

# Pitt County Planning Department



## 2002 Annual Report

March, 2003

To All Interested Individuals:

The Pitt County Planning Board and Planning staff proudly present the Pitt County Planning Department's Annual Report for 2002. This report outlines and describes the department's numerous activities and projects, and highlights the department's major accomplishments over the past year. Staff is especially pleased with the near completion of the flood recovery programs and the adoption of the 2002 Pitt County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Staff is extremely proud of progress made on several on-going projects and activities, affordable housing programs and E-911 addressing. In addition to the department's accomplishments for 2002, the Annual Report provides a listing of the future projects and activities to be pursued by the department staff in 2003.

To learn more about Pitt County Planning Department's numerous activities and accomplishments, please read the Annual Report for 2002 or contact the Pitt County Planning Department at (252) 902-3250. Thank you for your interest in planning-related functions in Pitt County.

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## WHAT IS PITT COUNTY PLANNING?

The Pitt County Planning Department is a branch of Pitt County Government and is dedicated to providing planning services to citizens located within the jurisdiction of Pitt County (refer to **Map 1** on following page). A primary focus of the Planning Department is to guide long-range development and address land use issues in Pitt County, including the preparation of land use plans, as well as the administration of developmental regulations relating to specific land uses. Such land uses include subdivisions, manufactured home parks, and multifamily developments. Planning staff is responsible for the maintenance of the countywide addressing system, which involves the assignment of addresses, the naming of roads, installation of signs, and the maintenance of official road name lists. In addition, staff is involved with other projects such as transportation planning, population studies, and computerized mapping using the County's Geographic Information System.

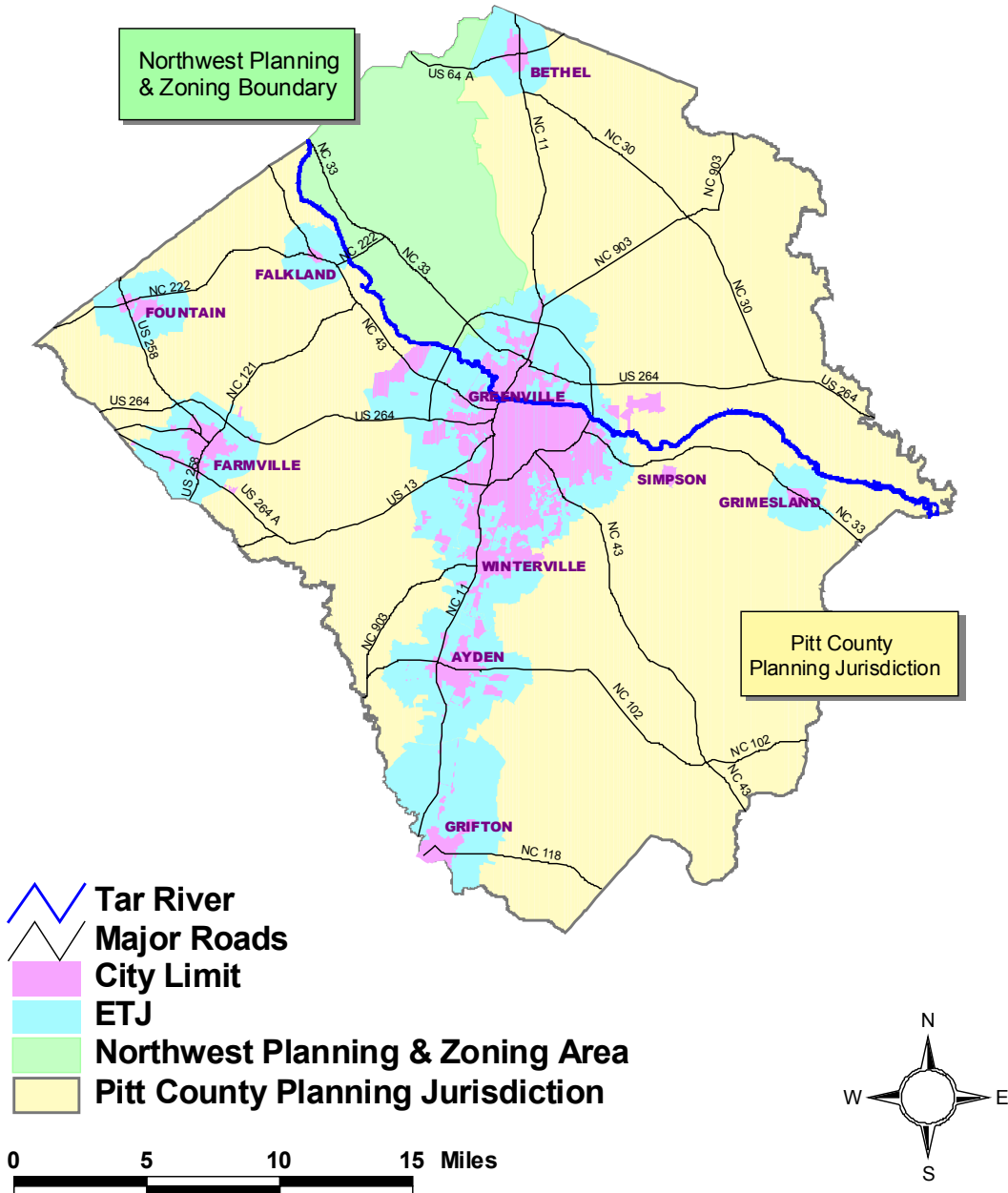
Over the past few years, several municipalities have requested that Pitt County administer County ordinances within the municipalities' planning jurisdictions. These services are provided to the municipalities free of charge. In 2002 Pitt County entered into an interlocal agreement with the Town of Bethel and Farmville for administration of the County's Addressing Ordinance within the Town's Municipal Jurisdiction. The County also began administering Zoning for the Town of Falkland. Listed in **Table 1** below are the various ordinances administered by Pitt County and the jurisdictions in which those ordinances are administered.

**TABLE 1 PITT COUNTY ORDINANCE ADMINISTRATION**

Ordinance	Jurisdiction								
	Pitt	Ayden	Bethel	Falkland	Fountain	Grifton	Grimesland	Simpson	Winterville
Addressing	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Flood Damage Prevention	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
Manufactured Home Park	X								
Multi-Family	X								
Northwest Planning Area Zoning	X								
Sexually Oriented Businesses	X								
Outdoor Advertising Signs	X								
Shooting Range	X								
Soil Erosion and Sediment. Control	X			X			X	X	X
Subdivision	X			X			X	X	
Water Supply Watershed	X			X					
Zoning				X					

# PITT COUNTY PLANNING JURISDICTION

MAP 1 PLANNING JURISDICTIONS



## DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Pitt County has several ordinances that regulate specific types of land uses and/or developments. The Planning Department is responsible for administering these development-specific ordinances, which include the Subdivision Ordinance, Manufactured Home Park Ordinance, and Multifamily Dwelling Ordinance. But to a lesser degree, the Planning Department also administers the County's Shooting Range Ordinance, Outdoor Advertising Sign Ordinance, and Water Supply Watershed Ordinance.

The Pitt County Development Ordinances, especially the Subdivision, Manufactured Home Park, and Multifamily Ordinances, require the submittal of plats or plans to the Planning Department for review. The ordinances provide minimum guidelines that must be addressed by the developer to ensure that the public health, safety, and welfare are adequately protected. The Department's review of the plats or plans ensures that each proposed development meets the specific standards outlined in the appropriate ordinance.

During 2002, the Pitt County Planning Department reviewed and approved **135** plats and plans. These included preliminary, construction and final plans for subdivisions and mobile home parks, and preliminary and as-built plans for multifamily developments. Listed in **Table 2** below is a monthly breakdown of the number of plats and plans reviewed and acted upon by the Pitt County Planning Department for 2002.

**TABLE 2 DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PLATS AND PLANS**

<b>Plats / Plans</b>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<b>Total</b>
Preliminary Plats	9	5	5	5	5	3	6	6	4	1	5	2	56
Construction Plans	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	7
Final Plats	5	14	7	9	5	3	4	1	3	8	5	4	68
MHP Preliminary Plans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MHP Construction Plans	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MHP As-Built Plan	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Preliminary Multi-Family Plan	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
As-Built Multi-Family Plan	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	14	22	12	17	11	7	11	8	7	10	10	6	<b>135</b>



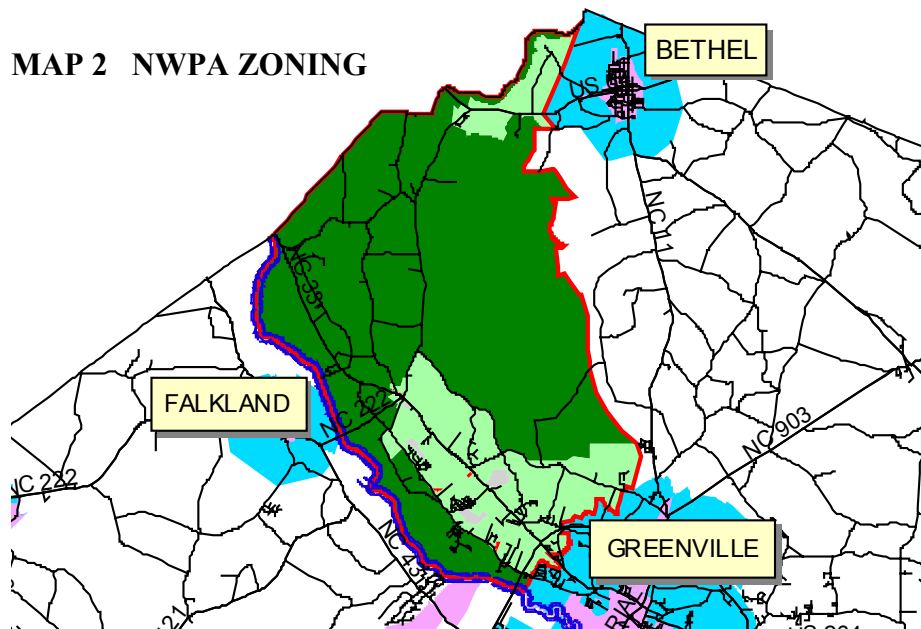
# ZONING

## Northwest Planning Area

The Northwest Planning Area covers 38,726 acres of land with approximately 5,532 residents. The area lies between the Grindle Pocosin and the Tar River, and extends from the planning jurisdiction of Greenville to the Edgecombe County line (see **Map 2** for location). The region's major transportation route is NC 33 and Belvoir is the largest crossroad community. The rapid development in the area over the past ten years has led to the construction of a new elementary school.

The Northwest Planning Area Land Use Plan is a document that serves as a blueprint for development over a 20-year period. The plan identifies goals and objectives for the County to consider when making decisions regarding growth and development within the Northwest Planning Area. In order to address some of the goals and citizen's concerns about land use

**MAP 2 NWPA ZONING**



issues within the area, the Commissioners' adopted the Northwest Planning Area Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance is a tool that the County can use to better manage and prepare for increased growth, and to regulate land uses that may be offensive within certain neighborhoods or communities.

able to separate certain incompatible land uses.

By creating zoning districts, the County is

Before the issuance of building permits by Pitt County Inspections Department, citizens are required to obtain a zoning permit from the Planning Department to ensure that the all new structures and land uses meet the standards of the Zoning Ordinance. From January 2002 until December 2002, the Planning Department issued 176 zoning permits. Listed in **Table 3** below is a breakdown of the types of permits issued by Planning staff.

**TABLE 3 NORTHWEST PLANNING AREA ZONING PERMITS**

<b>Permits</b>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<b>Total</b>
Singlewide Mobile Homes	5	2	9	16	12	20	10	7	10	5	2	5	103
Doublewide Mobile Homes	2	5	6	3	5	5	4	3	12	3	1	2	51
Site Built Homes	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	5
Others	-	1	3	-	2	2	3	-	2	2	1	1	17
<b>Total</b>	7	9	18	19	19	28	18	10	24	11	4	9	<b>176</b>

### **Development of the Countywide Zoning Ordinance**

One of the primary objectives of the 2002 Comprehensive Land Use Plan was the development of a jurisdiction-wide land use regulatory program. In May 2002 the Board of County Commissioners took the first step to meet this objective by directing the Planning Board and Planning Department staff to begin the development of a countywide zoning ordinance.

During the months of May and June staff conducted a countywide “windshield” survey of existing land uses. The results of the survey were mapped using the County GIS and were used in the preparation of the proposed zoning map. In August Buddy Blackburn of the Wooten Company presented the Planning Board with the first draft of the zoning ordinance. The ordinance was modeled after the Northwest Planning Area Zoning Ordinance that was adopted in 2001.

In October the Planning Board was presented with the draft zoning map. Planning staff used the information gathered from the existing land use survey and the recently adopted Future Land Use Map from the 2002 Comprehensive Land Use Plan as guides during the development of the map. Also at the October Planning Board meeting the Planning Board was given an opportunity to comment on the draft ordinance and scheduled a series of public forums for January 2003.

In December revised drafts of the zoning ordinance and zoning map were provided for the Planning Board and the January 2003 public forums were advertised. The development of the countywide zoning ordinance is expected to continue throughout the first half of 2003.

# Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update

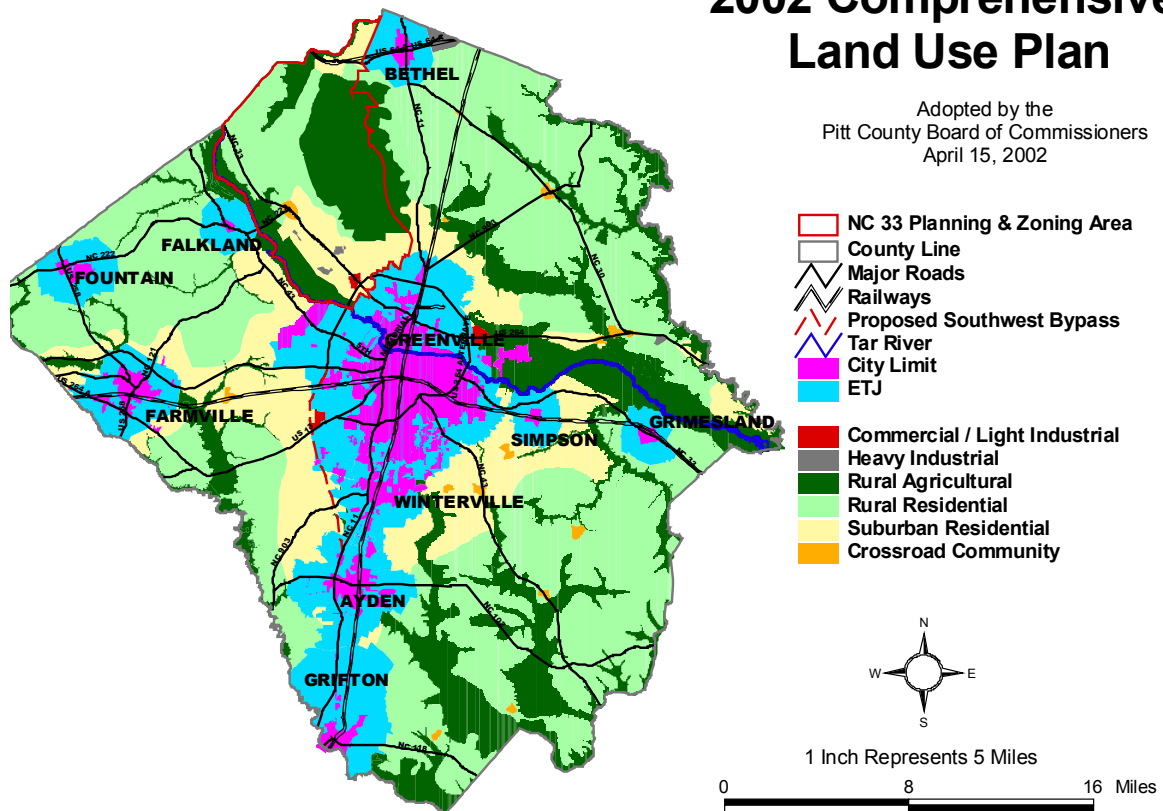
The update of the County's 1990 Comprehensive Land Use Plan that was begun in 2001 continued through the early months of 2002. In February a series of public forums was held at Ayden-Grifton High School, Farmville Central High School and Stokes Elementary School. The purpose of the forums was to allow the public a chance to review and comment on the draft Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update. Also, in February and March Planning Department staff met with officials from the ten municipalities in the County to discuss the plan and to ensure that the county's plan was consistent with municipal plans.

In March the Planning Board held a public hearing and forwarded the draft Comprehensive Land Use Plan to the County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners then held a public hearing at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. At the meeting Planning Board Chairman William Wooten presented the 2002 Comprehensive Land Use Plan to the Commissioners. During the public hearing three citizens spoke in favor of the plan. After the public hearing was closed the commissioners [www.co.pitt.nc.us/bcc](http://www.co.pitt.nc.us/bcc) voted to adopt the 2002 Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

## MAP 3 2002 CLUP

## 2002 Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Adopted by the  
Pitt County Board of Commissioners  
April 15, 2002



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# FLOOD RECOVERY

## Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

The department's administration of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (Buy-out Program) continued through 2002. This program allows for the acquisition and demolition of flood damaged residential structures. Properties included in the program are purchased in fee simple and placed in public ownership, thereby reducing or eliminating the future potential for inappropriate floodplain development. Property owners are paid fair market value for their properties and participation in the program is completely voluntary.

In all, 202 properties have been approved for the Buy-out Program. **Table 4** below shows the status of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program and provides details on the number of offers, closings, home demolitions, and other preparatory work for the program during 2002.

**TABLE 4 HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM**

Activities	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Offers Made	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Offers Accepted	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Closings	1	0	2	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	10
Homes Demolished	0	0	4	2	25	22	8	0	0	0	0	0	61

## State Acquisition and Relocation Fund (SARF)

In May 2000, Pitt County was approved for the State Acquisition and Relocation Fund (SARF) in the amount of \$3.9 million. This grant provides homeowners with the price differential between the pre-flood fair market value of the home being purchased under the HMGP and a comparable replacement home. In 2002, the County assisted 18 homeowners with SARF payments totaling \$361,866.

## Buyout Property Leasing

With the increase in amount of properties owned by Pitt County through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, concern arose over the amount of maintenance needed for the properties. In order to lessen the number of properties that the County needed to maintain, the Commissioners agreed to offer the properties to adjacent property owners for their personal use. With this program, the property would remain in the ownership of Pitt County as required by the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, but would be leased by Pitt County citizens for use and maintenance.

The leasing program allows individuals to lease county property for a small amount of money. The lessee can use the property for personal use consistent with the terms of the lease, some

proposed uses include camping, gardening, picnic areas and recreation areas for children. During 2002, the County leased a total of 23 properties, which amounted to 61 acres of land being used and maintained by Pitt County citizens.

### **Crisis Housing Assistance Program**

Pitt County Planning Department also continued administration of State Flood Recovery Programs during 2002. The State's repair and replacement programs further address flood-related housing needs throughout unincorporated Pitt County for low-moderate income households which did not qualify for the buyout program. **Table 5** describes the status of the repair and replacement programs since funding was first allocated in 2000 through the end of 2002.

**TABLE 5 CRISIS HOUSING ASSISTANCE FUNDS**

Categories	# of Projects	Amounts Expended
Completed-Repair	40	\$714,404.00
Completed-Replacement	65	\$3,508,462.00
<b>Total Completed</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>\$4,222,866.00</b>
Completed 2002-Repair	12	\$201,579.00
Completed 2002-Replacement	47	\$2,268,000.00
<b>Total Completed 2002</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>\$2,469,578.00</b>
<b>Total Deemed Ineligible\Withdrawn</b>	<b>80</b>	

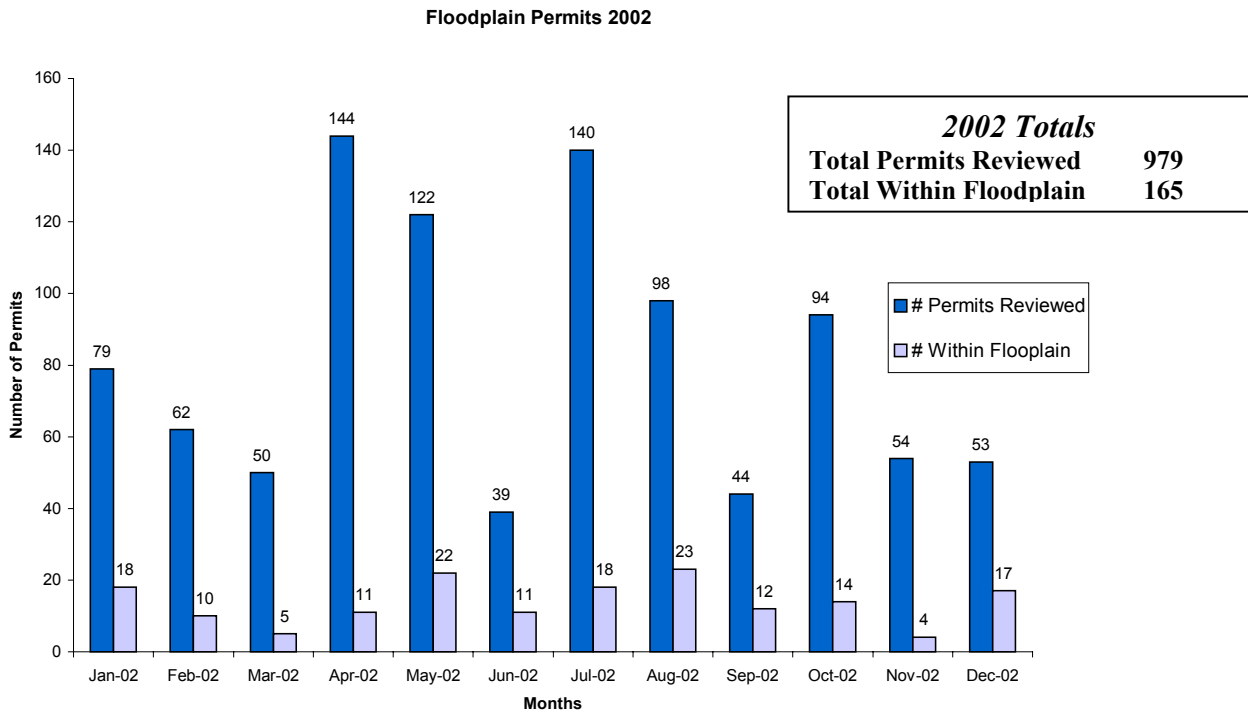
# FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION

As evidenced by the significant flooding associated with Hurricane Floyd in 1999, numerous properties within Pitt County are located in flood prone areas. Because of this, many property owners carry flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that all jurisdictions participating in the National Flood Insurance Program administer a Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Through the use of this ordinance, Pitt County strives to:

- 1) Protect human life and health,
- 2) Minimize expenditure of public money for costly flood control projects,
- 3) Minimize the need for rescue and relief efforts associated with flooding and generally undertaken at the expense of the general public,
- 4) Minimize prolonged business interruptions,
- 5) Minimize damage to public facilities and utilities such as water and gas mains, electric, telephone and sewer lines, streets and bridges located in floodplains,
- 6) Help maintain a stable tax base by providing for the sound use and development of floodprone areas in such a manner as to minimize flood blight areas, and
- 7) Insure that potential home buyers are notified that property is in a flood area.

Pitt County Planning staff includes a Certified Floodplain Manager who, along with his responsibilities of administering the Ordinance, reviews all septic system permits to determine the floodplain designation. **Chart 1** shows the number of permits reviewed each month during 2002 and those permits for properties located within the 100-year floodplain.

CHART 1 FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION



## **FLOOD HAZARD MAPPING**

Preliminary copies of updated Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels and the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report were issued to those portions of Pitt County and affected municipalities located in the Tar-Pamlico River basin in June of 2002. On September 3rd and 4th, Pitt County and the City of Greenville co-hosted public participation meetings which allowed the citizens of Pitt County a chance to view the new floodplain maps and asked any questions they might have. The meetings included a presentation by the North Carolina Floodplain Mapping Program, copies of the new maps, and a demonstration of the North Carolina Floodplain Mapping Information System which is a website that will be used to disseminate information on all aspects of the mapping program. Using this website you will be able to view floodplain information online, download the FIRM panels as well as the FIS Reports, download available digital floodplain data, and get information about the mapping program. The website address is [www.ncfloodmaps.com](http://www.ncfloodmaps.com).

Preliminary copies of updated Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panels and the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Report for those portions of Pitt County and affected municipalities located in the Neuse River basin are expected in early 2003.

The new maps were produced by the State of North Carolina under a unique partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This partnership, signed September 2000, designates North Carolina as a Cooperating Technical State and delegates the primary responsibility for the creation and maintenance of all FIRMs to the State of North Carolina. The remapping of all floodplains for Pitt County is the result of the devastation caused by Hurricane Floyd, which flooded thousands of square miles of eastern North Carolina and left thousands of people homeless. This disaster highlighted North Carolina's vulnerability to natural disasters and the need for accurate, up-to-date floodplain maps.

# SOIL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL

In 1973, the North Carolina General Assembly adopted the Sedimentation Pollution Act, which required land-disturbing activities to comply with certain erosion and sediment control guidelines. Pitt County has administered its own local Erosion and Sediment Control Program since 1974. The Pitt County Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance regulates certain land-disturbing activities to control accelerated erosion and sedimentation in order to prevent the pollution of water and other damage to lakes, watercourses, and other public and private property.



Land disturbances of one (1) acre or more require the submittal, review and approval of a soil erosion and sediment control plan. These plans are submitted to the Pitt County Planning Department to ensure compliance with the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Ordinance. In addition, Planning staff makes numerous site inspections to ensure continued compliance with the regulations. This picture was taken during a site inspection and illustrates proper implementation of best management practices. **Table 6** below provides more detail in the number of plans reviewed, sites inspected, Notices of Violations issued, and the amount of disturbed acreage during 2002.

**TABLE 6 LOCAL EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PROGRAM**

<b>Sediment Control Projects</b>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	<b>Total</b>
Plan Reviews	1	3	6	2	3	2	5	4	-	4	4	2	36
Site Inspections	21	21	34	47	42	43	45	34	48	36	38	26	435
Notices of Violations Issued	4	3	5	3	5	2	1	2	6	6	6	5	48
Total Disturbed Area (Acres)	6	43	52	7	10	13	52	32	-	41	70	23	349



# DRAINAGE MAINTENANCE

## Beaver Management Assistance Program

Pitt County Planning staff with assistance from the Pitt County Perpetual Drainage Maintenance Study Committee researched beaver activity and associated damage control techniques. Staff continued to provide oversight of the Beaver Management Assistance Program. This oversight included educational programs, advertisement, handling landowner concerns, and providing technical assistance to address drainage problems incurred as a result of beaver damage.



An example of a beaver activity located in Pitt County.



Drainage problems caused by the beavers pictured above.

## HOUSING PROGRAMS

Pitt County closed out a scattered site Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the rehabilitation of eight homes and the replacement of two homes owned by low-moderate income households and located within the County's planning jurisdiction. Funds are provided by the North Carolina Division of Community Assistance.

In addition to the CDBG-funded homes, Pitt County completed two rehabilitation projects through HOME funds and began the replacement process on one home. The Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program was created by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 to assist counties and towns in the rehabilitation and creation of affordable housing for low-income residents. The Pitt County Consortium was formed in late 1997 in order to become an eligible recipient of HOME funds. Participants of the Consortium include Pitt County, City of Greenville, Town of Ayden, Town of Bethel, Town of Farmville, Town of Grifton, and Town of Winterville.

Pitt County will receive CDBG funds every three years on a non-competitive basis. The next CDBG project will begin early 2003.

## GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

### E-911 Addressing

Planning staff continued to update and maintain the E-911 addressing database for the County throughout 2002. In addition to maintenance of the County's addressing database, the Planning Department also maintains numerous municipal databases (See **Table 1**). As a daily responsibility, Planning staff responds to numerous addressing inquiries throughout the county and continually assigns addresses for new structures.

As part of the E-911 Addressing Program, Pitt County Planning Department's Road Sign Coordinator maintains nearly 2,500 County street signs, and assembled and installed approximately 57 new signs in 2002. The Road Sign Coordinator also fabricates and refurbishes existing signs throughout Pitt County's jurisdiction.

In January, 2002, approximately 1100 Town of Grifton residents were notified of their new E-911 address. Planning staff assisted the citizens with the address conversion through phone calls and walk-ins.

On May 7, 2002, the Town of Bethel contracted with Pitt County to convert existing municipal addresses to Pitt County's addressing system for the purpose of improving emergency (E-911) response. Planning staff, as part of the initial stage of the Bethel address conversion, conducted a windshield survey of all addressable structures within the Town. Information collected on the

structures and roads was added to the County's Geographic Information System (GIS) to assist with E-911 address assignments.

On August 6, 2002, the Town of Farmville contracted with Pitt County to convert existing municipal addresses to Pitt County's addressing system for the purpose of improving emergency (E-911) response. Planning staff, as part of the initial stage of the Farmville address conversion, acquired aerial photos from the tax office.

## **GIS Mapping**

The Pitt County Planning Department utilizes a modernized Geographic Information System (GIS) to create detailed digital and hardcopy maps. Major GIS programs such as ArcInfo, Arcview and ArcGIS provide the Planning Department with the ability to create, maintain, and display maps in various formats. With the department's printing abilities through the use of a plotter, large and high-quality color maps can be printed in a short amount of time.

Pitt County produces numerous maps for various entities such as local and government agencies, nonprofit organizations, Pitt County Schools, Pitt County Economic Development Commission, Sheriff's Office, and other various organizations for information and presentations. These maps are displayed in paper and digital format. In addition, Planning creates numerous maps for reference, public review, and special projects. Examples include: zoning, fatal crashes, existing and proposed infrastructure, municipal planning jurisdictions, existing land uses, census information, hydrology, floodplains, and sheriff patrol areas. With the GIS capability, Pitt County Planning Department provides mapping and analysis assistance to Pitt County and throughout Eastern North Carolina.

Staff began development of a departmental website that will allow the general public to purchase available maps online. Maps will be shipped to customer upon receipt of payment.

## COORDINATED PERMITTING

During 2002 planning staff members worked on developing the County's Coordinated Permitting System. The Coordinated Permitting system is being developed to centralize the activities involved in obtaining permits for development within Pitt County. The permitting system includes a software package that ties Planning, Inspections, Environmental Health and Emergency Services together into one permitting application. This will allow for a continuous flow of information throughout all the agencies and greatly improve customer service. The Permitting Center is located in the front of the Development Services building (See pictures below) and will house employees from Inspections, Environmental Health and Planning. Testing is set to begin in mid February 2003 with the expectation of "going live" with the permitting system in mid 2003.



## **OTHER PLANNING PROJECT PARTICIPATION**

### **Greenville Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**

In 2002 Planning staff continued to serve on the Technical Coordinating Committee for the Greenville Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Also, in 2002 the North Carolina Department of Transportation presented the 2004 – 2010 Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP sets out state transportation priorities and funding for the seven year planning horizon. As presented the draft TIP was favorable for most of Pitt County's transportation priorities. Of particular note was that the schedule for the County's number one priority, the NC 11 – 903 Southwest Bypass, was not changed from the previous TIP. A series of public forums were held in October to solicit public comments on the draft. The final version of the 2004 – 2010 TIP will be complete in June 2003.

### **Mid-East Rural Planning Organization**

In 2002 Pitt County joined with the counties of Beaufort and Martin along with several municipalities in the three counties to form the Mid-East Rural Planning Organizations. Rural Planning Organizations were created by the NC Department of Transportation to complement the Metropolitan Planning Organizations. RPO's are meant to give its members a unified voice in transportation planning efforts in the rural areas of the state. Planning Department staff will participate on the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) for the RPO. In September 2002 the TCC held its first meeting where organizational matters were discussed.

## **STAFF ACTIVITIES AND DEVELOPMENT**

Throughout 2002, Planning staff members made presentations on various planning-related activities, received training to better advise and serve the public, and represented the County on numerous committees. Listed below are examples of these activities.

### **Presentations**

E-911 Proposed Address Conversion for the Town of Bethel and Town of Farmville  
North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association  
Summer Planning Institute

### **Training/Conference Attendance**

Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Local Program Workshop  
Home Investments Partnerships Program Training  
Community Rating System (CRS) Workshop  
Water Quality Workshop  
Erosion and Sedimentation Control Seminar  
Environmental Conference  
Floodplain Mapping Seminar  
Geographic Information System (GIS) Hazard Mitigation Workshop  
National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Seminar  
Citizens Informational Workshop  
North Carolina APA Annual Conference  
ECU Hazards Conference  
NC Association of Floodplain Managers Conference  
Carolina Asphalt Paving Association and NCDOT Workshop  
NC Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Annual Conference  
Soil and Water Conservation District Workshop  
Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Seminar  
Building Active Communities Workshop  
Water Supply Workshop  
Stormwater Workshop

### **Committee Representation/Staff Support**

Coordinated Permitting Committee  
Coastal Carolina Trail Committee  
HOME Consortium  
Perpetual Drainage Maintenance Committee  
Greenville Urban Area Bicycle Task Force Steering Committee  
GIS Steering Committee  
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) – Greenville Area MPO and Mid-East RPO  
Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) – Greenville Area MPO and Mid-East RPO  
Safe Communities Coalition's CRASH Task Force  
Governor's Advisory Council on Flood Recovery Efforts  
Unmet Needs Committee  
Pitt County Safety Committee

## **PITT COUNTY PLANNING IN 2003**

The Pitt County Planning Department saw many changes during 2002 including the development of a Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and the expansion of the addressing, and Zoning administration. In addition, Planning staff provided existing services and administered existing programs in a more efficient manner. During the upcoming year, Pitt County Planning staff plans to continue these efforts. Listed below are some of the department's projects and activities planned for the year 2003.

### **Major Projects & Activities**

- Countywide Zoning Ordinance
- Coordinated Permitting System
- Stormwater Management Plan
- Update Floodplain Maps
- Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
- Municipal Address Conversion

### **Ongoing Staff Activities**

- Development Review
- Zoning Administration
- Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control
- Flood Damage Prevention Administration
- Community Development Block Grant/HOME
- Maintenance/Lease of HMGP Properties
- Beaver Management Assistance Program
- GIS Coverage Update/Map Production
- Maintenance of Countywide Address Database
- Road Sign Assembly, Installation & Maintenance
- Coastal Carolina Trail
- Safe Communities/CRASH

### **Other Potential Projects**

- Develop Commentary for Development Regulations
- Perpetual Drainage Maintenance Study
- Prepare Clean Water Trust Fund Grant Application
- Develop Elevation Certificate/Reference Mark Database
- Establish Local Stream Identification Program
- Revise Multifamily Development Ordinance
- Revise Outdoor Advertising Sign Ordinance