

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: March 2, 2009

Subject: Overview Presentation of the Draft Etowah and Horse Shoe Communities Plan

Attachments: PowerPoint Presentation

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The Etowah and Horse Shoe Communities Advisory Committee, formed by the Board of Commissioners on September 4, 2007, was responsible for developing and recommending a community-specific comprehensive plan for the Etowah and Horse Shoe Communities. After meeting monthly for 1 year, holding two public input sessions, and utilizing available research provided by Henderson County and area experts, the committee has completed the Draft Etowah and Horse Shoe Communities Plan. The Planning Board received a copy of the Draft Etowah and Horse Shoe Communities Plan at its meeting on January 15, 2009. On February 19, 2009, the Planning Board and the committee held a joint meeting to present and discuss the draft plan. The Planning Board voted 9-0 to send a favorable recommendation to the Board of Commissioners for the plan as presented.

The Planning Director will give a 5-10 minute overview of the planning process and outline the Board's next steps. Copies of the plan have been distributed to the Board. The draft plan copies also contain an executive summary.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

No action needed other than to determine the Board's next step (workshop or hearing). Setting an actual date for a workshop or public hearing appears on the agenda under "important dates."

Suggested Motion:

None suggested.



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Advisory Committee

Kenneth Allison, Chairman

Hayes Albea

Richard Briggs

Debbie Ducote

Bruce Gosnell

Jerry Merrill

Jeri Peterson

John Antrim (9/4/07-10/17/08)

Maryann Parish (9/4/07-10/17/08)

Introduction

- Comprehensive Plan recommends detailed study of small areas in County
 - Etowah and Horse Shoe Plan covers:
 - Natural and Cultural Resources
 - Agriculture
 - Housing
 - Community Facilities and Services
 - Transportation
 - Economic Development
 - Land Use and Development
 - Community Character and Design
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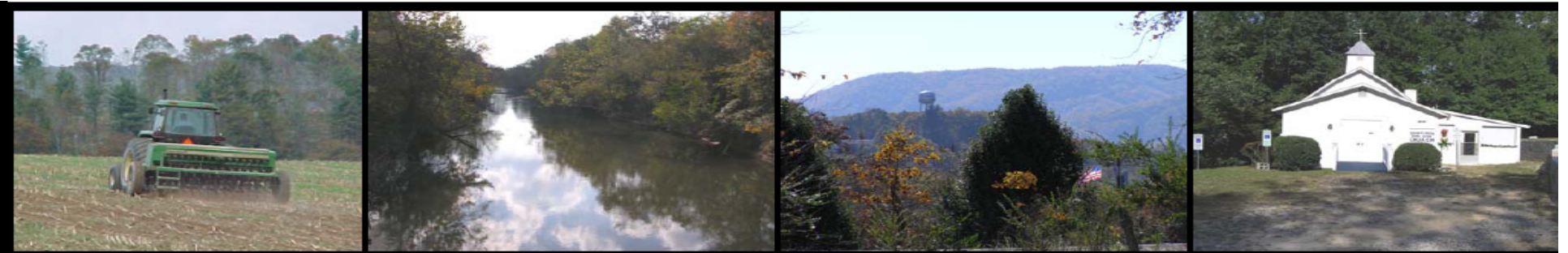
Process to Date

- August 14, 2007 Communities Plan Charter Adopted
- September 4, 2007 Communities Advisory Committee formed (9 members)
- Public input meeting held November 13, 2007
- Committee met 16 times and developed draft plan
- 2nd Public input meeting held December 2, 2008 to obtain feedback on draft plan
- Planning Board unanimously recommended approval on February 19, 2009
- Plan formally delivered to Board of Commissioners March 2, 2009

Next Steps

- Board of Commissioners review the draft plan
- Schedule a workshop (perhaps a joint meeting with the community planning committee)
- Schedule a public hearing (hearing could be before or after workshop)
- Consider and make changes to the plan (if needed)
- Plan adoption by the Board of Commissioners
- Staff and Board begin implementation (see draft implementation schedule)

Questions & Discussion



Henderson County Planning Department