#### REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

# HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**MEETING DATE:** May 4, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of the Dana Community Plan Boundary and Charter

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. Staff Memorandum

2. Community Planning Process Outline

3. Draft Dana Community Plan Advisory Committee Charter

4. Draft Dana Community Plan Study Area Map

#### **SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

The Henderson County 2020 Comprehensive Plan (CCP) outlines a schedule of community plans, two of which Planning Staff has begun. The Edneyville Community Plan is currently underway and Etowah and Horse Shoe Communities Plan is nearing completion. Planning Staff is prepared to begin the third community planning effort focused in the Dana Community. The first required steps are the approval of a committee charter and the appointment of members to that committee. The enclosed memorandum, outline, and draft charter explain the process and responsibilities required to accomplish this task.

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Planning Staff requests the Board of Commissioners approve the draft charter and planning boundary for the Dana Community Plan Advisory Committee and begin appointing committee members should the Board desire to proceed with the creation of this plan.

**Suggested Motion:** I move that the Board approve the Charter and boundary map for the Dana Community Plan Advisory Committee with any amendments noted by the Board.

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# **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Board of Commissioners

**Steve Wyatt, County Manager** 

Selena Coffey, Assistant County Manager

FROM: Anthony Starr, Planning Director

**DATE:** May 4, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Dana Community Plan Start-up

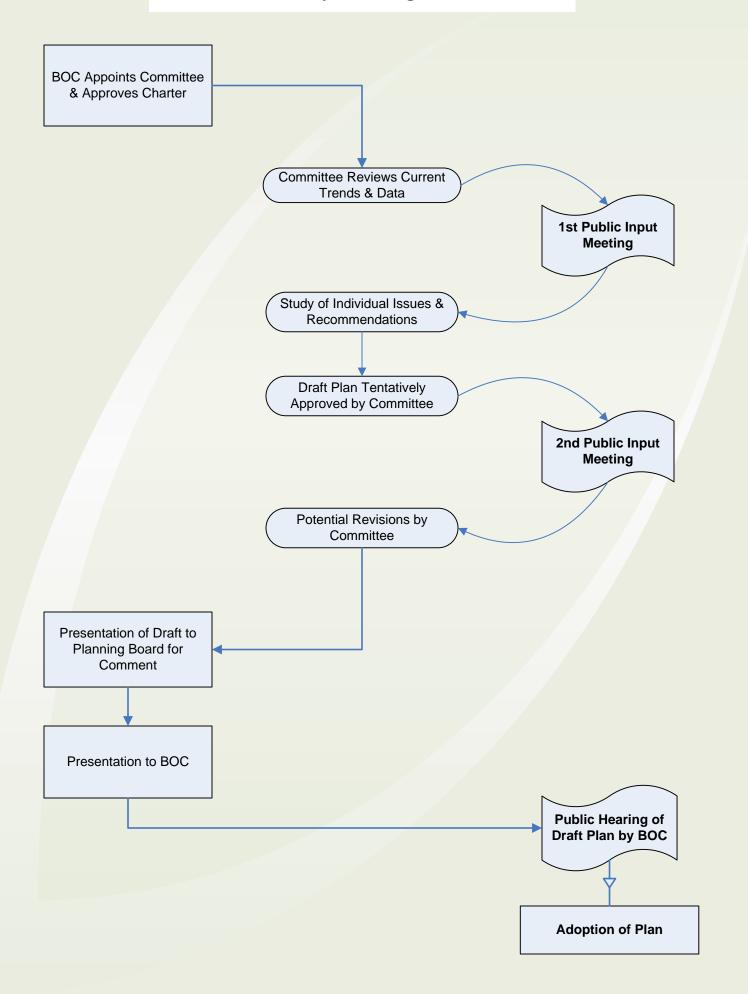
The Henderson County 2020 Comprehensive Plan (CCP) outlines a schedule of community plans, two of which Planning Staff has begun. The Edneyville Community Plan is currently underway and Etowah and Horse Shoe Communities Plan is nearing completion. Planning Staff is prepared to begin the third community planning effort focused in the Dana Community. Planning Staff anticipates the Dana Community Plan will take approximately 18-24 months for completion and adoption by the Board of Commissioners.

Staff proposes the Dana Community Plan area have a community advisory committee with 9 members that will consist of the following: (1) eight citizens that live, operate a business, or own property in the boundary of the Dana Community Plan; and (2) one liaison from the Henderson County Planning Board. It may be likely that the Planning Board liaison also lives, operates a business, or owns property in the planning area. Staff proposes that the Board of Commissioners appoint all committee members and the Chair. The appointment of municipal representatives from the adjoining municipality (City of Hendersonville) may provide better coordinated planning through this process. The coordination of planning among local governments in Henderson County is a goal of the CCP.

Please review the enclosed outline for the Community Planning process, draft charter for the Dana Community Plan Advisory Committee, and the draft boundary map for the Dana Community Planning Area. Planning Staff proposes a proven planning process that can generate a high-quality and useful plan using the wisdom and resources of the Community. With the creation and implementation of this plan, the Community can articulate and realize its vision for the next 10-15 years.

Should the Board desire to proceed with this planning process, staff could begin committee meetings in July provided the charter is approved in May and the committee appointed in June. This timeframe allows the committee to hold the first public input session in early fall.

# **Community Planning Process**



# HENDERSON COUNTY DANA COMMUNITY PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARTER

# What is the committee's purpose?

To implement the recommendations of the Henderson County 2020 Comprehensive Plan by working with Planning Staff to develop and recommend a community-specific comprehensive plan for the Dana Community that outlines the future goals of area as it relates to Land Use and Development, Community Facilities and Public Services, Agriculture, Economic Development, Housing, Transportation, Community Character and Design, and Natural and Cultural Resources.

#### Who will the committee report to?

**Board of Commissioners** 

#### Who will be staff to the committee?

- County Planning Staff will facilitate meetings
- Other County staff as assigned

#### What is the duration of the committee's existence?

The committee will terminate with adoption of the Dana Community Plan.

# How will the future tasks or projects of the committee be determined?

Assignment by the Board of Commissioners

# What parameters must the committee work within?

- North Carolina Open Meetings and Public Records laws
- Minutes must be provided to the Board of Commissioners

# How will the committee meetings be conducted?

The committee will reach most, if not all, its recommendations by general consensus. Formal votes and operating under Robert's Rules of order will be used as necessary. County Planning Staff, in addition to its role as meeting coordinator and facilitator, will present background information and data related to each of the Plan elements prior to the committee's development of its recommendations.

## Will the committee give periodic reports on its activities?

How often?

As Needed/As Requested

To whom?

Board of Commissioners and County Manager

## What is the make-up of the committee?

The committee, appointed by the Board of Commissioners, will consist of 9 persons including 8 individuals that live, operate a business, or own property within the boundary of the Dana Community Plan. The Board of Commissioners will also appoint a liaison from the Henderson County Planning Board. The Board may also appoint an ex-officio member from the municipality that abuts the planning area (City of Hendersonville) to serve as a representative of this municipality. The Board of Commissioners appoints the Chair.

