

# Board of Commissioners

FEBRUARY 15, 2022

## New Commissioner Appointment

#### Timeline

Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup> – Announcement distributed via press release, posted to Town website and social media Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup> – Application period closes, and applications distributed to Board of Commissioners Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> – Board Members notify Town Clerk by 12 noon of top three applicants to interview Wednesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – Special called Board meeting to interview selected applicants Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> – Board consideration of and vote on Candidates and swearing in of new Commissioners.

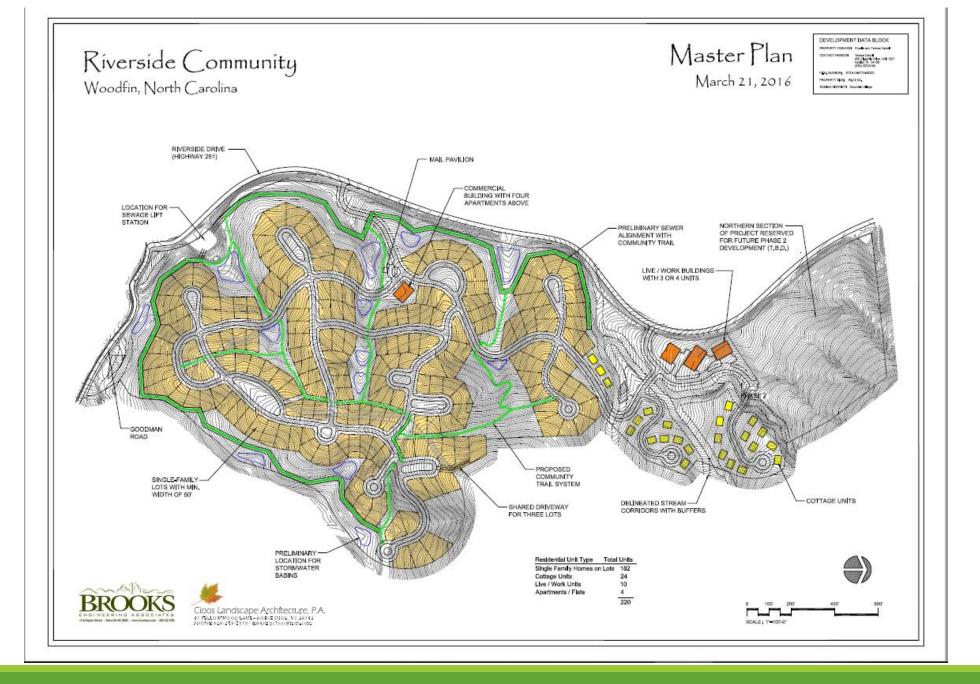
### Welcome New Commissioners!

## **New Business**

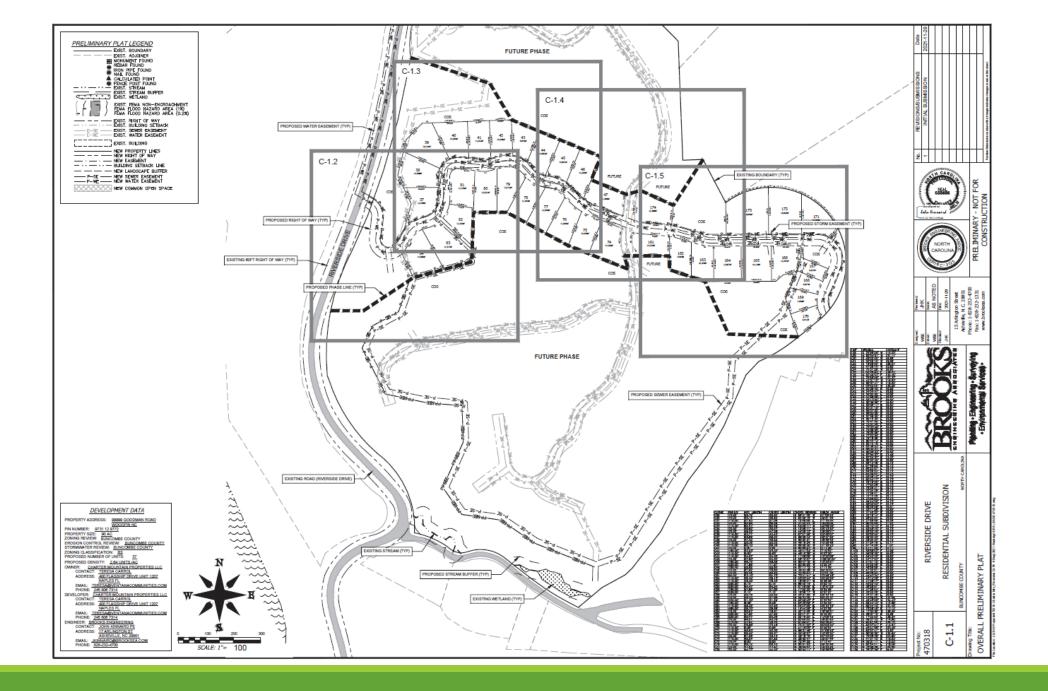
#### ABC Board Monthly Report – Presenter: Tager

## Public Hearing Preliminary Plat 99999 Goodman Road

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## Charter Amendment

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## Council-Mayor to Council-Manager

3 step process, can be accommodated at the following regularly scheduled Board Meetings:

- 1. <u>First Meeting</u>: Commissioners Approve Resolution of Intent to Change the Charter – January 18th
- 2. <u>Second Meeting</u>: Public Hearing on Charter Amendment – February 15th
- 3. <u>Third Meeting</u>: Commissioners Consider Ordinance to Amend the Charter – March 15th

# Public Hearing Ordinance 2022-150201

#### ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WOODFIN TO ADOPT THE COUNCIL-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT

## Steep Slope Ordinance

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#### **Section 1. Purpose**

To protect life and property from all potentially hazardous conditions particular to steep slopes, e.g., rock falls, flash flooding, debris flows, mud slides and increased wildfire hazard.

To preserve and enhance the scenic and environmental resources of the landscape by encouraging the maximum retention of prominent natural topographic features.

To encourage innovative site and architectural design and planning in order for the development to adapt to the natural terrain and be harmonious with the character of the area.

To minimize grading and cut and fill operations inconsistent with the retention of the natural character of the hillside.

To preserve where possible, natural streams, ponds and associated riparian vegetation.

To require the retention of trees and other vegetation to stabilize steep hillsides, retain moisture, prevent erosion and enhance the natural scenic beauty.

To encourage the retention of trees and other vegetation throughout the site instead of just the periphery of the development.

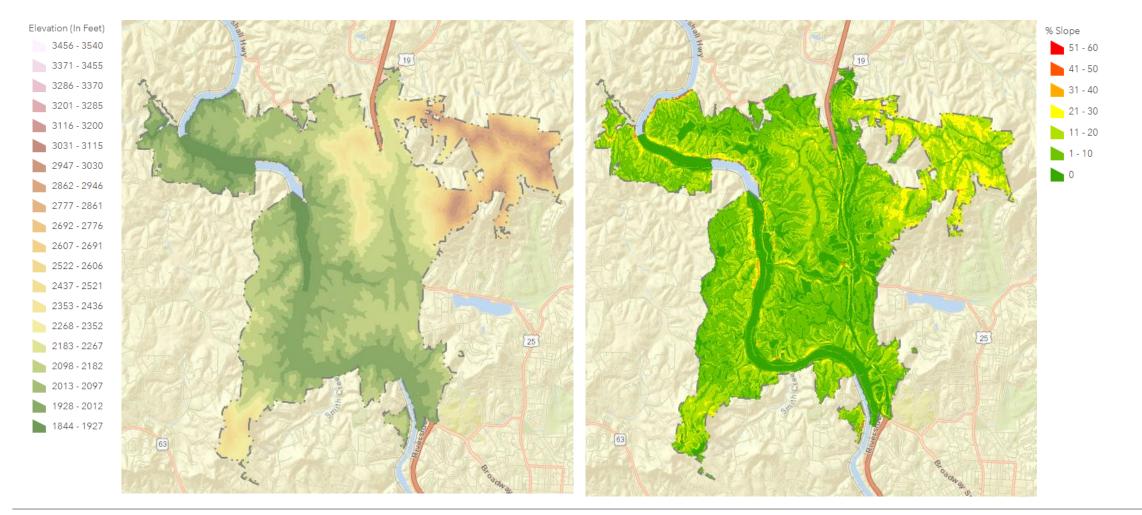
To encourage minimal grading which relates to the natural contour of the land, thus rounding off sharp angles at the top and bottom of cut and fill slopes in a natural manner.

To provide land use densities to promote the best possible development of hillside areas in order to retain significant natural features and to preserve slope stability.

To encourage road design that follows the natural topography wherever possible in order to minimize grading.

To preserve predominant views from and of the hillside areas in order to retain the sense of identity and imagery that the hills and mountains now impart to the Town of Woodfin.

#### Section 2. Applicability Natural elevation of 2,200 feet, and natural slope of 30%



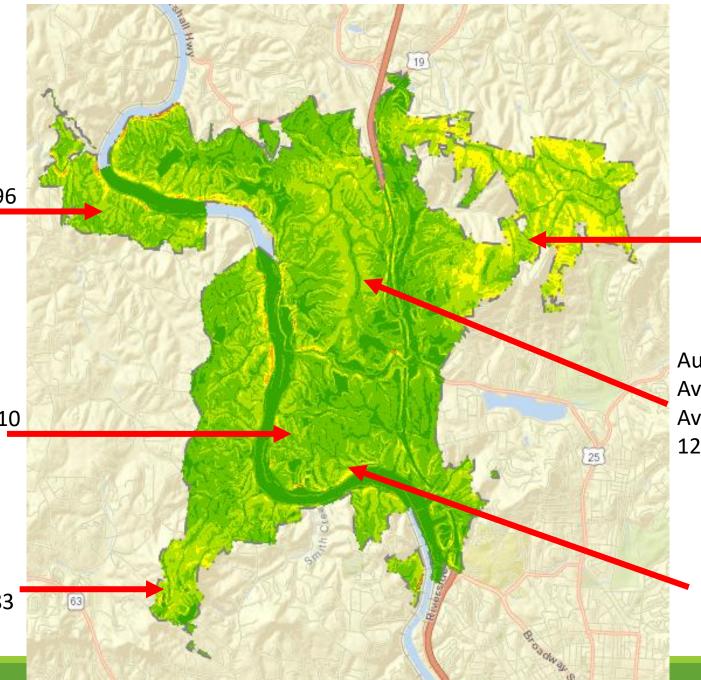
## **Comparison to Neighbors**

Montreat	Asheville	Buncombe County	Waynesville
• 40% natural slope	<ul> <li>2,200 feet</li></ul>	<ul> <li>2,500 feet</li></ul>	<ul> <li>2,900 feet</li></ul>
	elevation	elevation	elevation
	above mean	above mean	above mean
	sea level <li>15% natural</li>	sea level <li>35% natural</li>	sea level <li>25% natural</li>
	slope	slope	slope

Olivette Avg. Slope = 30% Avg. Elevation = 1,996 0/10 parcels

Elk Mountain Road Avg. Slope = 14% Avg. Elevation = 2,110 0/12 parcels

Crest Mountain Avg. Slope = 37% Avg. Elevation = 2,483 8/10 parcels



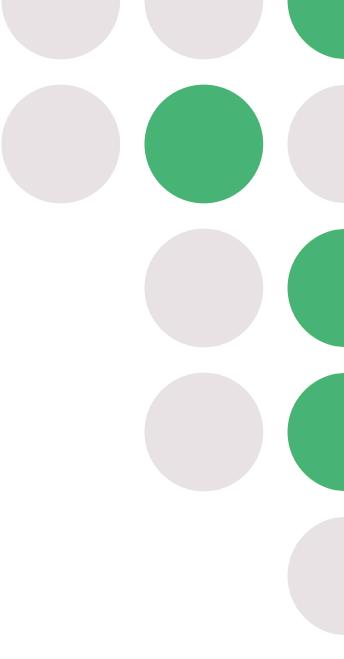
Summit Tower/Ventana Avg. Slope = 41% Avg. Elevation = 2,884 13/14 parcels

Audubon Drive Avg. Slope = 31% Avg. Elevation = 2,369 12/19 parcels

Riverside Drive Avg. Slope = 30% Avg. Elevation = 2015 0/10 parcels

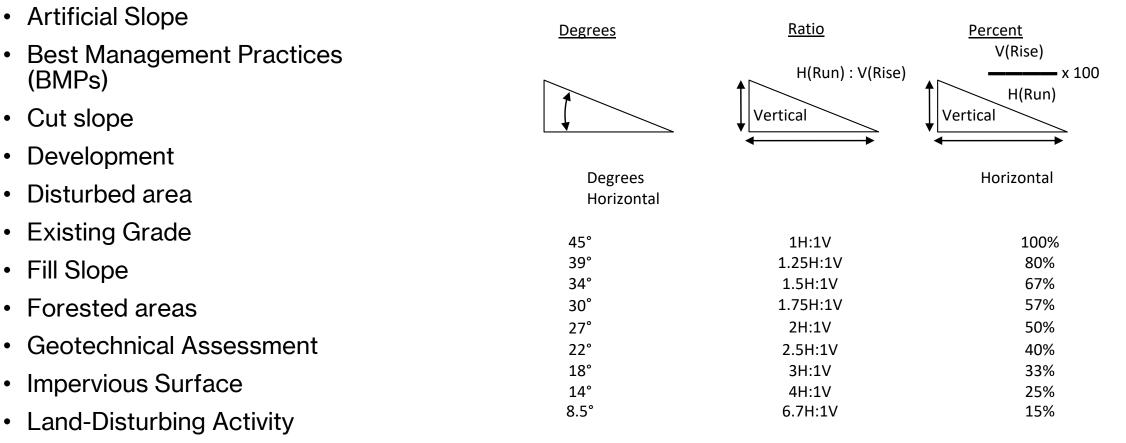
## **Section 2. Applicability**

- Regulations apply to lot improvements, driveways, utilities, and stormwater controls
- Excludes installation of individual septic tanks
- Maximum 15% disturbed area and 10% impervious area for communal infrastructure for more than 3 lots
- Approval of subdivision plat does not constitute approval of individual lots



## **Section 3. Definitions**

Slope



- Lot
- Revegetation

#### 1. Lot Size

 Maximum with 10% or greater considered steep slope – 1.5 acres minimum

#### 2. Density

 Maximum two dwelling units/principal buildings per lot

#### 3. Height

- Maximum 35 feet
- Average of shortest and tallest sides of structure

#### 4. Disturbed Area



#### **4. Impervious Surface**



Intensity Bonus- Up to 60 percent allowable intensity

Clustered development on less steep portions of lot

Limited grading

Screening

Grading for access or structure outside of sloped area

Substantial stormwater BMPs

5. Geotechnical Assessment and Slope Determination

Recommendations of an NC Registered Geotechnical Engineer Required for lots with existing grade of 40% natural grade or greater

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 Where:

 A
 S = Existing grade of parcel in percent

 I = Contour interval of map in feet, with said contour intervals to be five feet or

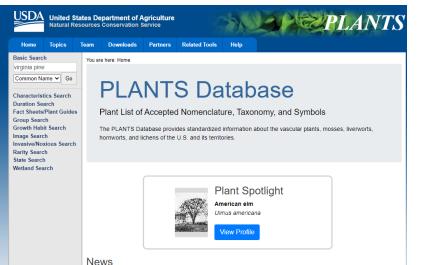
 less

 L= Total length of the contour lines within the parcel in feet

 A= Area of the parcel in acres

 0.0023=Product of two constants, one of which converts feet into acres and one

 of which converts a decimal into a percentage



Picea rubens Sarg. red spruce



Gene	ral Information
Symbol:	PIRU
Group:	Gymnosperm
Duration:	Perennial
Growth Habit:	Tree
Native Status:	CAN N L48 N SPM N



#### **Section 4. Development Standards**

#### 6. Screening

- Areas of the property which drop 25 feet or more within 100 feet of the structure
  - Must be screened at a ratio of one tree every 200 square feet of planar surface
  - Trees planted no greater than 50 feet from structure
  - Trees must be native, as defined by the Natural Resource Conservation Service of the United States
- Credit for existing trees

#### 7. Artificial Slopes

 Artificial slopes shall be reforested, revegetated, naturescaped or otherwise remediated to visually integrate disturbed areas into surrounding terrain with the purpose of maintaining a natural appearance. Artificial slopes shall not exceed a 1.5:1 cut and 2:1 fill. Artificial slopes may increase to 1:1 cut and 1.5:1 fill with submittal of a geotechnical certification from a North Carolina registered professional engineer.

#### 8. Preservation of Vegetation

• All trees and other natural vegetation shall be preserved in steep slope areas except within the allowed grading area. Non-native invasive species may be removed.

#### **Section 5. Plan Requirements**

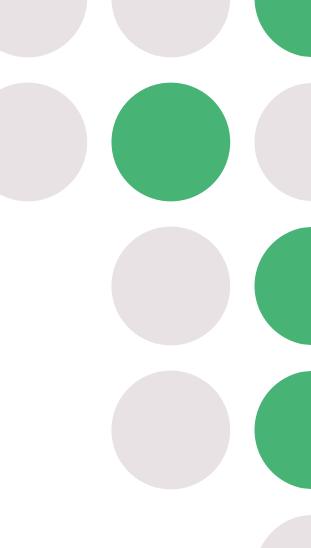
A site plan drawn to scale showing:				
Project boundaries	Topography with contour lines	Existing structures, utilities and access		
Setbacks	Location and height of retaining walls	Proposed structures, utilities, and access		
Proposed disturbance and impervious surface	Existing and proposed forested areas	Streams		
Architectural plans	Statement of approval for wells and septic tanks			

Any person who violates any of the provisions of this article, or rules or orders adopted or issued pursuant to this article, or who initiates or continues improvement to property for which a steep slope development permit is required, except in accordance with terms, conditions and provisions of an approved plan shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) as provided in N.C.G.S. §14.4. Each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense pursuant to N.C.G.S. §160A-175(g).

### **Section 6. Penalties**

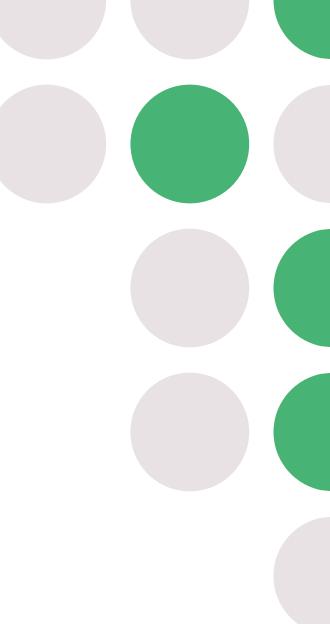
### **Section 7. Fees**

Application and permit review fees shall be established by the Woodfin Board of Commissioners and posted in the fee schedule for Town services. Plan review fees shall be double the posted amount when land disturbing activity begins before a Steep Slope **Development Permit has been issued.** 



### Section 8. Completeness Review and Appeal

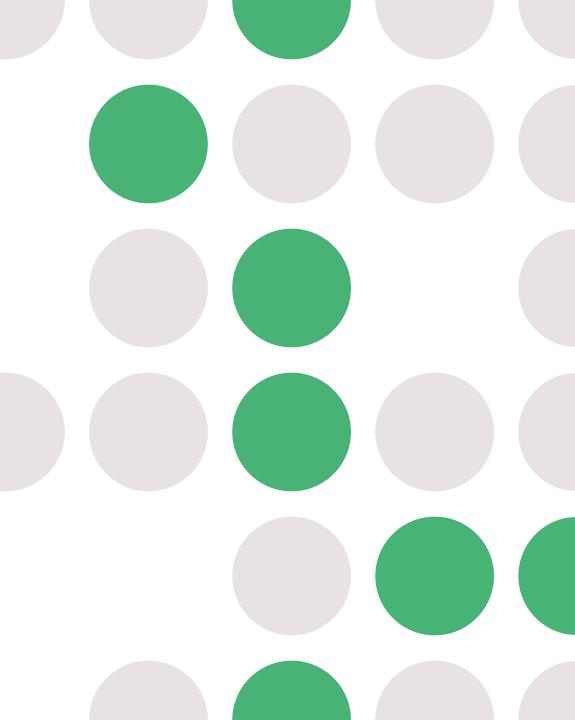
- The Planning Department shall review the submittal for completeness and for compliance with the requirements of this ordinance. An incomplete or nonconforming permit application will be returned to the applicant prior to review with an explanation of issues requiring resolution before plan review can be initiated.
- Within thirty (30) days of receipt of complete application for steep slope development approval, the Planning Department shall take action on the plan.
- Approval, approval with modifications, or denial of the proposed hillside development project shall be in writing. In the case of denial, the reasons for denial shall be clearly stated. The applicant may appeal the decision of the Planning Department to the Board of Adjustment.



# Section 9. Permit Expiration

#### **Section 9. Permit Expiration**

A steep slope development permit shall become null and void if the applicant has failed to make significant progress on the site within six (6) months after the date of approval. The Planning Department may grant a single, six-month extension of this time limit, for good cause shown, upon receiving a written request from the applicant before expiration of the approved plan.



# **Questions?**



## Conditional District Text Amendment

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Conditional district rezoning process required for Mountain Village District development



Amendment for addition of Major Development trigger



Residential development or Common Plan of Development containing twenty or more dwelling units



Commercial or industrial development, or Common Plan of Development, containing more than 30,000 square feet of interior floor space Amendment for Additional Triggers

## Definition Added to Section 54-10

**Common plan of development** means a construction or land disturbing activity is part of a larger common plan of development if it is completed in one or more of the following ways: in separate stages; in separate phases; or in combination with other construction activities. It is identified by the documentation (including, but not limited to, a sign, public notice or hearing, sales pitch, advertisement, loan application, drawing, plats, blueprints, marketing plans, contracts, permit application, zoning request, or computer design) or physical demarcation (including, but not limited to, boundary signs, lot stakes, or surveyor markings) indicating that construction activities may occur on a specific plot; it can include one operator or many operators.

## Follow Up Discussion:

## Rezoning of 99999 Blueberry Hill Rd.

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# Staff Reports

# Police

CHIEF MICHAEL DYKES

# Planning & Zoning

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#### **Comprehensive Plan Progress**

Public input sessions February 10<sup>th</sup>

- Zoom
- French Broad River Academy
- Around 20 participants
- Steering Committee meeting postponed until March 9th
- Stakeholder interviews in progress
- Development of guiding principles, mission and vision statement

#### Planning Board/Board of Adjustment

Board of Adjustment meets February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in person Setback variances for two properties on Apple Lane

Planning Board meets March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 via Zoom or in person

- Protected Ridge Ordinance
- Rezoning request on Elk Mountain Road

Existing	Permits	
Use this link to view EXISTING PERMITS		
Zoning Complia	nce Application	
Use this link to submit a ZONING COMPLIAN	CE PERMIT	
Application <ul> <li>Zoning Compliance Permit</li> <li>Application Fee is dependent on application</li> <li>Incomplete applications will not be accepted</li> </ul>		
Supplemental Documentation Completed Zoning Compliance Permit A site plan drawn to scale of your intended pr found here Please include two sets of plans showing the to be built upon, the exact sizes, uses and loc already existing, if any, and the proposed buil	dimensions and shade of the parcel ation of the parcel or buildings	
Additional Information <ul> <li>The Zoning Administrator will review each pee</li> <li>Each submittal must meet the requirements of the requiremen</li></ul>		
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15 GARDEN RD

2 WEAVERVILLE RD #301

84 OWENBY RD

Pending

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Permits/Enforcement

# Planning and Zoning Update

# Finance

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# FY2022 YTD General Fund Revenue

Amended Budget\$ 6,516,949Collected to Date4,203,112Revenue to be Received\$ 3,471,197

Note: As of this date last year \$3,684,224 had been collected.

As of January 31, 2022

# FY2022 YTD General Fund Expenditures

Amended Budget \$6,516,949

Expenditures to date\$ 3,039,063Encumbered/Committed335,495Total Committed\$ 3,374,558



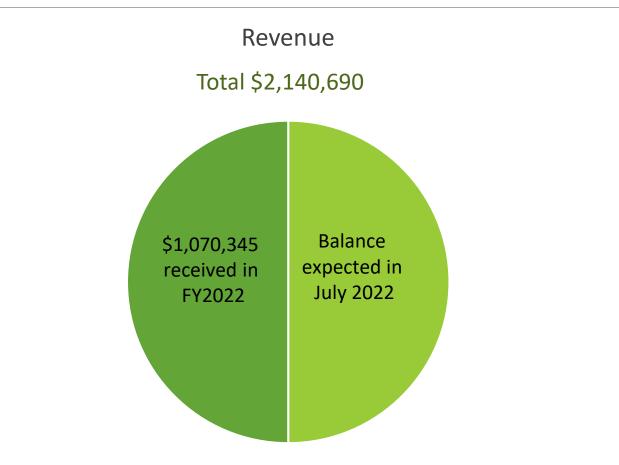
Available Budget \$3,142,391

### Administration: Finance FY2022 YTD and Projected General Fund Revenue & Expenditures

FY 2021 General Fund	FY2021 Budget		FYTD Actuals		FY2021 Projection	
Revenue collected	\$	6,516,949	\$	4,203,112	\$	6,976,101
Expenditures spent	\$	6,516,949		3,374,558		6,534,928
Revenue over/(under) expenditures			\$	828,554	\$	441,173

# ARP Funding Update

# ARPA Grant Activity



# American Rescue Plan Act (ARP)

### US Treasury released the Final Rule on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### **Created four main expenditure categories**

Addressing the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impacts
 Premium pay for eligible workers performing essential work during the pandemic
 Necessary water, wastewater, and broadband infrastructure

**4.Revenue replacement for lost revenue growth** – using ARP funds to provide government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue experienced due to the pandemic plus a new \$10 million standard allowance allowing local governments to spend ARP monies for general government purposes.

## Planned ARPA Spending

As of January 31, 2022

	Estimated Cost		Date	
Sign - Town Hall	\$	23,528.00	\$	-
2022 Comprehensive Plan	\$	54,074.00	\$	14,595.50
Stormwater Management Program				
Professional Services	\$	52,870.57	\$	6,656.57
Police				
Professional Services	\$	35,000.00	\$	33,824.90
Parks and Recreation	\$	280,000.00	\$	280,000.00
Silver-Line Park Coffer Dam Capital Outlay				
Project Manager (25% Salary and Benefits)	\$	28,014.00	\$	5,183.00
	\$	473,486.97	\$	335,076.97

Expenditures to

# Public Works & Administration

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### Newsworthy

### Public Works stats (in packets)

### Reynolds Blvd. Storm drain Proj.

# Surplus Equipment

# Contracts

### **Consulting Agreement**

- Contract with Eric Hardy
- Scope of work to include Parks and Greenway and Policy
- Not to exceed \$22,000

### **Contract with People Ready,** LLC

• Temporary Labor for Waste Collection

# Greenway & Blueway

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### General project update

#### Adv Committee focus:

- Continue work developing framework for park business plan and startup
- Investigating Historian

### **Communication Plan**

- Q1 &Q2 schedule
- Promoting new logo and opening of park
- Planning ribbon cutting, target 4/1/22

### **Fundraising Team**

• Engaging and building funding strategy plan

### Silver-Line Park

### Construction

- Finish paving
- Complete playground
- Target Completion Mar22

#### Pending decisions:

- Silver-Line Park Bldg -Reviewing conceptual ideas for development options
- Stand alone bathroom
- Developing estimates
- Meeting with community
- Flood plain concerns

### Riverside Park + Whitewater Wave

### Project milestone: 60% design on track

- Riverside Park / Wave cost estimates and funding strategy
- Prep for regulatory permits
- Physical model in Prague Jul/Aug
- Wave model
- Additional survey

### Ongoing discussions:

- Boat ramp @ RS
- Parking
- Silver Property (South of RS Park)

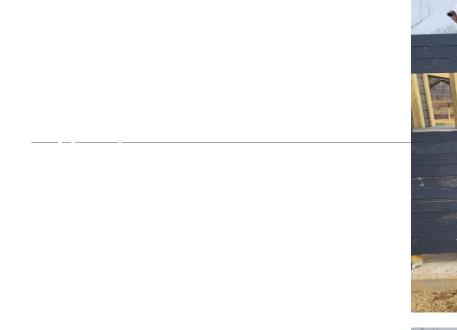
### Greenways

### Hwy 251, Riverside Dr GW Draft Design Recommendation Plan Set (25% plans) on track

P&R Dir – Mar/Apr

### Task Order 3 Beaverdam Creek GW in progress, NCDOT requires RFQ process to be followed

Revised project schedule to let construction contract November 2023









# 2022 Woodfin Streets Paving Project

Completed:

- Review pavement assessment & field verify levels of prior determination, prepare cost estimate for priority roadways, recommend additional roadways to be resurfaced with the remainder of funds.
- Nov 17: Meeting with Woodfin staff to discuss proposed scope of plan preparation, estimated costs, additional street recommendations, and address any necessary adjustments or comments.
- Dec 10: Complete field work and roadway marking in preparation for plan production
- Dec. 21: Council Meeting to present scope of rehab plans and address any questions or concerns, received approval to move forward
- Jan 11: completed street coring

Upcoming:

- Feb. 16: Evaluate coring, revise scope, complete Plans and contract documents, Advertise for Bidding
- Mar 14: Review Bids, Tabulation and recommendation to Award Contract
- Mar 15: Council meeting for approval of Award
- TBD: Issue Notice to Proceed to contractor

# End of reports