

This annual report is required under the City-County Planning Board's established procedures, and covers the July 1, 2015--June 30, 2016 fiscal year.

Established under special enabling legislation that authorized the City-County Planning Board (CCPB) in 1947, the board is the longest standing joint planning operation between a city and county in North Carolina. The board is comprised of nine citizens appointed jointly by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners and the Winston-Salem City Council. The Planning Board generally meets twice each month and more often, as the need arises.

In June 2015, the Planning Board adopted the 2015-16 work program to guide Planning staff activities for the fiscal year. Primary planning efforts for the year were *Legacy 2030* recommended initiatives, and completion and/or initiation of four

area plan updates. The Planning Board and staff also perform other planning duties as requested by the City of Winston-Salem, Forsyth County and the smaller municipalities of Forsyth County.

During 2015-16, the Planning staff (administratively, the Planning Division of City-County Planning & Development Services) consisted of nineteen professional planner positions, assisted by two administrative support positions and a graphics coordinator.

This report describes the work of the Planning Board and its staff during the 2015-16 fiscal year, grouped under the following general categories: *Legacy 2030* Implementation; Area Plans; Public Education Information and Outreach; Downtown, Economic and Community Development; Historic Preservation; Community Appearance; Other Specialized Planning Efforts; Text Amendments; Development

Review Activities; and Administrative Matters.

2015-2016 Planning Highlights

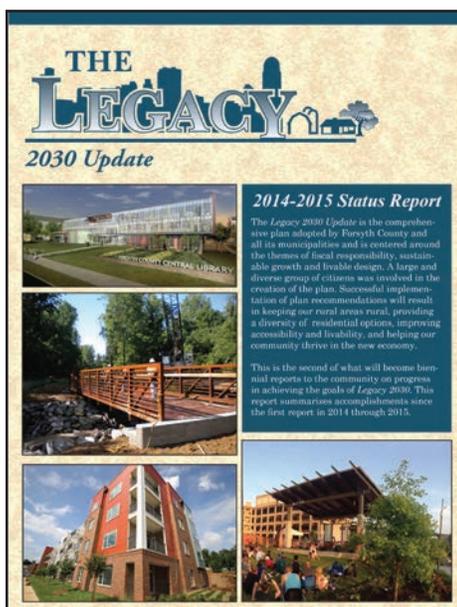
Area plan updates completed or underway

- East-Northeast Winston-Salem
- Southeast Suburban
- Southwest Winston-Salem
- Rural Hall

Legacy 2030 Recommended Initiatives

- Legacy-related Text Amendments
- Urban Food Access Report
- Context Sensitive Multifamily Design Techniques (visual report)

2016 Community Appearance Awards



LEGACY 2030 IMPLEMENTATION

General

The *Legacy 2030 Update* was adopted by and became the official comprehensive plan for Forsyth County and all its municipalities in 2012-13. The *Legacy 2030* document is available in a printed version and a digital version (www.Legacy2030.com).

The City-County Planning Board and staff are now focused on implementing the *Legacy 2030* plan. The following are highlights of *Legacy 2030* implementation efforts during the 2015-16 fiscal year.

Legacy Status Report

A report to the community on progress in achieving the goals of the *Legacy 2030 Update* was adopted by the Planning Board in February. The report highlights

accomplishments in implementing *Legacy* recommendations since the first status report was published in 2014.

Land Use Regulations and Business Growth

Staff presented a report to the Planning Board in March assessing whether some of our local development regulations or processes may be detrimental to local business growth. The report recommended several initiatives be undertaken in future years to improve and simplify our regulatory environment. Recommendations to be implemented in 2016-17 include a "local development 101" class in conjunction with the City Community and Business Development Department, website improvements and research on a potential Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) update.



Development Opportunity Maps

Planning staff in 2014 prepared a set of map books showing land readily suitable for development, based on criteria related to minimum lot size, appropriate zoning, and a low building-to-land value ratio. Three map books were completed, one each for commercial, industrial, and multifamily development. A second edition of the development opportunity map books was completed in 2015-16. In addition to sites identified in the first edition, this updated study adds parcels recommended for a particular land use in an adopted area plan but which need rezoning for the recommended development to occur. The books were published in February and are available in hard copy and on-line the Planning Division’s website.

Bufferyards Report

In March, staff presented a report to the Planning Board on bufferyard standards to address the *Legacy* action item of determining if opportunities exist for blending of land uses (rather than buffering) in certain situations. The report recommends the Planning Board consider a text amendment revising current UDO bufferyard standards to: provide clearer distinctions between bufferyard types; reduce bufferyard requirements for some uses; provide low intensity uses an alternative compliance option; and include better graphics in the ordinance. As directed by the Planning Board, staff will draft the text amendment in the upcoming fiscal year.

Report on New Uses

Interest in breweries, distilleries and event centers has grown significantly across the state in recent years. The proper placement of these business is very important given their potential impact on the surrounding land uses, but the UDO currently lacks specific use classifications or regulations for these uses. Staff presented a report to the Planning Board in April outlining how peer cities are currently regulating these uses and providing recommendations for

local regulation of these uses. As directed by the Planning Board, staff will prepare a text amendment for these uses to be considered during the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Context Sensitive Multifamily Design Techniques

Planning staff prepared a visual report following the objectives of *Legacy 2030* for promoting well-designed multifamily developments. The report includes illustrations and photographs highlighting good design practices for building placement, site design, and building design. The report will assist designers and developers in improving the relationship multifamily projects have with nearby single-family neighborhoods and help projects relate better to the street they are located on. The report was presented to the Planning Board in May and is available in hard copy and on-line.



The “Sharing Economy”

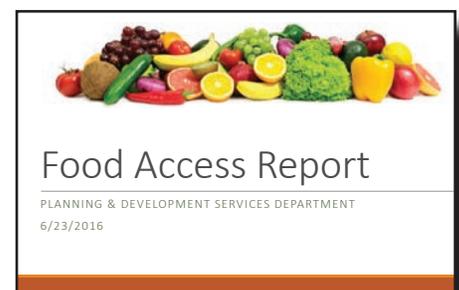
In June, staff presented a report to the Planning Board on four areas of the “sharing economy”, assessing how they are operating in Forsyth County and how (and if) they should be regulated as part of the UDO. The report examined ride sharing, as exemplified by Uber; car sharing, as exemplified by ZipCar; bike sharing systems; and short-term housing rentals, as exemplified by AirBnB. No new regulations were recommended for any of these areas, but staff did recommend tracking the number and general locations of short-term rentals and reporting back to the Planning Board in the future.

Future Growth Area Conversion Indicators

Legacy 2030 recommends finding development indicators to determine the need to convert areas identified as Future Growth Areas in *Legacy’s* Growth Management Plan to Suburban Areas. In June, staff presented a report to the Planning Board identifying four indicators: existing population density; public sewer accessibility; existing subdivision patterns; and municipal incorporation status. An assessment of the six Future Growth Areas demonstrated that none are currently ready for conversion to Suburban Areas. More importantly, an ample long-term supply of developable land currently exists in the Suburban Areas, and recent development trends are shifting away from suburban expansion in favor of infill development. The Planning Board directed staff to reassess the areas every three years.

Urban Food Access Report

In June, Planning staff presented a report on urban food access in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County to the Planning Board. The report details progress made on food access recommendations in *Legacy*, analyzes current trends, and summarizes successful national, regional, and local programs that encourage a more equitable food environment. While many factors affect food access, the report focuses on specific planning and land use-related regulations and policies that support, impede or impact local food access and includes recommendations to assist in mitigating food access issues. Implementation will begin in 2016-17.



Public Art Commission

Following adoption of the *Public Art Plan* by the City Council and Board of County Commissioners in early 2015, Planning staff presented the plan to each of Forsyth County’s towns for their consideration. After Clemmons, Lewisville, Tobaccoville, Rural Hall, and Kernersville adopted the plan, staff created an interlocal agree-

ment that was adopted by Winston-Salem and Forsyth County to establish how the Public Art Commission is appointed, staffed, and funded. The new commission was appointed in the spring and had its first meeting in June. The commission will begin developing its work program in fall 2016.

Legacy-Related UDO Amendments

Legacy 2030 includes many parking-related recommendations. Planning and Inspections staff collaborated to draft a text amendment (UDO-261) based on the recommendations of *Legacy* and a comprehensive parking study staff presented to the Planning Board in a previous fiscal year. The most significant changes were requiring minimum bicycle parking in urban and suburban areas; requiring cross-access drives and private pedestrian walkways for commercial and multifamily developments along thoroughfare and collector streets; and requiring supplemental interior parking lot landscaping for parking lots that exceed 175 percent of minimum requirements. The amendment was recommended for adoption by the Planning Board in July and adopted by City Council and Board of County Commissioners in the fall of 2015.

UDO-262, modified the lightly used Neighborhood Business (NB) District to better implement the Low-Intensity Commercial land use discussed in area plans. The text amendment was recommended for approval by the Planning Board during the prior fiscal year and was adopted by City Council and Board of County Commissioners in the fall of 2015.

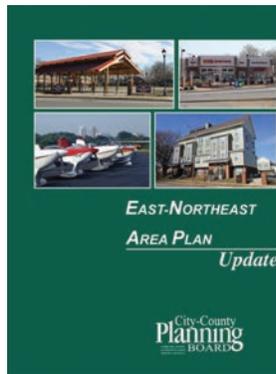
A text amendment revising accessory dwelling regulations (UDO-267) was discussed at length during 2015-16. Revisions to existing provisions started in response to the City Attorney’s concerns regarding current case law and the enforceability of kinship provisions in the current ordinance. Staff developed potential revisions based on *Legacy* recommendations that included design, size and placement restrictions to lessen the impact of accessory dwelling units on single-family neighborhoods. The Planning Board discussed the text amendment extensively over several months, and in March, sent the amendment to City Council. The ordinance is currently under discussion by the City Council.

AREA PLANS

Area Plan Updates

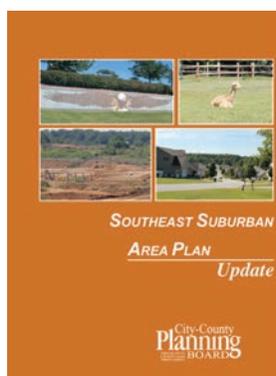
Area plans apply *Legacy 2030* recommendations at the community and neighborhood level. Following adoption of *Legacy 2030*, the area plan process was revised to make it shorter and more streamlined, while providing opportunities for citizen participation. In 2015-16, two area plan updates were adopted and two additional plans were developed and recommended to the elected bodies by the Planning Board. Since the adoption of *Legacy 2030*, a total of eleven area plan updates (including an updated *Downtown Plan*) have been adopted.

East-Northeast Area Plan



The *East-Northeast Winston-Salem Area Plan Update* was started in the previous fiscal year. The area (general plan area is south of Akron Drive, east of US 52, north of Business 40, and west of US 158) has not experienced many changes since the original plan was adopted in 2008. Renewed interest by non-profit and for-profit developers is expected to bring new development activity to the plan area. The plan update was recommended by the Planning Board in August and adopted by the City Council in November 2015.

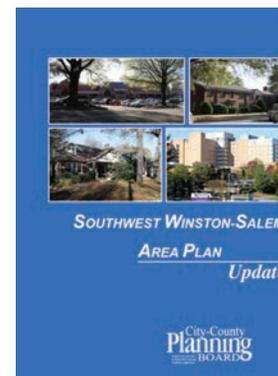
Southeast Suburban Area Plan



The *Southeast Suburban Area Plan Update* includes land area in both the Winston-Salem and Forsyth County jurisdictions. The planning area (generally bounded on north the Business 40, on the east by the Town of Kernersville, on the south by Thomasville Road, and on the west by the *Southeast Winston-Salem Area Plan*

boundary) is anticipated to experience continued growth and change due to the recent completion of the Union Cross Road widening project and the area’s continued popularity for residential area development. Plan recommendations have been crafted to preserve the current character of the planning area, while directing new growth to designated activity centers and growth corridors. The plan was recommended by the Planning Board in February and was adopted by City Council in April and the Board of County Commissioners in May 2016.

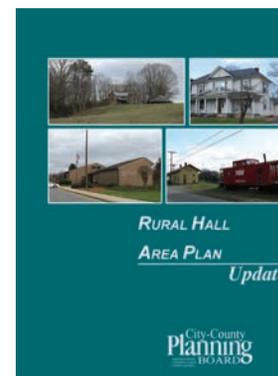
Southwest Winston-Salem Area Plan



Work on the *Southwest Winston-Salem Area Plan Update* began in 2015. The planning area (bounded on the north by Business 40, on the east by Peters Creek Parkway,

and on the south and west by Silas Creek Parkway) has seen some new commercial redevelopment but has been very stable overall since the original plan was adopted in 2009. In addition to standard land use, transportation, and historic resource planning, staff worked with the community on detailed planning and design for several commercial and mixed-use areas as a part of the plan development process. The Planning Board recommended the plan for adoption in May. City Council adoption is anticipated in August 2016, following a public hearing.

Rural Hall Area Plan



The *Rural Hall Area Plan Update* began in early 2016 and had strong citizen support throughout the planning process. The planning area is generally bounded on the north by

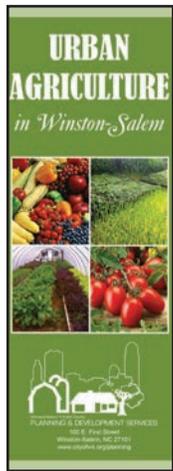
the Forsyth County line, on the east by Germanton Road, on the south by the

Eastern Section of the Northern Beltway, and on the west by US 52 and the Village of Tobaccoville. While the area experienced limited growth since the original plan was adopted in 2011, proposed transportation improvements (including a new interchange at Bethania-Rural Hall Road and US 52) present opportunities for growth. Planning staff worked with the community on recommendations for land use, historic preservation and community facilities, as well as design concepts for existing activity centers. The plan was recommended by the Planning Board and endorsed by the Rural Hall Town Council in June. The Board of County Commissioners will consider the plan in August 2016.

PUBLIC EDUCATION, INFORMATION and OUTREACH

Urban Agriculture

Community Education



As part of the prior year work program, an Urban Agriculture Ordinance was prepared and adopted by the Winston-Salem City Council. During 2015-16, staff worked with the Forsyth Community Food Consortium and the urban agriculture community on outreach materials explaining the recently adopted regulations. Staff prepared an Urban Agriculture Toolkit

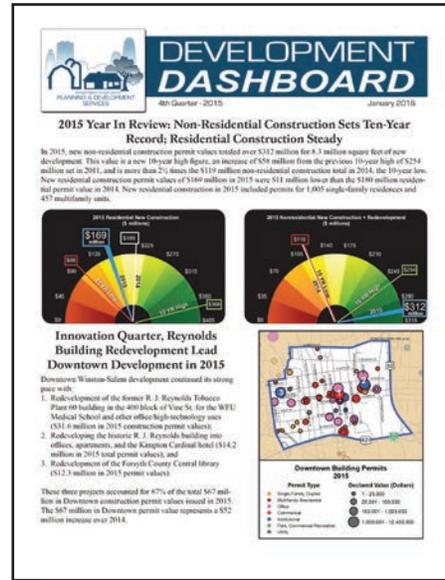
handout as well as a new page on the Planning website devoted to explaining urban agriculture regulations.

Forsyth County Century Farms

Historic Resources staff continues to move forward with addressing action items in *Legacy 2030* to promote and preserve rural historic resources. In 2015-16, staff created an educational brochure on Forsyth County's Century Farms. The brochure brings awareness of the statewide Century Farms Program, a recognition initiative



of the NC Department of Agriculture that honors farms continuously owned by a family for 100 or more years. The brochure includes historical summaries, a map and photos highlighting some of the 15 farms in Forsyth County honored as Century Farms.



Development Dashboard

The Development Dashboard was introduced in January 2015 to provide building permit information for Winston-Salem and Forsyth County in an easy-to-read format. The dashboard is a one-page (front and back) quarterly report summarizing building permit data for the quarter or the year and comparing values to past years. In addition, a geographic area, such as Downtown Winston-Salem, or a type of land use, such as single-family residential, is highlighted each quarter. Development information is also mapped to show where new activity is occurring. In 2015-16, staff produced four reports, including a 2015 calendar year summary.

Multifamily Roadshow

To efficiently accommodate growth and create livable communities, *Legacy 2030* recommends well-designed, higher density developments. In 2015, staff created a new version of a previously completed multifamily slide show aimed at real estate and development professionals. Staff made presentations to groups in the community interested in multifamily development (including the local chapter of the American Association of Architects and the Homebuilders/Realtors) and made the presentation available for viewing on the Planning website.



Community Appearance Educational Series

The Community Appearance Commission (CAC) continued their educational series during 2015-2016, sponsoring three educational seminars: Hardscapes in the Landscape, Fall Lawn Maintenance, and Fall Container Gardening. The seminars are made available through community partnerships: two were held at the Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden and two were facilitated by New Garden Landscaping & Nursery.



Historic Preservation Month

The Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission (HRC) continued their practice of celebrating May as Historic Preservation Month. The HRC kicked-off the month with tours of the William Allen Blair House and Hylehurst, two of Winston-Salem's Local Historic Landmarks. These two grand homes are

impressive reminders of the high-style residences of prominent industrialists and community leaders that once lined Cherry Street at the turn of the twentieth century. The HRC also held two marker unveilings during the month: Five Row at Reynolda and East Winston Library. Both events had impressive turnouts to celebrate the African-American community in different part of the city.

Other programs during the month included Old Salem Museums and Gardens Wednesday's Lunch and Learn program, New Winston Museum's Salon Series including a panel discussion on the restoration of Union Station, and family day events at the Rural Hall depot, another Local Historic Landmark.

Planning Newsletter

The Planning Division's bi-monthly newsletter continues to inform a wide variety of stakeholders in the community of planning activities. The newsletter is available in the Planning office, distributed via email to elected and appointed official and interested citizens and posted on the Planning website.

Area Plan Website Enhancement

Staff made changes to the area plan section of the Planning Division's website to make it more user friendly and enhance the readability of maps. A moderated commenting system was created to allow citizens to provide direct feedback on active area plans.

DOWNTOWN, ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Downtown Plan Implementation

Planning staff continues to collaborate with the Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership (DWSP) and serve on subcommittees to help implement recommendations of the *Downtown Plan*.

2015 Downtown Investment Report

Staff researched new construction and redevelopment values for Downtown Winston-Salem from 2000 to 2015 and determined total investment (including residential, public and institutional, health and technology, retail, office, arts and entertainment, mixed uses and infrastructure) in Downtown since 2000 exceeds \$1.33 billion. The investment report was

presented at the DWSP's annual meeting in February 2016.

Downtown Streetscape Report

In May, staff presented an analysis of the current conditions of the Downtown streetscape along with recommendations for future improvements to the Planning Board. Staff determined that the current streetscape presents a disjointed appearance given the number of different styles and materials used for lighting, sidewalk materials, vegetation, street furniture, and signage. Staff recommended that a comprehensive streetscape master plan for the Downtown be completed by a design professional. The Planning Board concurred and staff presented the findings and recommendations to the City Council Public Works Committee in June 2016. Funding for a Downtown streetscape plan will be sought as part of the 2017-18 budget.



Waughtown Strategic Plan

A plan for the Waughtown neighborhood was completed by the S.G. Atkins Community Development Corporation in partnership with Winston-Salem State University and the Piedmont Triad Regional, with funding from the City of Winston-Salem. The effort identified community-supported, tangible actions to improve and revitalize the Waughtown community. Planning staff members assisted in the effort as members of the core team.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Certificates of Appropriateness

The Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission (HRC) reviewed 116 Certificate of Appropriateness applications from the H Districts (Old Salem and Bethaba-

ra), the HO District (West End), and the Local Historic Landmark properties during 2015-16.



Historic Markers

Five historic markers were installed as part of the City and County's Historic Marker Programs during 2015-2016. Marker unveiling ceremonies were held in fall 2015 for the Easton and Reynoldstown neighborhoods and for the Pffaftown community. In May 2016, marker unveiling ceremonies were held for Five Row at Reynolda and the East Winston Library.

Local Historic Landmark Designations

During 2015-2016, two properties were designated as Forsyth County Local Historic Landmarks: the Philip and Johanna Hoehns (Hanes) House, the first Local Historic Landmark designated in Clemmons; and, the Thurmond and Lucy Hanes Chatham House on Stratford Road.



National Register Listing

One property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places during 2015-2016: Memorial Industrial School, the former county African American orphanage. The property is owned by Forsyth County and research is being done on potential future uses for the buildings.

Architectural Survey Publications

Winston-Salem's Architectural Heritage, a narrative and photographic overview of Winston-Salem's architectural development from the eighteenth century to the present, was released to the public in 2015. During 2015-16, the book's author, Heather Fearnbach, continued her speaking tour, giving unique lectures about each section of Winston-Salem. Assisted by Historic Resources staff, she spoke at over 20 locations. Ms. Fearnbach and the publication received several awards and recognitions during the year. Historic Resources staff continues to discuss potential funding of a companion publication focusing on the architectural resources of Forsyth County and its small towns with Forsyth County staff.

City Bond Project Historic Consultations

During 2015-16, Historic Resources staff assisted with projects being funded with 2014 City bonds. Renovation work on the former Union Station, a Local Historic Landmark, requires approval from the HRC. Historic Resources staff is working closely with other City staff and the project's architectural firm to retain original materials in the landmark building. Staff also worked on bond projects in historic districts such as the Old Salem Infrastructure Project and the Hanes Park Master Plan, and helped to research and document the history of some of the City's parks.

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE



Roots Day

The Community Appearance Commission (CAC), the Winston-Salem Vegetation Management Department, and Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful held Community Roots Day along the newly completed Clemmonsville Road corridor between Peters Creek Parkway and Main Street in October, 2015. This marked the 23rd anniversary of the event that began in 1993 in the Boston-Thurmond neighbor-

hood. Volunteers planted approximately 250 trees along the corridor during the event. Shrubs and grasses were planted in the three traffic circles. Since the inaugural event, over 7,750 trees have been planted in neighborhoods throughout the City of Winston-Salem.

Public Project Review

During the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the Technical Advisory and Project Review (TAPR) Committee of the CAC was busy reviewing a number high profile public projects including renovations to the Benton Convention Center, the three new district police stations, and plans for the new Jamison and Quarry parks. In total, the TAPR reviewed thirteen publicly funded projects over the fiscal--a 160% increase in projects reviewed compared to fiscal year 2014-2015. The increase in reviews was due to the recent City bond package that was approved by voters in 2014.



Community Appearance Awards

The CAC held the 2016 Community Appearance Awards at the Old Salem Museums & Gardens Visitor Center in June with thirteen area businesses, individuals, and community groups being recognized for their work. The CAC sponsors a biennial awards program to honor the efforts of those who have had a positive impact on the appearance of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. The event marked the 15th in a series of awards programs initiated in 1990. The keynote speaker for the event was Dr. Katherine Loflin, known as the City Doctor, an internationally-recognized, award-winning speaker and consultant on placemaking.

OTHER SPECIALIZED PLANNING EFFORTS

Farmland Protection Plan

Staff participated in a collaborative effort with Forsyth County staff to draft the *For-*

syth County Farmland Protection Plan, funded through a grant by the NC Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund. The purpose of the plan is to document agricultural activity and trends, research changing demographic and economic factors, identify challenges and opportunities, highlight farmland preservation and economic development tools, and present recommendations. Planning staff served on the leadership committee and provided materials and data for the document. The draft plan was presented to and endorsed by the Planning Board in June 2016.

Transportation Planning

Based on an arrangement that has been in place for many years, Planning staff provides assistance and support to the transportation planning efforts of the Winston-Salem Department of Transportation (WSDOT). Together, they provide staffing for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). During 2015-16, Planning staff continued to provide administrative support to the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of the MPO, assist with transportation planning efforts, and serve on various transportation-related committees.

In September, the Planning Board endorsed the vision and objectives of the MPO's 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the multimodal plan for transportation investment in the Winston-Salem area. The MTP was adopted by the TAC in September 2015.

Environmental Review

Planning staff is responsible for making sure that the City and County comply with the National Environmental Policy Act when using federal funds for projects undertaken by the City's Community and Business Development Department and the County's Housing Department. In 2015-16, Planning staff completed reviews of more than 100 individual housing rehab projects. Of those projects, approximately 60 were also reviewed by the Planning's historic resources staff as part of the National Historic Preservation Act.



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TEXT AMENDMENTS

In 2015-16, Planning staff processed eight Unified Development Ordinances (UDO) text amendments. *Legacy*-related text amendments (parking standards, low-intensity commercial zoning district and accessory dwellings) are discussed in the *Legacy 2030* Implementation section of this annual report. Other significant text amendments in 2015-6 were:

Permitted Use Table Revisions

The goal of UDO-263 was to conduct a comprehensive review of the Permitted Use Table to remove incompatible land uses from zoning districts. The Institutional and Public (IP) district saw the greatest amount of change. Some uses were removed from the district and several others had their approval processes changed. The Planning Board recommended UDO-263 in July 2015 and the City Council and Board of County Commissioners approved the text amendment in subsequent months.

Planting List Revisions

Revision of the list of approved landscape planting materials to include more bird-friendly and native species and to remove certain invasive species was proposed by a City Council committee and members of the Audubon Society. The Planning Board recommended approval of UDO-266 in September and the amendment was adopted by City Council and the Board of County Commissioners later in 2015.

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW ACTIVITIES

The table below summarizes development review activities processed and coordinated by the Planning staff for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 fiscal years.

	2014-15	2015-16
Preliminary subdivision plans approved	3	8
Final plats approved	87	84
Site plans approved through Planning Board Review	8	4
Minor subdivisions approved	69	82
Zoning Caseload		
General Use rezoning requests	7	12
Special Use Limited rezoning requests	21	12
Special Use rezoning requests	15	13
Special Use Permits	2	2
Final Development Plans	10	6
Site Plan Amendments	1	3
Total Zoning Cases	56	48
Staff approved minor site plan changes to approved special use district site plans	3	5
UDO Text amendments processed	13	8

The development caseload numbers for 2015-16 are generally comparable with those of 2014-15. While the overall zoning caseload was slightly down from the previous year's total, it is encouraging to see an increase in the number of major and minor subdivisions approved. This increase likely correlates to the continuing resurgence of the housing market and will hopefully extend into the 2016-17 fiscal year.

A significant rezoning case during 2015-16 was the rezoning of approximately 16 acres in the Holly Avenue neighborhood from Limited Office (LO) and Pedestrian Business (PB) to Residential Single Family Quadraplex (RSQ). The property had been zoned to allow nonresidential uses in the 1960s, but most structures are still used for residential purposes. The rezoning request was initiated by a City Council committee in response to concerns that the residential

character of the area could be lost by the encroachment of incompatible business uses allowed under the LO and PB zoning. The Planning Board recommended approval in January and the City Council approved the rezoning in February 2016.

The development review activity summarized above is an indicator of future development. However, the best indicator of current activity is building permits. During 2015-16, the Inspections Division issued building permits tallying almost \$537 million in construction value, a 10% increase over the prior fiscal year and almost 47% more than 2013-14. Residential construction value has risen only slightly over the past two years. Most of the increase was due to nonresidential construction value which increased over 20% from 2014-15 and has more than doubled since 2013-14.

City-County Building Permits

	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16	
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
Residential	2490	\$235,909,305	2749	\$248,833,791	2609	\$248,154,276
Nonresidential	1231	\$129,932,840	1287	\$238,212,659	1200	\$288,830,948
Total	3721	\$365,842,145	4036	\$487,046,450	3809	\$536,985,224

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Staffing and Budget

In 2013, the City-County Planning Department and the City-County Inspections Division were merged into one department, City-County Planning & Development Services. During 2015-16, the Planning and Inspections divisions continued to work to merge their operations to better serve the community.

Effective July 1, 2015, the address coordinator position was moved to MapForsyth (a joint City-County function administered by Forsyth County), reducing the number of Planning staff positions to twenty-two. The office of the address coordinator physically moved to shared space in the Inspections Division on the 3rd floor of the Stuart Municipal Building.

For the upcoming 2016-17 fiscal year, the City and County allocated \$2,510,720 to the City-County Planning Division, a 1.5% increase from the 2015-16 allocation of \$ 2,472,377. The 2016-17 budget reflects an increase in personnel costs and a continued decrease in building rent, due to a change in the way in which rent is charged to departments.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2016-2017

In July 2016, the Planning Board adopted a new work program to guide the work of the Planning staff in the upcoming fiscal year. The major emphasis of the 2016-17 work program is the continued implementation of *Legacy 2030*, including UDO text amendments, three area plan updates, visual reports on institutional use compatibility and on commercial development/redevelopment design techniques, and reports with recommendations on various

topics, including age-friendly communities, revitalization of slow-growth areas, and performance standards for high-intensity uses.

With the *Legacy 2030* comprehensive plan as our guide, the Planning Board and staff look forward to the challenges and opportunities during 2016-17 and in providing what its mission statement calls for: “**visionary leadership in compre-**

hensive, creative planning for our urban and rural community, and responsible stewardship of the natural environment.” Through its many hours of work and careful deliberation on the various issues before it, the Board continues to demonstrate that it “**values a beautiful, livable, harmonious, and economically successful community.”**



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