



PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 5.

DATE OF MEETING: January 7, 2013

REQUESTED BY: Kyle Breuer, Director, Department of Planning and Community Development

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 general 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: Coastal Pender, Rocky Point, 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.

Planning staff is proposing to initiate the small area planning process within the community of Maple Hill. A public kick-off meeting is scheduled to be held January 26, 2013 in which staff will introduce the project and solicit input from the community. Feedback received from the kick-off meeting will be used by the appointed steering committee to develop goals and recommendations for the plan.

A draft project schedule has been provided for the Board's review and comment. Following the community meeting, staff will request that the Board appoint a steering committee, similar to the Currie Small Area Planning process.