

**CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON THE
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**2nd Annual Review
January 31, 2008**

CHARTER

- Mission: “On an annual basis the committee will review the County’s actions of the previous year as they relate to the Goals, Objectives, Strategies and Implementation Actions of the Plan and report its findings to the Planning Commission”

VISION STATEMENT

(June 2005)

In the year 2025, Shenandoah County will be a primarily rural community that:

- Protects its natural resources
- Directs its growth to the towns, ensuring it open agricultural character
- Provides a variety of jobs in business, light industry, tourism and sustainable agriculture

VISION STATEMENT (cont.)

- Maintains moderate growth of a demographically varied population
- Supports safe and efficient interstate transportation and maintains the rural character of its primary and secondary roads
- Affords its students excellent and appropriate education

VISION STATEMENT (cont.)

- Serves its citizens with public facilities and services that enhance their quality of life
- Ensures preservation of its natural beauty and unique, historical character by strictly adhering to the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan

Building Permits Issued for New Residential Dwellings

Year	Public Svc. Areas	Private Septic	Total
2006	308 (61%)	198 (39%)	506
2007	167 (64%)	95 (36%)	262

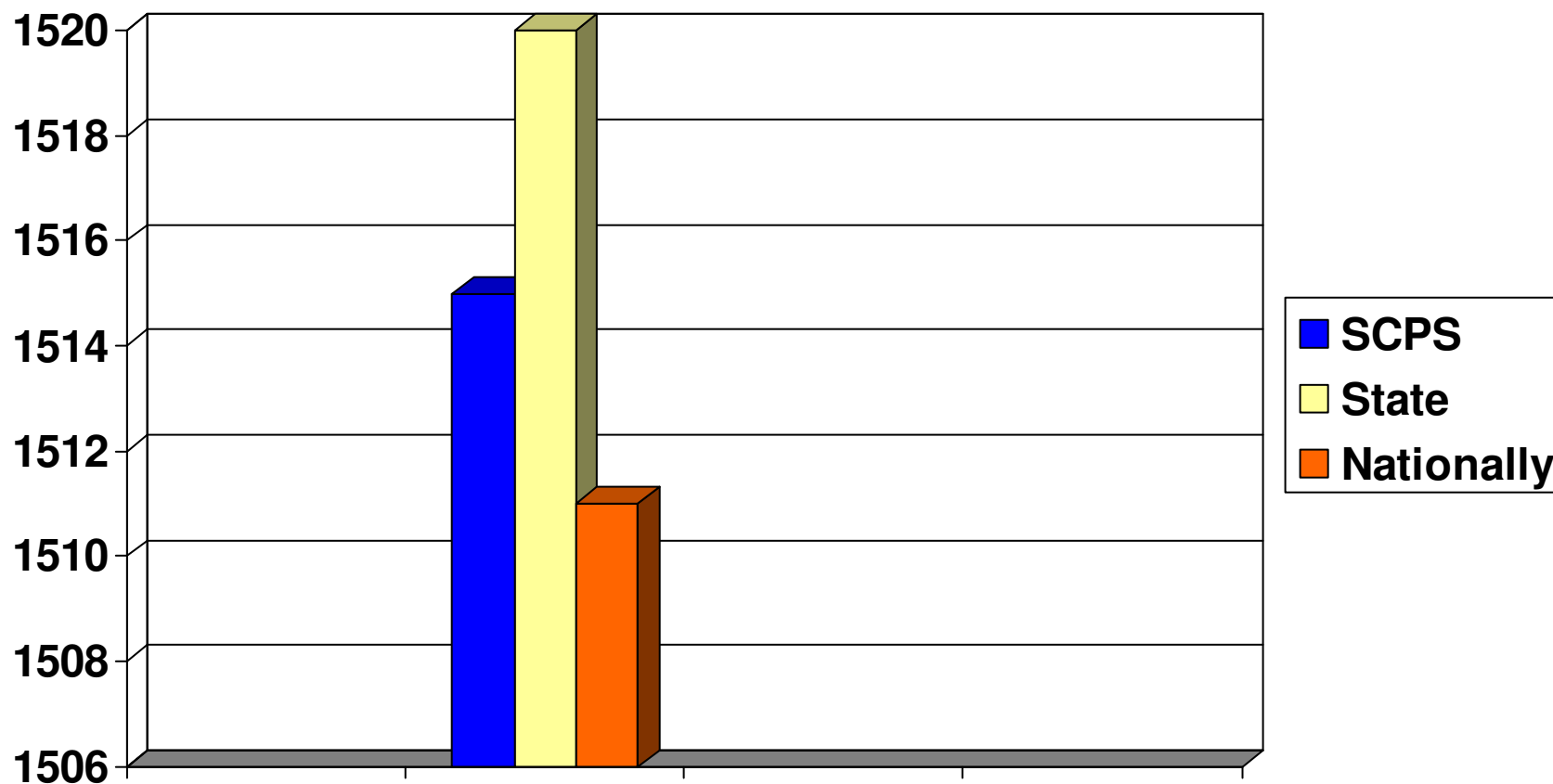
SCHOOL EXPENDITURES

School Year	# Students	\$ Per Student	% Change vs. Prior Yr. \$/Student
2004 – 2005	5869	\$7658	+11.4%
2005 – 2006	6067	\$7844	+2.4%
2006 – 2007	6115	\$8536	+ 8.8%
2007 – 2008	6160	\$8886	+ 4.1%

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- 59% of high school graduates received advanced studies diplomas in June 2007
- 80% of graduates attend institutions of higher education (4-year colleges, 2-year colleges, and technical schools)

Average Composite Scores for 06-07



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- January 23rd, joined Shenandoah Valley Partnership
- October 23rd, approved matching funds for IAC
- North Shenandoah Business Industrial Park
 - Phase I access road, 2 new facilities under roof
- Route 11 Potato Chips – Mt. Jackson
- Shenandoah County Chamber advisory group monthly meeting
- Value of tourism revenue in excess of \$150M

ACTIONS OF PC & BOS

- The CAC Reviewed more than 200 Actions taken by the Board of Supervisors in 2007.
- Actions were generally found to be in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan

Notable Actions

- January 9th, denial of 99 acre boundary line adjustment with New Market
- March 17th deeding Fisher's Hill property to Battlefields Foundation
- April 24th limitation on height of structures
- May 8th continued support of regional water supply plan

Notable Actions (cont.)

- May 21st hosted Dr. Michael Chandler – discussion regarding the role of the Comprehensive Plan
- June 12th approved RFP for architectural services for Alms House
- June 26th approved Open Space Ordinance – limited to Public Service Areas
- August 14th approved engineering study for North Fork Plant

Notable Actions (cont.)

- October 9th approved a letter to VDOT asking to hold off proceeding with Tier II – I-81 proposal
- October 23rd resolution of support for Battlefields Foundation T-21 grant
- November 14th formed task force for Alms House
- November 14th adopted PDR Ordinance

Implementation Chapter items addressed in 2007

- Public hearing held on septic pump-out ordinance, engineering to occur for North Fork Plant
- Open Space Ordinance adopted – limited to Public Svc. Areas
- PDR Ordinance adopted
- Joining Shenandoah Valley Partnership
- OVP Corridor Plan almost finished

CAC Goals for 2008

Participate with Planning Commission and Planning Staff to produce Comprehensive Plan recommendations.

Priority Areas:

- Land Use & Subdivision
- Urban Growth Areas (in cooperation with Towns)
 - Process
 - Plans

CAC Goals for 2008 (cont.)

Priority Areas:

- Growth Timing
- Transportation Plan
- Comp Plan Change Process
- High Level Financial Plan
 - Capital Improvement Program
 - County Services
 - Land Use Taxation Policy

SUMMARY

- The Planning Commission & Board of Supervisors actions in 2007 were overall consistent with the Comprehensive Plan
- Most, but not all of Implementation Actions, have shown meaningful progress and the 2007 PC Report Goals will help complete many of the remaining items.
- Efforts to improve the Comprehensive Plan should continue