



Montgomery County Planning & GIS Services 2018 Annual Report

Commission & Boards For 2019

Planning Commission

Chair:
Coy Allen

Vice-Chair:
William "Bill" Foster

Secretary:
Trey Wolz

Members:
Robert Miller
Scott Kroll
Bryan Katz
Bryan Rice
Adam Workman
William Bulloss
Sara Bohn (BOS Liaison)
Chris Tuck (BOS Alt.)

Board of Zoning Appeals

Chair:
Richard M. DiSalvo, Jr.

Vice-Chair:
Michael V. Reilly

Members:
C.P. "Chuck" Shorter
David Moore
Zach Milton
Robert Miller (alternate)

AFD Advisory Committee

Members:
John Garrett
Thomas A. Loflin
Gregory W. Miller
Richard J. Obiso, Jr.
Robert J. Styne
Harry Groot
Bryan Rice (PC Rep.)
Chris Tuck (BOS Rep.)
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This Annual Report showcases the work of the Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and the staff of Planning & GIS for 2018. This report meets the requirements in §15.2-2221 of the Code of Virginia, updating the Board of Supervisors on the operation of the Commission and the status of planning in Montgomery County.

2018 Planning Commission Major Projects

Ordinance Amendments

Subdivision Ordinance – In April, the Planning Commission concluded their efforts to revise the subdivision ordinance. The Commission had been diligently working to update the ordinance to comply with State Code, simply and strengthen the review process, and resolve issues related to submittals and development. The update process began in 2017 and involved many hours of writing and editing, work with the Commissioners, and public outreach. The Board of Supervisors adopted the subdivision ordinance update in May 2018.

Conditional Zoning Text Amendment– The Planning Commission worked diligently on revisions to the conditional zoning text, specifically sections 10-54(1)(h) and (i). The revised language will bring the ordinance into compliance with State Code and better outlines the process for submittal, review, and approval of on or off-site proffers. At their December meeting, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the text amendment. The Board of Supervisors will hold their public hearing on January 28, 2019.

Montgomery Matters: Update to Comprehensive Plan

Staff has been busy synthesizing the feedback provided at last year's public meeting series and through the online surveys. A project steering committee met in May, June, and October to assist staff with direction based on the feedback received. A successful community meeting was held on November 29th at the Prices Fork Grange to present the gathered ideas and proposed updates. This information, including a survey, was made available through the [Montgomery Matters](#) website to those who could not attend.

Membership Update

In 2018, long-time Planning Commission member Cynthia Wells Disney stepped down from her appointment to the Commission. Daughter of former member Pug Wells, Ms. Disney was a dedicated public servant and her presence and input is missed.

This year the Commission welcomed Mr. Adam Workman and Mr. William Bulloss. They have already proven to be active and dedicated members to the Commission by attending the Land Use Education Certification program for Commissioners in Virginia.

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In addition to major projects that staff work on throughout the year, Planning & GIS staff have diligently been working on everyday activities. In 2018, Planning Staff processed the following requests for zoning permits and subdivisions:

Staff Review/Approvals				
Application Type	No. Received	No. Approved	Deferred	Withdrawn
Predevelopment Permit	345	242	99	4
Major Subdivision	4	1	3	0
Minor Subdivision	28	14	13	1
Boundary Line Adjustment Plat	48	36	11	1
Family Subdivision Plat	4	3	0	1

Staff also processed the following applications for review by the Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors:

Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission & Board of Supervisors			
Application Type	Number Processed	Number Approved	Number with Proffers or Conditions
Rezoning	5	2 (2 pending; 1 withdrawn)	2
Special Use Permit	6	5 (1 pending)	5
Special Use Permit (BZA)	1	1	0
Variance/Appeal	1	0	0

Agriculture and Forestal Districts

There were no AFD renewals or withdrawals in 2018, however in 2019 four will be up for renewal and staff has updated the AFD Committee By Laws in preparation. The districts being renewed in 2019 include AFD-1 Prices Fork, AFD-2 Catawba, AFD-10 Mount Tabor, and AFD-15 Taylor Hollow. These districts comprise a total of nearly 8,000 acres of protected agricultural and/or forestal land in the County.

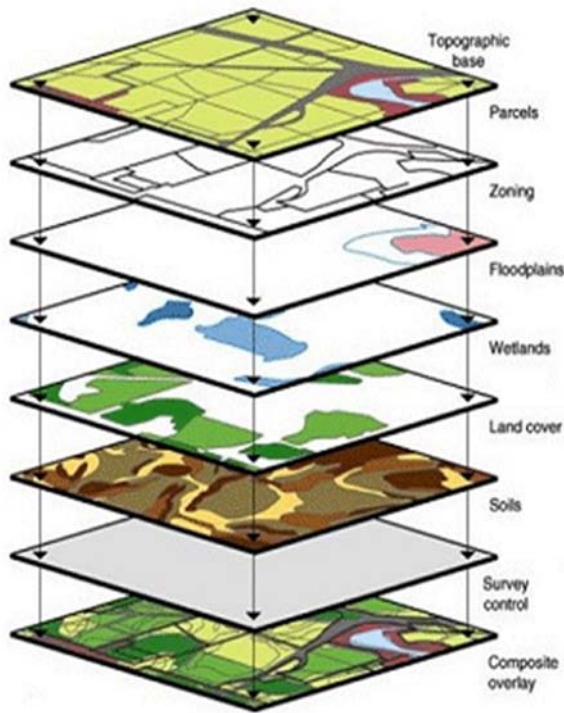
New Permitting Software

The County put out a request for proposals (RFP) for a new permitting software system to replace the LDO system that has been in operation for nearly ten years. After careful review and consideration, GovSense was selected out of the pool of applicants and negotiations and preparations for data conversion have begun. Staff looks forward to updating our software in order to offer greater ability to coordinate permitting efforts across departments.

GIS AND MAPPING SERVICES

In addition to ongoing daily duties and continuing activities (assisting various departments/agencies, creating E911 addresses/road names, creating/updating various mapping layers to support County departments/agencies, maintaining the external iGIS website, providing maps, etc.) GIS staff has participated and assisted with several projects throughout the year such as: maintaining records related to AFDs, NRV911 addresses, MS4 Stormwater records and webmapping, MVP pipeline maps, parcel conversion to GIS and real estate database modifications plus parcel conversion method improvements, mapping and other content support for the Prices Fork Village Plan, tourism map portal updates, voter registrar address verification and precinct changes, among many others. The GIS staff also completed a brand new road atlas of Montgomery County and the two towns. The Road Atlas is the most up to date and has been overhauled to be more user friendly. GIS Staff are also ready to assist with the Census 2020 work as it ramps up in 2019.

- Budget
- Commissioner of Revenue (Land Use Program)
- County Attorney (MVP)/Administration
- Economic Development
- Emergency Services & Fire Rescue
- Engineering & Regulatory Compliance (Stormwater)
- Metropolitan Planning Organization
- NRV911 Authority
- Parks & Recreation
- Regional Tourism
- Voter Registrar
- Virginia Game & Inland Fisheries
- Sheriff's Office & US Marshals Office



NRV REGIONAL EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY

The GIS Manager provides primary support to the NRV Regional Emergency Communications Authority for GIS data verification, testing and maintenance of the E911 and physical address location databases and New World CAD/Mapping application, design and establish configuration/appearance of CAD/Mapping dispatch application, maintain specific E911, emergency response, and law enforcement GIS geospatial data/applications, assists with emergency management functions during disasters & emergencies, coordinates with Town and VT GIS managers to maintain consistent geospatial data, and extracts merged GIS geospatial data from NRV911 database for each of the Authorities jurisdictional partners.



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