

Finance Department
Cheryl B. Shiffler
Director

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TO:

**Finance Committee** 

FROM:

Cheryl B. Shiffler, Finance Director (1)



DATE:

April 11, 2008

**SUBJECT:** 

Finance Committee Agenda

The Finance Committee will meet in the First Floor Conference Room at 107 North Kent Street on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

- 1. The Lord Fairfax Health Council requests a <u>General Fund supplemental appropriation</u> in the amount of \$3,878. This amount represents funds to support the process of citizen review of proposals for expansion of health facilities. Local funds required. See attached letter, p. 1.
- 2. The Victim Witness Director requests a General Fund budget transfer in the amount of \$4,177 to purchase IT equipment. No local funds required. See attached memo, p. 2-8.
- The Registrar requests a General Fund supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$22,410. This amount represents cost associated with the June 2008 Democratic & Republican primary elections. Local funds required. See attached memo, p. 9 – 10.
- 4. The Sheriff requests a <u>General Fund supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$1,860</u>. This amount represents DARE donations and proceeds from the Bowl-A-Thon. No local funds required. See attached memo, p. 11.

- 5. The Director of Public Works provides the proposed revisions of development review fees for you consideration. See attached information, p. 12 25.
- 6. The Conservation Easement Authority requests a <u>General Fund supplemental</u> appropriation in the amount of \$265,000. This amount represents funds to qualify for matching State PDR grant funds. Local funds required. See attached information, p. 26 46.
- 7. The Finance Director seeks direction on the scheduling of the upcoming Fiscal Year 2008 financial audit and the roles and responsibilities of the Audit Committee. See attached Audit Committee Charter, p. 47 48.

### **Information Only**

- 1. The Finance Director provides a fund balance report. See attached, p. 49.
- 2. The County Administrator provides a status report on cost saving initiatives previously presented. See attached memo, p. 50 51.

505 Marion Street
Winchester, VA 2260
March 21, 2008

John R. Riley, Jr, Administrator Frederick County Board of Supervisors 107 North Kent Street Winchester, VA 22601

Dear Mr. Riley;

I am a volunteer member of the Lord Fairfax Health Council (LFHC), one of the regional councils in the Northwestern Virginia Health Systems Agency (NVHSA). Recently the agency director, Stuart Mills, submitted a request for \$3,878 to your office to support the process of citizen review of proposals for expansion of health facilities in our planning district. However, staff members in the office did not forward Mr. Mills' request to the Frederick County Board of Supervisors for budget discussions. Please reconsider that request for funds to help support the COPN process in the upcoming fiscal year.

The review process for a Certification of Public Need (COPN) is in danger of being eliminated because of reduced state funding. What would the elimination of the COPN citizen review mean to Frederick County? The public hearings and citizen input into expansion of facilities under Valley Health System and the Winchester Medical Center would stop. There would be no opportunities for public input and systematic review of proposals. In the past year alone, public input and criteria-based review by volunteer members of the LFHC led to modifications of Winchester Medical Center proposals, modifications in favor of patients' access to quality and affordable care in a timely manner. The health systems review process serves the public good even more now than when it began over 30 years ago. Today the COPN process helps to balance competing factors in our region such as health care entrepreneurism, the allure and costs of expensive high-technology, client-centered care, cost effectiveness, conflicts of interest and other ethical concerns. I believe these important elements must be considered through citizen input into the process of review of health facility proposals.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me or the NWVHSA office (434.977.6010 stumills@nwvhsa.org) if you should have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely

540.722.3699 voice yteskel@verizon.net Yvonne Russell Teske PhD

Occupational Therapist, Registered

Licensed in Virginia



## Frederick County Victim Witness Program

Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney

Melissa D. Rice, Director mrice@co.frederick.va.us

Fax: (540) 667-3454

107 North Kent Street, 4th Floor Winchester, Virginia 22601 (540) 665-6369

February 21, 2008

Cheryl Shiffler, Finance Director 107 North Kent Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Winchester, VA 22601

RE: Transfer of Funds for Computers

Dear Ms. Shiffler:

Please find enclosed the print out from DCJS, which shows the amounts allocated for each item under personnel.

You will notice that DCJS only allocated for \$5,718.12 – for health insurance this is due to us preparing our grant submissions for two years in advance. I have enclosed the amount of money for each computer which was prepared by Mike Phillips in the IT Department. The total amount being requested is \$4,176.51, subtracted from the amount provided by DCJS will leave an amount of \$1,541.61.

We are requesting two new CPU's and one laptop – all prices are attached. This will upgrade all of our computers in our department so no additional request should be submitted. I have discussed this request with Glenn Williamson, and he approves the transfer.

I appreciate you working with me on this, if you have any questions please contact me directly at 722-8200.

Sincerely

Melissa D. Rice, Director

Cc: File

### **Current Approved Budget Data**

Grant Number: 08-L9261VW07 Subgrantee: Frederick

Status: Approved

Budget Categories	DCJS I Federal	Funds General	Subg Cash	rantee In Kind	Total Program
Personnel	72,612.00	18,154.00	0.00	0.00	90,766.00
Consultant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Travel	800.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Equipment	960.00	240.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
Indirect Cost	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	4,234.00	1,058.00	0.00	0.00	5,292.00
Total	78,606.00	19,652.00	0.00	0.00	98,258.00

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### Victims Witness Director:

Melissa D. Rice

Director

Step 1

Salary:

\$34,024

### Fringe Benefits:

FICA (Gross Salary x 7.65%) = \$2,602.84 Hospital/Medical Insurance (\$476.51/month) = \$5,718.12 Retirement (Gross Salary x .14) = \$4,763.36 Workers' Compensation (Gross Salary /100 x .12) = \$40.83

Total Fringe Benefits = \$13,125.15

## Victim Whinese Assistant Dhreetors



Step 1

Salary:

\$31,123

### Fringe Benefits:

FICA (Gross Salary x 7.65%)	=	\$2,380.91
Hospital/Medical Insurance (\$476.51/month)	⋾	\$5,718.12
Retirement (Gross Salary x .14)	=	\$4,357.22
Workers' Compensation (Gross Salary /100 x .12)	==	\$37.35

Total Fringe Benefits

= \$12,493.60

Commonwealth of Virginia - Contract # VA-030801-DELL

Products

Services Solutions

Purchase Help

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Software & Peripherals

Standard Configurations

E-Quotes

Dell recommends Windows Vista® Business.

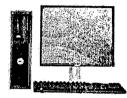
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## Review Summary

1. COMPONENTS

2. SERVICES & SUPPORT

3. REVIEW SUMM



Preliminary Ship Date: 2/23/2008

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### Please Take a Moment to Review

Review Your OptiPlex 755 Desktop - New!

Date & Time: 2/19/20

OptiPlex 755 Desktop - New!

Intel® Core™ 2 Duo Processor E6750 (2.66GHz, 4M, VT, 1333MHz FSB), Genuine

Windows® XP Professional, SP2, x32, with Media, English

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### POWER YOUR OPTIPLEX

OptiPlex 755 Desktop

Intel® Core™ 2 Duo Processor E6750 (2.66GHz, 4M, VT, 1333MHz

FSB)

### SYSTEM OPTIONS

Operating System(s)

Genuine Windows® XP Professional, SP2, x32, with Media, English

**Dell Energy Smart** 

Dell Energy Smart Enable

Ship Packaging Options

Shipping Material for System, Desktop

Memory

2GB DDR2 Non-ECC SDRAM,667MHz, (4 DIMM)

Video Card

Integrated Video, Intel® GMA3100

Riser Cards

None

Port Adapter

None

**Controller Option** 

None

Monitors **Second Monitors**  No Monitor None

Keyboard

Dell USB Keyboard, No Hot Keys

Mouse

New Dell USB 2-Button Optical Mouse with Scroll, Black

**Operating System Recovery Options** 

None

STORAGE OPTIONS

**Boot Hard Drives** 

160GB High Reliability SATA 3.0Gb/s and 8MB DataBurst Cache™

**Establish Hard Drive** 

**Partition** 

None

Floppy Drive and Media

Reader

1.44MB 3.5 Inch Floppy Drive

Establish Second Partition Format

None

Removable Media Storage

**Devices** 

48X32 CDRW/DVD Combo, Cyberlink Power DVD™

**SOFTWARE OPTIONS** 

**Productivity Software** 

Microsoft® Office 2007 Professional and Adobe Acrobat 8.1 STD

**ENVIRONMENTAL OPTIONS** 

**Basic Systems** 

Intel® vPro™ Secure Advanced Hardware Enabled Systems

Management Mode

Management

Quick Reference Guide

Resource CD and DVD

Resources CD contains Diagnostics and Driver for Dell OptiPlex Systems

**ADVANCED CONFIGURATION SERVICES** 

**Microsoft Component** 

Configuration

None

None

**Client BIOS Configuration** 

None

**Establish First Boot** 

Device

None

**OTHER OPTIONS** 

**Speakers** 

Internal Dell Business Audio Speaker

Wireless

None

Modems

None

**Additional Network Card** 

None

Biometric Finger Reader

None

Security Software

None

Security Hardware External Data Backup

None

Data Backup Software

None None

**SERVICE OPTIONS** 

Hardware Support

Services

5 Year ProSupport for IT and 5 Year NBD Onsite Service

Keep Your Hard Drive

None

**Installation Support** 

**Dell Recycling** 

No Onsite System Setup

Services

None

**Dell Online Training** 

None

Also included in this system

The following options are default selections included with your order



Commonwealth of Virginia - Contract # VA-030801-DELL

Products

Services Solutions Purchase Help

Premier

Systems

Software & Peripherals

Standard Configurations

E-Quotes

Dell recommends Windows Vista® Business.

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**Review Summary** 

1. COMPONENTS

2. SERVICES & SUPPORT

3. ACCESSORIES

4. REVIEW S

Price

Preliminary Ship Date: 2/25/20081

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Please Take a Moment to Review

Review Your Latitude D830

Date & Time: 2/19/20

Latitude D830

Intel® Core™ 2 Duo T7250 (2.00GHz) 2M L2 Cache, 800MHz Dual Core, Genuine

Windows® XP Professional, SP2, with media

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SYSTEM OPTIONS

Latitude D830

Intel® Core™ 2 Duo T7250 (2.00GHz) 2M L2 Cache, 800MHz Dual Core

**Operating Systems** 

Genuine Windows® XP Professional, SP2, with media

Graphics

Intel® Integrated Graphics Media Accelerator X3100

**LCDs** 

15.4 inch Wide Screen WXGA LCD Panel

Memory

2.0GB, DDR2-667 SDRAM, 2 DIMMS

**Batteries** 

9 Cell Primary Battery

**AC Adapter** 

90W A/C Adapter

Media Bay Devices

24X CD-RW/DVD w/ Cyberlink PowerDVD™

Additional Power Cords /

**AC Adapters** 

None

**Carrying Cases** 

Dell Large Nylon Carrying Case

**NETWORKING OPTIONS** 

Wireless LAN (802.11)

Dell Wireless™ 1395 802.11g Mini Card

Bluetooth

None

Mobile Broadband

None

SOFTWARE OPTIONS

**Productivity Software** 

Microsoft® Office 2007 Professional and Adobe Acrobat 8.1 STD

**Security Software** 

**System Documentation** 

Resource CD - Contains Diagnostics and Drivers

### DOCKING/DESKTOP REPLACEMENT

**Docking Solutions** 

None

External Keyboard

None

Mouse

None

**Speakers** 

None

#### STORAGE OPTIONS

**Hard Drives** 

80GB Hard Drive, 9.5MM, 5400RPM

**Establish Hard Drive** 

Partition

None

**Establish Second** 

**Partition Format** 

None

### **ADVANCED CONFIGURATION SERVICES**

Microsoft Component

Removal

None

Client BIOS Configuration

None

**Establish First Boot** 

Device

None

### **OTHER OPTIONS**

D-Bay (External) Optical

Drives

None

**External Monitors** 

None

Additional Hard Drive **Notebook Security** 

None

**Options** 

None

Internal Keyboard

Internal English Keyboard

Modem Cable

None

#### OTHER OPTIONS

**Operating System Recovery Options** 

None

**Touchpad Options** 

Standard Touchpad

Storage Devices and

None

Carrying Cases - Shipped

Separately

None

### SERVICE OPTIONS

Hardware Support

Services

3 Year ProSupport for IT and 3 Year NBD Onsite Service

CompleteCare Accidental

**Damage Service** 

None

Installation Services

None



Keep Your Hard Drive

None

**Dell Recycling** 

None

**CUSTOM FACTORY INTEGRATION** 

Services- Absolute Asset

Tracking/Security

None

**ACCESSORIES OPTIONS** 

Floppy Drive

Floppy Drive

Mouse Pad

None

Accessories

None

### Also included in this system

The following options are default selections included with your order

- · Windows XP Label
- ·US System Documentation, Power Cord



Preliminary Ship Date: 2/25/2008

1. COMPONENTS

2. SERVICES & SUPPORT



3. ACCESSORIES



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### OFFICE OF VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

General Registrar of Voters

E-mail: fcvotes@co.frederick.va.us

Rick Miller 540/665-5660 Fax 540/665-8976

### **MEMORANDUM**

Frederick County
RECEIVED

MAR 2 5 2008

Finance Department

To: Frederick County Finance Committee

From: Rick Miller, Voter Registrar, Frederick County of Frederick

Subject: Supplemental Budget Request for June 10, 2008

Democratic and Republican Primaries

Date: March 25, 2008

The Voter Registrar requests to be placed on the Fredrick County Finance Committee agenda for the Wednesday, April 16, 2008 meeting. The purpose of this request is to seek approval of the Supplemental Budget Request for the June 10, 2008 Democratic and Republican Primary Elections (Copies Enclosed). The amount of the Supplemental Budget Request is \$ 22,410.00. This amount will cover all expenses related to the dual Primaries on June 10, 2008.



### OFFICE OF VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

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Rick Miller 540/665-5660 Fax 540/665-8976

## FREDERICK COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2008

### FREDERICK COUNTY ELECTORAL BOARD/VOTER REGISTRAR

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUEST JUNE 10, 2008 DEMOCRATIC & REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES

### **EXPENSES**

TOTAL	\$ 22,410.00	
FREIGHT & INSURANCE	\$ 400.00	13010-5204-000-000
NEWSPAPER AD	\$ 250.00	13010-3007-000-000
PRINTING	\$ 2,000.00	13010-3010-000-000
VOTING MACHINE ELECTION SUPPLIES	\$ 4,000.00	13010-3010-000-000
MACHINE PROGRAMMING & TRAINING	\$ 3,000.00	13010-3010-000-000
ELECTORAL BOARD	\$ 500.00	13010-5506-000-000
POLLWORKERS	\$ 12, 260.00	CODE 13010-1006-000-002

FREDERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**ROBERT T. WILLIAMSON** Sheriff



MAJOR R.C. ECKMAN Chief Deputy

### 1080 COVERSTONE DRIVE **WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA 22602**

540/662-6168 FAX 540/722-4001

TO

: Finance Department

**FROM** 

: Sheriff R. T. Williamson

SUBJECT

: Donations to DARE Program

DATE

: April 1, 2008

# 264 cash # 1596 checks

Enclosed please find endorsed checks payable to the DARE Program and cash totaling \$1,860.00.

This amount represents donations and proceeds from the DARE Bowl-a-thon. We are requesting this amount be posted to revenue line 3102-1899-015 and then transferred to expenditure line 3102-5413-01 (DARE Program).

Thank you.

RTW/asw





**Department of Public Works** 

540/665-5643

FAX: 540/678-0682

### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Cheryl B. Shiffler, Director of Finance

FROM:

Harvey E. Strawsnyder, Jr., P.E., Director of Public Works

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**SUBJECT:** 

Proposed Revision of the Development Review Fees

DATE:

April 2, 2008

On March 25, 2008, the public works committee endorsed a proposal from the Director of Planning and Development, Eric R. Lawrence, to revise the review fees associated with development applications (i.e., comprehensive policy plan amendments, rezonings, master development plans subdivision and site plans). The attached memorandum from Mr. Lawrence, dated March 18, 2008, provides justification for proposed fee revisions.

The proposed fees are being submitted to the finance committee for their review.

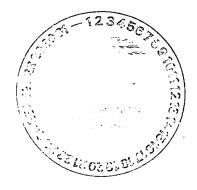
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Attachment:

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### **Department of Planning and Development**

540/665-5651

FAX: 540/665-6395

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Public Works Committee

John R. Riley, Jr., County Administrator

CC:

Mike Perry, Top of Virginia Building Association

FROM:

Eric R. Lawrence, AICP, Planning Director

RE:

Proposed Revision of the Development Review Fee Schedule

DATE:

March 18, 2008

At the February meeting of the Public Works Committee, staff presented an overview of the Development Review Fee schedule, and proposed revisions. These review fees are generally associated with development applications for: Comprehensive Policy Plan Amendments; Rezonings; Master Development Plans; Subdivision; and, Site Plans. The Committee directed staff to seek input from the Top of Virginia Building Association (TOVBA), and report back to the Committee.

Staff has met with the TOVBA on two occasions over the past few weeks. Through the efforts of the TOVBA and staff, slight revisions to the fee schedule have been suggested. With the incorporation of these changes, the TOVBA did offer their support to the revised Development Review Fee schedule. It was noted that the TOVBA supports the non-refundable fee for the Comprehensive Policy Plan Application (CPPA), but does seek an explanation should the Board of Supervisors deem an application unwarranted for further consideration.

The revised fee schedule, dated Rev 03/17/2008, is presented for your consideration. A recommendation for adoption to be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors is sought.

## Background

Staff has completed a comprehensive analysis of the County's current development review fees, the results of which indicate that fees should be revised to more appropriately compensate the County for the time and resources allotted to review development proposals. A proposed revised development fee schedule has been prepared by staff and is attached for your review.

In arriving at the revised fee schedule, staff:

- Surveyed the fees charged by other similar-sized jurisdictions and those with similar development pressures;
- Analyzed the staff time spent on a development review;
- Considered the expense involved with notification of adjoining property owners, as well as the publication of public notices in the local media; and

Public Works Committee John R. Riley, County Administrator March 19, 2008 Page 2

• Reviewed and revised the proposed fees during discussions with representatives of the Top of Virginia Building Association (TOVBA).

It is suggested that a review fee be established for various services which presently do not have fees: Guaranty (a.k.a. Bond) management, public hearing item postponement by applicant, and the Comprehensive Policy Plan Amendment process (presently a refunded fee if application is denied). Each of these services entails extensive staff and material preparations for which there are presently limited direct contributions from an applicant.

If the proposed Development Review Fee Schedule revisions are accepted, staff projects FY08/09 feerelated revenue to increase by approximately \$200,000.

Support materials are attached for your review. Please contact staff, should you have questions regarding this proposal.

Attachments: Proposed Development Review Fee Schedule (Rev 03/17/2008)

Current vs. Proposed Fee Schedule (Rev 03/17/2008) List of considerations when evaluating fee schedule Comparison scenarios with other jurisdictions

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Fr		evelopment Review Fee Schedule Proposed rev 03/17/08
TYPE OF APPLICA	ATION	
COMPREHENSIVI	E POLICY PLAN	\$ 3,000.00 non-refundable
REZONING		2 acres or less: \$ 5,000.00 base + \$100 per acre
		More than 2 but less than 150 acres: \$10,000 base + \$100.00 per acre
		150 acres or more: \$10,000 base + \$100 per acre for first 150 acres + \$50 per acre for each acre over 150
MASTER DEVELO	DPMENT PLAN	\$3,000 base + \$100.00 per acre for first 150 acres + \$50.00 per acre for each acre over 150
SUBDIVISION	Non-Residential - Design Plan - Plat	\$ 1,000.00 base \$ 200.00 per lot \$ 100.00 per lot
F	Residential (RP, R4, R5) - Design Plan - Plat	\$ 2,500.00 base \$ 100.00 per lot \$ 200.00 per lot (to 50 lots) \$ 100.00 per lot (for each lot over 50)
F	Rural Areas (RA) - Sketch (Desig	(gn) \$ 2,500.00 base \$ 200.00 per acre
	- Plat	\$ 200.00 per lot

	Frederick	County Develop: Propo rev 03/1	
TYPE OF APPLI	CATION		
SUBDIVISION (con't)	Rural Ar Minor - 3	eas (RA) lots or less	\$ 200.00 per lot
	Lot Cons Boundary Adjustme	/ Line	\$ 200.00 per lot \$ 200.00 per lot
SITE PLAN	1, 3	Non Residential	\$ 2,500.00 base \$ 200.00 per acre (to 5 acres) \$ 100.00 per acre (for each acre over 5 acres)
		Residential	\$ 3,500.00 base \$ 300.00 per unit (to 20 units) \$ 100.00 per unit (for each unit over 20)
		Minor Site Plan	\$ 500.00 - for revision that increases the existing structure area by 20% or less and does not exceed 5,000 square feet
CONDITIONAL PERMIT	USE	Cottage Occupation	\$75.00
		Telecommunication Tower	\$1,000.00
-		Other	\$750.00
VARIANCE			\$400.00
BZA APPEAL			\$250.00
ZONING CERTII	FICATION	LETTER	\$250.00
ZONING DETER	MINATIO	N LETTER	\$100.00
SUBDIVISION O	RDINANC	E EXCEPTION	\$500.00

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TYPE OF APPLICATION		7
POSTPONEMENT of any Public Meeting by Applicate to include Applicant requestitem.	nt after Advertisement,	\$ 500.00 per occurrence
3 <sup>rd</sup> and Subsequent Plan Re development application	views for a single	\$ 500.00 per review
BOND MANAGEMENT	Establishment of Bond	\$500.00
· .	Reduction / Release Request	\$300.00
	Replacement	\$500.00

	Frederick County	1	Development Review Fee Schedule	
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TYPE OF APPLICATION	CATION	Current Fees	Proposed Fees	Proposed Changes per TOVBA Discussions
COMPREHENSIN AMENDMENT	COMPREHENSIVE POLICY PLAN AMENDMENT	\$ 3,000.00 - refundable <b>\$ 3,000.00</b> refundable	\$ 3,000.00 non- refundable	agreeable with proposed changes. Seek thoughts for denial of application
REZONING		\$ 3,000.00 base	\$ 10,000.00 base	2 acres or less: \$ 5,000.00 base + \$100 per acre
		\$ 100.00 per acre	\$ 100.00 per acre	more than 2 but less than 150 acres: \$ 10,000 base + \$100.00 per acre
				150 acres or more: \$10,000 base + \$100 per acre for first 150 acres + \$50 per acre for each acre over 150
MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN	COPMENT PLAN	\$ 2,000.00 base \$ 100.00 per acre	\$ 3,000.00 base \$ 100.00 per acre	\$3,000 base + \$100.00 per acre (to 150 acre) + \$50.00 per acre (for each acre over 150)
SUBDIVISION	Non-Residential - Design Plan - Plat	\$ 1,000.00 base \$ 100.00 per lot \$ 100.00 per lot	\$ 1,000.00 base \$ 100.00 per lot \$ 200.00 per lot	\$ 1,000.00 base \$ 200.00 per lot \$ 100.00 per lot

	Frederick County		Development Review Fee Schedule	
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TYPE OF APPLICATION	CATION	Current Fees	Proposed Fees	Proposed Changes per TOVBA Discussions
	Residential (RP, R4, R5) - Design Plan	ese4 00 00 5 6 \$	\$ 2 500 00 base	\$ 2 500 00 hase
		100.00 per lot	100.00 per lot	\$ 100.00 per lot
	- Plat	100.00 per lot		\$200.00 per lot (to 50 lots)
				\$100.00 per lot (for each lot over 50)
SUBDIVISION	Rural Areas (RA) - Sketch (Desion) Plan	\$ 1 000 00 base	\$ 2,500.00 base	agreeable with proposed
		cre	\$ 200.00 per acre	changes
	- Plat.	\$ 000.00 per lot	\$ 200.00 per lot	
	Rural Areas (RA) Minor - 3 lots or less	\$ 100.00 per lot	\$ 200.00 per lot	agreeable with proposed changes
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	Lot Consolidation	\$ 150.00 per lot	\$ 175.00 per lot	\$ 200.00 per lot
	Boundary Line Adjustment	\$ 150.00 per lot	\$ 175.00 per lot	\$ 200.00 per lot
SITE PLAN	Non Residential	\$1,500.00 base	\$ 2,500.00 base	
		0.00 per acre (to 5	\$ 200.00 per acre	agreeable with proposed
			(up to 5 acres)	changes
		er acre	\$ 100.00 per acre	
		(over 5 acres)	(for each acre over 5	
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TYPE OF APPLICATION		Current Fees	Proposed Fees	Proposed Changes per TOVBA Discussions
SITE PLAN (con't)	Residential	\$ 2,500.00 base \$ 200.00 per unit (to	\$ 3,500.00 base \$ 300.00 per unit (to	\$ 3,500.00 base \$ 300.00 ner unit (to 20
		0 units) 100.00 per unit	20 units) \$ 200.00 per unit	units)  \$\\$ 100.00 \text{ ner unit (over 20)}\$
		over 20 units)	(over 20 units)	units)
	Minor Site Plan	\$ 500.00 - for revision that increases t and does not exceed 5,000 square feet	at increases the existing s 0 square feet	\$ 500.00 - for revision that increases the existing structure area by 20% or less and does not exceed 5,000 square feet
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT	Cottage Occupation	\$75.00	875.00	agreeable
	Telecommunication Tower	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	agreeable
	Other	\$75.00	\$750.00	agreeable
VARIANCE		\$400.00	\$400.00	agreeable
BZA APPEAL		\$250.00	\$250.00	agrecable
ZONING CERTIFICATION LETTER	LETTER	\$100.00	\$250.00	agreeable
ZONING DETERMINATION LETTER	N LETTER	\$50.00	\$100.00	agreeable
SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE EXCEPTION	E EXCEPTION	\$500.00	\$500.00	agreeable

	Frederick County	1	Development Review Fee Schedule	
		Current Vs. Proposed rev 03/17/08	-	
TYPE OF APPLICATION		Current Fées	Proposed Fees	Proposed Changes per TOVBA Discussions
POSTPONEMENT of any Public Hearing or Public Meeting by Applicant after Advertisement, to include Applicant requests to TABLE an agenda item.	olic	NA	\$ 500.00 per occurrence	agreeable
3 <sup>rd</sup> and Subsequent Plan Reviews for a singl development application	iews for a single	\$ 500.00 per review	\$ 500.00 per review	agreeable
BOND MANAGEMENT	Establishment of Bond	00.0\$	00.0058	agreeable
	Reduction / Release Request	00'0\$	8300.00	agreeable
	Replacement	00.0\$	00'0058	agreeable

Considerations:

Agency staff time

(Planning, Public Works, Inspections, VDOT, FCSA, Attorney, Fire Marshal, Health Department, Parks and Recreation)

Plan review

Site Review and follow-ups

Final Site Inspections, bond estimate, reductions, and release (Site Plans and Subdivision Plat)

Road dedication

Office Suj: reviewing documentation, filing, postage

Advertisement : media charges

Office sur: copy, collation, hole punch, postage

Fees are structured to encourage C/I Commercial and Industrial development

Fees reflect an intent to more appropriately cover legal fees, and transportation impact analysis (TIA) by county staff

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		Possib Re	Possible Development Scenarios Review Fee Comparison rev 03/17/08	nt Scenarios 1parison 38			
		Current Frederick County	Proposed Frederick County	City of Winchester	Clarke County	Stafford County	Loudoun
	Scenarios 1: A request to rezone 50	acres to RP, e	rezone 50 acres to RP, enabling a 100-lot single family development.	lot single fan	iily developm	ent.	÷
	Rezoning Application Fee	\$8,000	\$15,000	\$11,000	\$175,000	\$18,750	\$25,730
	MDP Application Fee	\$7,000	\$8,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	
	Subdivision Application Fee Includes: concept plan, design plan, road plan, record plat review, and bond management	\$12,500	837,500	\$27,000	\$350,000	\$ 26,875*	\$ 40,168*
	Total	\$27,500	\$60,500	\$38,000	\$525,000	\$45,625	\$62,898
<u> </u>	Scenario 2: A request to rezone 10	acres to RP, er	rezone 10 acres to RP, enabling a 50 townhouse lots.	wnhouse lots.			
	Rezoning Application Fee	\$4,000	\$11,000	\$2,000	\$35,000	\$13,750	\$17,730
	MDP Application Fee	\$3,000	\$4,000	N/A	0	0	0
	Subdivision Application Fee	\$7,500	\$17,500	\$14,500	\$175,000	\$ 14,375 *	\$ 29,107*

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\$30,875	\$143,400	\$13,200	825,600	\$16,200	Total
\$11,625	\$13,900	\$2,700	\$4,000	\$3,000	Site Plan Application Fee
					review, and bond management
					plan, road plan, record plat
					Includes: concept plan, design
\$ 2,375*	\$7,000	\$2,500	\$ 1,600*	\$1,200	Subdivision Application Fee
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$6,500	\$5,500	MDP Application Fee
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Scenario 5: Subdivision of a RA Zonec	1, 100 acre j	RA Zoned, 100 acre parcel, into 20 Rural Preservation Lots.	) Rural Prese	rvation Lots.	·	
Subdivision Application Fee Includes: concept plan, design plan, road plan, record plat review, and bond management	\$6,000	\$ 10,500*	N/A	\$70,000	\$ 11,000*	\$ 11,172*
Scenario 6: Subdivision of a RA Zoned	d, 20 acre pa	RA Zoned, 20 acre parcel, into 3 traditional lots	aditional lots			
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Subdivision Application Fee Includes: concept plan, design plan, road plan, record plat review, and bond management	\$300	8600	N/A	\$10,500	\$ 3,100*	\$ 2,688*
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*Note: fee comparisons reflect a tiered subdivision review process involving: environmental features review, preliminary and final/record plat subdivision applications, road construction design reviews, and bond management. The fees for these applications have been combined to yield the total review fee for the given scenario.	subdivision vision appli en combinea	review proce. cations, road ! to yield the t	ss involving: construction otal review fe	environmenta design review ee for the give	l features revi is, and bond m n scenario	iew, ıanagement.



Department of Planning and Development

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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Finance Committee

FROM:

Amber Powers, Planning Technician

On Behalf of the Conservation Easement Authority (CEA)

RE:

Appropriation of Funds to Qualify for State Matching Funds PDR

Grant

**DATE:** 

April 8, 2008

On June 27, 2007, The Board of Supervisors unanimously agreed with the Finance Committee's recommendation to earmark \$265,000 to assure that the County would be considered for the State's Office of Farmland Preservation PDR matching-funds grant opportunity.

Following the Board's action, the County applied for these matching funds and was awarded this grant offer of \$265,000 on February 26, 2008. These state matching funds are to be used by the County to preserve the area's agricultural land through the purchase of development rights (PDR).

In addition to 50% of the purchase price of the development rights, it is worth noting that the state grant also covers half of the costs associated with establishing an easement, including the public hearing's advertisement costs, attorney fees, title insurance, and land appraisal and survey costs. The state's contribution towards an easement purchase can also be made available immediately rather than by reimbursement. (Please see Attachment 1 which includes the state award letter and intergovernmental agreement.)

In order to participate in the State grant program, the County must sign the intergovernmental agreement by the deadline on April 25, 2008. The County must also appropriate its portion of the matching funds in a separate account by May 23, 2008. (The appropriation of funds should not to be confused with a request to spend these funds, as the County is being asked only to restrict \$265,000 from being spent elsewhere.)

Once the agreement is affirmed, the County will have two years to actually use this state funding. Please note that the CEA will return to the Finance Committee and Board of Supervisors to seek approval for any expenditure related to the purchase of development rights through this program and that the County is not obligated to spend *any* of the money it allocates to this program.

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April 8, 2008

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In fact, the CEA expects to secure most, if not all of the County's matching funds requirement from *outside sources*, including federal grant money and local donations. The CEA is actively pursuing these opportunities and has already identified some likely federal grant programs. Likewise, the CEA is very optimistic about its ability to generate local support for the PDR program through various donation campaigns.

While the CEA intends to cover the local matching requirement with outside funding, the County can choose to use proffer money dedicated to open space preservation to help meet the local match for this grant. Currently, the County has received \$110,000 in proffer payments specifically dedicated to historic and open space preservation in the County. These payments, (\$1,000 per building permit issued) were proffered as a part of the Red Bud residential development rezoning. The development of the 300 Red Bud units alone will ultimately provide the County with \$300,000 in historic and open space preservation funds. The CEA has sought the legal opinion of the County's attorney regarding the use of the Red Bud Proffers for the PDR program. Mr. Williams has indicated that the County could, without conflict, use all of the proffer money towards the PDR program if it chooses. (Please see Attachments 2 and 3 for further information.)

If, and when, the CEA does seek approval for the purchase of a property's development rights, a public hearing would be necessary. As a part of this process, the Board of Supervisors will have the opportunity to review specific details of the proposed acquisition including information about the property's history, acreage, assessment, preservation and easement values. The Board of Supervisors will also be provided with information about the funding sources to be used for the acquisition and the plan for managing the easement once it is acquired (such as partnerships with non-profit easement holding organizations).

At this time, the Frederick County Conservation Easement Authority respectfully requests the Finance Committee's endorsement of an appropriation of \$265,000 in order to qualify the County for the State's PDR matching grant program.

Should the CEA receive this endorsement, it will then request that the Board of Supervisors accept the intergovernmental agreement and approve the necessary appropriation at their April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The County will then have two days to submit the signed agreement, and 30 days in which to actually appropriate these funds.

For your reference, please find the attached background information regarding this effort.

Attachments

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### Attachment 1

### Included:

 Award Letter for \$265,000 in matching funds for the County's PDR program from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

(Received February 26, 2008)

• Intergovernmental Agreement to be signed by April 25, 2008 (Received February 26, 2008)

### Note:

With the Finance Committee's endorsement (received June 20, 2007) and unanimous approval from the Board of Supervisors (received June 27, 2008), the CEA applied for the State's PDR funding program on July 2, 2007.

At the Direction of the Board of Supervisors, the CEA also pursued and was consequently awarded state certification of its PDR program in August of 2007.



## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

**Todd P. Haymore** Commissioner

### Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

PO Box 1163, Richmond, Virginia 23218 Phone: 804/786-3501 • Fax: 804/371-2945 • Hearing Impaired: 800/828-1120 www.vdacs.virginia.gov

February 26, 2008

Eric R. Lawrence Director of Planning and Development, Frederick County 107 North Kent Street, Suite 202 Winchester, VA 22601-5000

Dear Eric,

On behalf of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS), I am pleased to inform you that Frederick County has been awarded \$265,000 in state matching funds for your local purchase of development rights program. We are excited to finally announce the FY 2008 grant allocations, and we greatly appreciate both your partnership and patience as we implement this new matching funds program at VDACS.

Enclosed please find the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement for your review and consideration. This agreement will serve as the legal document outlining the responsibilities of both VDACS and Frederick County during the grant agreement. If you or your attorney has any concerns or questions related to this agreement, please contact Coordinator for the Office of Farmland Preservation Kevin Schmidt at (804) 786-1346 or <a href="mailto:kevin.schmidt@vdacs.virginia.gov">kevin.schmidt@vdacs.virginia.gov</a> as soon as possible. Please sign and return the agreement to VDACS by April 25, 2008. Matching funds will be distributed upon execution of the agreement. Also, please note that VDACS staff is still reviewing the easement templates submitted as part of the application process. Staff will contact you with any additional questions as a result of that review.

Again, congratulations and I wish you and your program continued success. Both Governor Kaine and I feel strongly about the importance of permanently preserving our working farm and forest land, and we are grateful for the role that you are playing in achieving his goal of preserving an additional 400,000 acres of land during his term in office. I appreciate all of your hard work, and am pleased to be a partner in your efforts to preserve working farm and forest land in Frederick County.

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Commissioner

c: Kevin Schmidt, Coordinator, Office of Farmland Preservation Enclosure

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### INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

Between

# Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and Frederick County

This INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT is entered into this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008, in the City of Richmond, Virginia, between the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services ("VDACS") and Frederick County (collectively, "the parties") to provide mutually advantageous terms for cooperation between VDACS and Frederick County to implement VDACS' contribution of funds during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 in support of Frederick County's purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly, by Chapter 847 of the 2007 Acts of Assembly, has appropriated \$4.25 million to VDACS for the establishment of a state fund to match local government purchase of development rights program funds for the preservation of working farms and forest lands; and,

WHEREAS, § 3.1-18.10 of the Code of Virginia authorizes VDACS' Office of Farmland Preservation to develop methods and sources of revenue for allocating funds to localities to purchase agricultural conservation easements; and,

WHEREAS, for all purposes of this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, the term "agricultural conservation easement" shall mean a negative easement that has the primary conservation purpose of preserving working farm and/or forest land; and,

WHEREAS, the Frederick County Board of Supervisors has enacted an ordinance or passed a resolution that: authorizes, in accordance with Title 10.1, Chapter 17 of the Code of Virginia ("the Open-Space Land Act") and other applicable law, Frederick County to purchase agricultural conservation easements from landowners (each hereinafter called "Grantor"); sets forth a clear, consistent, and equitable administrative process governing such purchases; and outlines the goals and purposes of Frederick County's farmland preservation program; and,

WHEREAS, Frederick County has agreed to maintain a public outreach program designed to educate various stakeholders in Frederick County —including farmers, landowners, public officials, and the non-farming public—about Frederick County's initiatives to preserve working farms and forest lands; and,

WHEREAS, Frederick County has agreed to establish a transparent and replicable process for valuation of agricultural conservation easements; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase of agricultural conservation easements is one component of Frederick County's broader farmland preservation program; and,

WHEREAS, Frederick County has agreed to use a deed of easement that is sufficiently flexible to allow for future agricultural production in purchases of agricultural conservation easements for which Frederick County uses funds contributed to it by VDACS; and,

WHEREAS, Frederick County has agreed to establish a clear strategy for monitoring and enforcing the terms of the agricultural conservation easements that Frederick County purchases; and,

WHEREAS, Frederick County has agreed to establish a process that Frederick County will use to evaluate the effectiveness of its farmland preservation program, including a protocol for making changes to Frederick County's agricultural conservation efforts based on such evaluations; and,

WHEREAS, VDACS, in reliance on the veracity of the foregoing recitals, certifies Frederick County is eligible to receive contributions of funds from VDACS in reimbursement for certain costs Frederick County incurs in the course of purchasing agricultural conservation easements; and,

WHEREAS, Frederick County, and the agents and employees of Frederick County, in the performance of this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, are acting on behalf of Frederick County, and not as officers or employees or agents of the Commonwealth of Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, VDACS and Frederick County agree their respective responsibilities, pursuant to this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, shall be defined as follows:

### 1. VDACS Responsibilities

- a. VDACS shall, within thirty (30) days of the date of execution of this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, restrict \$265,000 (hereinafter "the allocation amount") in an account, from which VDACS shall withdraw funds only to pay contributions of funds that Frederick County is eligible to receive pursuant to this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, except that upon the expiration of two (2) years from the date of this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, or immediately upon Frederick County's failure to perform any of its obligations under the terms of this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, VDACS shall have the right to withdraw any funds then remaining in such account and the right to redirect those funds to other localities that VDACS certifies as being eligible to receive matching funds and that enter into an intergovernmental agreement with VDACS to govern the distribution of matching funds for the purchase of agricultural conservation easements.
- b. Upon Frederick County's recordation of a deed evidencing Frederick County's purchase of an agricultural conservation easement in the circuit court of the city or county where the Grantor's land is located and Frederick County's submission to VDACS of a completed claim for reimbursement, on a form prescribed by VDACS, together with the supporting documentation required under paragraph 2(e) of this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, VDACS shall reimburse Frederick County fifty percent (50%) of the reimbursable costs that Frederick County actually incurred in the course of purchasing that agricultural conservation easement, limited to that portion of the allocation amount remaining in the account maintained by VDACS pursuant to paragraph 1(a) of this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT. VDACS may make alternative arrangements for the distribution of funds pursuant to this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, provided Frederick County presents a written request for such alternative arrangement to the Commissioner of VDACS or the Commissioner's designated agent (referred collectively hereinafter as "the Grant Manager") prior to incurring any expense for which Frederick County seeks a distribution of funds under the proposed alternative arrangement.

For purposes of this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, "reimbursable costs" include:

- 1. The purchase price of the agricultural conservation easement, at present value, including any portion that Frederick County will pay over time pursuant to an installment purchase agreement;
- 2. The cost of title insurance;
- 3. The cost of one appraisal of the land upon which Frederick County purchases an agricultural conservation easement;

- 4. The cost of one survey of the physical boundaries of the land upon which Frederick County purchases an agricultural conservation easement, but not the cost of producing a baseline report of the conditions existing on the land at the time of the conveyance of the agricultural conservation easement;
- 5. Reasonable attorney fees associated with the purchase of an agricultural conservation easement; and
- 6. The cost of issuing public hearing notices associated with Frederick County's purchase of an agricultural conservation easement that Frederick County is required by law to issue.
- c. VDACS shall only be responsible for reimbursing Frederick County under paragraph 1(b) of this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT for reimbursable costs that Frederick County actually incurs in the course of purchasing an agricultural conservation easement when Frederick County acquires, by such purchase, a deed of easement that, at a minimum, provides:
  - 1. The primary conservation purpose of the easement conveyed by the deed of easement is the conservation of the land for agricultural and/or forestal uses.
  - 2. The Grantor and Frederick County agree that the land subject to the agricultural conservation easement shall not be converted or diverted, as the Open-Space Land Act employs those terms, until and unless the Grant Manager, with the concurrence of Frederick County or an assignee of Frederick County's interest in the agricultural conservation easement, certifies that such conversion or diversion satisfies the requirements of the Open-Space Land Act.
  - 3. The Grantor and Frederick County agree that, in the event of an extinguishment of the restrictions of the agricultural conservation easement that results in the receipt of monetary proceeds by Frederick County or an assignee of Frederick County's interest in an agricultural conservation easement in compensation for the loss of such property interest, VDACS shall be entitled to a share of those proceeds proportional to VDACS's contribution toward the total reimbursable cost of acquiring the agricultural conservation easement.
  - 4. If the Grantor conveys the agricultural conservation easement for less than its fair market value, the Grantor and Frederick County mutually acknowledge that approval of the terms of this Deed of Easement by VDACS and/or its legal counsel does not constitute a warranty or other representation as to the Grantor's qualification for any exemption, deduction, or credit against the Grantor's liability for the payment of any taxes under any provision of federal or state law.
  - 5. All mortgagors and other holders of liens on the property subject to the restrictions contained in the deed of easement have subordinated their respective liens to the restrictions of the deed of easement acquired by Frederick County. All such mortgagors and other holders of liens shall manifest their assent to the easement's priority over their respective liens by endorsing the deed of easement.

### 2. Frederick County Responsibilities

- a. Frederick County shall, within thirty (30) days of the date of execution of this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, appropriate funds equal to the allocation amount for the purpose of purchasing agricultural conservation easements.
- b. Frederick County shall use matching funds that VDACS contributes to Frederick County, pursuant to this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, only for the purpose of purchasing agricultural conservation easements that are perpetual and that have the primary conservation purpose of preserving working farm and forest lands.
- c. Within one (1) year from the date of this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, and for each subsequent year in which the INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT or a subsequent agreement is in force, Frederick County shall submit to VDACS a progress report that:
  - 1. describes any properties that Frederick County has identified as prospects for Frederick County's purchase of agricultural conservation easements and the status of any negotiations for the purchase of such agricultural conservation easements;
  - 2. estimates the timeframes within which Frederick County will execute contracts for any such purchases, close on such purchases, and request reimbursement of reimbursable costs for those purchases from VDACS;
  - describes the measures Frederick County has undertaken to develop and/or maintain a public outreach program designed to educate various stakeholders in Frederick County's community—including farmers, landowners, public officials, and the non-farming public—about Frederick County's agricultural conservation easement program and other initiatives to preserve working agricultural land;
  - 4. describes the measures Frederick County has undertaken to develop and/or maintain a formal plan for stewardship and monitoring of the working agricultural land on which Frederick County acquires agricultural conservation easements; and
  - 5. describes the measures Frederick County has undertaken to develop and/or maintain a process that Frederick County will use to evaluate the effectiveness of its program, including a protocol for making changes to Frederick County's agricultural conservation efforts based on such evaluations
- d. For any purchase of agricultural conservation easements for which Frederick County requests reimbursement from VDACS pursuant to this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, Frederick County shall obtain a policy of title insurance on its purchased interest that covers at least an amount equal to the amount for which Frederick County requests reimbursement from VDACS.
- e. Prior to closing on a purchase of an agricultural conservation easement for which Frederick County requests reimbursement from VDACS pursuant to this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, Frederick County shall submit, for review and approval by VDACS and its legal counsel, the following documentation:
  - 1. a fully executed contract for the sale of the agricultural conservation easement;
  - 2. any installment purchase agreement;

- 3. the deed of easement that the Grantor will deliver to Frederick County at closing;
- 4. a title insurance commitment for a policy to insure the easement interest under contract indicating an amount of coverage at least equal to the amount of funds for which Frederick County requests reimbursement from VDACS; and
- 5. an itemized list of all reimbursable costs that Frederick County has or will, up to the time of closing, incur in the course of purchasing the agricultural conservation easement.

Frederick County shall make whatever changes to the proposed deed of easement and/or the installment purchase agreement, where applicable, that VDACS and/or its legal counsel deem necessary to ensure compliance with applicable state law and the requirements and purposes of this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.

Frederick County may fulfill its obligation under this paragraph by submitting accurate and complete copies of all documents enumerated in this paragraph, provided that Frederick County shall deliver or make available the original documents to VDACS for review at VDACS' request.

- f. Together with any claim for reimbursement pursuant to this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT that Frederick County submits to VDACS, Frederick County shall also submit the following supporting documentation:
  - 1. a copy of the recorded deed of easement that VDACS and/or its legal counsel approved prior to closing, showing the locality, deed book, page of recordation, and purchase price; and
  - 2. copies of invoices, bills of sale, and cancelled checks evidencing Frederick County's incursion of reimbursable costs in the course of purchasing the agricultural conservation easement; and
  - 3. a copy of any executed installment purchase agreement related to the purchase; and
  - 4. a copy of any deed of trust related to the purchase.
- g. Frederick County shall provide the Grant Manager immediate written notice of Frederick County's receipt of any application or proposal for the conversion or diversion of the use of any land upon which Frederick County or its assignee, where applicable, holds an agricultural conservation easement, for the purchase of which VDACS contributed funds pursuant to this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.
- h. Frederick County, or any assignee of Frederick County's interest in an agricultural conservation easement for which Frederick County receives a contribution from VDACS pursuant to this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT shall at all times enforce the terms of that easement. Frederick County shall provide the Grant Manager immediate written notice of any actions, whether at law, in equity, or otherwise, taken by locality to enforce the terms of the easement or to abate, prevent, or enjoin any violation thereof by any party. Any failure by Frederick County or such assignee to perform its enforcement responsibility shall constitute a breach of this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, for which VDACS shall have a remedy by way of a civil action for specific performance of that enforcement responsibility; or, VDACS shall have the right and authority, at its option, to demand and receive from Frederick County a portion of the full market value of the agricultural conservation easement at the time of the breach in proportion to the amount VDACS contributed to Frederick County's

purchase of the agricultural conservation easement relative to the full market value of the agricultural conservation easement at the time of the purchase.

i. For any purchase of an agricultural conservation easement for which Frederick County requests reimbursement from VDACS pursuant to this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, Frederick County shall derive its valuation of the agricultural conservation easement according to the valuation methods prescribed by ordinance or resolution.

### 3. Recertification

This INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT pertains exclusively to VDACS's contribution of funds that the General Assembly has appropriated to VDACS for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2008. VDACS shall not contribute other funds in the future to Frederick County except upon VDACS's recertification of Frederick County's eligibility to receive such funds. VDACS may establish and communicate to Frederick County certain benchmarks of program development that VDACS will impose upon Frederick County as preconditions to Frederick County's recertification for future contributions.

### 4. Governing Law

This INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT is governed by and shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. In all actions undertaken pursuant to this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, preferred venue shall be in the City of Richmond, Virginia, at the option of VDACS.

## 5. Assignment

Frederick County shall not assign this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, either in whole or in part, or any interest in an agricultural conservation easement for the purchase of which VDACS contributes funds pursuant to this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, without the prior, written approval of the Grant Manager.

#### 6. Modifications

The parties shall not amend this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT, except by their mutual, written consent.

# 7. Severability

In the event that any provision of this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT is unenforceable or held to be unenforceable, then the parties agree that all other provisions of this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT have force and effect and shall not be affected thereby.

In witness, whereof, the parties hereto have executed this INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT as of the day and year first written above.

2/26/03	
Todd P. Naymore Date	John R. Riley, Jr. Dat
Commissioner	County Administrator
Virginia Department of Agriculture &	
Consumer Services	
APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:	APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:
Assistant Attorney General Date	County Attorney Date

# Attachment 2

# Included:

 Proffer Statement for the 300 unit, Red Bud Run rezoning which establishes a monetary contribution towards open space and historic preservation, per each building permit issued. (Approved by the Board of Supervisors on October 9, 2002)

### Note:

110 of the eventual 300 building permits have been issued and the County has collected \$110,000 to date. Build-out of the remaining 190 homes is expected within the next five years, and will allow the County to accumulate a total of \$300,000 in unrestricted, open space and historic preservation funds.

# **AMENDMENT**

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Action:			
PLANNING COMMISSION:	July 1, 2002 -	Recommended App	proval
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:	October 9, 2002	APPROVED	L DENIED
	AN ORDINANCE AM	MENDING	
	THE ZONING DISTE	RICT MAP	
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WHEREAS, the Board of Supe and	rvisors held a public h	earing on this rezoning	on October 9, 2002;
WHEREAS, the Frederick Cou in the best interest of the public he Policy Plan;	-		
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT Chapter 165 of the Frederick Corto change 157.01 acres from RA (by the application and plat subniviting by the applicant and the property of the applicant and the applicant and the applicant and the applicant and the appli	unty Code, Zoning, is Rural Areas) to RP (Re nitted, subject to the a	amended to revise the esidential Performance)	Zoning District Map District as described

PDRes #24-02

This ordinance shall be in effect on the date of adoption.

Passed this 9th day of October, 2002 by the following recorded vote:

Richard C. Shickle, Chairman

Aye

Sidney A. Reyes

Nay

Gina A. Forrester

Nay

Margaret B. Douglas

Aye

W. Harrington Smith, Jr.

Absent

Robert M. Sager

Aye

Lynda J. Tyler

Aye

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John R. Riley, Jr.

Frederick County Administrator

# REZONING REQUEST PROFFER Property Identification Number 55-A-105, 106 & 107 Stonewall Magisterial District

#### **RED BUD RUN**

# **Preliminary Matters**

Pursuant to Section 15.2-2296 et. Seq., of the code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and the provisions of the Frederick County Zoning Ordinance with respect to conditional rezoning, the undersigned applicant herby proffers that in the event the Board of Supervisors of Frederick County, Virginia, shall approve Rezoning Application #\_\_\_\_\_ for the rezoning of 157.01 acres from the Rural Area (RA) to Residential Performance (RP). Development of the subject property shall be done in conformity with the terms and conditions set forth herein, except to the extent that such terms and conditions may be subsequently amended or revised by the applicant and such be approved by the Frederick County Board of Supervisors in accordance with Virginia law. In the event that such rezoning is not granted, then these proffers shall be deemed withdrawn and of no effect whatsoever. These proffers shall be binding upon the applicant and their legal successor or assigns.

# **Monetary Contribution**

The undersigned, who owns the above described property, hereby voluntarily proffers that if the Board of Supervisors for the County of Frederick, Virginia approves the rezoning for the 157.01 acres, with frontage along VA Route 7 in the Stonewall Magisterial District of Frederick County, Virginia from RA to RP, the undersigned will pay to Frederick County at the time a building permit is applied for the sum of \$6,454.00 per lot.

This monetary proffer provides for \$3,581.00 for Frederick County Schools; \$598.00 for Frederick County Parks and Recreation; \$707.00 for Frederick County Fire and Rescue; \$210.00 for Public Library; \$117.00 for Sheriff's Office and \$241.00 for Administration Building.

A portion of the above-described property exists within the core battlefield area of the Third Battle of Winchester as delineated by the National Park Service. A portion of the site also possesses a sensitive linear environmental area surrounding Red Bud Run. The site is not a government priority for acquisition as a part of the Battlefield Park. There is a priority identified to protect the view shed along Berryville Canyon (Va Rte 7), and this has been acknowledged and mitigated in (8) below. Also, a plan to set aside and protect the sensitive environmental areas along Red Bud Run has been proffered. Frederick County together with the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation has also reached agreement on funding of historic preservation and for the installation of historic trails and other improvements. The owners have discussed this program with County Supervisors and are moved to voluntarily assist in this continuing capital investment program. For these reasons the Property Owner hereby proffers to pay to Frederick County at the time of building permit the sum of \$1000.00 per lot as an unrestricted gift for Historic and Open Space Preservation. It is specified that these funds may be used for either or both Historic Battlefield Preservation and Open Space Preservation.

# General Development Plan

Voluntarily proffered is the attached Proffer Plan including the following improvements:

1. On the 157.01 acres to be zoned RP no more than 300 single family dwelling units shall be constructed. These units shall consist of single family home lots. No multi-family units shall be constructed on this property.

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### **Stonewall Magisterial District**

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- 2. VA Route 7 and Woods Mill Road shall be improved to VDOT standards. This improvement shall include work as necessary to: (See 2 on Proffer Plan)
  - Modify, alter or reconstruct Route 7 east bound lane, left turn lane and taper to the Route 7/Route 660 crossover. Modify, alter or reconstruct the Route 7 east bound lane, acceleration lane from Route 7/Route 660 crossover. Install stoplight control on west bound lane.
  - Modify, alter or reconstruct the Route 7 west bound lane, right turn lane and taper to Route 660. Construct a right turn lane and taper, Route 7 east bound lane, into the Blue Ridge Mobile Home Park.
  - Modify, alter or reconstruct Woods Mill Road between Route 7 and the project entrance to a 3-lane section and provide transitions to pavement north of the project entrance. Enter into a signalization agreement with VDOT regarding the new intersection.
- 3. A series of interconnecting roads shall be constructed in Phase 1 of project to connect Woods Mill Road with Morgans Mill Road. This will provide a rear access to the Frederick County Public School's site upon approval by the School and VDOT. (See 3 on Proffer Plan). This entrance shall be gated until approved for uncontrolled use by the Board of Supervisors. In the event improvements for sight distance are required for the street connection on Morgans Mill Road this work shall be performed by the property owner.
- 4. All lot and tertiary road system access to be directly on the internal street system. There will be no new access points on VA Route 7 as the result of this project.
- 5. A stream preservation parcel of 28.4 acres shall be established along Red Bud Run. This parcel shall be available for public use. This land shall be in addition to open space requirements of the Frederick County Zoning Ordinance. Additionally, all project open space shall have applied a preservation easement to limit future disturbance. (See 5 on Proffer Plan). The 28 acre parcel shall be held and preserved in ownership by the owner until an appropriate open space plan is approved by the Board of Supervisors at which time the land and/or rights shall be transferred to the approved management agency. Prior to transfer, the 28.4 acre parcel shall be available for a public use easement upon resolution of matters involved with property owner liability and easement ownership.
- 6. Gravity sanitary sewer mains shall transfer wastewater to the Ash Hollow Watershed. An FCSA sewage pumping station shall not be constructed in the Red Bud Run Watershed.
- 7. Stormwater runoff resulting from improvements constructed within the Red Bud Run and Ash Hollow Run Watersheds shall receive treatment as required by the Virginia Stormwater Management Regulations, First Ed. 1999, Chapter 2, Table 2-3 which results in the highest order of stormwater control existing under Virginia law.
- 8. A viewshed protection plan for VA Route 7 shall be prepared in concert with the Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation. The findings of this plan shall be incorporated into the buffering plan for Red Bud Run at the time of Master Plan approval. (See 8 on Proffer Plan).

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- 9. A viewshed protection plan shall be prepared in concert with the County Planning staff for frontages along Morgans Mill and Woods Mill Road as a part of the Master Plan approval process. Private lot entrances shall not be allowed onto Morgans Mill Road, Woods Mill Road or VA Route 7. (See 9 on Proffer Plan).
- 10. The property owner shall, if directed by the Board of Supervisors, obscure the median crossovers at the Morgans Mill Road intersection with VA Route 7 and shall construct a right turn lane on westbound Route 7 into Morgans Mill Road. All work shall be in accord with permits issued by VDOT.
- 11. Phasing of this 300 lot project shall be provided in three (3) phases of approximately 100 lots in each phase. Improvements associated with transportation (No. 2 and No. 3 above) shall be initiated and completed as a part of Phase One of the development and prior to building permit issuance in Phase 2.

The conditions proffered above shall be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and successors in interest of the Applicant and Owner. In the event the Frederick County Board of Supervisors grant said rezoning and accepts these conditions, the proffered conditions shall apply to the land rezoned in addition to other requirements set forth in the Frederick County Code.

Respectfully submitted,

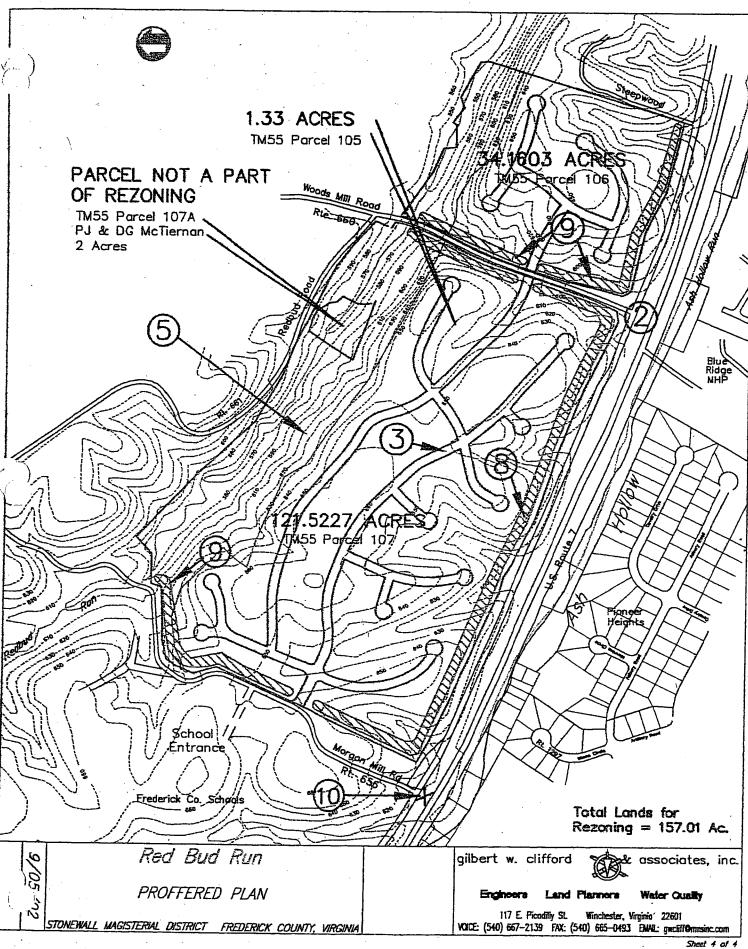
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STATE OF VIRGINIA, AT LARGE FREDERICK COUNTY, To-wit

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 2nd day of October 2002, by Patrick A. + Thomas M. McTiernan

My commission expires	Paril	30	2003
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# Attachment 3

## Included:

• Memorandum from Mr. Roderick B. Williams, County Attorney regarding the use of Red Bud Run Proffers for the PDR program and the possible need to include this spending in the capitol improvement plan (CIP).

# **Summary Note:**

Mr. Williams is of the opinion that the County may use all of the proffers towards the PDR program if it so chooses. Namely, no restrictions inherent in the proffer statement would restrict the County's decision to do so.

In addition, should the amount of proffer money used towards the purchase of a property's development rights be of a level not normally warranting inclusion in the CIP, it will not be necessary to include it simply because those funds were proffered to the County.

# COUNTY OF FREDERICK



Roderick B. Williams
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# **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

**Amber Powers** 

Planning Technician

Department of Planning and Development

FROM:

Roderick B. Williams

County Attorney

DATE:

April 7, 2008

RE:

Use of Red Bud Run Proffers for the Purchase of Development Rights Program

You have asked for confirmation that proffer funds are available for projects that are not listed in the capital improvement plan (CIP), as long as the projects are projects that would not normally be included in the CIP. This confirms that proffer funds may be used for projects such as the purchase of development rights (PDR) program, which entail projects that would not normally be included in the CIP.

Virginia Code § 15.2-2298(A) provides, in part:

In the event proffered conditions include the dedication of real property or payment of cash, the property shall not transfer and the payment of cash shall not be made until the facilities for which the property is dedicated or cash is tendered are included in the capital improvement program, provided that nothing herein shall prevent a locality from accepting proffered conditions which are not normally included in a capital improvement program.

Seeing as how many particular open space preservation projects are not necessarily of the size and scope such that the County would ordinarily include them in its CIP, and seeing as how the subject proffers by their terms allow for use for open space preservation, I conclude that the Red Bud Run historic and open space preservation proffer funds may be allocated to the PDR program.

# **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Roderick B. Williams, County Attorney

FROM:

Amber Powers, Planning Technician

On Behalf of the Conservation Easement Authority

RE:

The Use of Red Bud Run Proffers for the PDR Program.

DATE:

April 1, 2008

In preparing to request an allocation of \$265,000 for the State PDR program, the CEA has been trying to identify possible sources of funding by which the County could recoup any costs associated with the state program. One such source is the revenue from the Red Bud Run historic and open space preservation proffer payments of \$1,000 per lot. (Please see the attached proffer statement.)

It would appear that these funds are not restricted to any specific geographic area, and could be used for open space preservation anywhere in the County; however, we are seeking your confirmation of this interpretation. We would also like your confirmation that the CEA could in fact request that *all* of the \$300,000 that will eventually be collected through these proffers could go to open space preservation.

There is also some question as to whether the use of proffers for the PDR program would require that the program spending be included in the annual CIP. Presently, it is understood that proffer money is available for projects even if they are not listed in the CIP as long as those projects would not normally be included in the CIP. Your clarification of this would be greatly appreciated.

The CEA will present its request for the allocation to the Finance Committee on April 13, 2008, and we hope to include any insights you may have about these issues in our presentation.

Thank you for your help.

ALP/bhd Attachment

# **Audit Committee Charter**

### I. PURPOSE

The primary function of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board of Supervisors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities with respect to:

- 1. the integrity of the county's financial statements
- 2. the qualifications and independence of the county's independent auditor

In performing its duties, the Audit Committee will maintain effective working relationships with and open communication between the Board, management, and the independent auditors.

# II. ORGANIZATION

A. Membership shall be comprised of the same voting membership of the County's Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, on an annual basis. Membership of the Audit Committee shall be independent, with management representing a non-voting member. The Audit Committee shall comprise of members that have a basic financial and accounting proficiency. Membership of the Audit Committee shall not receive any compensatory fees for serving on the Audit Committee.

B. The Audit Committee will have meetings as circumstances require. The Audit Committee will report to the Board of Supervisors any issues that arise regarding the quality or integrity of the County's financial statements.

- C. A quorum for any meeting will be a majority.
- D. The independent auditors will be required to make presentations to the Audit Committee as appropriate.

# III. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

# Roles

The Audit Committee is empowered to study or investigate any matter of interest or concern that the Audit Committee deems appropriate. The Audit Committee shall be given full access to the County's independent auditors, Board of Supervisors, and management to carry out the roles and responsibilities of the Audit Committee.

# Responsibilities

The Audit Committee shall oversee the County's financial reporting on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. Management is responsible for the preparation, presentation and integrity of the County's financial statements and the independent auditor is responsible for auditing those financial statements.

The Audit Committee should receive the engagement letter and take responsibility for overseeing the audit.

The Audit Committee shall have a clear understanding with management and the independent auditor that the independent auditor is ultimately accountable to the Board of Supervisors and Audit Committee. The Committee shall, at least annually, obtain and review the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) along with any separate reports issued to management. The County's independent auditor will present the report to the Audit Committee and be available for questions and discussion.

The Audit Committee shall be given full access to the County's independent auditors to discuss any matters that the Audit Committee believes should be discussed.

# IV. LIMITATION OF AUDIT COMMITTEE'S ROLE

While the Audit Committee has the responsibilities and powers set forth in this Charter, the Audit Committee will rely on management and the independent auditor to plan or conduct audits and to determine that the County's financial statements and disclosures are complete and accurate and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable rules and regulations.

# County of Frederick, VA Report on Fund Balance March 2008

Fund Balance, Beginning of Year, July 1, 2007		32,685,256
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Fund Balance, March 2008	_	31,345,932



John R. Riley, Jr. County Administrator

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# **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Finance Committee

FROM:

John R. Riley, Jr., County Administrator

**DATE:** 

April 10, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Cost saving initiatives update

Per the Board of Supervisors' directive to explore measures to reduce expenditures, I offer you the following status report on cost savings initiatives previously presented:

1. Frederick County currently awaits health insurance renewals annually with hope that the claims paid did not increase more than the funds budgeted. What are the options available for the county to take a more active role in managing health care? Examples could be wellness programs and on-site screening. Another thought is that the county could have goals that assess risk (Valley Health currently does this through offering fitness classes).

### STATUS:

Parks and Recreation may be able to help supplement a wellness program. They are interested in exploring their involvement plus other ways to reduce expenditures. The Extensions Agent feels developing a wellness plan is a great idea and would love to be involved in identifying and helping get a program off the ground. A meeting involving HR, Administration, Parks, Extensions and Finance has been scheduled for April 11, 2008.

2. Frederick County invested in eCivis for the availability of a database for grants. While the eCivis can be a valuable tool, the county could benefit from having a more defined grant program. Loudoun County has such a program that could be studied to look at the investment and return to the county.

#### STATUS:

In the process of developing a policy that requires that there be grant research done prior to a request for supplemental appropriation of funds being sent to the Finance Committee.



- 3. Review current policies with cost savings in mind.
  - a. Review commuting patterns of those who take home County owned vehicles. Without restrictions, vehicles could have unnecessary wear and tear, and uncontrolled fuel costs.

#### STATUS:

In the process of developing a vehicle use policy which will specifically address commuting in county owned vehicles.

b. Review uniform purchases. Total uniform expenses have increased.

#### STATUS:

Departments will be contacted and asked to research the feasibility of renting uniforms rather than purchasing them.

4. Review all fees currently charged to ensure that all direct costs are recovered. Define direct costs and, if administration costs are not part of the fee, further consideration should be given to recover this cost.

#### STATUS:

Planning has recently reviewed their fee structure and are presenting their proposed increases to the Finance Committee. Parks is in the process of evaluating their program costs.

5. Review lease agreements to ensure that the lease terms are proper for usage.

#### STATUS:

Departments with copier leases have been directed to review the terms of their lease to ensure that it is appropriate for current usage.

6. Pre-approve and limit all out-of-state travel/training.

#### STATUS

As of April 9, 2008, all out-of-state travel MUST be pre-approved by the County Administrator.

Thank you.