



PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 1.

DATE OF MEETING: November 7, 2011

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SHORT TITLE: Presentation of Small Area Planning in Pender County

BACKGROUND: Board priorities as outlined in the 2010-2012 Priority Implementation Plan, as well as specific policies set out in the County's adopted Comprehensive Plan have directed staff to develop Small Area Plans for populated communities throughout the County. The current Comprehensive Plan contains three Small Area Plans-the Coastal Pender area, the Rocky Point area, and the US 421 Corridor.

A Small Area Plan analyzes, evaluates, reviews the constraints and opportunities, and develops goals and policies beyond the Pender County Comprehensive Plan within a specified geographic area. The primary purpose of the Small Area Plan is to develop a vision and subsequent actions that will realize the needs and uniqueness of a specific community. Expected completion time of an individual Small Area Plan is approximately 8-12 months depending on location and criteria.

The Planning Staff is requesting feedback on the Board's priorities for initiating development and implementation of Small Area Plans within the County. The communities of Currie, Penderlea, Maple Hill, and Willard are all excellent communities in which to initiate the Small Area Plan process. The staff would like the Board members thoughts on prioritizing these areas to commence the planning process.