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Guilford County *Public Open House*

Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Update

WE WANT YOUR INPUT ON DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Just
Drop In!

October 29 - 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Guilford County Agricultural Center (Co-Op Extension Building)
3309 Burlington Rd.
Greensboro, NC 27405

6 PM
presentation

For more information, please visit the project website:

<https://www.GuilfordUDUpdate.com>

Questions? Contact J. Leslie Bell, Guilford County Planning and Development Director
lbell@guilfordcountync.gov or Oliver Bass, Senior Planner obass@guilfordcountync.gov or call 336.641.3334

Guilford County is updating its land development regulations. This is the first comprehensive update since the 1990's. Come brainstorm with us, have influence on how development is managed in the unincorporated areas of Guilford County, and have a voice in shaping your community.

What is the UDO?

What to expect at the Open House?

- Short presentation at 6:00pm
- Informal and engaging discussion
- Stop in any time to participate in activities designed to generate ideas
- Ask questions of facilitators and County staff
- Families are welcome

How to Stay Involved!

- Visit the project website and sign up to follow the update www.GuilfordUDUpdate.com
- Or contact J. Leslie Bell, Guilford County Planning and Development Director at lbell@guilfordcountync.gov, Oliver Bass, Senior Planner obass@guilfordcountync.gov or call 336.641.3334
- Take a brief Online Survey on the project website
Coming Soon

Unified Development Ordinance Update - Project Highlights

The department is in the process of updating the County development ordinance. The current version was adopted in the early 1990s and has since incurred several text amendments.

"This comprehensive update will modernize the ordinance to ensure consistency with new legislation, best practices, and technologies that have evolved over time," said Planning & Development Department Director J. Leslie Bell. Some of the goals of this project include:

- Eliminate inconsistencies in the ordinance
- Reorganize and simplify the presentation of information to improve readability
- Introduce new best practices for compliance with design standards
- Streamline the development review process
- Create a user-friendly internet version of the ordinance

The County hired Stewart Engineering, a multi-discipline engineering and planning consulting firm, to facilitate the update. The consultant is working with a steering committee composed of citizens, County staff, and representatives of the development community.

Unified Development Ordinance Update continued....

The project kicked off in mid-June with a County tour with the Planning and Zoning staff and Stewart Engineering and interviews of key stakeholders. The project is expected to be completed over a 19-month period.

Meet Our New Employees



Kyleene Rooks – Soil & Water District Education Coordinator. Kyleene joined the Soil & Water Conservation team in December 2017.

Kyleene originally hails from Northern Virginia and came to Greensboro's Guilford College. During her sophomore year, she transferred to North Carolina A&T State University and graduated with an undergraduate degree in Biology. Previously, she worked for the North Carolina Youth Conservation Corps and has volunteered with various horticulture groups. Kyleene is also a certified North Carolina Environmental Educator. She enjoys traveling, cooking, and is an avid reader. She also loves gardening and being outdoors as often as possible.



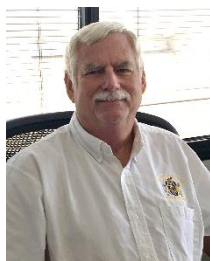
Khadijah Hasan – Soil Technician in the Erosion Control Division. Khadijah studied Biological Engineering with a concentration in

Natural Resources at North Carolina A&T State University. She gained her field experience working with Terracon Consultants Inc., a multi-discipline engineering consulting firm. Khadijah enjoys the outdoor life and in her spare time can be found trail running, bike riding and practicing outdoor yoga. Khadijah enforces the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act by conducting compliance inspections on grading-permitted projects, investigating citizen's soil erosion and sedimentation complaints, and performing site plan and subdivision plan inspections.



Cole Perkinson – Chief Building Inspector, Inspection Services Division. Cole works with both citizens and contractors to ensure that construction in Guilford County adheres to North Carolina Building Codes. A graduate of

Guilford College and GTCC with degrees in political science/business law, and construction management, Cole is qualified to perform inspection services in all construction trades including building, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical. When not at work, he enjoys the challenges of endurance dirt bike riding, stand up jet skis, or nearly anything which mixes excitement with being outdoors.



Clarence Westcott Congratulations! Clarence was promoted to the position Inspection Services Manager in January 2018. Clarence has been with Guilford County since 1998 and

hopes to stay until retirement. His primary goal is to fill all the positions that were left vacant after a number of employees retired at the end of 2017. "We are hoping to select employees that will make Guilford County the most efficient Inspection Division in North Carolina, and if the response and comments from the public are any indication, we are well on our way," reported Mr. Westcott. So far, he is very happy with the new inspectors that have joined the team this year.



Darren Young – Plumbing, Mechanical and Gas Inspector with Inspection Services. Darren started with Guilford County in

March of 2018. Darren is happily married for 29 years and has two lovely daughters. When he's not at work, Darren's free time is taken up by his main hobby as a drummer for two Triad bands.



Jamie Brady – Electrical Inspector, Inspection Services Division. Jamie was born and raised in Southeast Guilford County. He is

married with three wonderful children and has a passion for anything related to outdoors. Jamie began his electrical career in 1987 and after 32 years, he is looking forward to a new chapter of his career serving Guilford County.



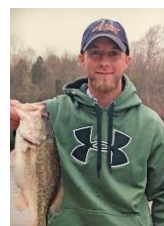
Ernie Telgarez - Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector, Inspection Services Division. Ernie enjoys trips to

the mountains, playing with his dogs and shooting. He is currently engaged and looks forward to serving the citizens of Guilford County.



Clint Searcy – Multi-Trade Mechanical and Electrical Inspector, Inspection Services Division. Clint has been an Inspector for nearly 20 years and joined us in

February 2018 after working with Davidson County and the Town of Kernersville. He has been married for 29 years and has two daughters. He and his wife were very excited to welcome their first grandbaby into the world this August! In his spare time, Clint likes to fish. He's recently purchased a lot on Oak Island where they plan to build soon; more opportunity for fishing!



Derrick Johnson – Plumbing and Mechanical Inspector, Inspection Services Division. Derrick worked as a self-employed plumbing

contractor for fourteen years and an inspector for the last five years. He started with Guilford County in March of 2018. Derrick is married with three boys and enjoys hunting, fishing and riding dirt bikes.

New Employees Continued...



Todd Dickson – Building Inspector, Inspection Services Division. Todd started with Guilford County in July of 2018, coming to us from the City of Greensboro. His primary job is inspecting all aspects of building construction in Guilford County to make sure the minimum building codes are met, to insure safety. Todd enjoys a good movie and spending time with his family. He is married with five children and one grandchild.

Please help us welcome all these wonderful new employees!



Soil and Water Conservation District

Contests! Spread the word!

Guilford Soil & Water Student Conservation Contests are designed to encourage students to apply their understanding of natural processes to the real world, in which they recognize the importance of conserving the processes they depend on.

This year's theme for all of our contests is "The Living Soil". Contests include a free lesson to help provide students with the same background information that corresponds to NC Essential Standards. Students will have a chance to win money prizes and have their work move on to the regional and state level.

- Poster Contest Grades 3 to 5
- Essay Contest Grade 6
- Speech Contest Grades 7 and 8
- Computer Design Poster Contest Grade 9

Entry deadline: Friday, February 15, 2019 by 4 p.m. Entry deadline for the Public Speaking Contest ONLY: Monday, February 4, 2019 by 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Kyleene at krooks@guilfordcountync.gov or visit their webpage at <https://www.guilfordcountync.gov/our-county/planning-development/soil-and-water-conservation/who-we-are/education>

United Way Campaign

Once a year, the City of Greensboro/Guilford County holds its annual fundraising campaign benefiting the United Way. This year, County employees were charged with increasing the employee participation rate. This year's campaign, led by Luis Jimenez and Deborah Sandlin, was supported by 30 (70%) of the 43 employees in the Planning and Development Department.

Employees also participated in the consolidated Guilford County Special Event raffle fundraiser, selling a total of 534 tickets. Congratulations to our prize winners:



HP Laptop
Joe Dendulk
Information
Services



\$100 VISA Card
Reggie Bennett
Security



\$100 Gas Card
Joshua Shinn
P&D – Scrap
Tire & White
Goods



\$100 VISA Card
Deborah Light
Register of
Deeds

Because of your compassion and generous donations, we have accomplished yet another successful annual campaign raising a GRAND TOTAL of \$3197!! We want to thank everyone, whether you participated in the employee campaign and/or purchased raffle tickets, for making this year's campaign such a success.

Your contribution, no matter the size, will create a lasting positive impact on someone else's life.

Department Spotlight – Planning and Zoning Division

The Planning and Zoning Division is a six-member team, including the Deputy Director - Planning, two Senior Planners, a Planner I, a Planning Technician, and a Land Use/Zoning Compliance Officer, all working together to facilitate the economic vitality and safety of the community.

By working with citizens and design professionals alike, Planning and Zoning staff review and approve subdivision plats to ensure that new home sites meet design minimum standards-thereby protecting the buying public. During the 2017-2018 fiscal year, 155 plats were reviewed totaling over 667 lots, and 952 acres.

They also provide technical assistance to the Towns of Sedalia, Whitsett, Pleasant Garden, and Stokesdale. In this capacity, they serve as planners for each community, handling public hearings, plat and site plan review, as well as fielding questions from both residents and town employees.

Additionally, the Planning and Zoning Division staff serve on four boards and commissions including the Planning Board, the Board of Adjustment, the Historic Preservation Commission, and the Technical Review Committee.

The Planning Board hears rezoning and special use permit cases. The Board of Adjustment considers variance requests and interpretation cases. The Historic Preservation Commission reviews applications for new landmark properties designations and Certificate of Appropriateness applications, (COAs) which are required for improvement projects impacting historic homes. The Technical Review Committee is a multifaceted group with representation from several functional areas including Planning, Environmental Health, and the NCDOT, that reviews major site plans & subdivisions, hears waiver cases, and provides advice on road and easement closings.

By reviewing site plans, Division staff assist business owners and entrepreneurs expand their operations in Guilford County. Staff regularly meet with and answers questions from business owners regarding potential locations, permitted uses, and parking and landscaping requirements.

During the 2017-2018 fiscal year, staff reviewed 35 site plans.

Staff also facilitates smart growth by coordinating the approval process for signs and ABC permits, as well bona fide farms, working in conjunction with other divisions.

Departmental resources to ensure compliance with County Code.

Issues faced most commonly by the Compliance Officer include junked cars, building without permits, and illegal businesses. During fiscal year 2017-2018, the Compliance Officer responded to over 50 enforcement cases.

Piedmont Triad CommunityViz Modeling Tool

The County is participating in a regional effort to develop the Piedmont Triad Region CommunityViz Model for long-range transportation planning. Participants include a variety of local governments in the Piedmont Region and the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART). The CommunityViz software will use socio-economic and land use data to forecast future year demand on

transportation facilities based on alternative growth scenarios. The CommunityViz model will be used to develop the Metropolitan Transportation Plan to set priorities for statewide funding of transportation improvement projects.



Planning & Zoning Division Team

*From left to right: Retired Deputy Director – Planning, Les Eger
Matt Talbott – Planner II
Paul Lowe – Planner I
Rhonitta Hayes – Zoning Investigator
Tonya Hodgkin – Planning Technician
Oliver Bass – Planner II*

The Planning and Zoning Division is also responsible for providing code enforcement services to the unincorporated areas of the County, as well as the Towns of Sedalia, Stokesdale, Whitsett, and Pleasant Garden.

The Land Use/Zoning Compliance Officer works collaboratively with property owners and complainants, and leverages



Environmental Services Division



Solid Waste Ordinance Update

Environmental Services has had a busy year! In addition to their community recycling events, they took on the task of rewriting the Solid Waste Ordinance. "We were able to work with stakeholders from the Division of Forestry, Air Quality, County Fire Chiefs, and Law Enforcement, to tackle ordinance revisions that are meaningful and achievable," said Environmental Services Manager Clyde Harding.

On September 20, 2018 the Board of Commissioners adopted the amended Guilford County Solid Waste Ordinance. The amended Ordinance will replace the existing Guilford County Solid Waste Ordinance and will become effective November 1, 2018.

The amended ordinance will now match the relaxed State regulations regarding the times that residents are allowed to burn vegetation, and remove the restriction on burning logs greater than four inches. "The changes will help us be more responsive to the needs of the citizens," said Lorelei Elkins, Environmental Enforcement Officer.

Other amendments include:

- Condensed the Fines section
- Added additional requirements for solid waste hauler licenses
- Updated the *definitions* section including abandoned and junked motor vehicles, electronics and recycling
- Added hyperlinks to the NCGS, where appropriate, as an additional resource for citizens
- Added language indicating that the Board of County Commissioners may choose to franchise specific area(s) of the County to solid waste haulers
- Included language concerning both forestry and air quality burn bans

- Made it easier and more efficient for enforcement officers to work across agencies and County departments (e.g., Sheriff's office, Fire Marshal's office, Forestry Service) to address and resolve illegal burning and illegal dumping complaints (both during and after hours)

A link to the amended Solid Waste Ordinance can be found at www.GuilfordRecycles.org or a hard copy can be obtained at the Guilford County Planning and Development Department on the 5th floor of the Independence building at 400 W. Market St. Greensboro, during normal business hours.

For questions, please contact Lorelei Elkins at (336) 641-2082 or by email at lelkins@guilfordcountync.gov.

Community Recycling events

This year a record number (25 tons) of tires were recycled at Sedalia Elementary School during the Spring Clean Up event in April. Additionally, the 267 participants of that event also brought nearly 4 tons of white goods (appliances), 2 tons of shredded materials, and more than 5 tons of e-waste! Oak Ridge E-cycle event had 352 participants. 11 ½ tons of e-waste was collected, along with nearly 4 tons of shredded materials, and 2 tons of white goods. Pleasant Garden's E-Cycle event was another busy one with 473 participants bringing in 13 tons of e-waste, 6 tons of shredded material, and nearly a ton of white goods.



New Tire Changing Machine at Bishop Road means safer handling of larger diameter aluminum wheels.

Upcoming events

November 3, 2018 from 8 to 2 at Oak Ridge Elementary School, 2050 Oak Ridge Road in Oak Ridge. Items accepted are paper for shredding, electronics, and white goods.

March 16, 2019 from 8 to 2 at Pleasant Garden Town Hall, 4920 Alliance Church Road in Pleasant Garden. Items accepted are paper for shredding, electronics and white goods.

April 13, 2019 from 8 to 2 at Eastern Guilford Middle School. Items accepted are paper for shredding, tires, electronics and appliances. Spread the word! We want your stuff.



Totals for Fiscal Year 2017 - 2018

We are committed to the waste reduction goals outlined in the Solid Waste Management Plan. Last fiscal year saw:

- 788 tons of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) properly disposed of.
- 9,538 tons of tires collected for recycling.
- 197 tons of metal collected and recycled.
- 103 tons of paper kept from the landfill.
- 905 tons of electronics collected, secured and recycled.

Environmental Services continued...

On the Enforcement Front

Things continue to be very busy. Our Solid Waste Ordinance Enforcement Officer closed 123 illegal burning and illegal dumping cases during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. "We continue to work with people to get the violations cleaned up," says Enforcement Officer Lorelei Elkins, "and we're providing education at the same time. Happily, we don't get many repeat offenders."

Public Outreach and Education

We still make time for environmental education at County schools and community events. This year we saw nearly 300 people at the Greensboro Earth Day fair in April and brought the Magic of Recycling to 3080 school children.



Our Kids, Cans, and Ca\$h aluminum can collection program is undergoing some changes this year, but we're still encouraging the kids to collect the cans for cash while instilling in them the importance of recycling in our community. Last year just over 5500 kids participated in the Kids, Cans and Ca\$h program.

Social Media

The Environmental Services Division has a strong social media presence. "Like" us on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/GuilfordRecycles](https://www.facebook.com/GuilfordRecycles).

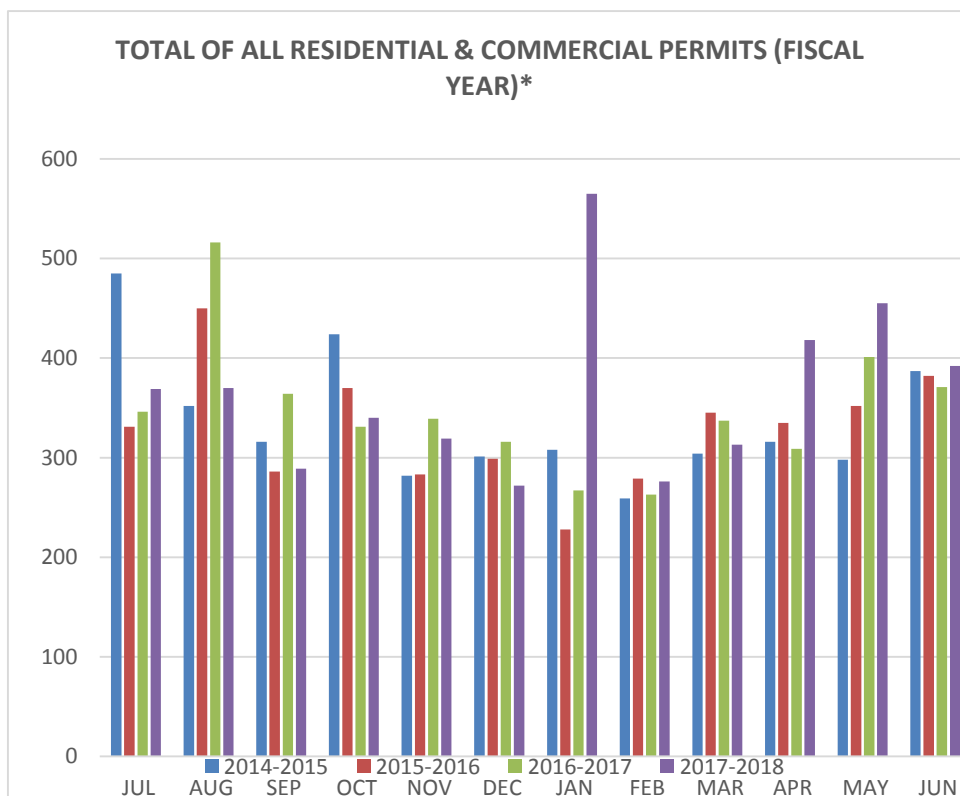
Also, our new easy to remember web address will help residents of Guilford County navigate to our information-

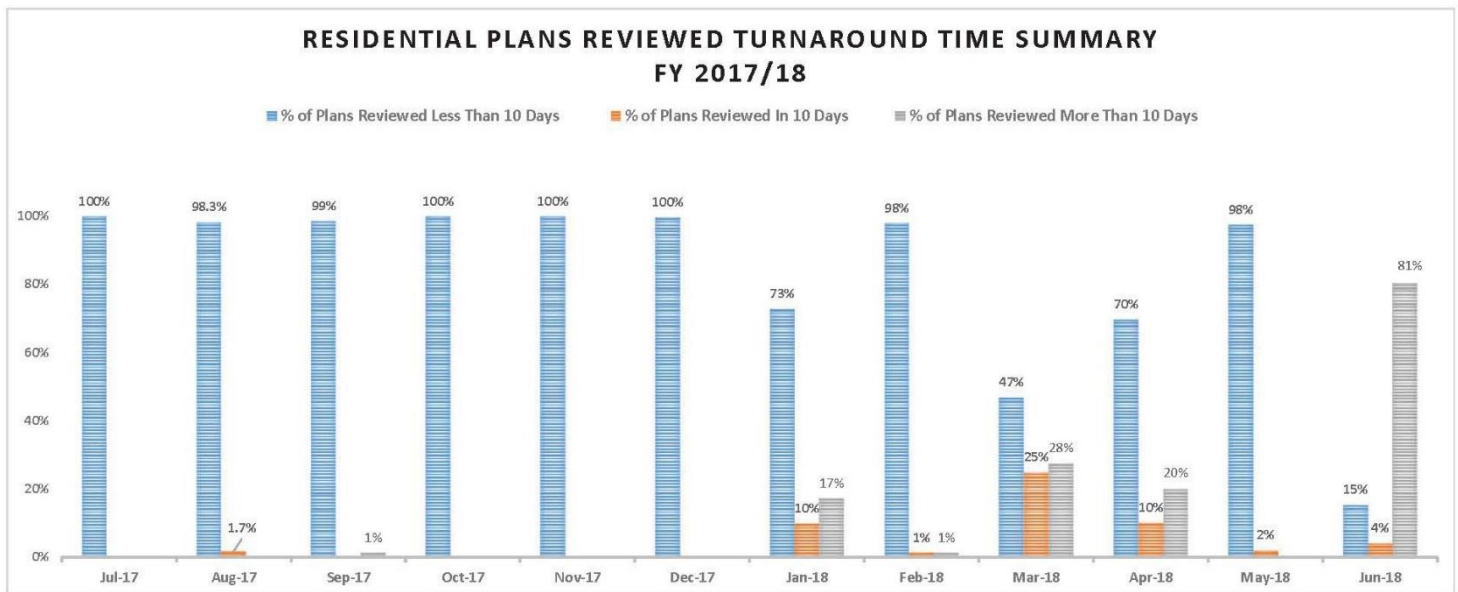
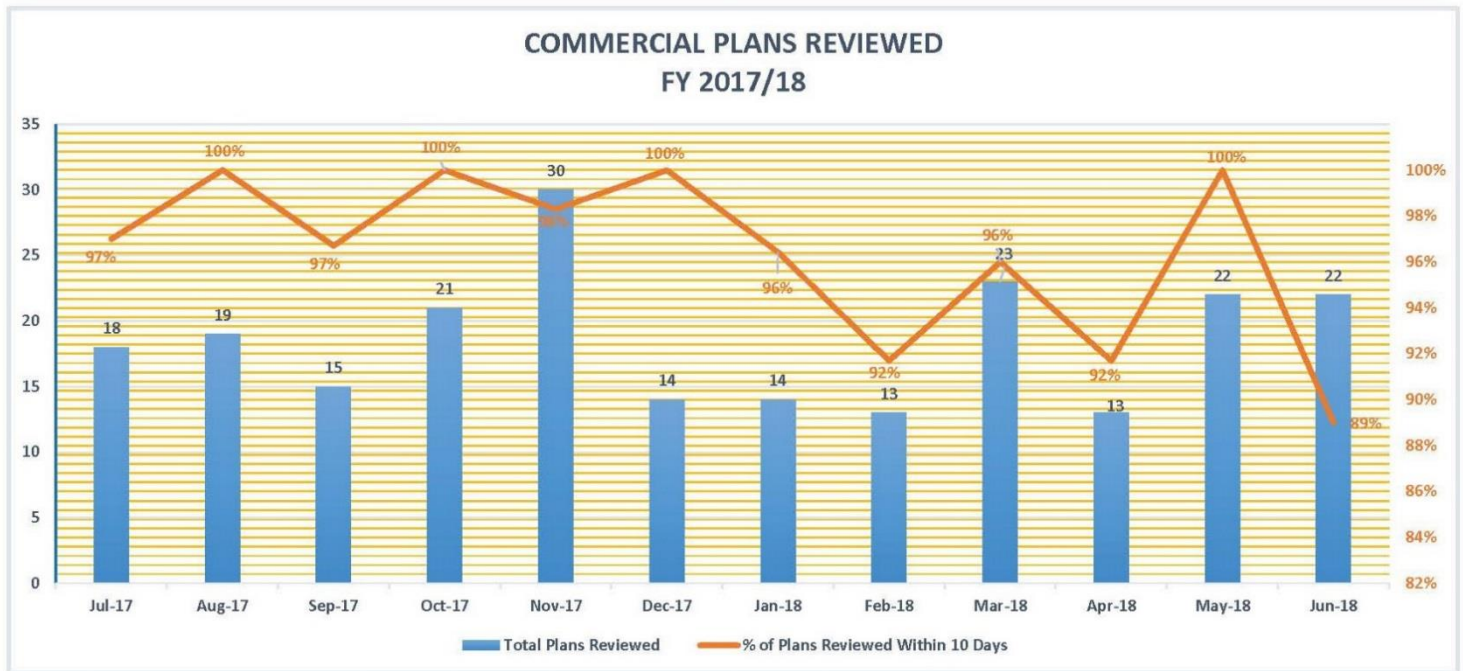


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Permitting and Plan Review Division

TOTAL OF ALL RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL PERMITS (FISCAL YEAR)*				
MONTH	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
JUL	485	331	346	369
AUG	352	450	516	370
SEP	316	286	364	289
OCT	424	370	331	340
NOV	282	283	339	319
DEC	301	299	316	272
JAN	308	228	267	565
FEB	259	279	263	276
MAR	304	345	337	313
APR	316	335	309	418
MAY	298	352	401	455
JUN	387	382	371	392
TOTALS	4032	3940	4160	4378
*Includes Unincorporated Guilford County, Jamestown, Oak Ridge, Piedmont Triad International Airport, Pleasant Garden, Sedalia, Stokesdale, Summerfield & Whitsett				





Total Number of Plan Reviewed FY 2017/18: 1,003
Total Number of Plan Reviewed FY 2016/17: 867

Residential Plan Review Summary for FY 2017/18

Total Number of Residential Plan Completed FY 2017/18=1,003

Average Turnaround Time FY 2017/18= 6 Working Days

Quarterly Summary FY 2017/2018	
1st Quarter, July - September	
Average Number of Plans Reviewed Less Than 10 Days	99%
Average Number of Plans Reviewed at 10 Days	1%
Average Number of Plans Reviewed Greater Than 10 Days	0%
Total 1 st Quarter of Plan Reviewed	237
2nd Quarter, October-December 2017	
Average Number of Plans Reviewed Less Than 10 Days	100%
Average Number of Plans Reviewed at 10 Days	0%
Average Number of Plans Reviewed Greater Than 10 Days	0%
Total 2 nd Quarter of Plan Reviewed	210
3rd Quarter, January-March 2018	
Average Number of Plans Reviewed Less Than 10 Days	72.3%
Average Number of Plans Reviewed at 10 Days	13%
Average Number of Plans Reviewed Greater Than 10 Days	14.7%
Total 3 rd Quarter of Plan Reviewed	255
4th Quarter, April-June 2018	
Average Number of Plans Reviewed Less Than 10 Days	61%
Average Number of Plans Reviewed at 10 Days	9%
Average Number of Plans Reviewed Greater Than 10 Days	30%
Total 4 th Quarter of Plan Review	301
Total Plans	1,003
136 more plans reviewed than last year.	

Stormwater & Watershed Division

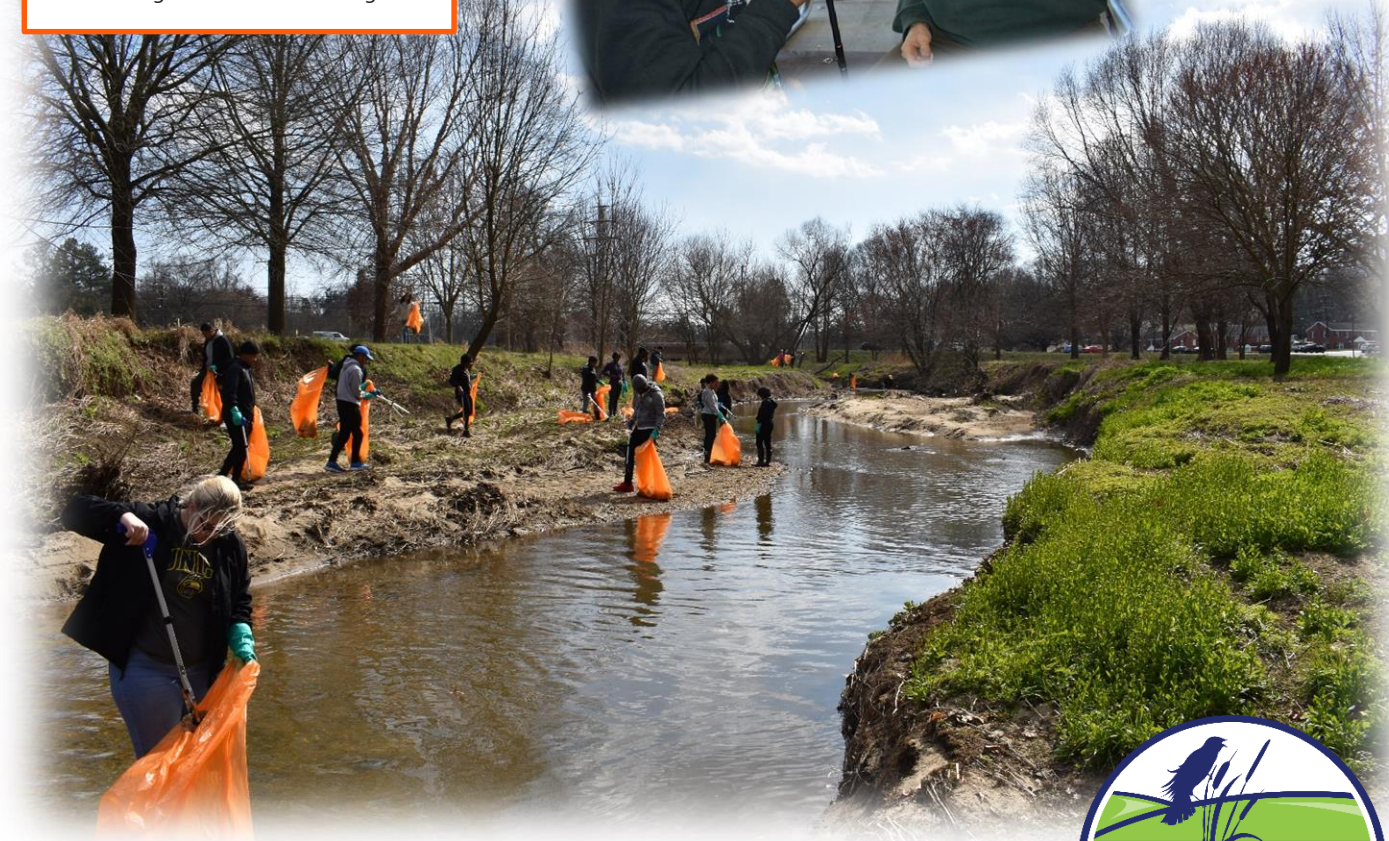
Upcoming Creek Week - March 23 - 29, 2019

Creek Week is a week-long celebration of our local waters, providing fun educational events and community activities that promote environmental education and good stewardship.

Last year's activities included stream clean-ups, family fishing days, rain barrel workshops, recycling events, educational workshops, library activities, and wetland plantings.

Guilford County Planning & Development Department is proud to host Creek Week in partnership with the City of Greensboro, the City of High Point, and the Cooperative Extension.

For more information on the fun, educational events taking place during Guilford Creek Week 2019, visit our website at guilfordcreekweek.org.





The Community Rating System - CRS

In April of 2018 the Guilford County Stormwater and Watershed Division participated in a routine audit of the Guilford County CRS Program. The Community Rating System is a voluntary program originally implemented in 1990 by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) with the goal of encouraging communities to put forth the extra effort and exceed the minimum standards of flood regulations.

The CRS is completely voluntary, and Guilford County has been a member since 1993. The program involves implementing various measures to improve Guilford County's preparedness in the event of a flood. Some of the measures include:

- Developing educational materials
- Implementing extra precautions when it comes to building in the floodplain
- Coordinating with target audiences to educate and inform them of flood hazards and the resources available to them through the NFIP

One major benefit the citizens of Guilford County receive through the County's participation in the CRS program is the flood insurance discount based on the score the County receives. All participants in the CRS program are audited every 5 years and given a score from 1-10; 1 being the best, and 10 being the worst.

According to the most recent available data, in 2016 NC had 93 communities participating with most of them scoring an 8; the lowest score achieved was a 5. Guilford County has had the score of 8 since 2012, but as of May 2018, the County achieved the rating of 7, which is currently the lowest, or best rating any community in North Carolina can achieve due to the States delayed adoption of the International Building Code & International Residential Code.

During the CRS audit, the County showed the ways we have revised regulations to exceed the NFIP minimum requirements, updated maps, as well as increased educational initiatives to help protect the citizens, increase awareness, and provide easy access to helpful information. The County's score of 7 allows all citizens with flood insurance a discount of 15%. In previous years the County received a discount of 10% for the CRS score of 8.

We are very pleased to announce this great achievement and are continuing to increase our efforts and improve our program to protect our citizens and assist all members of the community in making informed decisions.

Mystery Building - ANSWER

The picture on the first page, taken in 1983, is the Younts-Deboe Building at 106 North Elm Street. It was built in 1924 and is currently listed as a landmark property in the County. The building currently houses the law firm of Coltrane & Overfield PLLC and Subway restaurant. Here's what it looks like today!



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Remember...Turn Your Clocks Back on Sunday, November 4, 2018 @ 2:00 a.m.