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COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION REQUESTS PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT 220 – NORTH CORRIDOR PLAN

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The Franklin County **Planning Commission** will hold a public hearing at **6:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, September 9th, 2008** to receive public comment on the **Draft 220 – North Corridor Plan**. In April of 2007, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors, the Roanoke County Board of Supervisors and the Western Virginia Water Authority signed a joint resolution to extend public water into Franklin County along U.S. 220. This waterline project will follow U.S. 220 from the Roanoke County line into Franklin County extending to the Wirtz “Plateau Plaza” area.

Richard E. Huff, II, County Administrator stated “In an effort to plan for any land use changes that could result from the waterline extension, the County is conducting a Corridor Planning Study focusing on properties along the U.S. 220 Corridor. The study is being drafted by the County Planning Commission, whereby various topics such as land use, highway safety, environment and natural resources are addressed.”

The Franklin County Planning and Community Development Department conducted two neighborhood meetings and the Franklin County Planning Commission held numerous work sessions throughout the spring and summer to identify issues and consider various scenarios. After much work and analysis, the County Planning Commission has drafted a 220 North Corridor Plan. Public comments on the Draft Plan will be heard by the Planning Commission at a public hearing to be held at **6:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, September 9, 2008** in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room located on the primary floor of the Franklin County Courthouse along South Main Street in Rocky Mount. A copy of the Draft Plan can be reviewed on the Franklin County website, www.franklincountyva.gov or in the Planning and Community Development Department, 120 E. Court Street, Rocky Mount (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

Questions concerning the Draft 220 North Corridor Plan should be directed to Director of Planning & Community Development, Neil Holthouser (neiholthouser@franklincountyva.org) or to Senior Planner Lisa Cooper (lisacooper@franklincountyva.org). Planning staff can be reached at 483-3027.