



**Planning Commission Agenda
Monday, June 23, 2025
Town of Orange Community Meeting Room**

6:00 p.m.

1. Call to order.

Roll Call:

Chairman Benjamin Sherman
Vice-Chair Page Sullenberger
Commissioner Rita Carroll

Commissioner Jeffrey Crane
Vacant
Mayor J. Harrison Cluff, *Ex-Officio*

- 2. Public Comment** – *The Commission receives public input from residents and taxpayers of the Town. Citizens are encouraged to sign up prior to the beginning of the meeting and turn in a/their slip to the Deputy Town Clerk. Please note that Public Comment is limited to 3 minutes per individual.*
- 3. Consideration of the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2025.**
- 4. Consideration of FY2026-FY2031 Capital Improvements Plan.**
- 5. Discussion regarding Zoning of Portion of Tax Map #T43-47.**
- 6. Next Meeting** – Monday, July 14, 2025, at 6 p.m. – Work Session Meeting.
- 7. Adjournment.**

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The Town of Orange Planning Commission held a work session meeting at 6:00 p.m., in the Town of Orange Community Meeting Room. Planning Commission members present were: Chairman Benjamin Sherman, Vice-Chair Page Sullenberger, Commissioners Rita Carroll, and Jeffrey Crane. Staff members present were Director of Community Development Deborah Sturm, ICMA-CM, AICP and Deputy Town Clerk Kimberly Strawser, CZA, CMC. Mayor J. Harrison Cluff was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sherman called the meeting to order. The Deputy Town Clerk called roll and noted that there was a quorum present.

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2025

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Sullenberger, seconded by Commissioner Crane, to approve the meeting minutes of April 14, 2025, as presented. On vote, Chairman Sherman – aye, Vice-Chair Sullenberger – aye, Commissioner Carroll – aye, and Commissioner Crane – aye. Motion carried.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION ON THE MAIN STREET CONCEPT PLAN

Mr. Bill Mechnick from Kimley Horn appeared before the Commission to review and answer questions regarding the Main Street Concept Plan. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission for the Director of Community Development to forward the Main Street Concept Plan to the Town Manager for Town Council review and comments.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The Director of Community Development stated that staff would compile various demographic aspects for the town and develop a brief analysis of trends to help inform the development and review of the comprehensive plan goals and objectives. The Director of Community Development stated that the estimated completion of this information would be ready for review at the August 11th work session.

The Director of Community Development reported that staff would prepare a community survey to be used to solicit citizen input on the plan in conjunction with community meetings to be held in the late summer/early fall. The Director of Community Development provided information from the Town of Gordonsville and Warren County's community survey as examples. The Director of Community Development stated that staff had been in touch with the Town's website manager and we have the ability to create an online survey on the Town's website.

The Director of Community Development stated that using the other community's surveys as a guide for general format and staff suggested that questions be divided into two sections – general respondent demographic information and community perceptions and visions categorized by

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plan themes. The Director of Community Development estimated the completion by June 30th and ready for review at the July 14th work session.

The Director of Community Development stated that community meetings would be important to seek citizen input. The Director of Community Development stated further that the last public meeting held last September was a great start and follow-up meetings in other areas of town would hopefully encourage more citizen participation. The Director of Community Development suggested that community meetings be held in the late summer/early fall in conjunction with the release of the citizen survey.

After discussion it was the consensus of the Commission to send out a community survey that is targeted to the Themes of the plan and to hold community meetings in late summer/early fall.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 6 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Kimberly Strawser, CZA, CMC
Deputy Town Clerk

Chairman Benjamin Sherman



AGENDA SUMMARY

June 23, 2025

Agenda Item #4

Consideration of FY2026-FY2031 Capital Improvements Plan

SUMMARY

The Director of Community Development will review the items that have been added/updated to create the FY2026-FY2031 Capital Improvements Plan. This update of the Capital Improvements Plan adds street reconstruction projects that will be included in the FY29-FY30 VDOT revenue sharing funding cycle, applications for which were due at the end of May 2025. A more comprehensive CIP review process will begin later in the summer.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the draft revised CIP as presented.

PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE/ MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:

"I move that the Town of Orange Planning Commission approve the draft revised FY2026-FY2031 Capital Improvements Plan as presented."

TOWN OF ORANGE, VIRGINIA



FY 2026 - FY 2031
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

PRESENTED TO THE TOWN OF ORANGE PLANNING COMMISSION
Date: June 23, 2025

1. Introduction: Town of Orange CIP: FY 2026 – FY 2031

Communities develop a comprehensive plan that outlines the future they desire for themselves through goals, objectives and implementation strategies contained in the plan. Capital improvement planning is one of several tools communities use to implement that plan. ***The purpose of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is to allow a locality to examine its current resources and to determine what future resources it needs. This is helpful for determining not only how much funding is needed to satisfy public facility needs but also when such funding is needed.***

Typically, the CIP covers a five-year period, with the first year adopted as the capital budget. Funding shown in subsequent years is not immediately committed but instead reflects an estimate of funding levels needed in the future for various projects, facilities, equipment, etc.

2. Planning Commission CIP Preparation

State statute designates the Planning Commission as the body generally responsible for the preparation and annual update of a locality's CIP. Section 15.2-2239 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, states the following:

A local planning commission may, and at the direction of the governing body shall, prepare and revise annually a capital improvement program based on the comprehensive plan of the locality for a period not to exceed the ensuing five years. The commission shall submit the program annually to the governing body, or to the chief administrative officer or other official charged with preparation of the budget for the locality, at such time as it or he shall direct. The capital improvement program shall include the commission's recommendation and estimates of cost of the facilities and the means of financing them, to be undertaken in the ensuing fiscal year and in a period not to exceed the next four years, as the basis of the capital budget for the locality. In the preparation of its capital budget recommendations, the commission shall consult with the chief administrative officer or other executive head of the government of the locality, the heads of departments and interested citizens and organizations and shall hold such public hearings as it deems necessary.

The Town of Orange Planning Commission has prepared this Capital Improvement Program with assistance from Town of Orange staff. The Commission members for the preparation of this CIP were:

Benjamin Sherman	Chairman
Page Sullenberger	Vice Chairman
Rita Carroll	Commissioner
Jeff Crane	Commissioner
Harrison Cluff, Mayor	Ex-Officio

Staff Support was provided by:

Greg Woods
Dwight Baker
Wendy J. Chewning
Deborah C. Sturm
Larry Bond
Kiline Madison
Dianna Gomez
Michelle Steinberger
Kimberly A. Strawser

Town Manager
Chief Water Plant Operator
Town Clerk
Director of Community Development
Director of Public Works
Chief of Police
Director of Finance
Chief Wastewater Plant Operator
Deputy Town Clerk

3. Definition of a Capital Project

A **Capital Improvement Project** is defined as “a major, non-recurring annual expenditure of at least \$25,000 for the payment of a capital improvement asset which has a useful life of at least five (5) years including any such planning, feasibility, engineering, or design study related to such project. These projects are included in the CIP and do not necessarily include all capital assets of the Town”.

(Definition approved by the Town of Orange Planning Commission on October 27, 2014)

4. The CIP Process

The CIP development process takes approximately 4-6 months beginning in the mid- to late-summer. It includes consultation with the Town Manager, department heads and interested citizens, and may include a public hearing before adoption and submission to the Town Manager for budget consideration in December.

5. FY 2026-FY 2031 Requests

This CIP includes projects that will be funded with Town resources, grant sources and VDOT funding. Because road projects funded with revenue sharing funds from VDOT must be included in the CIP, this revision adds street reconstruction projects that will be included in the FY29-FY30 funding cycle, applications for which were due at the end of May 2025. A more comprehensive CIP review process will begin in the summer of 2025.

6. Funding Recommendations

It is recommended that street construction projects planned for FY29-30 be included in the CIP as that is a requirement for receiving revenue sharing funding for these projects from the Virginia Department of Transportation.

7. Priority Recommendations

The priority order for the projects submitted during the CIP process will be determined by the Planning Commission with recommendations provided by staff.

Projects Deleted from the Draft CIP:

- Public Works Vehicles – Vehicles already purchased and ordered: New Trash Truck
- Marshall Heights Standpipe Replacement/Repair – this project is complete.

Revenue Sharing

Description:

The Town of Orange Public Works Department, in its role of maintaining the public roads within the Town, has plans to re-construct the following roads (listed in order of priority):

Revenue Sharing Projects FY27 through FY30			
FY	Road	Total Funding	Town Portion
27	Porterfield Drive (from Montevista Ave to end)	\$523,194.28	\$261,597.14
28	Rapidan Road (from Selma Rd to Town limits)	\$252,926.06	\$126,463.03
29	E. Main Street (from Selma Rd to May Fray Ave/Byrd Street	\$353,601.00	\$176,800.50
30	Byrd Street (from E. Main St to E. Church Street	\$80,832.00	\$40,416.00
30	Monrovia Road (from Route 20 to Town limits)	\$122,978.00	\$61,489.00
		\$1,333,531.34	\$666,765.67

Relationship to Comprehensive Plan:

Goal PS16: Ensure that public facilities are constructed and maintained to meet Levels of Service standards for different Planning Sectors in Town as articulated through specific Planning Sector plans.

Action PS16.5: Adequately fund Water Plant, Wastewater Plant, Public Works, Police, and Administrative Capital Needs to maintain Levels of Service Standards

Total Cost: \$1,333,531.34 (Town portion \$666,765.67)

Funding Source: 50% Local funds/50% Revenue Sharing Funds

Department Requesting: Public Works

Ranking:

Sidewalk Construction

Description

This project encompasses new infill construction of sidewalks providing pedestrians safe access to developed areas within the Town.

Relationship to Comprehensive Plan

Goal T2: Improve existing roads and transportation systems in a manner consistent with the Transportation Vision.

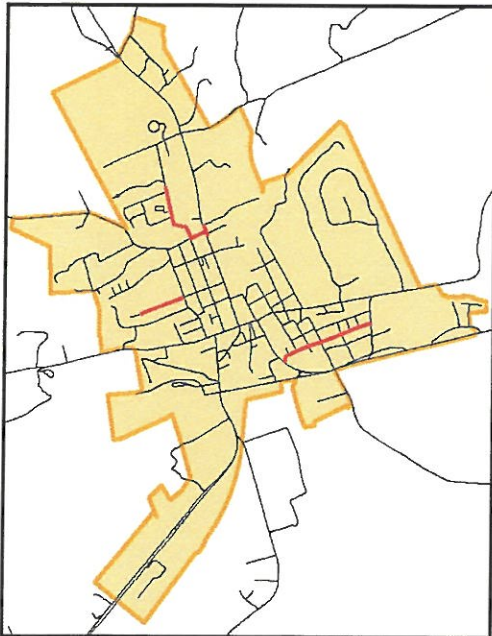
Action T4.2: Construct biking and pedestrian infrastructure in existing (already developed) parts of Town.

Total Cost: \$100,000.00 yearly

Funding Source: General Fund, VDOT grants, private funds

Department Requesting: Public Works

Ranking:



Potential Sidewalk Projects:

- North Street from Spicers Mill Road to the North Street Connector
- N. Madison Road from Dogwood Lane north to existing sidewalk, approximately 1600 feet
- Jefferson Street from Byrd Street to Selma Road

Taylor Park Brick Paver Rehabilitation

Description:

This project would fix the brick pavers in Taylor Park which are being dislodged by the roots of adjacent trees and are becoming a "tripping" and safety issue.

Relationship to Comprehensive Plan:

Action T4.2: Construct biking and pedestrian infrastructure in existing (already developed) parts of Town.

Total Cost: \$50,000

Funding Sources: General Fund, Taylor Park Fund, Private Grants, Donations

Department Requesting: Public Works

Ranking:



"Hilltop Drive" Sewer Line Connection

Description: To connect Harper Drive/Berry Street and Porterfield Drive sewer lines.

Relationship to Comprehensive Plan:

Goal PS16: Ensure that public facilities are constructed and maintained to meet Levels of Service standards for different Planning Sectors in Town as articulated through specific Planning Sector plans.

Total Cost To be determined during engineering phase

Funding Source: American Rescue Plan Act

Department Requesting: Public Works

Ranking:



Hilltop Drive Connector

Description:

To connect Harper Drive to Berry Street and connect Porterfield Drive to Hilltop Drive, this would improve and give alternate routes to Route 20.

Relationship to Comprehensive Plan:

Goal PS16: Ensure that public facilities are constructed and maintained to meet Levels of Service standards for different Planning Sectors in Town as articulated through specific Planning Sector plans.

Goal T2: Improve existing roads and transportation systems in a manner consistent with the Transportation Vision.

Total Cost To be determine during engineering phase

Funding Source: VDOT Urban Funds, Revenue Sharing, Town Matching Funds, American Rescue Plan Act

Department Requesting: Public Works

Ranking:



Orange Village Shopping Center Traffic Circle

Description:

As traffic counts increase on Route 15 through Town, and as the Orange Village Shopping Center continues to grow, traffic conflicts at the entrances are increasing. Working with the VDOT, a proposed traffic circle was designed to help mitigate the traffic conflicts at the northern entrance to the shopping center.

Relationship to Comprehensive Plan:

Goal PS16: Ensure that public facilities are constructed and maintained to meet Levels of Service standards for different Planning Sectors in Town as articulated through specific Planning Sector plans.

Goal T2: Improve existing roads and transportation systems in a manner consistent with the Transportation Vision.

Total Cost \$2,000,000.00

Funding Source: VDOT Urban Funds, Revenue Sharing, Highway Safety Improvement (HSIP) Funds, Town Matching Funds

Department Requesting: Community Development

Ranking:



Madison Road Utility Rehabilitation and Road Reconstruction

Description:

The underground utility infrastructure beneath Madison Road/Route 15, in many cases, is so old there is no documentation as to when it was constructed. Recently, storm sewer lines in front of 135 N. Madison Road (Domino's Pizza) collapsed, requiring emergency work by the Town's Public Works department. The Town has experienced other utility failures along N. Madison Road and this project would address the rehabilitation of the underground utilities while reconstructing N. Madison Road including updated streetscapes with wider sidewalks, street trees, benches, and street lights.

Relationship to Comprehensive Plan:

Goal T2: Improve existing roads and transportation systems in a manner consistent with the Transportation Vision.

Goal T4: Encourage alternatives to vehicular use to increase pedestrian-friendliness of Orange

Goal PS16: Ensure that public facilities are constructed and maintained to meet Levels of Service standards for different Planning Sectors in Town as articulated through specific Planning Sector plans.

Total Cost \$10,000,000 plus

Funding Source: VDOT: Revenue Sharing, Six Year Improvement or Smart Scale, Highway Safety Improvement Funding, Town Matching Funds

Department Requesting: Public Works

Ranking:

Spicer's Mill Road Culvert and Bridge Replacement

Description

Replacement of the culvert crossing at Baylor Creek. This project includes replacing the two existing culverts north of the box culvert and restoration work on the unnamed tributary of Baylor Creek.

Relationship to Comprehensive Plan

Action I11.4: Reconstruct Spicer's Mill Culvert.

Total Cost: \$3,000,000.00

Funding Source: VDOT and Town funding

Department Requesting: Public Works and Community Development

Ranking:

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Orange Transportation Center Streetscape Enhancement Project

Description

This project covers sidewalks, lighting and utility improvements in the vicinity of the Orange Train Depot within the Orange Commercial Historic District.

Relationship to Comprehensive Plan

T4.2

T4.2.3

T5

Total Cost:

Section A: RR Tracks to Madison Road:			
Engineering:	\$150,000.00	Construction:	\$800,000.00
Section B: Madison Road to Belleview Ave			
Engineering	\$225,000.00	Construction	\$1,400,000.00
Section C: Belleview Ave to Caroline Street:			
Engineering:	\$100,000.00	Construction	\$500,000.00
Totals:	\$475,000.00		\$2,700,000.00

Funding Source: VDOT, ToO General Fund

Department Requesting: Community Development

Ranking:



Madison Road Stormwater Drainage Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Project

Description

Due to excessive flooding on Madison Road between Nelson Street and Spicers Mill Road, Town staff worked with VDOT on a drainage improvement project

Relationship to Comprehensive Plan

Goal I11

Goal I12

Action I 2.3 – Build Town Wide Stormwater Facilities

Total Cost:

Engineering Design	\$200,000.00
Right of Way	\$100,000.00
Construction	\$1,000,000.00

Phasing:

- Newton Street to Woodmark Drive
- Washington Street to Newton Street
- Main Street to Newton Street

Funding Source: VDOT, General Fund,

Department Requesting: Community Development

Ranking:





AGENDA SUMMARY

June 23, 2025

Agenda Item #5

Discussion regarding zoning of portion of TM# T43-47

SUMMARY

In 2002, a 6.207-acre portion of Orange County TM#43-47 was annexed into the Town of Orange. When the annexation process was completed, the 6.207-acre portion should have been assigned a zoning classification by the Town per Section 4-20.30 of the Zoning Ordinance as follows:

All territory, which may be hereafter annexed into the Town or brought into Town by Boundary Adjustment, shall be temporarily classified in a Town zoning district which, in the opinion of the Town Council and upon recommendation of the Planning Commission, most closely approximates the County zoning district in which the property was designated at the time of annexation. Within six (6) months after the effective date of the final court order of annexation or legislative incorporation of the boundary adjustment in the Town's charter, such district shall become permanent unless a new one is established by amendment in accordance with Section 3-40.

It has recently come to light that this did not occur, and the property has remained unzoned and untaxed by the Town since it was annexed. It is the Town's desire to now assign a zoning classification to the property.

The Director sent a letter to the property owners to offer them an opportunity to provide input on the zoning of the property and avoid the possibility of engaging in a zoning process twice (once as the result of the annexation, and another should the property owner desire a different zoning for the property than what is chosen by the Town). There has been no response to date.

Attached for the Commission's consideration and discussion are maps that show the location of the property, as well as the zoning classification of adjoining properties within the town limits. The zoning of the portion of this property that is in Orange County has a zoning classification of Agricultural.

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Higginbotham-Hemp Property

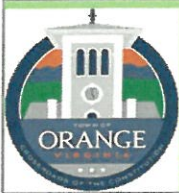
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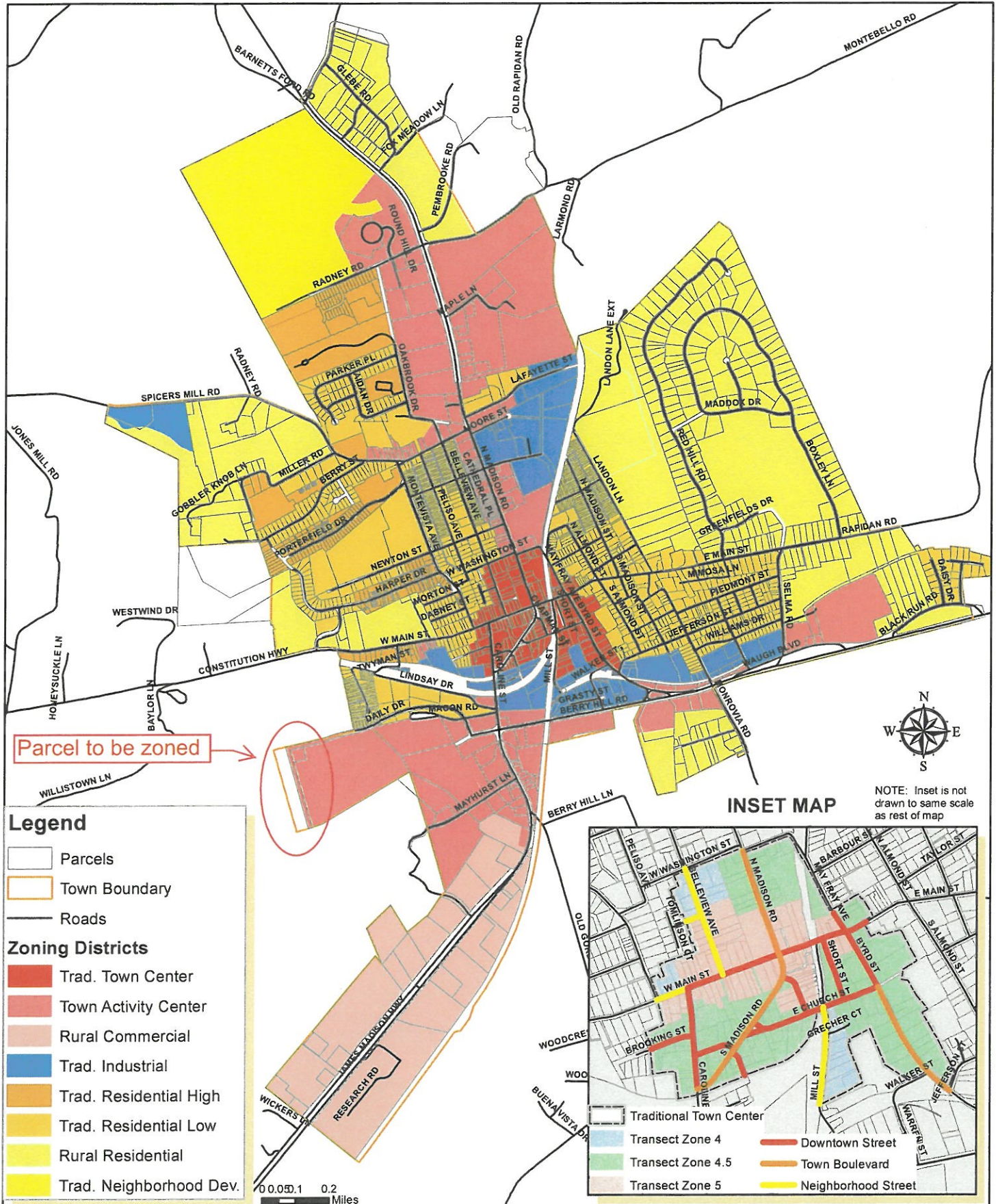
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Zoning Map

ADOPTED: March 7, 2011





Town of Orange
Department of Community Development

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Cluff and members of Town Council

FROM: Deborah C. Sturm, ICMA-CM, AICP
Director of Community Development

DATE: June 9, 2025

RE: May 2025 Department report

Provided for your information are community development updates for the past month:

Request from Lee Garrison – Lee Garrison has purchased a piece of property adjacent to the Town boundary (to the southeast of the Houseworth subdivision) on Monrovia Road. Mr. Garrison is exploring the possibility of having the property annexed into the Town of Orange. These discussions are preliminary. At the request of staff, the Town attorney provided information on the property annexation process to document the correct process to move this request forward. There has not been any recent follow-up from Mr. Garrison. Mr. Garrison has initiated the property annexation process with the Town. **No change as of 6-9-2025.**

Mid-Block Pedestrian Crosswalk Study – The final study has been submitted. The responses to VDOT comments were included in the final report. The engineer has been asked to provide information regarding VDOT review of the final study as well as how the installation of flashing lights along the edges of the crosswalk within the roadway might impact the project and its cost. VDOT has reviewed both the mid-block crosswalk as well as improvements to the Nelson St./Woodmark Dr./N. Madison Rd. intersection. The mid-block does not meet standards and VDOT cannot support that project. The accident data does not support an investment in intersection improvements. **No change as of 6-9-2025.**

Rappahannock Rapidan Community Services Board Madison Road Apartments Project – The project is for the construction of a new building where the current RRCS Board office building and the Sheltering Arms building are located. These buildings will be demolished as part of this project. The architect for the project has submitted the zoning permit for this project. The building construction plans have been submitted to the Orange County Building Office and are under review. The zoning permit was issued in October 2024, and the building

permit was issued in December 2024 to enable grant applications; however, the county building department notes there are still outstanding requirements that must be fulfilled before any work can commence. **No change as of 6-9-2025.**

The Planning Commission: The Planning Commission met on May 12, 2025. They continued their discussion on the comprehensive plan update and also discussed the Main Street Concept Plan with the consultant who attended the meeting. A vacancy remains on the Commission. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for June 23rd. They will discuss a revision to the Capital Improvements Plan to include VDOT revenue sharing funding projects for FY29-30.

The Board of Zoning Appeals: The Board of Zoning Appeals held an annual organizational meeting on Thursday, May 15th– this was a lunch meeting at La Naranja restaurant. Staff has learned that BZA member Gene Wagner passed away on May 9, 2025. There are now two vacancies on the Board of Zoning Appeals. **No change as of 6-9-2025.**

The Kean Road Subdivision: According to the engineer, updated plans should be submitted on 10-24-2024. The applicant submitted a response letter, but no plans. A request to submit the plans will be sent to the applicant – PW and CD staff are reviewing the plans and will follow-up with the engineer. Review of the 3rd plan submission is complete, and a letter of comment has been provided to the consultant. Staff is working to respond to follow-up questions from the consultant. The engineer is revising plans to address comments from the Town, VDOT and the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District. Revised plans are expected to be submitted the week of June 2nd. **Revised plans were submitted to the Town on June 3rd and are under review.**

Permits issued:

Zoning Permits – 4

Round Hill Meadows Site Plan:

- Phase 1: Punch List work on the concrete curb and gutter as well as the road pavement has been completed.
- Phase 2: **59** zoning permits have been issued and **0** more have been submitted. There are 8 lots remaining to be permitted. **No change as of 6-9-2025.**

Ongoing Projects:

Hilltop Drive Road Connection: This project was put on hold due to cost. The Director followed up with the project engineer on this project and will be discussing next steps with the Town Manager. The Director has discussed next steps with the Town Manager and will be following up with the developer to find out where they are with this project. Staff has

spoken with the registered agent for the property owner who indicated he was meeting with the owner May 1st to determine their status of the project and would get back with the Town. The Director followed up with the registered agent who stated the property owner is not interested in moving forward with their project at this time.

Main Street Streetscape Design: The draft Main Street plans have been received. Staff will update the Town Council as soon as practical. An email containing the initial designs for the Main Street Project between the railroad tracks and the Caroline Street intersection was sent to Town Council members. The next step is to determine when a public meeting can be scheduled to begin the process of collecting public comment. The Planning Commission will discuss this at their upcoming work session on April 14, 2025—the Director is requesting the Commission to provide feedback on the proposed design. The Planning Commission discussed the concept at their meeting on April 14th and asked that the consultants attend their next meeting to present it to them and answer questions they have about it. The consultant will attend the April 28th Commission meeting to present and discuss the proposed concept plan. The Commission did not meet on the 28th due to a lack of quorum. Review of the concept plan has been moved to the Commission’s work session to be held on May 12th. The consultant appeared before the Commission to present the concept plan at their meeting on May 12th. After a brief discussion, the Commission asked their comments be forwarded to Town Council. The Director is preparing a timeline for moving the project forward to include public input meetings (required for federal funding) and soliciting engineering consulting services for the project so that it is ready for application submittal in the FY26-27 SmartScale process in the spring of 2026.

Comprehensive Plan Update: The Planning Commission will resume their review and discussion of the plan at their upcoming work session on April 14, 2025. The Commission discussed their next steps with the plan review at their April work session and decided they want to restart the plan review process with a data update and public input from the community. The Director will present a community outreach plan of action for the Commission to consider at their next meeting on April 28th. The Commission did not meet on the 28th due to a lack of quorum. The Commission will continue discussion on the comprehensive plan at their work session on May 12th. At the meeting on May 12th, the Commission reviewed the Director’s recommended actions and timelines for developing a demographic update for the plan (complete by August 1st), community survey (complete by June 30th) and community meeting schedule (complete by July 1st) for the plan update. Staff are working on the community survey, data summary and community meeting schedule. The Commission will not meet again until June 23rd.

Capital Improvements Plan: At their June 23rd meeting the Planning Commission will consider adding FY29-30 road reconstruction revenue sharing projects to the Town’s capital improvements program, which is required for the projects to be considered for funding by VDOT. The Commission will begin a full review of the CIP later this summer.

ArcGIS training: The Director is working with the Rappahannock-Rapidan Regional Commission GIS Coordinator to learn how to use the Town's ArcGIS software to make maps needed for various projects. This training is being provided at no cost to the Town. No change as of 6-9-2025.

RRRC Orange County – Town of Orange Best Management Practices (BMP) Assessment: The Regional Commission has begun the process of reviewing municipally owned properties in the town and county for opportunities to implement urban Best Management Practices (BMP's) such as stormwater management practices, tree plantings, impervious pavers and stream restoration. These measures are intended to address areas of flooding, erosion, etc. This is a project they are implementing annually in each county of their region—this year Orange County is the focus.

The Director has reviewed a map of town-owned properties and provided feedback to the regional commission staff to ensure the map correctly displays all town-owned properties. The goal of the assessment is to identify 12-20 recommended priority projects for BMP implementation. The Regional Commission will handle coordination, GIS, grant writing/administration for any projects the County or Town want to pursue. The project is being done in partnership with the Friends of the Rappahannock who will do the majority of the site assessments with assistance from the Culpeper Soil and Water Conservation District. The Town and County will provide site access and express needs and priorities to guide the process. The assessment is being done at no cost to the Town, and there is no commitment to implement projects. No change as of 6-9-2025.

Monthly GIS updates: Staff are reaching out to Orange County GIS staff monthly to obtain updated data (tax parcels, addresses, driveways, etc.) to provide to the Town's GIS vendor (Timmons Group) for their ongoing update of the Town's online GIS. No change as of 6-9-2025.

Upcoming meetings/training:

- Virginia Local Government Management Association (VLGMA) summer conference – June 18-20, Virginia Beach
- American Planning Association Virginia Chapter annual conference – July 20-23, Portsmouth