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Ongoing Training:

In addition to employees attending a variety of McCAP training sessions offered by the county, staff and Planning Commission members took advantage of training opportunities offered through various organizations across Virginia. Ryan Thum completed the CPEAV Planning Commissioners Certification Program. Frank Lau, Bryan Rice, and Bob Miller attended the 2009 Land Use and Zoning Conference. Bob Miller and Dari Jenkins attended the 2009 CPEAV Planning and Zoning Seminar. Dari Jenkins attended the Rural Planning Caucus. Dari Jenkins, Brea Hopkins, and Steve Sandy attended the VAZO Spring & Fall Conferences. Attending the Annual Planning Commissioners Dinner were John Muffo, Frank Lau, Bob Miller, Pug Wells, Bryan Rice, Ryan Thum, Steve Sandy, Dari Jenkins, and Jamie MacLean. Bob Pearsall, Jamie MacLean, and Brea Hopkins attended FEMA's Managing Floodplain Development through the National Flood Insurance Program training. Montgomery County hosted a seminar on VDOT's new Secondary Street Acceptance Requirements in Fall 2009. Staff has always been encouraged to take advantage of these training opportunities to gain knowledge in their respective fields and provide enhanced customer service to the citizens of Montgomery County.

Staff News:

Kevin Byrd, Comprehensive Planner, resigned in September to assume the position as Executive Director of the New River Valley Planning District Commission. Congratulations Kevin!

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Planning Commission

Chair:
Robert "Bob" Miller

Vice-Chair:
Walt Haynes

Secretary:
William Seitz

Members:
Frank R. Lau
David Moore
Bryan A. Rice
Malvin "Pug" Wells
John Tuttle
Ryan Thum
John Muffo (BOS Liaison)

Board of Zoning Appeals

Chair:
Richard M. DiSalvo, Jr.

Vice-Chair:
Michael V. Reilly

Members:
Richard M. Barnett
Thomas E. Heavener
C.P. "Chuck" Shorter
David Moore (Alternate)
T.C. "Joe" Powers (Alternate)

AFD Advisory Committee

Chair:
Britt A. Boucher

Members:
William F. Pack, III
William McElfresh
John Garrett
Richard J. Obiso, Jr.
Robert J. Styne
Thomas A. Loflin
Robert 'Bob' Miller (PC Rep.)
James D. Politis (BOS Rep.)

2009 Planning & GIS Services Major Projects

FEMA Mapping Project:

Planning & GIS staff have been working on a FEMA flood map project to update the existing flood maps that were created in the 1970's. Community meetings were held in the Summer and the official maps were effective September 25, 2009.

Land Development Office (LDO):

Land Development Office (LDO) was implemented in the Building Inspections and Planning Departments in early 2007. Over the past year, staff has worked with ACS Government Solutions to update and make enhancements to the software system. Phase 1 has been completed and staff developed specs for Phase 2 which includes a major enhancement for field work and the inclusion of sign permits. Introductory and advanced classes for county employees were offered as part of the Montgomery County Career Advancement Program (McCAP).

PIPA Pipeline Grant:

Staff has worked as a National Association of Counties (NACO) representative on the Planning and Informed Pipeline Alliance (PIPA). The PIPA initiative seeks to increase communication between key stakeholder groups involved in local and regional planning and construction in addition to pipeline operators and all levels of government. As part of this initiative Montgomery County was selected for a Technical Assistance Grant in the amount of \$24,630.00. This grant has been used to improve the County's GIS mapping of the pipeline, increase public awareness of the pipeline and conduct a tabletop exercise simulating a pipeline incident with County emergency responders.

Zoning Ordinance Updates:

Several sections of the zoning ordinance were reviewed and revised this year including: the Airport Overlay District, Floodplain Management Overlay District, and Accessory Dwellings in Agricultural (A-1) District.

NRVPDC Project Collaboration:

Montgomery County Planning staff has collaborated with the New River Valley Planning District Commission on the update of the 2000 Bikeway Walkway Plan, and the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Staff has also worked with the PDC on the writing of the Green Infrastructure Plan for the New River Valley. Planning staffs from Montgomery County and other jurisdictions hosted a Planning Commissioners training event on the topic of cluster development in the Spring of 2009.

New Website:

In December 2009 Montgomery County launched a new county website. Planning Staff completed a website information audit and re-design of the department's page. All documents were reviewed, many were updated, and new guides for citizens were added. Staff completed website content author and content management training in the Spring of 2009.

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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. A total of 448 predevelopment letters were processed and 322 of those were approved as zoning permits. Tables have been included on the next two pages outlining other daily and monthly activities of the department.

Re-Zoning Requests

Case Number	Property Owner	Request	Acres	Outcome
RZ-2009-06647	Dean Smith and John Gunter	Rezone R-3 to A-1	3.00	Approved w. proffers
RZ-2009-06764	Bedford Falls Co.	Rezone G-B to R-3	0.923	Approved w. proffers
RZ-2009-06765	S&P of VA LLC	21.93 ac. A-1 to G-B & 14.19 ac. A-1 to R-3	35.32	Approved w. proffers
RZ-2009-06878	Emerald Investors	A-1 to G-B	9.44	Approved w. proffers
RZ-2009-06987	Roger Woody	A1 to G-B	6.018	Approved w. proffers
RZ-2009-07192	Henry and Sarah Brabham	A-1 to G-B	6.832	Approved w. proffers
RZ-2009-07208	Richard and Melissa Obiso	R-R to A-1	9.52	Approved w. proffers

Special Use Permit Requests

Case Number	Property Owner	Request	Outcome
SU-2009-06433	Two Way Radio LLC	Contractor's Service Establishment in GB	Approved w. conditions
SU-2009-06434	MSH of VA LLC	Farm machinery sales service, and feed store in CB	Approved w. conditions
SU-2009-06482	VT Foundation, Inc.	125' Monopole Telecommunications Tower in A-1	Approved w. conditions
SU-2009-06483	Walter Timothy Saville	152' Monopole Telecommunications Tower in A-1	Approved w. conditions
SU-2009-06560	William Osbourne	Contractor's Storage Yard in A-1	Approved w. conditions
SU-2009-06582	Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	Amend previous SUP conditions	Approved w. conditions
RZ-2009-06765	S&P of VA LLC	Motor fuel sales in GB	Approved w. conditions
RZ-2009-06878	Emerald Investors	Motor fuel sales in GB	Approved w. conditions
RZ-2009-06987	Roger Woody	Motor fuel sales in GB	Approved w. conditions
SU-2009-07010*	Dorothy Small	Accessory Structure in excess of 18' in height in A-1	Approved w. conditions
SU-2009-07500	Joyce and Richard Robinson	Replacement and expansion of existing manufactured home in R-3	Pending

*Denotes case was heard by Board of Zoning Appeals

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Subdivision Requests

Subdivision Type	No. Received	No. Approved
Major	1	1
Minor	30	22
Boundary Line Adjustment	80	63
Family	10	8

Board of Zoning Appeals

Case Number	Property Owner	Request	Outcome
VAR-2009-06812	Ernest Lee Owens, Sr.	Reduce front setback	Approved w. conditions
VAR-2009-06949	Triple J Investments	Appeal of ZA decision regarding proffered condition	Appeal denied
VAR-2009-07031	Roger Woody	Variance to 177 Corridor Master Plan	Approved

GIS Department 2009 Activities: Montgomery County GIS Services provides standard and specialized mapping, GIS analytical services, and end user application training and support to our citizens, internal departments, constitutional offices, and state agencies. The department handles daily mapping needs for many County affairs. Some of the more significant projects of 2009 are:

- Floodplain mapping, review, delineation and citizen assistance
- Billboard and business sign inventory and mapping
- Pictometry aerial imagery deployment, end user training and support
- Regional Land use classification mapping consolidation
- Regional Bikeway/Walkway Route mapping
- General Real Estate Reassessment support
- Economic Development Future Industrial Park site inventory and mapping
- Cemetery inventory and mapping with Virginia Tech
- PIPA Pipeline Grant inventory, mapping, and support
- Census 2010 local address updates, new construction, boundary area survey, and CDP creation
- Gypsy Moth mapping and project support
- Sheriff's Office PSAP mapping application update and data support
- Cellular tower mapping and updates
- Voter Registrar precinct mapping changes and updates
- Mobile home park E911 address creation
- Land Development Office administration, implementation, maintenance, work plan update, and end user application

Agricultural and Forestal Districts:

The Agricultural and Forestal Advisory Committee met in 2009 to renew AFD-6 South of Shawsville, encompassing approximately 1330 acres. The Board of Supervisors approved the renewal of AFD-6 in November 2009. In April 2009 approximately 47.5 acres were withdrawn from the James O. Hoge Jr. Estate within AFD-1. Additionally, approximately 183.9 acres were withdrawn from the James O. Hoge Jr. Estate within AFD 1 in November 2009.