

## SUMMARY MAJOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION EFFORTS Pender County Land Use Plan Update 2005

The following is a summary of the major public participation efforts undertaken by the Planning Staff. A detailed description of activities along with a verified copy of news articles, public notices, brochures, posters, etc. is available for review at the Planning Office, 805 South Walker St. Burgaw NC.

- 25 verified Public Notices on the Land Use Plan process and public meetings have run in local news papers since October 8, 2003.
- 9 verified News Articles on the Land Use Plan process that have appeared in local papers.
- 2 verified News Articles on the Land Use Plan process that have appeared in the Wilmington Star News Regional Paper.
- 30 person Key Community Group was assembled for the six community meeting areas to encourage public participation in the two series of community meetings. These individuals attended an initial meeting prior to the area meetings and were given an orientation on the process and posters and brochures to distribute in their respective communities to encourage citizen participation.
- 500 individual emails sent to Interested Citizens and Absentee Property Owners inviting them to participate in the area meetings and to provide comments.
- The Public Participation Plan was advertised in local papers and adopted by the Planning Board and Board of Commissioners in Open Public Meetings.
- All key documents and activities have been advertised and made available on the Pender County Website and County Offices and Libraries in Hampstead and Burgaw.
- Brochures for each event in the Public Participation process have been printed and distributed to County Departments, the press, by email to maintained email list and County Offices and Libraries in Burgaw and Hampstead.
- Area meeting were held at 6 individual locations in the County during February 2004. These meetings were attended by over 175 persons.
- Two additional area meetings were held in Burgaw and Hampstead in November 2004 to receive comment on the draft policies. These meetings were attended by over 148 persons. These meetings were advertised and noted that Fresh Cooked Hot Dogs and Refreshments would be served to all participants at this series of meetings.
- The Pender County Planning Board held an open day long (8:15 AM to 5 PM) Workshop to review the final draft policies on January 25, 2005. All members were in attendance.
- The Pender County Planning Board held an advertised Pubic Hearing on the final draft Land Use Plan Policies on March 1, 2005.
- The Pender County Board of Commissioners in open public session on April 4, 2005 approved a resolution presented by the Chairman of the Planning Board, setting the required statutory public hearing on adoption of the Land Use Plan Update for May 16, 2005. Public Notice of this hearing appeared twice in two local papers.