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Attachment to 7/20/04
PC Minutes

COVER LETTER TO ALBEMARLE PLANNING COMMISSION
SUBMITTED WITH CITIZEN PETITION RE: PROPOSED CHANGES
TO "THE ALBEMARLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, THE RURAL
AREAS".

TO MEMBERS: WILLIAM D. RIELEY, RODNEY S. THOMAS,
MARCIA JOSEPH, WILLIAM B. CRADDOCK, CALVIN
MORRIS, WILLIAM EDGERTON, AND JO HIGGINS:

THE INCLUDED PETITION (8 COPIES) HAS BEEN SIGNED BY
A TOTAL OF 76 CITIZENS.

IN TALKING TO MANY RURAL AREA FARM FAMILIES AND
RESIDENTS IN MY PART OF THE COUNTY (NORTH OF
WHITE HALL), I BECAME AWARE OF HOW FEW KNEW
ABOUT THE CHANGES BEING PROPOSED, AND HOW MANY
OF THEM FELT THEY HAD NO VOICE HEARD BY COUNTY
GOVERNMENT. THIS IS THE PRIMARY REASON FOR THE
PETITION.

MOST DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO COMPUTERS AND
ALBEMARLE'S GREAT WEB SITE; MANY ARE ELDERLY;
THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE MEDIA COVERAGE. MANY ARE
SO INVOLVED WITH EARNING A LIVING THEY CAN'T KEEP
UP WITH ALL THAT GOES ON IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

THESE PROPOSED CHANGES CAN AFFECT THEIR LIVES
AND LIVELIHOODS DRASTICALLY. ADEQUATE
COMMUNICATION WITH FARMERS AND RURAL
LANDOWNERS IS A PROBLEM THAT NEEDS SOLVING.

THANK YOU,

MARY B. SHERIDAN
2500 BEZALEEL DR
CROZET VA 22932

TO MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION RE: THE REVISED
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE RURAL AREAS:

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR:

1) THE CONTINUED USE-VALUE TAXATION OF AGRICULTURAL, FORESTAL AND OPEN SPACE LANDS, KNOWING THAT WITHOUT IT, MANY FARM FAMILIES WOULD HAVE TO SELL THEIR LANDS.

2) MAINTAINING THE PRESENT NUMBER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS AND ALLOWING CLUSTERING OF THOSE DEVELOPMENT LOTS.

3) REAL FUNDING OF THE CONSERVATION OF EASEMENTS PROGRAM BY FLOATING A BOND ISSUE AND PAYING ACTUAL MARKET VALUE TO THE RURAL LANDOWNER.

4) ALLOWING APPROPRIATELY SCALED ALTERNATIVE USES ON RURAL LANDS THAT COULD PROVIDE ADDED ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO FARMERS.

5) THE CREATION OF AN AGRICULTURE/CONSERVATION/FORESTRY SUPPORT PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES ASSISTANCE INCLUDING COMMUNITY EDUCATION, MARKETING STRATEGIES, THE EXPLORATION OF RURAL LAND USE SUPPORT BUSINESSES, AND PROVIDE INFORMATION TO RURAL LANDOWNERS ABOUT HOW CONSERVATION EASEMENTS MIGHT HELP IN GOOD ESTATE PLANNING.

6) WE ALSO THINK GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO TAKE A MORE PROACTIVE ROLE IN EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE PUBLIC'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN SHARING COSTS WITH THE RURAL LANDOWNER FOR THE GROWTH MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND FOR ALL THE PUBLIC DEMANDS BEING PLACED ON PRIVATELY OWNED RURAL LANDS. IF THE PUBLIC HAS A VESTED INTEREST IN THESE PRIVATELY OWNED LANDS, IT NEEDS TO SHARE THE FINANCIAL BURDENS WITH THE RURAL LANDOWNER

WE RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE WITH:

1) A TIME-RELEASE REQUIREMENT OR PHASING OF ABILITY TO SELL ALLOWABLE DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS.

THIS VISITS AN UNDUE HARDSHIP ON THE FARM FAMILY WHICH IS NOT VISITED ON OTHER LANDOWNERS. IT WOULD HINDER PRESERVATION DEVELOPMENT, AND DEVALUE LAND VALUES. PLEASE REMEMBER THESE LANDS ARE PRIVATELY HELD AND IN MOST CASES REPRESENT A TOTAL LIFETIME INVESTMENT OF THE OWNER (AND IN MANY CASES THE LIFETIME INVESTMENTS OF SEVERAL GENERATIONS BEFORE HIM) AND ARE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE WELFARE AND HEALTH OF FARM FAMILIES. IT'S NOT THE DUTY OF GOVERNMENT TO DECIDE WHAT IS "NEEDED INCOME" FOR THE FARM FAMILY, OR THAT GOVERNMENT WILL "ALLOW" HIM TO "MEET OCCASIONAL FINANCIAL NEEDS". FARM FAMILIES DON'T REACH LIGHTLY THE DECISION TO SELL THEIR LANDS; AND WHEN THEY DO, IT IS USUALLY BECAUSE THEY SEE IT AS THEIR ONLY OPTION.

2) CHANGING THE RULES FOR FAMILY DIVISIONS.

CURRENT FARM ECONOMICS, APPRECIATION OF LONG HELD FAMILY LANDS, INHERITANCE TAXES, FAMILY PRESSURES OF LONG TERM AND MEDICAL CARE OF ELDERLY FAMILY MEMBERS, LIMITED ALLOWABLE USES OF RURAL LANDS ALL SERVE TO MAKE IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO PASS FAMILY LANDS ON TO THE NEXT GENERATION. AND YET IT IS FARM FAMILIES WHO HAVE PROTECTED AND PRESERVED

OUR BEAUTIFUL RURAL AREAS TO DATE. WE ARE AGAINST REGULATIONS THAT MAKE FAMILY DIVISIONS MORE DIFFICULT.

3) THAT ALL THE COMPONENTS OF THE RURAL AREAS (AS LISTED IN "GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE RURAL AREAS") BE CONSIDERED AS EQUAL WITH AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES IN GUIDING POLICY DEVELOPMENT.

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SIGNATURES TO ATTACHED PETITION TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NO.
1) <i>Earl J. Morris</i>	4172 BLUFTON RD Crozet VA 22932	434-823-6641
2) <i>Krista D. Morris</i>	4172 Blufton Rd Crozet, Va. 22932	434-823-6641
3) <i>Danua Mann</i>	4444 Blufton Rd. Crozet, VA 22932	434-823-6225
4) <i>Mrs. Shufflett</i>	3914 Slanget Rd 22932	434-823-8827
5) <i>Nachosa Shufflett</i>	3916 Slanget Rd. 22932	434-823-8827
6) <i>Jewel Morris</i>	4444 BLUFTON RD 22932	434-823-4812
7) <i>Ronnie Morris</i>	4444 BLUFTON RD, CROZET	434-981-0943
8) <i>Veckie M Shufflett</i>	4272 Blufton Rd. Crozet	434-823-2689
9) <i>Lamphe Phillips</i>	4462 Blufton Rd. Crozet	434-823-9909
10) <i>Audrey Knight</i>	4274 Blufton Rd Crozet, VA	434-823-1445
11) <i>J. Daniel Knight</i>	4274 Blufton Rd. Crozet, Va.	434-823-1445
12) <i>Brenda S. Morris</i>	4444 Blufton Rd Crozet, VA	434-823-4812
13) <i>Carol S. Conley</i>	4872 Break Heart Rd. Crozet VA	434-823-5590
14) <i>Herman Thacker</i>	5600 Sugar Ridge Rd, Crozet	434-823-9777
15) <i>Barbara M Weakley</i>	4290 Blufton Road Crozet	434-823-5369
16) <i>Harold M Weakley</i>	4290 Blufton Road Crozet	434-823-5369
17) <i>Jeri C. Morris</i>	4825 Break Heart Rd Crozet	434-823-5548
18) <i>Mary M. Morris</i>	4825 Break Heart Rd. Crozet, VA.	434-823-5548
19) <i>E. Wade Sambulger</i>	4786 Break Heart Rd. Crozet VA	434-823-5966

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1) Robey A. Shifflett	5034 Mtjain Sch Hill Crozet, Va. 22932	823-4514
2) Dorothy R. Shifflett	5034 Mtjain Sch Hill Crozet, Va. 22932	823-4514
3) Mary B. Morris	4844 Fox mT Crozet, Va.	823-6765
4) Eldon a. Morris	4844 Fox mT Crozet, Va.	823-6765
5) Virginia Shifflett	4830 Fry mt. Rd Crozet Va	823-5820
6) Lois and Shelma Wyaner	5331 Vea Lane Crozet, Va. 22932	823-5349
7) Chester Shifflett	4738 Blufton Rd. Crozet, Va 22932	823-2602
8) Theresa Shifflett		
9) Mr. Mrs Gordon Garrison	6478 Chap place Ln Crozet Va 22932	
10) Steward E. Walton	3575 South Rd. Ch'ville, Va.	295-6729
11) Natalie C. Walton	3575 South Rd. Ch'ville Va. Crozet, VA	295-6729
12) Beverley B. Kingsley	4895 Fry Mountain Rd.	823-8169
13) Mary J. McAlister	P. O. Box 94 Crozet Va	823-4039

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2) Louise Rick	3945 Browns Gap TNAK Crozet, Va. 22932	434-823-5627
3) Linn S. Ward	4796 Bluffton Rd Crozet, VA 22932	434-823-1969
4) Jeanne Child	4796 BLUFFTON RD. CROZET VA 22932	434-823-1969
5) Dot Hoffman	Blk'ville, Va 1670 Bluffton	974-7284
6) Rodney Rich	6245 Bladswells Hollow Rd. Crozet VA.	823-2271
7. Joseph Tomos	2695 Milton Rd. Charlottesville, VA 22902	296-1692
8) Robert C. Johnson	390 Old Ice Pond Rd Crozet, VA 22932	823-6230
9) RICHARD STATMAN	116 B OLINDA DR CHARLOTTESVILLE VA 22903	434 977 4127
10) WILLIAM MAY	759 BELMONT AVE #6 CHARLOTTESVILLE VA 22902	295-5495
11) Holly Martin	1880 Berkman Road Free Union, VA 22940	973-6160
12) Carl Smith	4391 Mechums School Hill Cville VA 22903	823-2124

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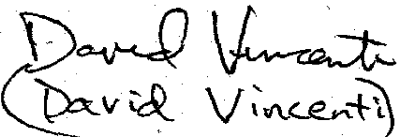
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1) John Brenneke	4492 South Rd.	
2) William H. Maupin	3094 Maupin Dr.	823-4732
3) Gail Wyant	4686 South Rd.	
4) Brandy Buegloff	5093 Blains Gap Turnpike, Crozet, VA	22932
5) Paul Pope	5315 Sugar Ridge, Crozet, VA	22932 823-1256
6) Adam C. Wyant	1995 Lamb's Rd Ch-ville, VA	22901
7) Richard J. Foltz	5145 Via Lane Crozet, Va.	22932
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3) Fanny Smith	4901 Slan Gate Rd Crozet Va 22932	
4) Walter Jr Steppe	4089 Slan Gate Rd Crozet Va 22932	
5) Janice Steppe	4089 Slan Gate Rd Crozet Va 22932	
6)  Leora Sheridan Vincenti	5212 Walnut Level Rd Crozet, VA 22932	434.823.1860
7)  (David Vincenti)	5212 Walnut Level Rd. Crozet, VA. 22932	434-823-1860

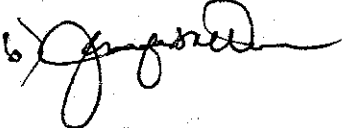
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3)	Carroll Bull	2391 Commonwealth Dr	434 817-9913
4)	V. Harper	62 Court Place Charlottesville VA 22901	434-244-2472
5)	H. C. Beshin	1107 E Jefferson St Charville 22902	434 2955538
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2) Robert A. Kumata	" "	" "
3) John C. Jones	5003 Via Lane Crozet, VA 22932	823-4742
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3) Mary B. Sheridan <i>Mary B. Sheridan</i>	2500 Bezaleel Dr. Crozet, VA 22932	823-9645
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