



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Supervisors' Rural Areas Subcommittee

CC: Board of Supervisors and Planning Commissioners
John R. Riley, Jr. County Administrator

From: Eric R. Lawrence, AICP, Planning Director

Subject: September 25, 2008 Meeting and Agenda

Date: September 22, 2008

The Board of Supervisors Rural Areas Subcommittee (RA Subcommittee) will be meeting on **Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.** in the first floor conference room (purple room) of the County Administration Building, 107 North Kent Street, Winchester, Virginia. The RA Subcommittee will discuss the following agenda items:

AGENDA

1. **Review of State-Enabled Use Value Assessment and Taxation ("Land Use")**
 - a. Guest Speaker: Ellen Murphy, County Commissioner of the Revenue
2. **Review of Virginia Department of Health Regulations applicable to Private Health Systems**
 - a. Guest Speaker: Scott Fincham, Virginia Department of Health
3. **Update on Comments Received to date**
4. **Next Meeting Topic, Date, and Time**
 - a. First and Third Thursday of the month @ 7:30 P.M.
 - b. Next meeting: October 9, 2008
5. **Adjourn by 9 P.M.**

Please contact this office if you will not be able to attend the meeting. Thank you.

Agenda Item #3: Comments received between September 4 and 22, 2008

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I am a long time resident of Fredrick County living in the town of Gore.
I like you to please reconsider the RA Zoning proposed by members of the Board of Supervisors.
I support an increase in open space from 40% to 60%.
I Support clustering of lots to save open space.
I support smaller lots to save open space.
I support alternate septic systems that are approved by the Virginia Department of Health.
And opposed to any change in density.

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In order to retain the quality of life, it is imperative that the rural character of Frederick County be preserved. The UDA and SWSA need to be finite and not compromised and expanded to meet developer's needs. More people, more houses, more business will only result in congestion, conflict and higher prices. If the justification for growth, i.e. expanding the tax base, had merit, wouldn't it be cheaper to live in the more populous areas? More is not better!

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