

To: David Ferguson, Chairman
Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors
Community Planning Project Steering Committee

From: Rosemary Wallinger
Chairman, Shenandoah Forum

Date: May 3, 2009

RE: Community Planning Project

Dear Chairman Ferguson:

I am writing on behalf of Shenandoah Forum to express our appreciation to the County and to the members of the CPP Steering Committee for their commitment to the study and development of ordinances to secure the vision of Shenandoah County's Comprehensive Plan. That the members of the Committee are committed to the imperative of equal consideration of all our citizens is evident and heartening.

As the sponsor of the Shenandoah County Community Dialogue Project, initiated in April 2007, Shenandoah Forum has been part of the search for a set of recommendations the county might use to implement the vision of the Comprehensive Plan. Because we have been involved from the early beginnings of this discussion, we are aware of the time, energy and patience this task demands. Most especially, we wish to express our gratitude for the willingness evidenced at the April Steering Committee meeting to spend whatever time is needed to fully educate the committee and—by extension—the community about the variety of available planning tools. We believe that this educational process is a crucial step in determining which tools will best implement the vision of the Comprehensive Plan. In addition, we hope that the Forum's study of possible tools, submitted to the committee in April, will be helpful in that regard.

Shenandoah Forum applauds your commitment and willingness to set aside short term interests for the long term benefit of the thousands of citizens who have expressed, through the development, adoption and support of the Comprehensive Plan, a firm desire to hand down to future generations the economic vitality and high quality of life they have been privileged to enjoy in this beautiful place that is Shenandoah County.

If we can be of assistance in any way as the process continues, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Rosemary H. Wallinger
Shenandoah Forum

Enclosure

CC: Shenandoah County Board of Supervisors
SCPP Steering Committee members
Shenandoah Planning Commission
Shenandoah County Planning Staff
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