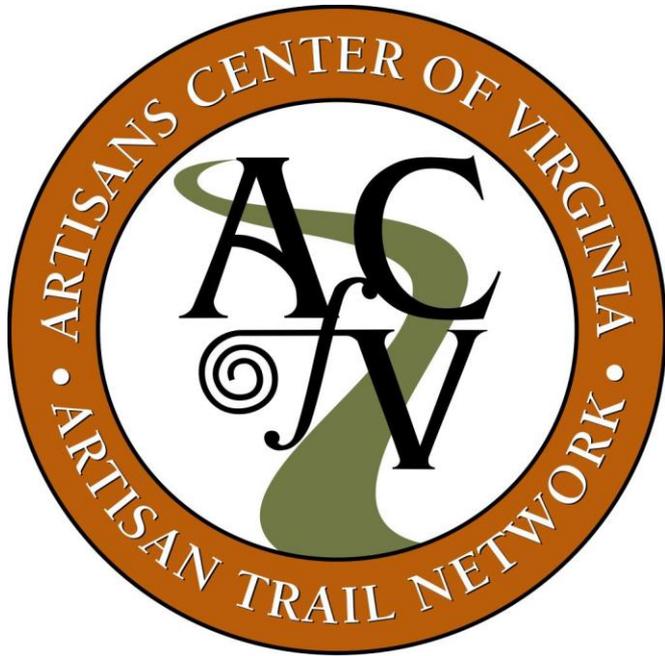


Shenandoah County Tourism

- 1,500 tourism-related jobs in county
- \$398,095 in lodging tax receipts (2011)
- Vineyards among most popular website visits
- Virginia Wine Marketing Office among top five referrals to *shenandoahtravel.org* every month



Shenandoah County Artisan Trail



Shenandoah County has partnered with the Artisan Center of Virginia to develop the Shenandoah County Artisan Trail

The trail connects unique lodging, locally-sourced restaurants, art galleries and home studios, and agri-artisans.

The trail will officially launch in late summer of 2013.



SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

School Year	# Students	Operations Expenditures (\$ M)	\$/Student	% change vs. Prior Yr.	State Average \$/student
2006-2007	6034	58.0	9617	+8.3%	10584
2007-2008	6139	60.2	9804	+2.0%	11037
2008-2009	6186	62.5	10,113	+3.19%	11,316
2009-2010	6,002	56.6	9,433	-6.7%	11,020
2010-2011	6,088	61.6	10,115	+7.2%	10,793

Source: Table 15 of the VDOE Superintendent's Annual Report
Note: The 2011-2012 VDOE report has not been published.

ACTIONS OF PC & BOS

- The CAC reviewed all actions taken by the Board of Supervisors in 2012.
- Actions were found to be in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan

NOTABLE ACTIONS

- January 24 - Completed and approved agreement to receive state matching funding for CEA
- February 28 - Assigned purchase agreement from SAAA to People Inc. to construct affordable and senior housing using HUD funding approved for County property across from the old Woodstock School
- February 28 - Resolution approving the second amended Voluntary Settlement Agreement with New Market
- June 26 - Renewed Mount Jackson ag & forestal District (Added 4,000 more acres)

NOTABLE ACTIONS (cont.)

- September 25 - Approved audio/visual upgrades to broadcast BOS meetings via website
- September 25 - Authorized execution of documents for CDBG funding for Free Clinic expansion project
- October 23 - Approved contracts for services related to Edinburg School/Historic Courthouse PPEA Project
- December 31 - Toms Brook School renovation and affordable housing project work completed

CAC GOALS FOR 2013

Participate with Planning Commission and Community Development Office to prepare changes/updates to the Comprehensive Plan, in the following order or priority:

1. Chapter 3 - Land Use
2. Chapter 8 - Transportation
3. Incorporate 2010 Census updates to Chapter 5 (Population) and Chapter 6 (Housing)

SUMMARY

- The Planning Commission & Board of Supervisors actions in 2012 were consistent with the Comprehensive Plan
- The County took a number of actions in support of the goals of the Comprehensive Plan
- The CAC will continue to diligently implement its charter in 2013