

# City-County PLANNING NEWS

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## Roots Day 2013 in Castle Heights Neighborhood



On a cold October morning, the Community Appearance Commission of Winston-Salem & Forsyth County, the Winston-Salem Vegetation Management Department, and Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful held Community Roots Day in the

Castle Heights neighborhood. This year marked the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the event that began in 1993 with volunteers planting approximately 85 trees in the Boston-Thurmond neighborhood.

Over 400 volunteers planted more than 450 trees during this year's event. Seven different varieties of trees were planted including Sourwood, American Hornbeam, Okame Cherry, "Hearts of Gold" Redbud, "Stellar Pink" Dogwood, and "Robin Hill" Serviceberry. Since the inaugural event, over 7,000 trees have been planted throughout the City of Winston-Salem in neighborhoods such as Easton, East Winston, Hanes Lowrance, Hanes Hosiery, Sunnyside, Maple Street, Happy Hill, Kimberley Park, and West Salem.

Winston-Salem Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke and City Council Members Denise Adams, Dan Besse, and Derwin Montgomery welcomed the crowd of volunteers during the opening ceremony. Winston-Salem City Manager Lee Garrity and Planning Board member Paul Mullican were also in attendance at the event. Reverend Buford of the Solid Rock Baptist Church provided the invocation.

Volunteers were treated to coffee, donuts, and fruit in the morning and a hotdog lunch in the afternoon. Hats and t-shirts were also presented to the volunteers. The event is made possible through grant funds and donations.



Roots Day volunteers met at Solid Rock Baptist Church on Carver School Road.

## Planning Department Continues to Update Area Plans



Walkertown residents attend the kickoff meeting to update the plan for the town and surrounding area.

Planning staff has finished work on two area plan updates and started work on two more. The Southeast Winston-Salem and Southeast Forsyth Area Plan updates

have been endorsed by the City-County Planning Board and adopted by the City and County. Staff is now updating plans for the Walkertown and North Suburban areas.

The *Walkertown Area Plan Update* is in the middle of development. A kickoff meeting was held in September to gather comments from citizens regarding the area's future. Land use recommendations were presented at a public meeting on October 29 and will be refined based on further comments at public meetings to be held in November and December.

The public participation phase of the *North Suburban Area Plan Update* will start with a kickoff meeting scheduled for November 7 from 6-8:00 p.m. at Speas Elementary, 2000 Polo Road, Winston-Salem. Citizens who live or work in the area are invited to share their ideas on the future of this area. Additional public meetings are anticipated in December, January, and February.

## Planning and Development Services Statistics

Construction value up \$50 million in 1st quarter 2013-14 over 1st quarter 2012-13, a 65% increase.

|   | FY '12-13<br>1st Quarter | FY '13-14<br>1st Quarter | Change '12-13 to '13-14 |         |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
|   |                          |                          | Value                   | Percent |
| Construction Value                      | \$79,107,470             | \$130,275,742            | \$51,168,272            | 65%     |
| Construction Permits Issued             | 4,820                    | 5,575                    | 755                     | 16%     |
| Building Inspections Conducted          | 13,299                   | 14,311                   | 1012                    | 8%      |
| Zoning Cases and Planning Board Reviews | 20                       | 19                       | (1)                     | (5%)    |

## Historic Markers Unveiled



Wiley School Marker Unveiling

On September 25, the Historic Resources Commission held an unveiling ceremony for one of 2013's City of Winston-Salem historic markers - recognizing Calvin H. Wiley School. The unveiling marked the 88<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school, which opened its doors on September 25, 1925. Wiley was named for Calvin Henderson Wiley (1819-1887) who was a noted lawyer, author, legislator, minister, and champion of public education. He became North Carolina's first Superintendent of Common Schools in 1853 and remained in that position until 1865. In 1869, he moved to Winston and was instrumental in developing the local public school system. Wiley served as the chairman of Winston's first school board from 1883 to 1887. Architecturally, the school was designed by Charles Barton Keen, architect of Reynolda House and nearby R.J. Reynolds High School and Memorial Auditorium.

Additionally, the Commission unveiled Forsyth County's first historic marker on October 20. This marker recognized Memorial Industrial School, which began as the Colored Baptist Orphanage Home for African-American children. Originally, the orphanage was located in the Belview neighborhood of Winston-Salem's Southside area

(the Belview orphanage site received a historic marker in 2005). In 1928, it moved eight miles north of the city's downtown. The architectural firm of Northrup and O'Brien designed the overall site layout and the administration building, dormitories, and power plant. Contributions from The Duke Endowment and local philanthropists, including the Reynolds and Gray families, subsidized construction and operation of the campus. The curriculum included academic, agricultural, and domestic training. Memorial Industrial School closed in 1971 after operating for 48 years as one of only two black orphanages in North Carolina and the only such institution to serve a single county.



Memorial Industrial School Marker Unveiling

## State Planning Conference Gives City a Chance to Show Off



City-County Planning received the 2013 Outstanding Planning Award for the Legacy 2030 Comprehensive Plan.

The North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association held its annual conference in Winston-Salem this year, capitalizing on the city's centennial celebration and showing off the growth and development of downtown

since the last time the conference was held here ten years ago. The City-County Planning Department led a host committee of local planners from Winston-Salem and around the Piedmont Triad, helping to organize volunteers and plan the opening reception and mobile workshops. The conference attracted nearly 500 attendees. The Planning Department was also honored with an award this year, receiving the 2013 North Carolina Marvin Collins Outstanding Planning Award in the Comprehensive Planning – Multijurisdictional category for their work on the *Legacy 2030 Comprehensive Plan*.

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