



**STATE APPROVES \$23.6 MILLION IN
PRESERVATION EASEMENTS**

The Maryland State Board of Public Works approved on September 10, 2008, the purchase of 27 easements protecting 3,380 acres of prime Maryland farmland in 11 counties for over \$23.6 million in State and local funding. This approval brings the total farmland protected in perpetuity by the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) in Maryland to 272,158 acres. Created by the General Assembly in 1977, MALPF purchases agricultural preservation easements that forever restrict development on prime farmland and woodland and has permanently preserved land in each of Maryland's 23 counties, representing a public investment of over \$500 million. With county and other state preservation programs, more than 490,000 acres of farmland are protected in Maryland. Two Easements were purchased in Washington County totaling 190 acres at an approved easement value of approximately \$1.07 million.

**UGA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REPORT AVAILABLE**

After more than a year of research and development, the Urban Growth Area Advisory Committee has released the first of two reports outlining their recommendations for the proposed Urban Growth Area Rezoning. The committee's first report has formulated recommendations on various aspects of land use planning being reviewed for this zoning update including the analysis of a possible Transfer of Development Rights program, the availability and advancement of workforce and affordable housing, and evaluation of various ordinances to identify opportunities for streamlining regulations as an incentive for development in the growth area. Copies of the report are available online at the County Planning Department webpage at <http://www.washco-md.net/planning/plan.shtm>. The second report of this committee will outline recommendations of the proposed zoning changes and text amendments in the UGA and is anticipated to be complete by early 2009.

**REPORT OF THE
URBAN GROWTH AREA
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



September 18, 2008



UPDATES

MEET ANDREW J. BOWEN

THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD.

Andrew Bowen graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech) in 1989 and completed his Masters in Business Administration from Frostburg State University in May of 2000. Mr. Bowen is currently employed as the Town Administrator for the Town of Middletown in Frederick County.

Having worked in local government for over 15 years, Andrew would like to share his work experience by contributing to his community through service on this board.

Andrew is married to Lorraine Bowen and has three children, Zachary 14, Kendall 12, and Kevin 8. Although Andrew has only lived in Hagerstown since 1990, his extended family has been in Hagerstown since the late 1950's.



NEW SITE PLAN DETERMINATION FORM

In an effort to simplify the requirements for a site plan or revised site plan, staff members from the Planning and Permits Departments have been working to develop a process to clearly determine whether or not a site plan is required for a project.

Prior to filing an application for new or revised multi-family and non-residential projects with the Planning Department, the applicant shall contact the Director/Zoning Administrator of the Permits and Inspections Office to determine the necessity of a Site Plan application and review by the Planning Department in compliance with Section 4.11 of the Zoning Ordinance. If a Site Plan is determined to be necessary, the applicant must submit for Site Plan approval with the Planning Department. If determined no Site Plan is required, applications for building permits can be made when accompanied with the signed determination form. A copy of the Site Plan Determination Form is available at:

<http://www.washco-md.net/permits/forms.shtm>

EDC FAST TRACK REVIEW PROCEDURES REVISED

Projects that have been designated as "Fast Track" by the Economic Development Commission (EDC), must follow new review procedures. On September 2, 2008 the Washington County Permits Department issued a set of procedure guidelines that must be followed when submitting Fast Track plans for review by the Planning and Permits Departments. For a copy of the form, please contact the Planning Department at 240-313-2430 or email:

mbrandenburg@washco-md.net

Copies of the form will be available on the Planning Department's website in the future. For more information on how to obtain an EDC fast track designation, please contact the EDC at 240-313-2280 or email them at:

edcinfo@hagerstowndec.org



MEET OUR STAFF
SERIES 2 OF 3
SUBDIVISION & SITE PLAN REVIEW
AND
GIS MAPPING AND DATA SUPPORT STAFF



PLANS REVIEW STAFF



Tim Lung, Chief Senior Planner of the Plans Review Section of our Department is a graduate of Shippensburg University and holds a B.A. degree in Geography/Urban Planning. He oversees the Plans Review Section and is responsible for assigning plan submittals and projects to the appropriate review planner. Tim is also responsible for the administration and implementation of the County's Water & Sewerage Plan including the coordination with municipalities' service providing agencies, state agencies, and preparation of update and amendments. He is currently handling the review of the plans for the Fort Richie Redevelopment and for a proposed regional shopping center located at the I-70 and US Route 40 interchange. Tim is a lifelong resident of Washington County and has been with our Department for 24 years.



Lisa Kelly is a Senior Planner within the Plans Review Section of the Department. She has a degree in Political Science from Shepherd University and a Masters in GeoEnvironmental Science from Shippensburg University. Lisa lives in Washington County and has been with the Department for 23 years. She reviews plan submittals that include Preliminary Consultations, Preliminary & Final Subdivision Plats, Site Plans, Forest Delineation and Conservation Plans, Planned Unit Developments, and Subdivision variance requests. Lisa presents her projects to the Washington County Planning Commission at its monthly meetings. She is also working on updates to the County's Subdivision Ordinance.



Misty Wagner-Grillo is a Senior Planner within the Plans Review Section of our Department. She has a B.S. degree from Wilson College in Environmental Science with a concentration in Sustainable Systems. She is responsible for reviewing various types of plan submittals and presenting these plans to the Washington County Planning Commission. Misty also directs and assists the general public with planning, land use and environmental related questions. She is the creator and editor of the departments Newsletter "Visions and Decisions", maintains the departments website in conjunction with the County's IT department, and works with the GIS section of our department to ensure the accuracy of the Accela and Velocity Hall applications. She has been with our department for 8 years.

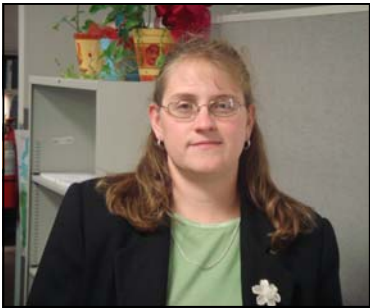


Cody Shaw, a resident of Warfordsburg, PA, is the newest member of our Plans Review Section. He is a graduate of Shippensburg University with a degree in Geoenvironmental Studies and a certification in GIS. Cody currently reviews Preliminary & Final Subdivision plats, Forest Plans, and variances. He joined the staff in September of this year.

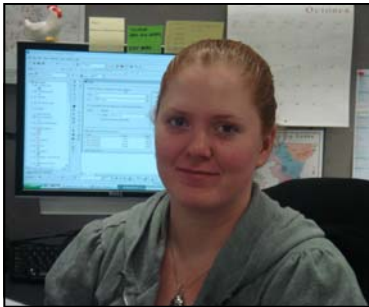
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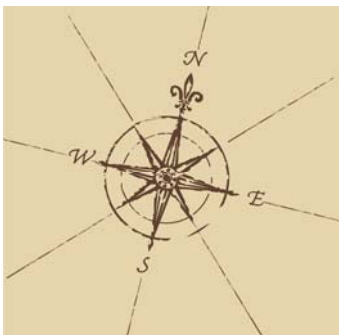
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Jennifer Kinzer is a GIS Analyst with the Washington County Planning Department. She has a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Virginia Tech. Jennifer obtained a Master of Science degree in Geo-Environmental Studies from Shippensburg University. Jennifer has also earned her Certification as a Geographic Information Systems Professional (GISP). She is responsible for the daily operation of the GIS as it pertains to the Planning Department's needs and analyses. Jennifer is also responsible for the administration of the Planning related functions in Accela and Velocity Hall applications. She coordinates the mapping needs for Short-Term and Comprehensive Planning and the Ag Preservation sections of the department and provides supervision to the GIS Technicians. She was been with the Department for 13 years.



Meghan Hammond is a GIS Technician with the Planning Department. She is a senior at Shepherd University in Shepherdstown, WV. She will be completing her Bachelor's of Science degree in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Historic Preservation in December 2008. She was previously interning with the Jefferson County GIS/Addressing Office in Jefferson County, WV. She is a long time resident of the area with her home being in Jefferson County West Virginia on her family farm. She is currently working on updating the planner map and training guides as well as converting previously completed ArcView 3.X projects into viable ArcGIS 9.2 maps.



Mark DeWald is a GIS Technician with the Planning Department. Mark has a Bachelor's degree from Mansfield University in Pennsylvania. His current responsibilities include assigning addresses for all new structures in Washington County and maintaining and updating the GIS database of these addresses for use with the County's E-911 system. Mark also assists with the GIS functions for the Agricultural Preservation and Rural Legacy Programs and provides additional mapping assistance to the Planning Department staff. He has been with the County for 8 years.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS:

- DECEMBER 1, 2008
- JANUARY 5, 2009
- FEBRUARY 2, 2009

All Regular Monthly Planning Commission meetings will be held in the County Administrative Annex conference room located at 80 West Baltimore Street. Meetings begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

REZONING HEARINGS:

- MARCH 16, 2009 -filing deadline for this meeting: JANUARY 12, 2009

Rezoning Public Meetings will be held at the Washington County Court House in Court Room #1, 95 West Washington Street. Please use the entrance located on Summit Avenue. Meetings will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION:

- DECEMBER 3, 2008
- JANUARY 7, 2009
- FEBRUARY 4, 2009

The Historic District Commission meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Administrative Annex Conference Room 1A.

URBAN GROWTH AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

- NOVEMBER 20, 2008
- DECEMBER 4, 2008
- DECEMBER 18, 2008

The meetings are conducted at the County Administrative Annex building located at 80 West Baltimore Street, in conference room 1 A: Meetings will begin promptly at 9:00AM

CONSULTANT OUTREACH MEETINGS:

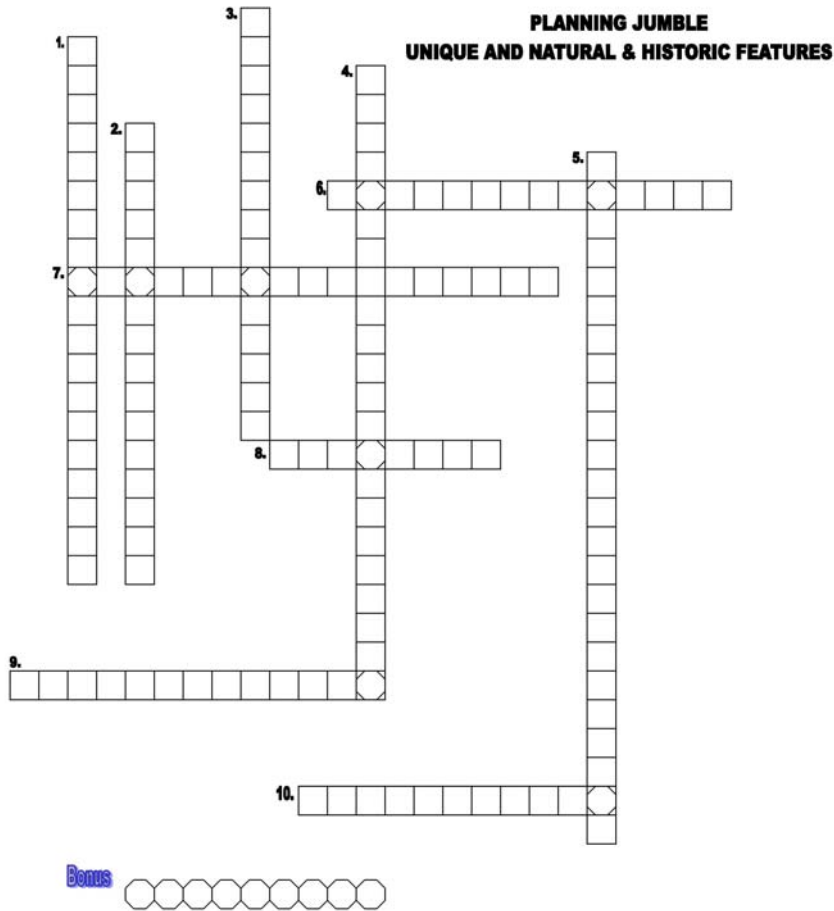
- JANUARY 16, 2009

Outreach meetings will be held in the County Administrative Annex conference room located at 80 West Baltimore Street. Meetings begin promptly at 9:00am.

*Consultants attendance is crucial for the continuance of these meetings

PLANNING JUMBLE

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 PRINT THIS PAGE AND GIVE OUR JUMBLE A TRY
 ANSWERS WILL BE IN THE WINTER 2009 ISSUE.



- Down
1. Site of the bloodiest day during the Civil War
 2. Runs from Maine to Georgia
 3. This area offers a scenic view of the Potomac River and Harpers Ferry, WV from the Appalachian Trail
 4. Site of the highest elevation along the Appalachian Trail in Maryland
 5. Site of Civil War events along the Washington and Frederick County border
- Across:
6. The only commercial cavern open to the public in Maryland
 7. Site of discharge for the largest source of groundwater in Maryland
 8. National Park that runs from Cumberland, Maryland to Washington, DC.
 9. Site of Maryland's frontier defense during the French & Indian War
 10. One of the best rock exposures in Maryland.
- BONUS: Name of one of the County's Golf Courses

SUMMER EDITION ANSWERS

