



## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 12.

**DATE OF MEETING:** October 15, 2012

**REQUESTED BY:** Kyle M. Breuer, Director, Planning and Community Development Department

**SHORT TITLE:** Public Hearing and Resolution Requesting Approval of the Adoption of the Currie Small Area Plan.

**BACKGROUND:** At the November 7, 2011 Board of Commissioners meeting, staff was authorized to move forward with the development of a Small Area Plan for the Currie area. A public kickoff meeting was held on January 28, 2012 and a Steering Committee was appointed at the February 21, 2012 meeting. The Steering Committee, Planning staff, and project stakeholders held 4 meetings during the planning process, resulting in the completion of the following tasks:

- Introduced Small Area Planning process to Planning Board, Board of Commissioners, and Steering Committee;
- Completed Public Input Survey and analysis of results;
- Identified project study area;
- Completed vision statement, existing conditions, history, and planning process sections of document with associated theme maps;
- Completed goals for topics of Services/Utilities, Land Use/Economic Development, Housing, and Community Heritage/Sense of Place, Recreation, and Transportation;
- Held second public outreach meeting at Moore's Creek National Battlefield Park on August 11, 2012;
- Completed final draft of document with suggested comments and revisions incorporated within.
- Completed implementation strategy to accomplish goals listed within the Plan.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** To hold a public hearing and consider adoption of the Currie Small Area Plan, recently completed by Planning Staff, the Small Area Plan Steering Committee, citizens and stakeholders of the Currie community.

**RESOLUTION**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that:

on October 15, 2012 the Pender County Board of Commissioners (approved, modified, denied) adoption of the Currie Small Area Plan, as described herein. The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED \_\_\_\_\_ UNANIMOUS \_\_\_\_\_

YEA VOTES: Brown: \_\_\_\_\_ Tate: \_\_\_\_\_ Rivenbark: \_\_\_\_\_ Ward: \_\_\_\_\_ Williams: \_\_\_\_\_

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George R. Brown, Chairman

10-15-2012  
Date

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ATTEST  
Delivered

10-15-2012  
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## PLANNING STAFF REPORT

### Currie Small Area Plan

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**Hearing Date:** Planning Board – September 11, 2012  
Board of County Commissioners – October 15, 2012

**Proposal:** The request is to hold a public hearing and adopt the Currie Small Area Plan, recently completed by Planning Staff, the Small Area Plan Steering Committee, citizens and stakeholders of the Currie community.

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A critical component to the Small Area Plan are the goals which will assist the community, planning staff, elected and appointed officials, and community stakeholders. Below is a summary of the goals developed from the planning process.

*Land Use and Economic Development Goal 1 – Ensure zoning districts within 5-10 miles from study area where identified for retail and services uses are adequate to accommodate desired commercial and service uses.*

*Land Use and Economic Development Goal 2 – Encourage the use of Low Impact Development standards and Best Management Practices to preserve and promote the rural landscape, open space, and natural resources.*

*Housing Goal 1 – The County will seek to accommodate the development and appropriate placement of a variety of housing types, including site built homes, apartments, townhouses, and quality affordable housing.*

*Transportation Goal 1 – Explore all opportunities for safety improvements to the intersection of Bell Williams Road and NC Highway 210.*

*Transportation Goal 2 – Coordinate with local law enforcement agencies in efforts to improve speed enforcement in and around study area.*

*Transportation Goal 3 – Coordinate and plan for a future off road bicycle facility adjacent to or near Blueberry Road.*

*Transportation Goal 4 – Coordinate and plan for a future off road bicycle facility adjacent to or near NC Highway 210.*

*Transportation Goal 5 – Coordinate transportation improvements within the study area in accordance with the current Pender County Comprehensive Transportation Plan.*

*Utilities and Services Goal 1 – Pender County Utilities will coordinate closely with Currie area residents as well as other applicable agencies, organizations, and civic groups on a public water sign-up campaign and other infrastructure improvements in accordance with the Pender County Water and Sewer Master Plan.*

*Utilities and Services Goal 2 – Ensure adequate fire and emergency services protection by locating a fire substation in or near the study area as recommended and illustrated in the 2010 Pender County Comprehensive Land Use Plan.*

*Utilities and Services Goal 3 – Coordinate with local educational institutions in efforts to create satellite educational facilities for vocational, social, and recreational education opportunities.*

*Utilities and Services Goal 4 – Actively collaborate with internet service providers and community stakeholders to develop reliable high-speed internet access in the area, utilizing grant funding and innovative technology where possible.*

*Utilities and Services Goal 5 – Actively collaborate with cell phone providers and community stakeholders to develop reliable cell phone service in the area, utilizing grant funding and innovative technology where possible.*

*Utilities and Services Goal 6 – Consider offsite wastewater systems or package wastewater systems to improve future wastewater infrastructure or protect public health when existing on-site septic systems fail or a pattern of failure of on-site septic systems occur within the study area.*

*Parks and Recreation Goal 1 – Support community efforts to create, enhance, and augment parks and recreation opportunities in the Currie area through partnerships, assistance with grant procurement, and utilization of Staff resources as appropriate to build capacity within local organizations.*

*Parks and Recreation Goal 2 – Continue to evaluate parks and recreation needs in the Currie area through future Pender County Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan updates, with an emphasis on providing improved access to Moore's Creek.*

*Parks and Recreation Goal 3 – Explore opportunities for funding, development, and progression of parks and recreation facility projects and recreational programs that cater to the needs and demographic composition of the Currie community.*

**Pender County Planning Board Recommendation:** The Pender County Planning Board, at their September 11, 2012 meeting, unanimously passed a motion to recommend approval of the Currie Small Area Plan.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff respectfully recommends **adopting** the Currie Small Area Plan which accompanies this report.

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**Planning Board**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Millette \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_ Garrett \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_ Denied: \_\_\_\_\_ Unanimous: \_\_\_\_\_ X \_\_\_\_\_

Boney: \_\_\_\_\_ Williams: \_\_\_\_\_ Edens: \_\_\_\_\_ Garrett: \_\_\_\_\_ Marshburn: \_\_\_\_\_ Millette: \_\_\_\_\_ Nalee: \_\_\_\_\_