

Planning and Community Development

This department develops and administers plans, ordinances and programs to promote the public health, safety and welfare of present and future County residents. The Department maintains and updates the County's Comprehensive Plan, administers Zoning, Subdivision, Erosion and Sediment Control and Manufactured Home Park Ordinances, coordinates federal and state grants for community development projects, and provides staff support to the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals. Areas of policy interest include transportation planning, affordable housing, environmental quality and information management.

Major Issues

Short Term Issues

- GIS Staffing, hardware and software.
- Office space.
- Storage space.
- Departmental Staffing
- Village and Corridor Planning

Long Term Issues

- Update of Comprehensive Plan
- Consolidated Land Development regulations.

Goals and Objectives

- Implement a GIS system as a public service and planning tool.
- Update the County Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance to include design guidelines and an overlay district for Rural Village Centers.
- Submit, administer and close out TEA-21 grants to design and construct a pedestrian access system in Ferrum.
- Administer and close out environmental quality grants for septic system repair, septic maintenance and shoreline erosion.

Appropriations

<u>Description</u>	<u>Actual FY 2005</u>	<u>Budget FY 2006</u>	<u>Adopted FY 2007</u>	<u>Change 2006 to 2007</u>
Personnel	\$ 275,870	\$ 391,015	\$ 517,923	32%
Operating	64,700	52,214	72,350	39%
Capital	30,942	1,000	12,500	100%
Transfers				
Total	\$ <u>371,512</u>	\$ <u>444,229</u>	\$ <u>602,773</u>	<u>36%</u>

Funding/Service Level Changes

Full year funding was approved for an additional Erosion and Sediment Control Inspector, Planner and Planning Technician. Additional operating and capital funds have been proposed for professional services and to support the new positions requested.