

Town Planner's Report – October 2008

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The following are the highlights of activity in the planning office during October.

1. Attended Grand History Tour meeting at Frederick County Planning. This involves an effort by Rails to Trails and others to establish a trail system that would generally form a loop between the Washington, D.C. area, York County PA, Gettysburg, PA, south to Frederick, and back to D.C. Efforts currently are focused on more populated areas, but Emmitsburg is in the loop.
2. Undertook enforcement actions as necessary relative to land use and code violation issues.
3. Attended Urban Forestry Conference in Westminster, held by MD Cooperative Extension, MD Urban and Community Forest Committee, Bartlett Tree Experts, and the City of Westminster. Learned about issues with tree disease, pests, etc. as well as tree canopy surveys. Established contacts for future information and potential projects.
4. Arranged for purchase and installation of 13' Douglas Fir on front lawn of Community Center.
5. Prepared materials for Planning Commission meetings and communicated with Chairman Little as needed relative to Comprehensive Plan Update process. Attended Oct. 27 PC meeting
6. Attended Town Council meeting on October 20.
7. Answered inquiries relative to potential development.
8. Attended Catoctin Mountain Scenic Byway meeting at Sisters of Charity.
9. Attended Maryland Rural Development Corporation Symposium on Small Town Planning and Development in Easton MD.