

Board of Aldermen

ITEM NO. B(3)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 28, 2011

TITLE: Update on Northern Study Area Design Workshop

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING	PUBLIC HEARING: YES _ NO <u>X</u>
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution B. Workshop invitation and agenda	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Kleaveland – 918-7332 Patricia McGuire – 918-7327

PURPOSE

With the assistance of the Durham Area Designers, the Town hosted a design workshop on February 26, 2011 at Morris Grove Elementary School to explore diversifying land use in the Northern Study Area. Report preparation is underway and expected to be complete in the late summer. This update provides an overview of the workshop's participants and activities.

INFORMATION

An orientation meeting on the project was held in the evening on Wednesday, February 2nd with approximately 20 citizens in attendance. Approximately 30 citizens participated in the day-long workshop on Saturday, February 26th. The purpose of the event was to explore the possibility of neighborhood-commercial land uses and additional residential density on approximately 30 acres at the intersection of Eubanks Road and Old NC 86. Transportation improvements along the roadways were also considered. After reviewing information about site conditions, Workshop participants broke into five groups and developed concept plans for site development and roadway corridor elements and configurations. The workshop invitation and agenda are attached (*Attachment B*).

Workshop participants were invited to a follow-up meeting to discuss and confirm the elements of the concept plans on June 6th. Report preparation is underway by the Durham Area Designers.

FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT.

None associated with acceptance of this update.

RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen adopt the attached resolution accepting this update (*Attachment A*).