VIRGINIA: AT THE CONTINUATION MEETING OF THE DINWIDDIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE BOARD MEETING ROOM OF THE PAMPLIN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ON THE 5TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2004, AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:	ROBERT L. BOWMAN IV - CHAIR	ELECTION DISTRICT #3
	HARRISON A. MOODY	ELECTION DISTRICT #1
	DORETHA E. MOODY	ELECTION DISTRICT #4
	MICHAEL W. STONE	ELECTION DISTRICT #5
Absent:	DONALD L. HARAWAY – VICE CHAIR	ELECTION DISTRICT #2

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IN RE: CALLTO ORDER

Mr. Robert L. Bowman, Chairman, called the continuation meeting to order at 7:13 P.M.

Mrs. Ralph informed the Board that Mr. Haraway was not able to attend the meeting tonight due to illness. She stated due to his illness and the fact that the issues that staff was planning to cover tomorrow at the 5:30 p.m. Continuation meeting were issues he had specifically requested; she felt it would be best to postpone that meeting, if the Board was in agreement. The Board concurred.

IN RE: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

The County Administrator recommended that the past Chair and Vice Chair be appointed for this meeting only until the new slate is elected at the organizational meeting.

Upon Motion of Mr. Moody, Seconded by Mr. Stone, Mr. Moody, Mrs. Moody, Mr. Stone voting "Aye", Mr. Bowman, "Abstaining", Mr. Bowman was elected Chair and Mr. Haraway was elected Vice-Chair for the Board of Supervisors for this meeting only.

IN RE: CORRIDOR STUDY KICK-OFF WORK SESSION

Mr. Guy Scheid, Director of Planning, stated this is the initial work session for the stakeholders (property owners along the Route 1 and Route 460 corridors as well as those that rent or lease property in study area) and citizens of the County. He introduced Ms. Vaughn Rinner, Director of Planning Principal, Landmark Design Group, and stated we are in the process of developing a timeline for the corridor study meetings. It will be very intense and time consuming. He thanked everyone for coming.

ITEMS DISTRIBUTED FOR MEETING:

- David Thompson provided a set of maps (4) for the audience members to take home. The maps were labeled as follows: Route 1/460 Corridor Study – SECTION 1, Route 1/460 Corridor Study – SECTION 2, Route 1/460 Corridor Study – SECTION 3, Route 1/460 Corridor Study – SECTION 4 (460 Corridor).
- Sign out sheet provided at back of room.
- 24x36 Zone Map displayed on an easel outside of the meeting room.

Ms. Vaughn Rinner presented the following information to the citizens and Board:

Dinwiddie County
Corridor Planning Studies

Routes 1 and 460

January 5, 2004

LANDMARK DESIGN GROUP

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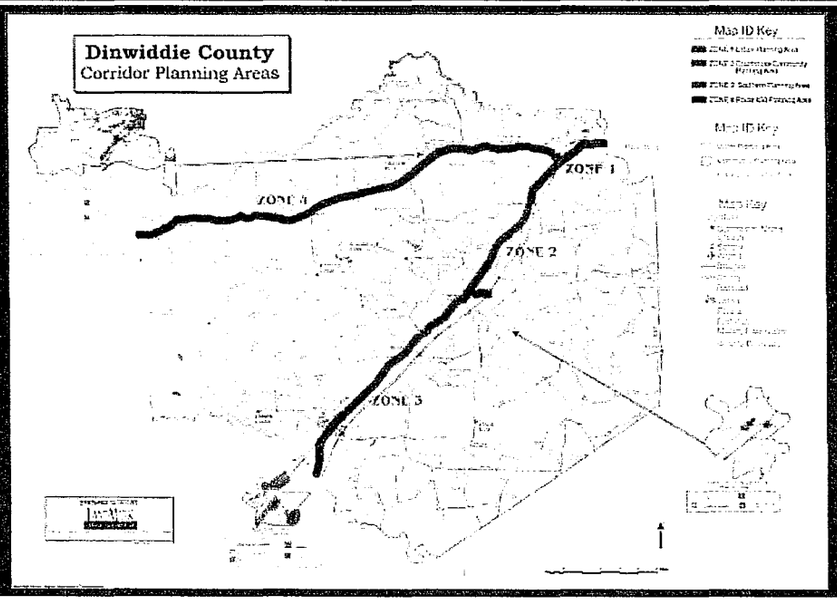
Study Area



Project Scope

- **Public Meetings**
- **Analysis Mapping**
  - Potential for Various Land Uses
- **Recommendations for Four Corridor Zones**
  - General Land Use and Potential Rezonings
  - Landscape Architectural Standards with Illustrations
  - Potential Overlay District Locations and Criteria
  - Strategies to Protect Against Premature Development
  - Written Report with Maps and Illustrations

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Approach to Public Input

Analysis

- Windshield Tour
- Identify What is Positive
- Identify Where Change is Needed

Concept Development

How Do We Get There?

- Identify Potential Methods
- Determine Public Support for Potential Programs

Draft and Final Plan

- Design Recommendations for Each Area
- Recommended Implementation Approach

Project Schedule

- Stakeholder Meeting
  - January 5
- Initial Public Input Meetings
  - January 12 and January 15
- Public Meetings on Alternative Studies
  - February 2, February 15, February 19 and March 1
- Review Public Meeting Results (Steering Committee)
  - March 1, March 8 and March 15
- Public Meetings on Refinements and Preferred Alternative
  - March 15, April 8 and April 12
- Work Session on Draft Plan
  - May 12
- Final Plan Presentation
  - June 1

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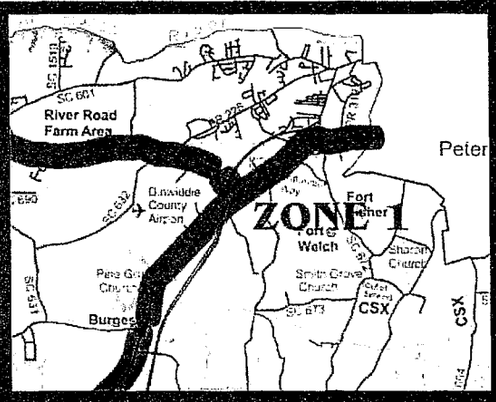
Northern Urban Planning Area



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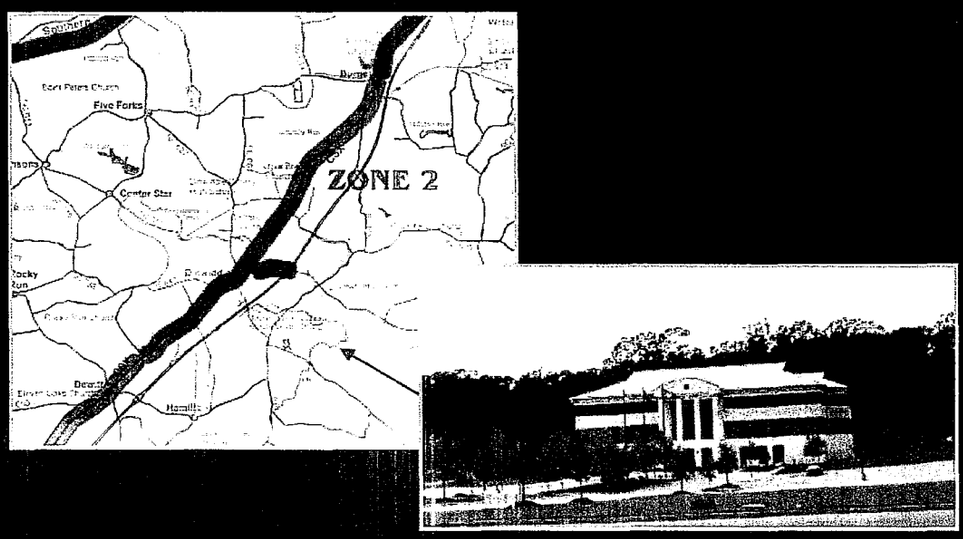
Dinwiddie Courthouse Planning Area



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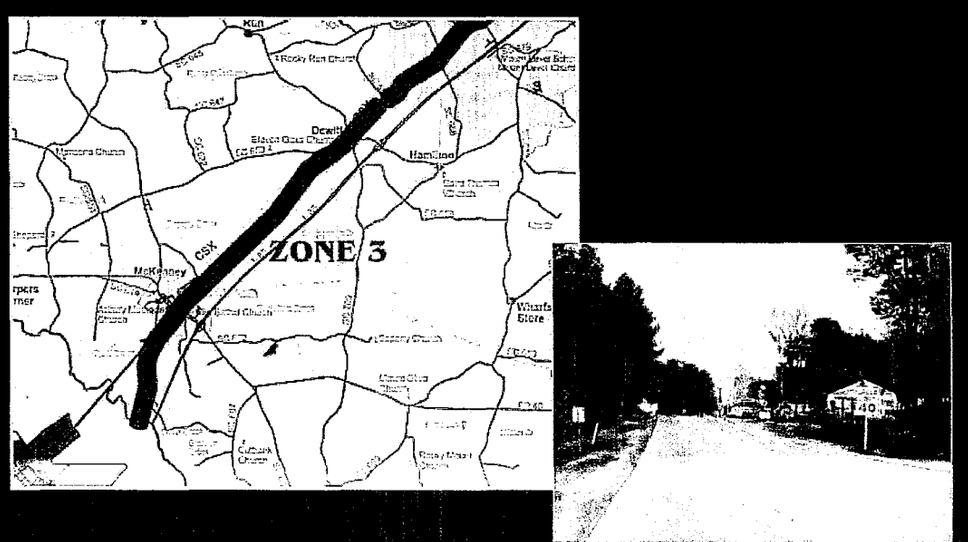
Southern Route 1 Planning Area



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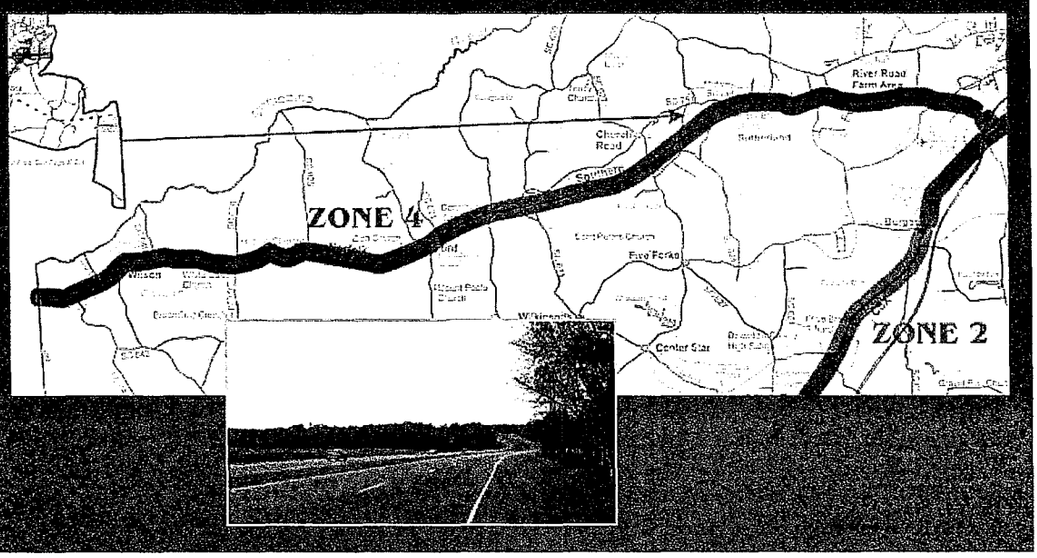

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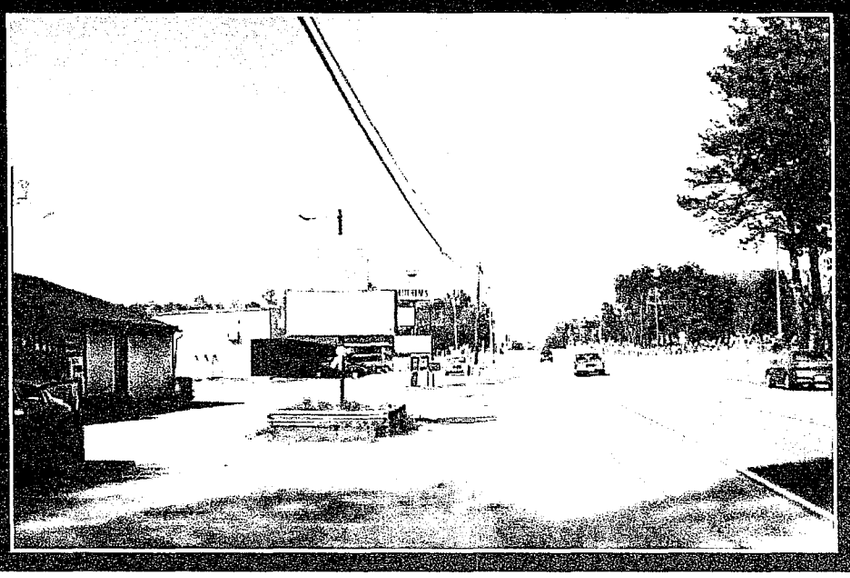
Windshield Tour – The Good and the Ugly



Northern Urban Planning Area

- Interface with Petersburg
- Pamplin Historical Park
- Dinwiddie County Airport
- Virginia Motorsports Park
- Central State Hospital
- Airport Industrial Park

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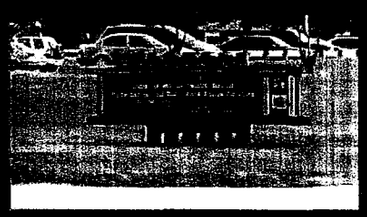
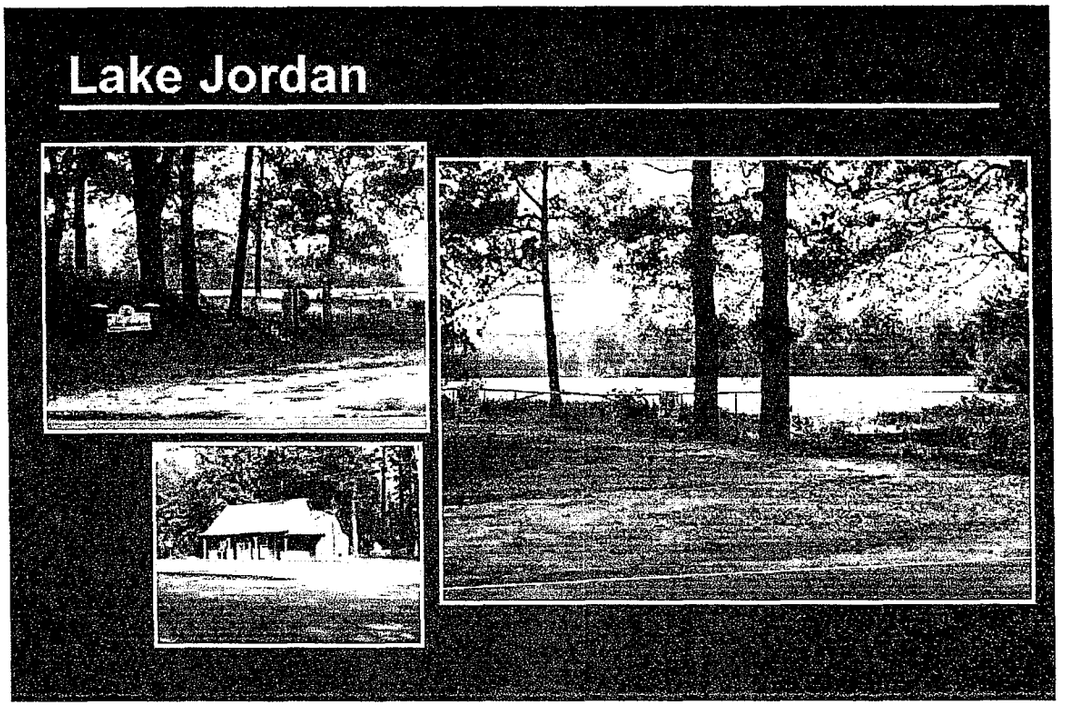
Central State Hospital





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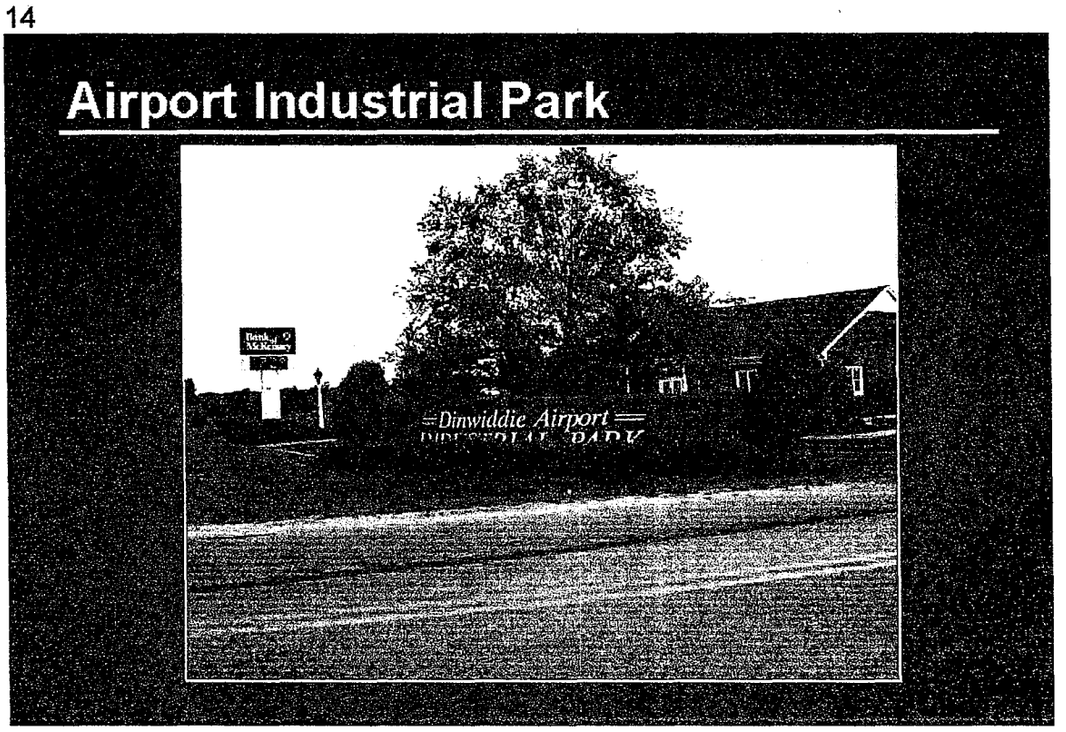

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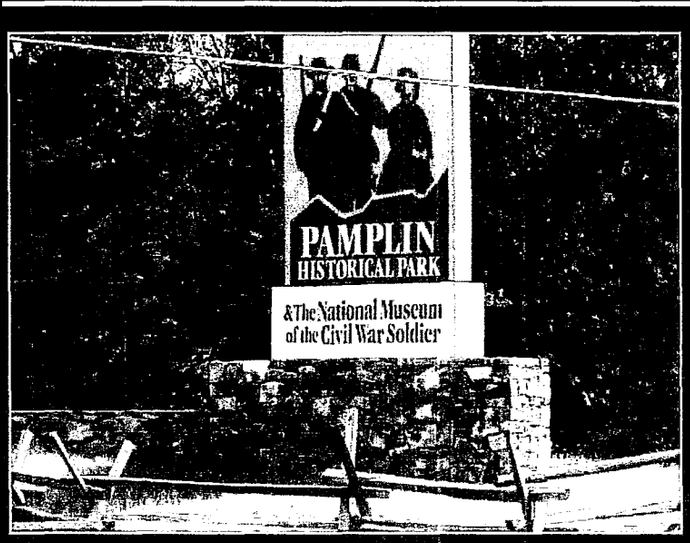

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Northern Urban Planning Area - Issues

- Sign "Pollution"
- Land Use Buffers
- Inconsistent Vegetation
- Overly Wide Curb Cuts

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Dinwiddie Courthouse Planning Area

- County Center
- Opportunity to Establish Desired Character
- Include Gateway Interchange at Route 85

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Southern Route 1 Planning Area

- Retain Rural Character
- Establish Guidelines for McKinley "Village Center"

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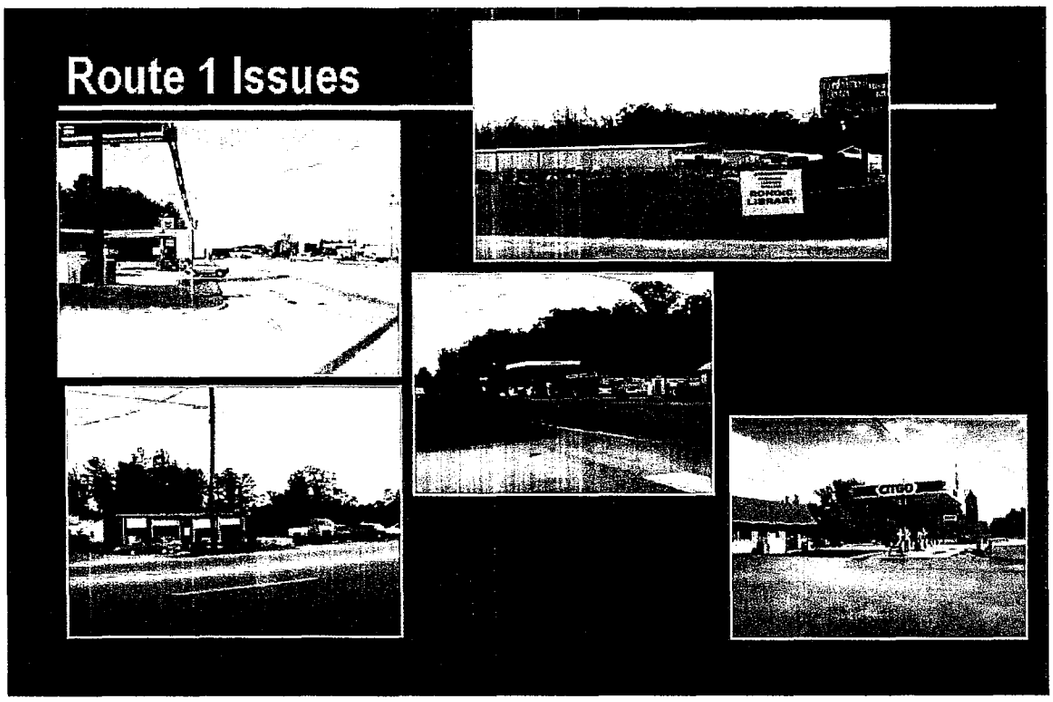
Route 1 Issues

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Commercial Signs
STITCH 'N' FIT
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Kelly Tires
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INSURANCE AGENCY

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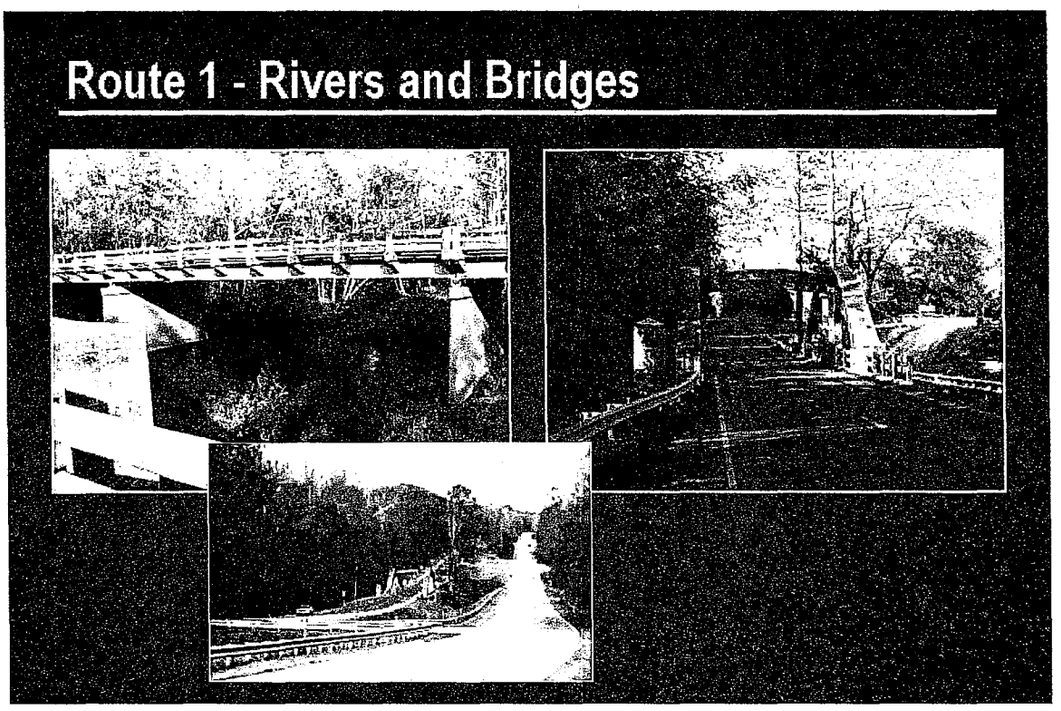
Route 1 - Rivers and Bridges

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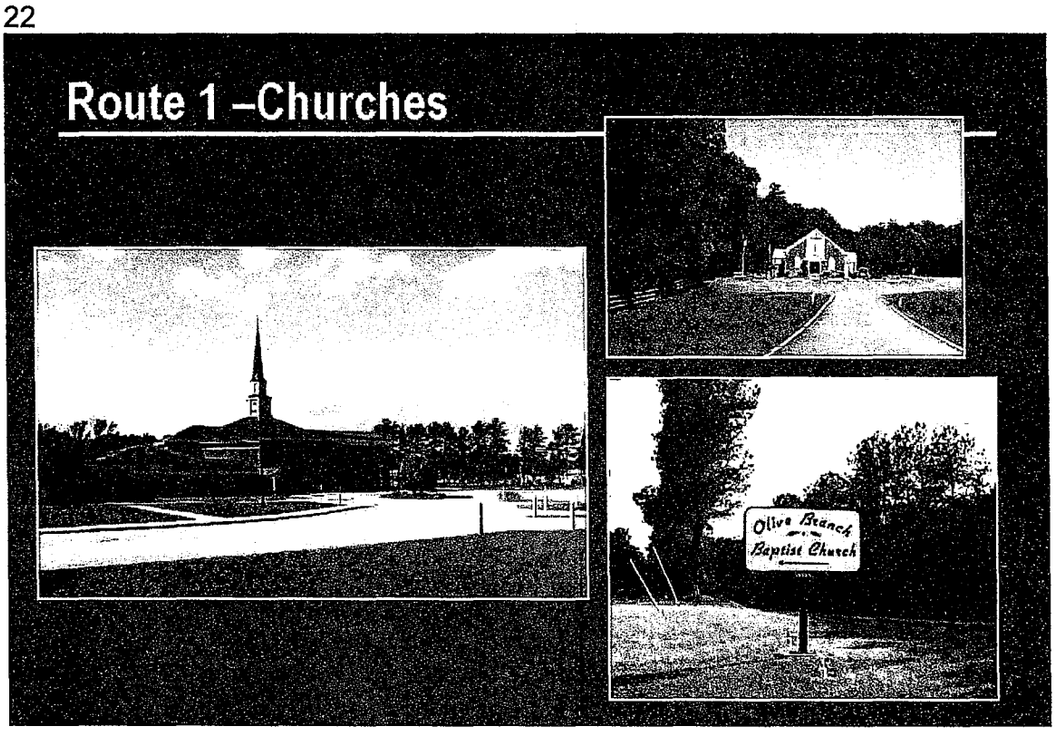
Route 1 –Churches
Olive Branch
Baptist Church

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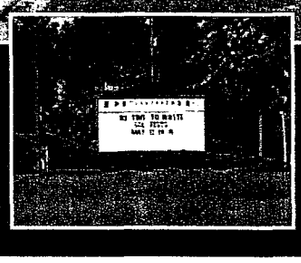
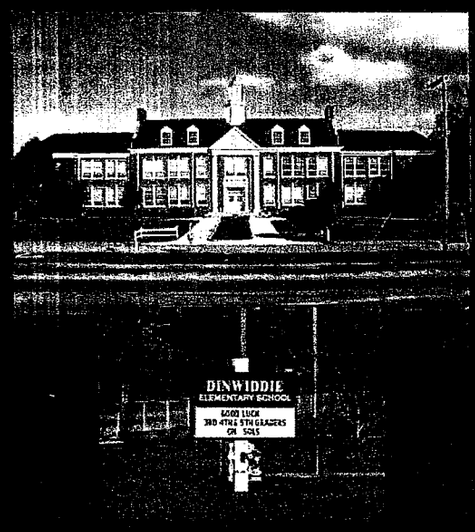
Route 1 - Schools





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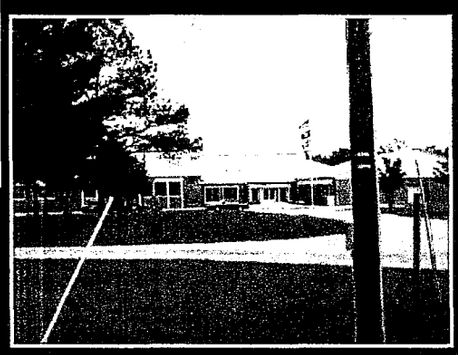
Community Services



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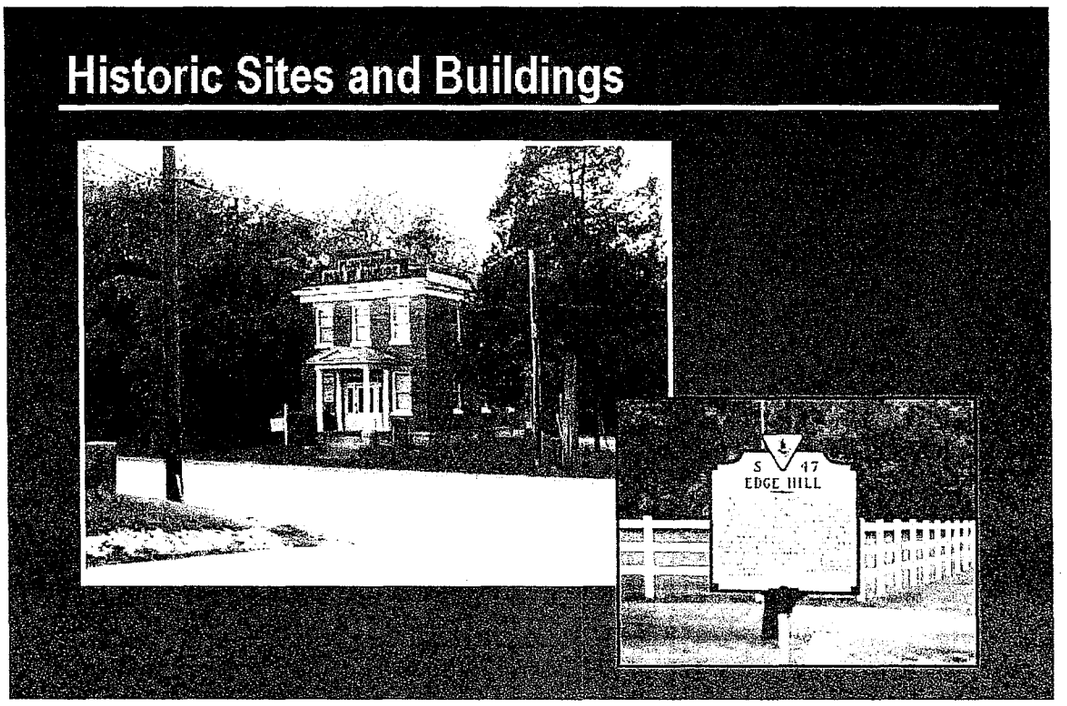

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The presentation was followed by a question/discussion session for the citizens and Board members.

- "The correct spelling is Village of McKenney (not McKennley).
- Looking at stretch to McKenney/major gateway from 85 ? Petersburg is major connection.
- To maintain rural needs, look at opportunities for economic development & how to attract business at the same time.
- Need to clean up U.S. 1 & make it pleasant to look at. Currently no enforcement.

  LMDG - need to look at what needs to be cleaned up - i.e. removing unused signs.

- Need to include putting skirting around such uses as land fills, dump zones etc. - currently a berm along 460.

  LMDG agreed.

- One resident who lives in Section 2 and has a business along Rt. 1 – The road was washed out and they had to drive all the way back to Exit 53. Will there be recommendations of additional access points?

  LMDG - will definitely need to address. This kind of feedback very important so we know this is a problem.

- Including National Park Service during our efforts?

  LMDG – The National Park Service is definitely important because of the many historic sites. Car tours may be considered & direction signs needed.

- County borders – Need additional "Welcome to Dinwiddie" signs along Rt. 460. There is one but that may be all. Need standard welcome sign that distinguish Dinwiddie as a special place.

  LMDG - agrees; also asks if there are any other groups we need to include that are not represented.

- Lots of areas that have major safety issues i.e. for rescue access: 226, Rt. 600. Six (6) months is a long time to spend on this one study of Rt. 460 & Rt. 1. Is safety a priority & budget a priority? How does this fit into existing budget. Wants input from new board (including a list of their priorities & how this fits in & how ties into CIP Plan).

  LMDG - safety is one of the big things: extensive curb cuts, good sight (distance) etc. are all major safety issues.

- What about the Rapid Rail Plan – is LMDG looking into this?

  LMDG – We will speak with Guy on this.

- Are we making specific suggestions to the Board i.e. regarding the ordinances?

  LMDG - We will provide illustrations, etc. to specifically address i.e. w/ overlay districts vs. ordinances & what problems need addressing (we will not be writing text for the ordinance specifically).

- Are we specifying what types of businesses should go where & what is needed;

  LMDG - not completely, we'll be general; the County needs to look at in more detail ultimately (economic vision/plan); for the types of business to attract.

- Beautification Issues
  - Signs (lighted and non-lighted signs)
  - Overhead electrical lines not attractive
  - Need Virginia Power to attend a meeting
  - Incentives ordinances needed
  - Chain link fences
  - Passing on road
  - Business access (safety & visual concern)
  - Shrubbery & signs impedes vision getting on Rt. 1 (people add their own signs - need setback regulated)

  LMDG - Need to get the standards out there so people have some guidelines to follow.

- Older drivers – need guidelines for shielding lighting to keep the light glare off the road deflectors (the person who mentioned this is the same as the one above who listed the several beautification issues).

  LMDG - very good point; options are available. Also, regarding the overhead electrical lines - Putting lines underground makes a big difference but needs to be done in sections.

- Once recommendations are settled, how do you get the people to do what is recommended?

  LMDG – That is an important issue; Have to determine what you want to be guidelines vs. more of a requirement first. Once you get some people started in following the guidelines, others see this and start to follow as well. A lot of times people just need a guideline. Also incentive programs (i.e. incentive funding) for cleanup, painting, sign & other improvements. It is up to the community / Board to determine approach (guidelines vs. requirements).

- Looking at how to join the two Rt. 460's together?

  LMDG – Not part of what we are doing but not in conflict in what we're doing either. Our guidelines would be able to be implemented when this Rt. 460 issue is addressed.

- Need to show samples of various techniques / photos / ordinances as a menu of how-to for general public to see and understand better what the options will be.

LMDG agreed – We will be showing samples in the future meetings.

- A lot of Rt. 1 is 3 lanes wide. Need communication w/ VDOT, some places need 4 lanes (to accommodate right turns).

- How will schedule be broadcast & where will the meetings be presented?

  LMDG - meeting location will depend on the study area being addressed at that meeting. Meetings will be advertised in public notices, plus we have an email address where we can be reached and the information will be available on our website.

- Can the County Website link to LMDGs?

  LMDG - Yes.

- It sounds like the Corridor study is really a beautification effort?

  LMDG - We will be looking at VDOT, too, and also land use and compatibility.

- We need to add the economic study because of importance of the element.

  LMDG - would recommend such a study. It would be a helpful element but is not an essential element. The current corridor study can be still very helpful without having an economic study;

- Can we see some of the same work done for other counties that are just like Dinwiddie?

  LMDG - Each county is unique (but can compare with similar projects).

- This should be an extension of The Comprehensive Plan which had addressed zoning & land use questions. This effort seems to be more land use oriented and less transportation oriented. Will need lots of flexibility to encourage development & economic enhancement.

- Also, we haven't done a land use survey yet. That should be a priority before going further & needs to tie in the CIP and the Zoning through the County Admin Office. Need to go back to the Board to see what the next step should be.

  LMDG – I think we have made a note of that.

- Can't be too restrictive or to regulate too much what people can /cannot do with their land.

  LMDG agrees - New roads will have to deal with VDOT and standards that will have to be developed to ensure safety. With older roads, they will be able to follow new guidelines as much as possible - will have to look at how to address the older roads that do not meet the guidelines.

- Public water affects what & where to build.

  LMDG agrees – and utilities and storm water management also need to be addressed.

- Lighting along roads need to be addressed – especially when dark and/or raining.

Guy Scheid - recommend driving tour to make note of specific problems / problem areas.

- This project has been 10 years in coming; looking forward to the efforts & results of the next 6 months."

Ms. Rinner commented the Corridor Study would be a 6-month process that would include meetings with citizens for their input. She stated her email address is vrinner@landmarkdg.com and the web site for Landmark is

www.landmark.com. If anyone had any questions or comments to please contact her or Mr. Guy Scheid in the Planning Department.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mr. Moody, Seconded by Mr. Stone, Mr. Moody, Mrs. Moody, Mr. Stone, Mr. Bowman voting "Aye," the meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Robert Bowman, IV, Chairman

ATTEST: Wendy Weber Ralph
Wendy Weber Ralph
County Administrator

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