
The 2012 Annual Report

of the City of Columbus-Bartholomew County – Planning

City of Columbus

Bartholomew County

Edinburgh / Bartholomew / Columbus Joint District

Town of Hartsville





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This Annual Report is prepared for the City of Columbus, Bartholomew County, the commissions and boards involved in local land use planning and administration, as well as the following 2012 elected community leaders:

Columbus Mayor:
The Honorable Kristen Brown

Columbus City Council:
*Dascal Bunch
Ryan Brand
Frank Jerome
Frank Miller
Tim Shuffett
Aaron Hankins
Jim Lienhoop*

Bartholomew County Board of Commissioners:
*Larry Kleinhenz
Carl Lienhoop
Paul Franke*



Planning Department Profile

The 2012 staff of the City of Columbus - Bartholomew County Planning Department included 9 members. Of those staff positions, 6 were professional community planners, 2 were administrative support personnel, and one specialized in zoning enforcement coordination. Together the staff provides expertise in the areas of land use and development as well as economics and landscape architecture.

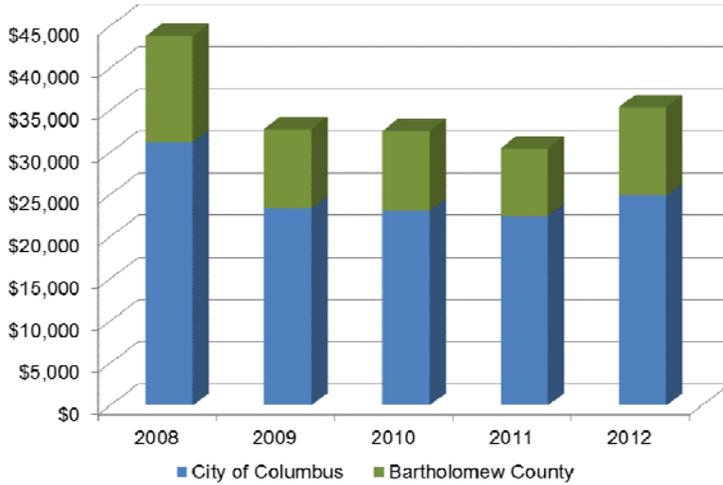
The staff serves to support the activities of the City, County, and Joint District Plan Commissions and Boards of Zoning Appeals. The staff is also often called upon to provide information and assistance to the Mayor, the County Commissioners, the City Council, the Board of Public Works, and other city, county, civic, and regional organizations. The staff's primary tasks are to (1) guide the public through the property development process and (2) serve as a resource for long-range community planning and the discussion of community land use issues.

2012 Planning Department Staff

Jeff Bergman, AICP	Planning Director
Melissa Begley, AICP	Assistant Planning Director / Development Review Manager
Thom Weintraut, AICP	Subdivision Specialist / Floodplain Administrator
Rae-Leigh Stark	Long Range Planner
Emilie Pinkston	Project Planner
Allie Keen	Site Plan Specialist
Trudi Smith	Zoning Enforcement Coordinator
Sondra Bohn	Office Administrator
Jerry Duncan	Office Assistant

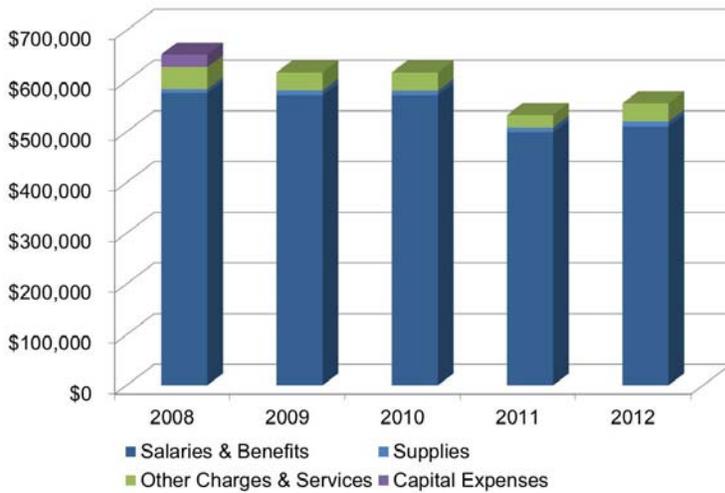


Planning Department Receipt Trends



The Planning Department contributes revenue to the general funds of both the City and the County through petition applications and other administrative fees. Planning-related revenue in 2012 equaled \$24,843 for the City of Columbus and \$10,540 for Bartholomew County.

Planning Department Budget Trends



The 2012 Planning Department Budget was \$556,110. The increase from the \$533,136 2011 budget was the result of mowing costs for the floodplain buyout areas being added, as well as minor staff salary increases and corresponding benefits.



Columbus Appointed Officials

The City of Columbus has jurisdiction for all land within the corporate limits of the City of Columbus, as well as a specific extraterritorial jurisdiction that extends approximately 2 miles from the City limits. The City's jurisdiction encompasses approximately 30% of Bartholomew County.

2012 Columbus Plan Commission

Member	Office	Appointment	Expiration (4 year terms)	Requirements
Mike Harris		Board of Works	January 1, 2015	Board of Works member or designated representative.
Dave Bonnell (D)		Board of County Commissioners	January 1, 2013	The 2 appointments may not be of the same political party. Must (1) be a resident of the 2-mile area or (2) be a resident of the county and a property owner in the 2-mile area, but 1 must live in the 2-mile area.
Bryan Schroer (R)			January 1, 2015	
Dave Hayward	Secretary / Liaison to County	City Engineer	Not Applicable	City Engineer or qualified assistant.
Dave Fisher (R)		Mayor	January 1, 2015	No more than 3 of the 5 mayoral appointments may be of the same political party. Must (1) be a resident of the jurisdiction or (2) be a resident of the county and a property owner in the jurisdiction. A majority must be residents of the jurisdiction.
John Hatter (R)			January 1, 2015	
Roger Lang (R)	President		January 1, 2016	
Dick Gaynor (D)			January 1, 2013	
Tom Wetherald (D)			January 1, 2014	
Nancy Ann Brown	Vice-President	Park Board	Annually	Park Board member.
Frank Jerome		City Council	Annually	City Council member.
Jorge Morales (Liaison)		County Plan Commission	Annually	Member of the County Plan Commission.



2012 Columbus Board of Zoning Appeals

Member	Office	Appointment	Expiration (2) (4 year terms)	Requirements
Tom Wetherald		Mayor	January 1, 2014	Plan Commission citizen member. (see note 1)
Eric Frey	Chairperson		January 1, 2014	Citizen who is not a Plan Commission member. (see note 1)
Hanna Omar			January 1, 2015	
Lou Marr	Vice-Chairperson	City Council	January 1, 2015	Citizen who is not a Plan Commission member. (see note 1)
Dave Bonnell	Secretary	Plan Commission	January 1, 2013	Plan Commission member from the extraterritorial jurisdiction. (see note 2)
Bryan Schroer (Alternate)		Plan Commission (for Bonnell)	January 1, 2013	Plan Commission member from the extraterritorial jurisdiction. (see note 2)
Dave Fisher (Alternate)		Mayor (for Wetherald)	January 1, 2015	Plan Commission citizen member. (see note 1)
Melissa Begley (Hearing Officer)		Plan Commission	Not Applicable	Board member, staff member, or any other person.

(1) Must be a jurisdiction resident or a county resident and owner of property in the jurisdiction. The majority of members must be jurisdiction residents.

(2) The 2-mile jurisdiction representative shall have a 2-year term per IC 36-7-4-903(2).

2012 Columbus Plat Committee

Member	Office	Appointment	Expiration (Annually)	Requirements
John Hatter	Chairperson	Plan Commission	January 1, 2013	Plan Commission citizen member.
Jeff Bergman			January 1, 2013	Planning Department staff member.
Dave Hayward			January 1, 2013	Engineering Department staff member.
Steve Rucker (Alternate for Hayward)		Plan Commission	January 1, 2013	Engineering Department staff member.
Melissa Begley (Alternate for Bergman)			January 1, 2013	Planning Department staff member.



Bartholomew County Appointed Officials

Bartholomew County has jurisdiction for all unincorporated land within the County, excluding the extraterritorial jurisdictions exercised by Columbus and Edinburgh and the approximately 2.5 square miles within the jurisdiction of the Edinburgh / Bartholomew / Columbus Plan Commission.

2012 Bartholomew County Plan Commission

Member	Office	Appointment	Expiration (4 year terms)	Requirements
Phyllis Apple (R)	Liaison to Hope	Board of County Commissioners	January 1, 2015	No more than 2 of the 4 appointments may be of the same political party. Must (1) be a resident of the jurisdiction or (2) be a resident of the county and a property owner in the jurisdiction. At least 2 must be residents of the jurisdiction.
Zack Ellison (D)	President		January 1, 2014	
Jim Reed (R)	Vice-President		January 1, 2013	
Don Meier (D)			January 1, 2013	
Lisa Moore			January 1, 2013	Township trustee and resident of the jurisdiction recommended by the trustees in the jurisdiction.
Paul Franke			January 1, 2013	Member of the Board of County Commissioners.
Tom Finke	Secretary	County Surveyor	Not Applicable	County Surveyor or a qualified deputy.
Mike Ferree		County Extension Educator	Not Applicable	County Extension Educator.
Jorge Morales	Liaison to Columbus	County Council	January 1, 2013	Member of the County Council.
Dave Hayward (Liaison)		Columbus Plan Commission	Annually	Member of the Columbus Plan Commission.
Randy Sims (Liaison)		Hope Plan Commission	Annually	Member of the Hope Plan Commission.



2012 Bartholomew County Board of Zoning Appeals

Member	Office	Appointment	Expiration (4 year terms)	Requirements
Ron Trotter	Chairperson	County Council	January 1, 2013	Citizen who is not a Plan Commission member. (see note 1)
Zack Ellison		Plan Commission	January 1, 2013	Plan Commission citizen member or County Extension Agent. (see note 1)
Dewayne Hines	Vice- Chairperson	Board of County Commissioners	January 1, 2015	Citizen who is not a Plan Commission member. (see note 1)
Roger Glick			January 1, 2014	
Jim Reed			January 1, 2016	Plan Commission citizen member. (see note 1)
Melissa Begley (Hearing Officer)		Plan Commission	Not Applicable	Board member, staff member, or any other person.

(1) Must be a jurisdiction resident or a county resident and a owner of property in the jurisdiction. The majority of members must be jurisdiction residents.

2012 Bartholomew County Plat Committee

Member	Office	Appointment	Expiration (Annually)	Requirements
Tom Finke	Chairperson	Plan Commission	January 1, 2013	County Surveyor's Plan Commission designee.
Mike Ferree			January 1, 2013	Plan Commission member.
Dennis Brooks			January 1, 2013	Plan Commission member or resident citizen of the jurisdiction.
Stacey Gross			January 1, 2013	County Engineer or designee.
Jeff Bergman			January 1, 2013	Planning Director or designee.
Melissa Begley (Alternate for Bergman)		Plan Commission	January 1, 2013	Planning Director or designee.



Joint District Appointed Officials

The Edinburgh / Bartholomew / Columbus Joint District Plan Commission has jurisdiction over an area of approximately 2.5 square miles bounded by a triangle formed by County Road 900 North, I-65, and US 31. The Joint District is the only one of its kind in Indiana and was created through special legislation. The Joint District, per its interlocal agreement, shall be in existence until 90% of the area has been developed.

In some instances, Joint District organizations are shown with open positions and/or members with expired terms. These groups meet infrequently and in some cases do not meet at all during the course of a calendar year. As a result, some of the appointments by a certain group are not current. Any required appointments are made current if and when an application requiring action by one of these groups is filed.

2012 Edinburgh / Bartholomew / Columbus Plan Commission

Member	Office	Appointment	Expiration (3 year terms)	Requirements
Ron Hoffman		Edinburgh Town Council	January 1, 2014	Resident of (1) a County in which the District is Located, or (2) within 10 miles of the District
Tim Barrett			January 1, 2015	
John Drybread			January 1, 2015	
Larry Nunn		Columbus Plan Commission	January 1, 2013	
Jack Heaton	President		January 1, 2014	
Dave Fisher		Columbus Mayor	January 1, 2015	
Larry Kleinhenz	Secretary	Board of County Commissioners	January 1, 2014	All Must be Residents of (1) a County in which the District is Located, or (2) within 10 miles of the District and . 2 of the 4 Must Reside in German Township
Carl Lienhoop		Board of County Commissioners	January 1, 2014	
Keith Sells (German Twp.)	Vice-President	Board of County Commissioners	January 1, 2013	
Alvin Balmer (German Twp.)		Board of County Commissioners	January 1, 2013	



2012 Edinburgh / Bartholomew / Columbus Board of Zoning Appeals

Member	Office	Appointment	Expiration (4 year terms)	Requirements
Open Position (no current appointment)		Joint District Plan Commission	January 1, 2014	Citizen who may or may not be a Plan Commission Member**
Dave Gregory	Secretary	Columbus Mayor	January 1, 2015	**All Members Must be a Resident of (1) a County in which the District is Located, or (2) within 10 miles of the District
Chris West	President	Board of County Commissioners	January 1, 2015	
Daniel Teter		Edinburgh Town Council	January 1, 2014	
Tim Douglas	Vice- President	Board of County Commissioners	January 1, 2014	



Plan Commission Activity Summary

In 2012 the City, County, and Joint District Plan Commissions heard a total of 39 new applications (an increase of 10 over the 29 cases heard in 2011). Of these applications, 77 percent (30) were in the jurisdiction of the City of Columbus.

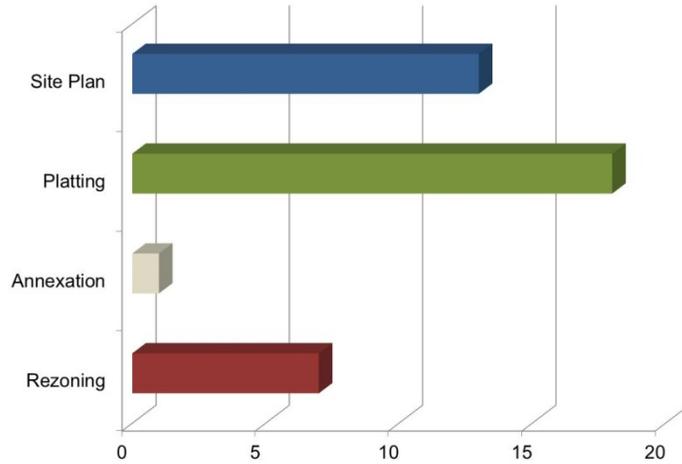
2012 Plan Commission Case Load Summary

Month*	Rezoning (includes PUD)			Annexation	Plat (includes extensions, etc.)			Site Development Plan (includes PUD)			Total		
	Columbus	Bartholomew County	Joint District		Columbus	Columbus	Bartholomew County	Joint District	Columbus	Bartholomew County	Joint District	Columbus	Bartholomew County
January	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0
March	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	7	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0
May	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
July	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	1
August	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	4	1	0
September	2	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	5	1	1
October	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
November	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	7	0	0	1	11	7	0	11	0	2	30	7	2

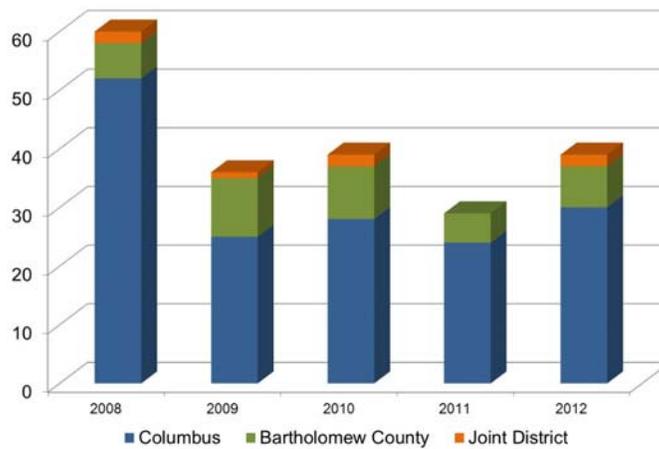
* includes all applications (2011 and 2012) heard by each Commission for the first time



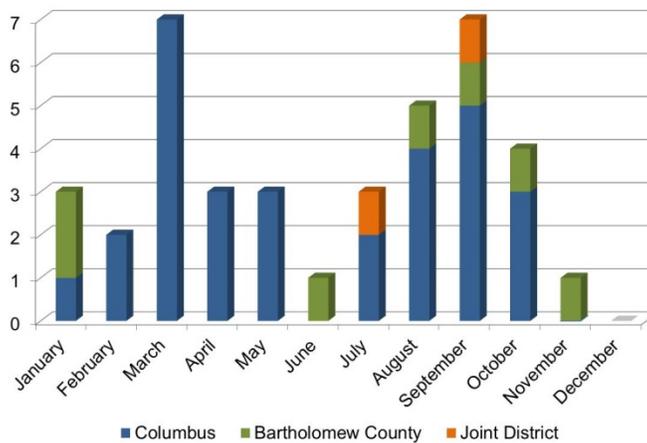
2012 Plan Commission Applications by Type



Plan Commission Case Load Trends



2012 Plan Commission Case Load by Month





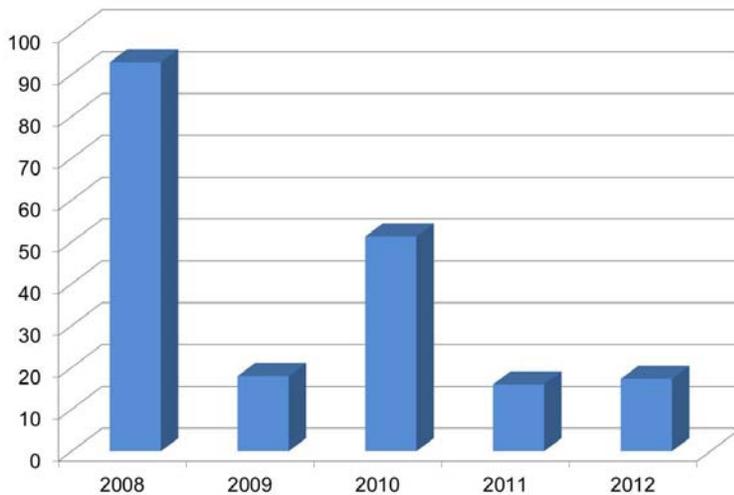
Annexation & Rezoning Profile

A total of 7 rezoning applications and 1 annexation request were heard by the Plan Commissions in 2012. The lone annexation request added approximately 17 acres to the Woodside Northwest Industrial Park to create a larger site for a proposed light assembly and distribution center. All 7 rezoning requests were in the jurisdiction of the City of Columbus and all 7 were approved. The rezonings included a companion case for the City's only 2012 annexation – a request to rezone the newly annexed addition to Woodside Northwest for industrial development.

2012 City of Columbus Annexations

Application	Case Number	Location	Property Size	Zoning	Plan Commission Recommendation	Final Disposition
Browning Investments, Inc.	ANX-12-01	6105 County Road 300 West (Wayne Township)	17.33 Acres	AP	Favorable	Approved

Columbus Annexation Trends (Acres Annexed)





2012 City of Columbus Rezoning Applications

Application	Case Number	Location	Property Size	Requested Change	Plan Commission Recommendation	Final Disposition
Hotel Indigo	RZ-12-01	400 Brown Street	2.32 Acres	CDc to CDc (amended)	Favorable	Approved
Nusun, Inc.	RZ-12-02	7440 South International Drive	3.68 Acres	CC to I-3	Favorable	Approved
Spruce Ridge	RZ-12-03	Lots 1, 3, and 4A of Spruce Ridge Major Subdivision	20.36 Acres	RMc to RM	Favorable	Approved
Columbus Free Methodist Church	RZ-12-04	1511 22nd Street & 2126 Elm Street	1.35 Acres	RE to P	Favorable	Approved
Browning Investments, Inc.	RZ-12-05	6105 County Road 300 West	17.33 Acres	AP to I-3c	Favorable	Approved
Westwood	PUD-12-04	Southeast corner of SR46 and County Road 350 West	39.27 Acres	PUD Amendment	Favorable	Approved
Curt & Michelle Aton	RZ-12-06	East side of Central Avenue between 12th & 13th Streets	0.86 Acres	RS4 to RMc	Favorable	Approved



Site Development Plan Administration

The Planning Department is responsible for the administration of several “site development plan” districts and sites. These specific zoning categories and locations provide for expanded plan commission oversight of the details of the development of individual properties. Site development plans are required for some Planned Unit Developments (PUD) in the City of Columbus, any development in the Public / Semi-public Facilities (P) and Commercial: Downtown Center (CD) zoning districts in Columbus and Bartholomew County, and Industrial Reserve (IR) and Shopping Center (C-3) zoning districts in the jurisdiction of the Joint District Plan Commission. In 2012 a total of 11 site development plans were processed by a Plan Commission, all in the City of Columbus jurisdiction. Those applications are detailed by the table provided below.

Review by the Plan Commission is only required for those modifications to previously approved site development plans that alter significant components of the original approval. Other “minor modifications” are processed by the Planning Department staff and reported in the Zoning Compliance Review portion of this report.

2012 Columbus Site Development Plan Applications

Application	Case Number	Location	Development Title	Request	Final Disposition
Columbus Regional Hospital	DP-12-01	2400 East 17th Street	Columbus Regional Hospital	Site plan amendment for a freestanding sign.	Approved
Menards, Inc.	PUDF-12-01	2315 Merchants Mile	Columbus Crossing PUD	PUD amendment to allow outside trailer sales.	Denied
Southside Elementary School	DP-12-03	1320 West 200 South	Southside Elementary School	Site plan approval for 2 baseball diamonds.	Approved
Hotel Indigo	DP-12-02	400 Brown Street	Hotel Indigo	Site plan modification for building and parking lot expansion.	Approved
The Cole	DP-12-04	Northwest corner of 2nd and Jackson Streets	The Cole	Site plan approval for signs.	Approved
First Financial Bank	DP-12-05	125 Brown Street	First Financial Bank	Site plan modification for parking lot.	Approved
Shadow Creek Farms Section 5	PUDF-12-02	South side of CR 200 South, west of CR 150 West	Shadow Creek Farms PUD	Modify setbacks for certain lots.	Approved
Shadow Creek Farms Section 9	PUDF-12-03	South side of CR 200 South, west of CR 150 West	Shadow Creek Farms PUD	Final PUD approval.	Approved
Historic City Hall	DP-12-16	445 5th Street	Historic City Hall	Site plan approval for 2 freestanding signs.	Approved
Columbus Free Methodist Church	DP-12-18	1511 22nd Street & 2126 Elm Street	Free Methodist Church	Site plan approval for parking lot expansion.	Approved
Urban Elements Apartments	DP-12-19	600 Washington Street	Urban Elements Apartments	Site plan approval for a 5 story mixed-use residential/commercial building.	Approved



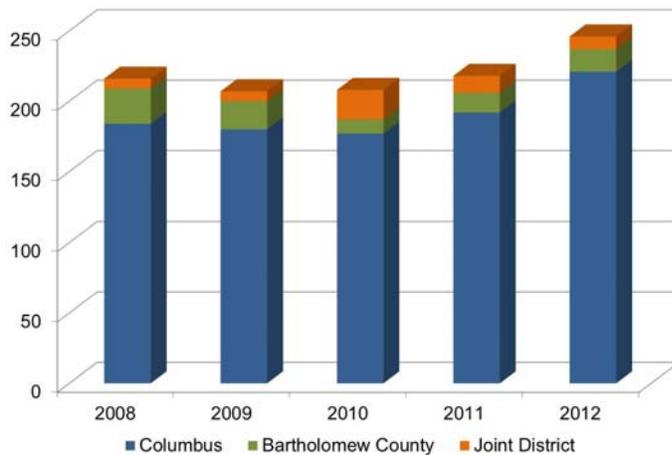
Zoning Compliance Review Profile

In 2012 the Planning Department processed 246 applications for Zoning Compliance Certificates (ZCCs). These certificates are used to verify the compliance of a development proposal with the adopted regulations of the City, County, or Joint District, as appropriate. The 2012 ZCC total compares with the 218 certificates issued in 2011 and 208 certificates issued in 2010.

2012 Zoning Compliance Certificate Summary

Review Type	City of Columbus		Bartholomew County		Joint District		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Site Plan	74	33%	12	75%	0	0%	86	35%
<i>New Construction</i>	10	5%	1	6%	0	0%	11	4%
<i>Addition</i>	8	4%	2	13%	0	0%	10	4%
<i>Accessory Structure</i>	8	4%	1	6%	0	0%	9	4%
<i>Site Modifications</i>	29	13%	5	31%	0	0%	34	14%
<i>Change of Use</i>	19	9%	3	19%	0	0%	22	9%
Temporary Use or Structure	7	3%	1	6%	0	0%	8	3%
Sign Permit	116	52%	3	19%	9	100%	128	52%
Floodplain Alteration (placement of fill, etc.)	3	1%	0	0%	0	0%	3	1%
Development Plan Minor Modification	21	10%	0	0%	0	0%	21	9%
Total	221	100%	16	100%	9	100%	246	100%

ZCC Trends by Jurisdiction





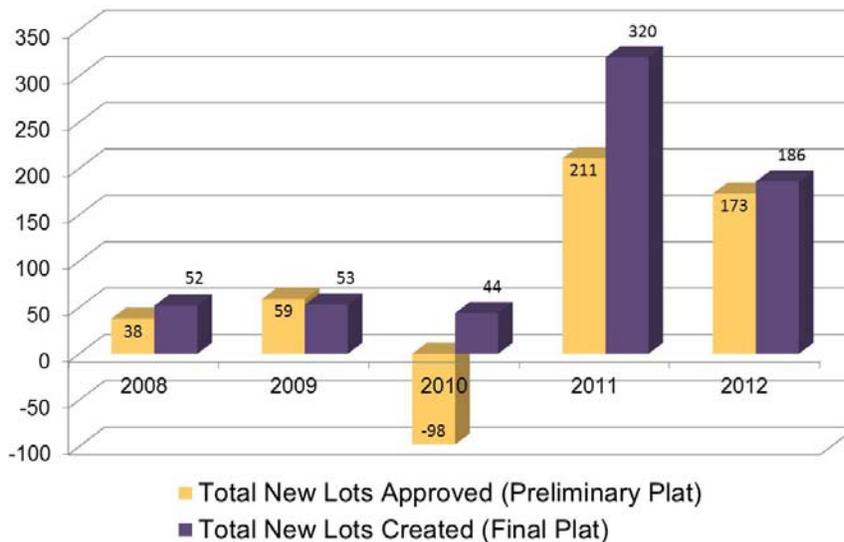
Subdivision Profile

The notable drop in subdivisions approved and new lots created in the City, County, and Joint District jurisdictions that began in 2008 ended in 2010, with a rebound in lots approved and created in 2011. That trend continued in 2012. During the period of 2004 through 2007 developers made an average of 347 lots available for sale each year, meaning that both preliminary and final plats had been approved. A total of 320 new lots were created in 2011, and 186 were created in 2012.

2012 Subdivision Approval Summary

Subdivision Type	City of Columbus		Bartholomew County		Joint District		Total	
	Subdivisions Approved	Total Lots Approved						
Administrative & Agricultural Subdivision	23	6	39	29	0	0	62	35
Minor Subdivision	6	6	6	6	0	0	12	12
Major Subdivision (Preliminary Plat)	4	117	1	9	0	0	5	126
Totals	33	129	46	44	0	0	79	173

Columbus, Bartholomew County & Joint District New Lot Trends





2012 Major Subdivision Preliminary Plats Approved (New Lots Approved)

Subdivision	Jurisdiction	Case Number	Lots Approved	Land Use	Township
Fox Ridge / For Ridge Replat	Columbus	PP-12-01 / PP12-04	66	Residential	Columbus
Shadow Creek Farms Section 9	Columbus	PP-12-02	51	Residential	Columbus
Woodside Northwest 2nd Replat	Columbus	PP-12-03	0	Industrial	Wayne
South Hill Farms Section 2, Phase 3	Bartholomew County	PP-12-01	9	Residential	Sand Creek

2012 Major Subdivision Final Plats Approved (New Lots Created)

Subdivision	Jurisdiction	Case Number	Lots Created	Land Use	Township
Princeton Park Section 4	Columbus	FP-12-01	25	Residential	Columbus
Fox Ridge Phase I	Columbus	FP-12-03	21	Residential	Columbus
Fox Ridge Phase II	Columbus	FP-12-04	14	Residential	Columbus
Woodside Northwest Phase 3	Columbus	FP-12-06	6	Industrial	Wayne
Spring Hill Lake Phase 1	Columbus	FP-12-07	63	Residential	Harrison
South Hill Farms Section 2, Phase 3	Bartholomew County	FP-12-01	9	Residential	Sand Creek
Market Place Industrial Park Section 8 (Replat)	Joint District	FP-12-01	1	Industrial	German



Board of Zoning Appeals Summary

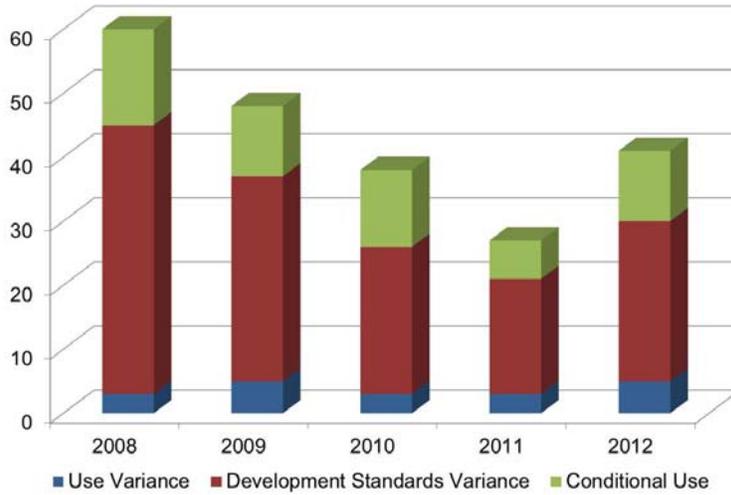
In 2012 the Columbus, Bartholomew County, and Joint District Boards of Zoning Appeals heard a total of 47 cases, with each request considered against the approval criteria established by the Indiana Code. This compares with a total of 40 cases heard in 2011. The City and County BZA Hearing Officer heard a total of 26 additional cases, granting final approval of 25 cases and forwarding 1 case to the appropriate Board. Cases for which the required decision criteria appear to clearly have been met are initially scheduled for consideration by the hearing officer. These cases are forwarded to the city or county board of zoning appeals if new information presented at the hearing officer meeting raises doubt that the criteria have been met.

2012 Board of Zoning Appeals Summary

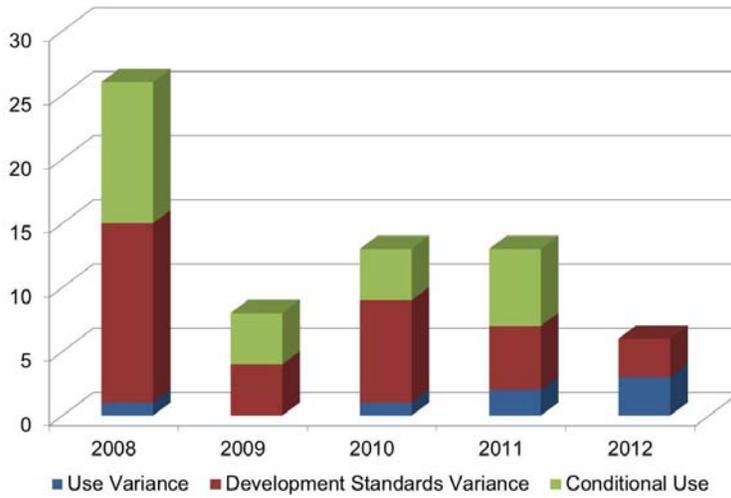
Month	Use Variance			Development Standards Variance (includes flood regulations)			Conditional Use			Total		
	Columbus	Bartholomew County	Joint District	Columbus	Bartholomew County	Joint District	Columbus	Bartholomew County	Joint District	Columbus	Bartholomew County	Joint District
January	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0
February	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
March	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
April	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	4	1	0
May	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
June	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	5	1	0
July	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
August	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0
September	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0
October	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
November	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
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Totals	5	3	0	25	3	0	11	0	0	41	6	0



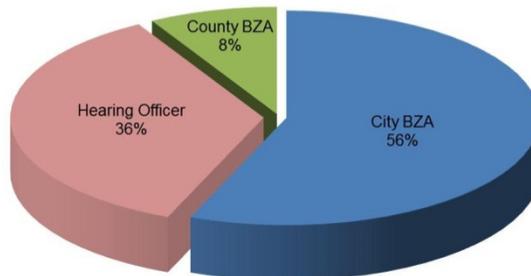
Columbus BZA Trends



Bartholomew County BZA Trends



2012 BZA Applications by Jurisdiction





Zoning Enforcement Summary

In addition to issuing permits to those who apply, the Planning Department also supplements the Code Enforcement Department efforts to enforce the zoning regulations for the City of Columbus, Bartholomew County, and the Edinburgh / Bartholomew / Columbus Joint District. In 2012 the Planning Department formally pursued a total of 133 zoning violations, a noteworthy increase from the 66 pursued in 2011. This figure includes all circumstances in which a formal violation letter was issued to a property owner, but not those instances in which the violation was resolved through informal visits to the property or phone calls. A summary of the violations addressed in 2011 and 2012 is found in the table below.

2012 Zoning Enforcement Summary

Violation Type	Number Formally Pursued	
	2011	2012
Signs (improperly placed, not permitted, installed without a permit, etc.)	47	97
Home-based Businesses (operating without required approvals)	6	5
Outdoor Storage and/or Sales (items improperly placed, occurring without a permit, etc.)	7	13
Intersection Sight Visibility Triangle Obstruction	2	1
Temporary Uses (expired permits, occurring without a permit, etc.)	1	0
Dumpster Enclosure Failure	1	6
Parking (installed without a permit, unpaved, etc.)	2	11
Total	66	133



Long-Range Planning & Special Projects

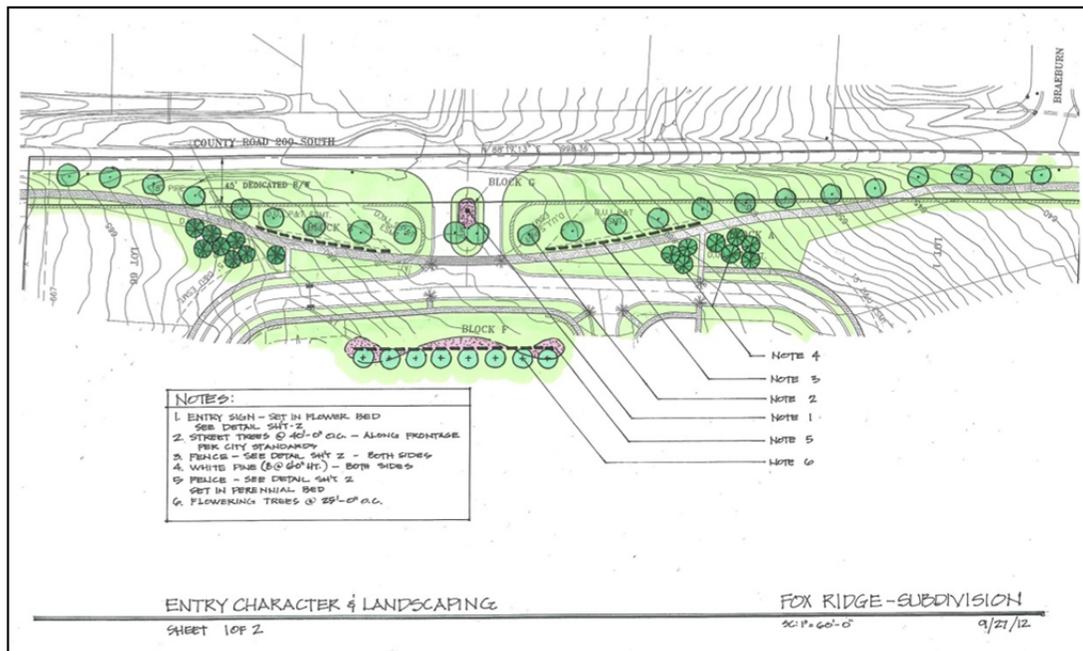
The processing of applications for consideration by a Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, or other entity is only a part of the responsibilities of the City of Columbus – Bartholomew County Planning Department. Other responsibilities include providing training for local elected and appointed officials and initiating and supporting long-range planning & visioning processes. During 2012, the Planning Department was involved in multiple long-range planning projects, several of which are summarized below:

Columbus Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Implementation

The City of Columbus Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan was adopted as an element of the City of Columbus Comprehensive Plan on May 12, 2010. This Plan is a unique document that combines the long-range goals and policies of the City’s Comprehensive Plan with the implementable projects of a strategic plan. The Planning Department’s role in the use of this document is described below:

Development Review:

The Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan was a key factor in the Columbus Plan Commission’s review of the proposed Preliminary Plat for the Fox Ridge subdivision to be located on the south side of County Road 200 South, east of Terrace Lake Road. This 66 lot major subdivision has frontage on County Road 200 South and the Plan Commission has discretion over any corresponding improvements to this Arterial Street to be made by the subdivision developer. In the review of this proposed development the Plan Commission considered the current condition of this section of County Road 200 South, options for future improvements to the entire length of the street, and the recommendations of the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan. The Commission approved the subdivision to include the construction of a multi-use sidpath along the the south side of County Road 200 South from Terrace Lake Road to Crossing Lane.





Meeting Facilitation:

The Planning Department supported the strategic component of the Bicycle & Pedstrian Plan by continuing to arrange and facilitate quarterly meetings of a working group focused on implementation. This working group includes representatives of the Planning Department, the City Engineer’s Office, CAMPO, the Parks Department, the Healthy Communities Initiative, and the public. This group seeks to combine resources, evaluate projects, and seek out options for funding and implementing new multi-use paths, bicycle routes, bicycle lanes, and other Plan-identified projects. The public can monitor Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan implementation through the Planning Department’s website, where all notes from the implementation group’s meetings are posted.

Bicycle Route Implementation:

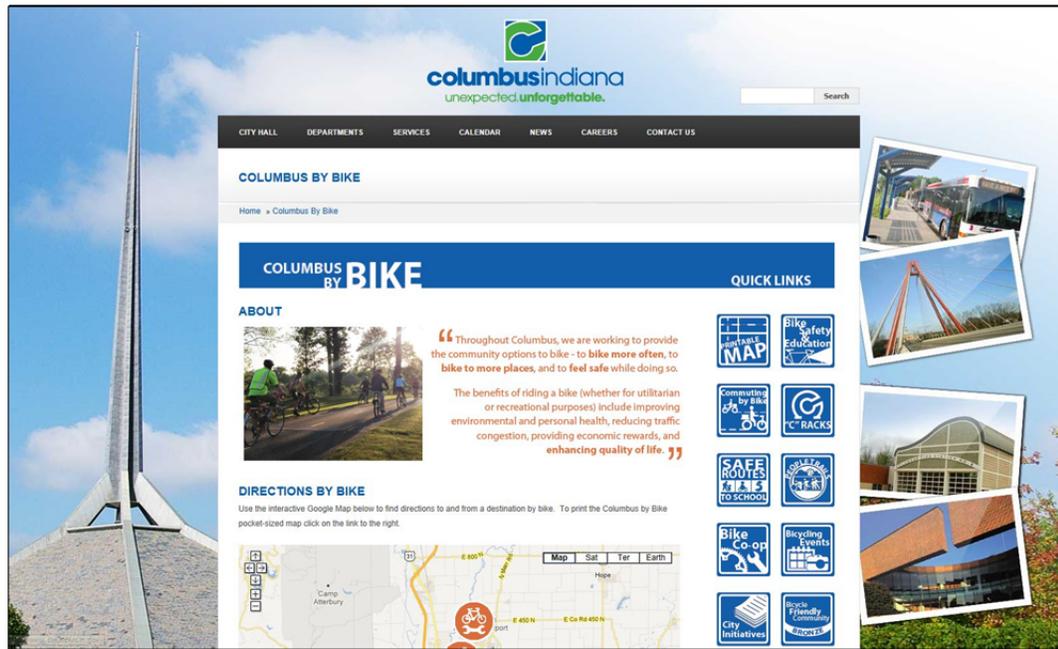
The Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan identified the creation of a number of signed bicycle routes through the community as initial projects to be undertaken. These bicycle routes would involve the layout, purchase, and installation of route identification and wayfinding street signs. During the summer of 2010 the Planning Department staff created the plans for 6 bicycle routes. The creation of each route plan involved research of the appropriate sign installation standards, field work to identify appropriate sign locations and avoid conflicts with existing signs and driveways, and creation of protocol for selecting which destinations along each route would be identified on wayfinding signs. In 2012 the Plannind Department directed the installation of signs for the bicycle route along 30th Street, 31st Street, and Chapel Drive between Griffa Avenue and Flintwood Drive. As part of this effort the Planning Department also identified a missing connction between this bicycle route and the Haw Creek People Trail along an unused section of 30th Street right-of-way. The City Engineer’s Office has scheduled the installation of a multi-use path to complete this link in 2013.





Public Education & Outreach

The Planning Department played an active role in providing the public with information about the City's growing bicycle and pedestrian network. The Planning Department developed a "Columbus by Bike" section for the City of Columbus website. The Columbus by Bike site provides maps, bicycle safety materials, information on the Columbus "C" rack program, links to related community websites, and information on City bicycling initiatives. The Planning Department also worked in partnership with Reach Healthy Communities and the Columbus Area Visitors Center to create and distribute a pocket-size "Z-card" map of Columbus-area bicycle routes.



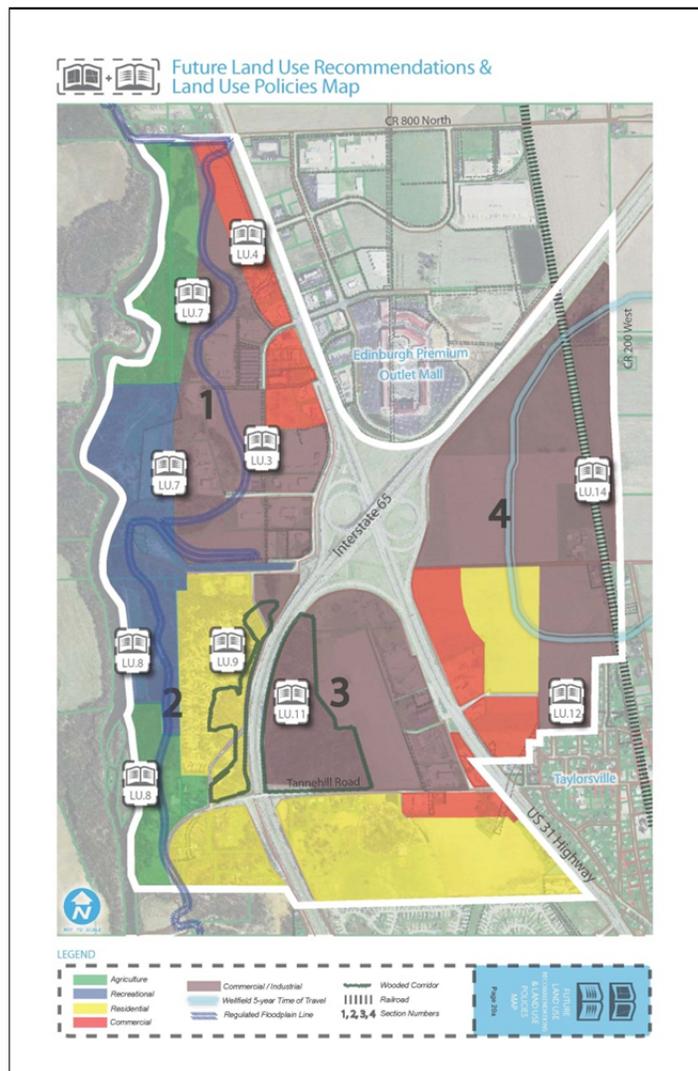


Northern Gateway Land Use & Transportation Plan

In December of 2009 the Bartholomew County Plan Commission authorized the Planning Department to begin work on a land use plan for the area around the interchange of Interstate 65 and US 31. This area was identified as the “Northern Gateway” to the County and is shown in the Bartholomew County Comprehensive Plan as an area for development. The comprehensive plan does not provide any details as to the type of land use or appropriate locations for specific land uses. Therefore, the purpose of this further planning effort was to provide more detailed guidelines for development in this area. The Plan Commission appointed a working group of 15 members comprised of property owners in the study area; utilities company staff members; and representatives of the County Plan Commission, the County Highway Department, the Columbus Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO), and the Edinburgh / Bartholomew / Columbus Joint District Plan Commission.

The Planning Department staff collected data, facilitated a public meeting, researched best practices, conducted working group meetings, and developed a draft plan in 2010. In 2011 the draft plan document was refined and revisited by the working group. The draft plan was presented to the public at an April 4, 2011 open house held at the Hilton Garden Inn. After one final discussion to incorporate the public input received into the document the working group determined that the Plan was complete.

The Northern Gateway Land Use and Transportation Plan was reviewed and endorsed by the Bartholomew County Plan Commission in early 2012 and adopted as an element of the Bartholomew County Comprehensive Plan on June 4, 2012.





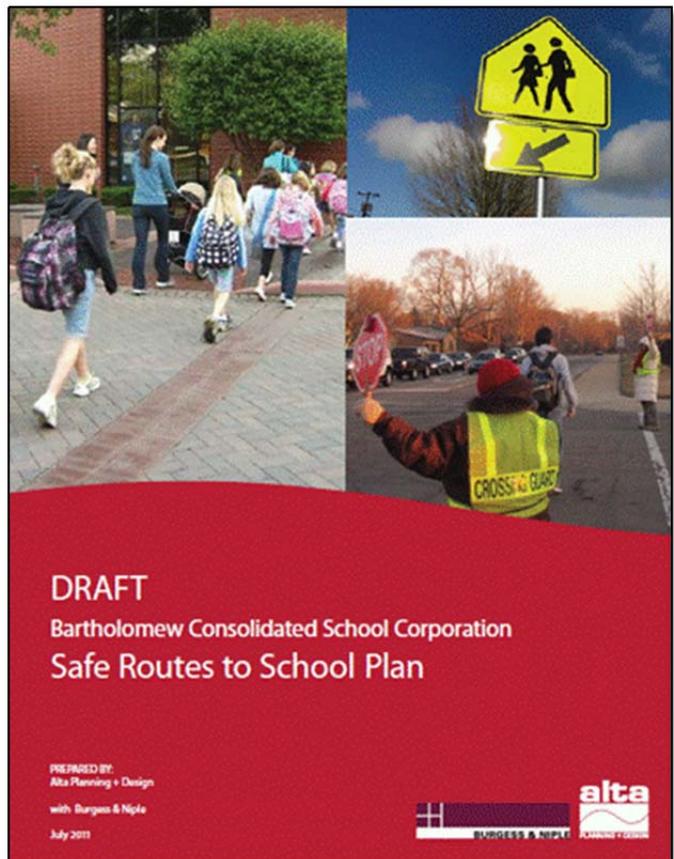
Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Plan

The Bartholomew County Safe Routes to School Committee is actively involved in trying to make students' journey to school safer. This primarily involves expanding opportunities for safe walking and bicycling in the neighborhoods around each school. Along with the Planning Department, the committee is composed of representatives from the Engineering Department, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the Parks Department, Healthy Communities, the BCSC Transportation Department; and principals and teachers from each school.

In November of 2009 the committee was informed that it would be receiving a Federal grant of \$75,000. These funds are to be used primarily to create a Safe Routes to School Plan for 9 BCSC elementary and middle schools. The plan would identify areas around each school that need intersection improvements, sidewalk repair, bicycle parking, enhanced lighting, and/or traffic control. It will also address programmatic and operational options at each school for encouraging student bicycling and walking.

In late 2010 the SRTS committee selected Portland, Oregon-based Alta Planning + Design and Indianapolis-based Burgess and Niple as the SRTS plan consultants. Work on the plan began in the 2011 spring semester with a draft document completed by the end of 2011. The 2011 work program included collection of information for each school and its surrounding neighborhood, meetings with task forces of parents and teachers at each school, a public workshop, and the development of draft recommendations for each school. The draft plan was refined in early 2012, presented to the public, and then finalized. The completed Plan was adopted by the BCSC Board (April 16, 2012), the Columbus City Council (June 19, 2012), and the Bartholomew County Commissioners (July 9, 2012).

The Planning Department managed the Plan process from funding through adoption, including facilitating committee and community meetings, communicating with the consultant team, collecting local information, and reviewing draft documents. The Planning Department also provided presentations of the finished product to the City Council and County Commissioners and arranged the adoption process.





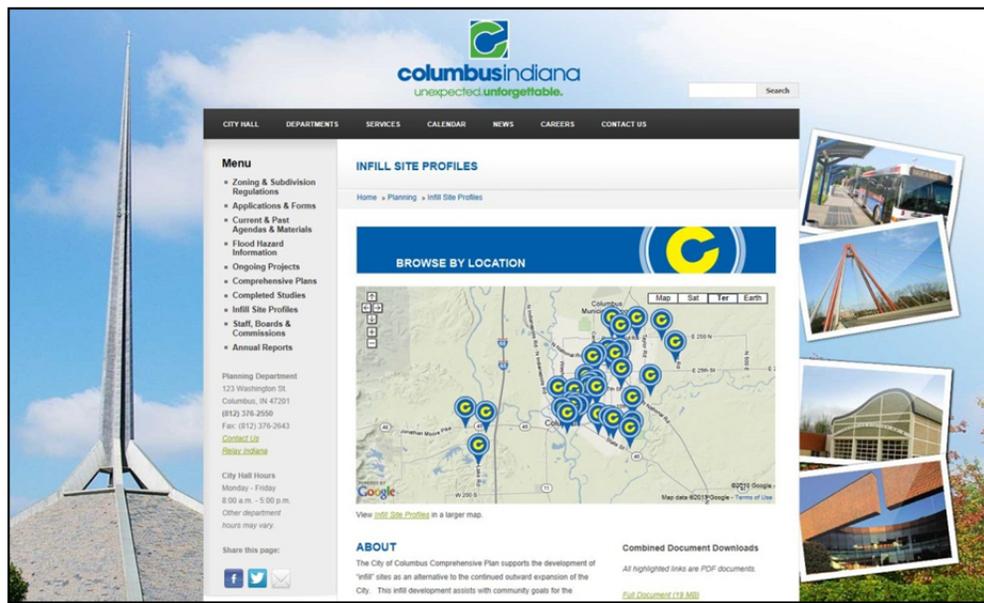
Infill Development Site Profiles

In 2012 the Planning Department undertook a process to identify, catalogue, analyze, and publicize locations within the community suitable for infill development and re-development. The creation of these Infill Development Site Profiles was intended to assist with community goals for the protection of farmland, the efficient use of infrastructure investments, the wise use of tax-payer dollars, orderly long term community growth, and quality neighborhoods.

The infill development sites profiled were identified by the Planning Department as meeting each of the following criteria: (1) the property is undeveloped, vacant, or clearly underused, (2) the property is either within the City limits or encompassed by the City, (3) the property is large enough to support a commercial use or development or multiple dwelling units, and (4) the property's most likely future use is commercial or residential. The profiles did not include information on industrial sites, instead providing a referral to the Columbus Economic Development Board for information on those properties. Once the infill site locations were identified the owners of each property were contacted to verify their interest in having their property profiled. The Planning Department also contacted local realtors and invited them to suggest additional infill locations that were not noticed in the initial Department inventory.

A total of 34 infill locations were profiled. For each location the Planning Department developed a double-sided “cut-sheet” of information. The front page describes the property’s location, size, current zoning, and other features. The back page provides an analysis of the property’s context and the guidance provided by the City’s Comprehensive Plan to suggest a range of possible future uses.

The Planning Department also established a webpage devoted to the infill profiles. This page includes a description of the intent of the profiles and the location selection criteria, the profiles themselves, and an interactive map for locating the infill sites within the community.





CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA - INFILL SITE PROFILE

site type:
REDEVELOPMENT

location:
Michigan Street & 13th Street

of parcels:
4

property size(s):
A: 2.55 Acres
B: 1.01 Acres
C: 1.68 Acres
D: 0.63 Acres

zoning:
A: I-1 Industrial: Heavy
B+C+D: I-2 Industrial: General

additional details:

A Property Owner: EFM Corporation
1480 14th Street
Columbus, Indiana 47201
Floodplain: None

B Property Owner: Columbus Pallet Company
180 North 1000 East
Hartsville, Indiana 47244
Floodplain: None

vicinity map:



the newly built United Way Senior apartments next to the site.

site analysis details:

Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use(s)	Residential	Access to Bike & Pedestrian Network	Bike Route
Surrounding Land Uses	54% Industrial 34% Residential (12% Undeveloped)	Road Access	13th ST Local, Residential, Urban 14th ST Local, Residential, Urban Michigan ST Local, Residential, Urban
Access to Public Facilities	United Way Center Busy Bees Academy	Street Connectivity	489 HIGH Intersections Square Mile

? **questions:**
 Want to know more about the analysis or find more site profiles? Please refer to the full **INFILL SITE PROFILES** document or go to the official **INFILL SITE PROFILES** website at:
www.columbus.in.gov/planning/infill

most suitable land uses:

Single-Family Residential

Multi-Family Residential

Neighborhood Commercial

General Commercial

Public Facilities



Golden Casting Foundry Site Redevelopment Options Study

In the summer of 2006 Planning Department intern Carmen Lethig developed the Golden Casting Foundry Site Redevelopment Options Study. This project and the resulting document were intended to gather information and community input on the future of the former Golden Casting Foundry location. This 12 acre site and its smaller surrounding parking areas had been the location of a heavy industrial use for decades. The closing and eventual demolition of the foundry presented both opportunities and challenges for the neighborhood and the City. The primary intent of the 2006 effort was to prepare the Department for the expected discussion of this location.

On 3 occasions between 2006 and 2012 the foundry site drew the interest of private developers interested in constructing affordable apartments on a portion of the property. These developers sought to finance their projects in part through tax credits made available by the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA). The Planning Department came to understand that the process of obtaining tax credits is highly competitive and only the projects that score highest against the IHCDA criteria are selected. The Planning Department also came to understand that the redevelopment of the property without tax credits or other incentives was unlikely. A key tax credit criterion is the presence of a locally adopted redevelopment plan for the project location. Therefore, the conversion of the Foundry Site Redevelopment Options Study from a study document to an adoptable plan became necessary.

In the fall of 2012 the Planning Department re-opened the Foundry Site Redevelopment Options Study, updated the material to reflect changes since 2006, and hosted a public open house to again collect community input. The well-attended open house was held in the neighborhood at the Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation administration building. The updated document was finalized to incorporate the opinions expressed at the public open house and presented to the Columbus City Council for adoption. The City Council adopted the document as the redevelopment plan for the property on October 16, 2012.

Please join us for the..

Golden Casting Foundry Site

Redevelopment Options Study
OPEN HOUSE

ENTER HERE!

What: The City of Columbus – Bartholomew County Planning Department is hosting an open house to review the possible future options for the redevelopment of the former Golden Casting Foundry site.

Who: YOU! As a property owner or a resident, we want you to come review the options displayed & talk with us about this property and the neighborhood.

When: Thursday, October 4, 2012
Stop by anytime between 5:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Where: BCSC Admin Building
1200 Central Avenue
Terrace Room
(See Map to Left)

Questions?
For questions or more information please contact Rae-Leigh Stark at the Planning Department at 376.2550 or rstark@columbus.in.gov

To view the draft plan go to columbus.in.gov/planning/projects

Thanks & come on in!



Downtown Street Vender Analysis

In 2012 the Columbus Board of Works asked the Planning Department to investigate the topic of street vendors, both carts and trucks, in the downtown area. The Columbus downtown arts district committee was interested in this topic as part of the continuing effort to create a vibrant, active downtown atmosphere. At the same time potential vendors had approached the Board of Works only to find that the current City street vender regulations essentially prohibited these types of businesses. The Planning Department developed a study process that would involve a review of the current City regulations, case studies from other communities, and stakeholder interviews with downtown restaurant owners, downtown merchants, and interested street vendors. The review of current regulations and case studies from other communities was completed in 2012 and presented to the Board of Works. The stakeholder interviews will be completed in early 2013. The finished Planning Department product will be a presentation of all project findings to the Board of Works. This will include options and recommendations for changes to the current City street vender recommendations.

Street Vendor Analysis – Columbus, Indiana
DRAFT: November 13, 2012

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Street Vendor Analysis – Columbus, Indiana

	Bloomington, IN	Indianapolis, IN	Columbus
When Time Restrictions, Seasonal Events, etc.	Not permitted during special events including Farmers' Market, Taste of Bloomington, Arts Fair, 4 th Street Festivals, etc.	Allowed during 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Not sales on certain streets from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Not sales longer than one hour.
Where Allowed Locations, Setbacks, Sidewalk and/or Street?, etc.	Not permitted on same side of street of retailer selling similar items. Must be reasonable distance from other vendors.	Locations for the Street Vendors depends on the assigned Zone.	Not permitted on certain streets, streets within 500 feet of park or school, or on local or collector streets.
How Permitting Processes, Filing Fees, etc.	Cost of permit depends on length of request (i.e. 1 week: \$75, 1 year: \$200)	Application for 1 year to the Department of Code Enforcement	Board of Works Approval for 1 year, \$75 filing fee

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Street Vendor Analysis – Columbus, Indiana

• Portland, OR Cart Design & Cart Location

EXAMPLE SITE PLAN

SIDEWALK VENDING

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Street Vendor Analysis – Columbus, Indiana

• Where cont. – (Yellow mark notes at least 9 foot sidewalk.)
(Blue dots mark parallel parking spaces.)

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Floodplain Management Profile

The Planning and Code Enforcement Departments together are the floodplain administrators for Columbus and Bartholomew County. Code Enforcement is responsible for all floodplain regulations related to single and two-family residences. The Planning Department is responsible for the floodplain regulations as they relate to commercial and industrial development and subdivision approvals.

The floodplain management task involves administering a relatively complex set of FEMA-mandated regulations. These regulations combine both Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) minimum requirements with additional local regulations. Each local requirement is crafted to reflect the local community's choices regarding flood risk and to support the City and County's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS). The voluntary CRS program reduces flood insurance costs for local property owners in response to community initiatives that preserve floodplains as open space, provide public floodplain education, increase flood protection regulations, etc. Failure of the local communities to enforce minimum mandated floodplain regulations could result in federally-backed flood insurance being unavailable to community property owners. Failure to enforce additional CRS-related programs and regulations could result in increased flood insurance costs for all community property owners.

Typical Planning Department floodplain management responsibilities include (1) providing information to realtors, developers, and the public; (2) ensuring that new development complies with floodplain regulations; (3) monitoring federal and state law and FEMA and IDNR policies for changes to the minimum regulation requirements; (4) tracking permits and other approvals related to development and construction activity in the floodplain; and (5) making available a current set of FEMA-provided Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) for the community.

As part of the Planning Department's ongoing role as floodplain administrator numerous floodplain determinations are made each year for lenders, developers, homeowners, and realtors. A determination is made by locating the property in question on the Flood Insurance Rate Map, interpreting the map, and reporting the flood hazard category in which the property is located. In 2012 the Planning Department provided a total of 126 floodplain determinations.

Flood Regulation Study Committee

In the summer of 2011 the City and County Plan Commissions together formed the Flood Regulation Study Committee. The committee was charged with reviewing, evaluating, and making recommendations for possible revisions to the Flood Hazard Area Standards within the Columbus & Bartholomew County Zoning Ordinance. The committee was asked to exclusively focus on identifying the regulations that are most appropriate for future floodplain development. For example, the committee reviewed current regulations that protect floodways, but permit development and the placement of the fill in flood fringe areas. The committee's scope of work did not include the review of any specific past or future development projects, the identification of any specific flood mitigation projects (such as buyouts, floodwalls, etc.), or an investigation of past flood events.

The committee was composed of 18 members, including elected and appointed officials and members of the public. The committee met 3 times in 2011, using those meetings to provide the initial organization for the group, hear presentations on the science of floodplain regulation, and



review public input. The public input was generated by a public open house held on November 3, 2011 and an on-line public survey made available between October 19 and November 14, 2011.

The committee met an additional 8 times in 2012. During those meetings they heard presentations on economic development, Indiana climate trends, emergency management, and the environment. Their final 3 meetings were devoted to discussing what they had learned and formulating their recommendations. Draft recommendations were presented to the public at an open house on August 14, 2012. This open house was also paired with an on-line survey that allowed respondents to provide input on the draft recommendations. The committee finalized their recommendations based on the public input. The final regulatory recommendations were to:

1. prohibit new development in the floodway,
2. prohibit new critical facilities (such as fire stations) and especially flood-sensitive facilities (such as nursing homes or day care centers) from locating in the floodplain,
3. provide additional review for any new facilities in the floodplain that involve bulk storage of potential pollutants, and
4. increase the threshold for allowing additions and repairs to existing floodplain structures.

The committee's final recommendations were considered as proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments by the City and County Plan Commissions at meetings held on December 12, 2012. Both Commissions made favorable recommendations on the changes to the City Council and County Commissioners respectively. The changes will be considered for adoption in early 2013

The Planning Department staff had facilitated all aspects of the committee's work, including arranging meetings and speakers, designing discussion exercises, documenting results, maintaining communication with the interested public, and writing the recommendations into ordinance form.

US Army Corps of Engineers Haw Creek Mitigation Study

In 2012 the Planning Department was notified that the US Army Corps of Engineers had been approved to spend time and resources valued at up to \$100,000 to study flood mitigation in the community. The City has requested the Corps' assistance with this effort following the 2008 flood. The Corps was asked to study Haw Creek and to specifically include an evaluation of debris clearing and channel modifications as possible mitigation options.

The initial phase of the Corps' study effort would be for them to determine if any mitigation options along Haw Creek has a positive cost-benefit ratio. If any option was found to meet that criterion the study process could proceed. Through this process, the City would be eligible for Federal cost-sharing for a mitigation project with a total cost of up to \$7,000,000. The City would be required to provide 35% of the funding for such a project. Results of the Corps' initial study are expected in early 2013.



Haw Creek Supplemental Floodplain Regulations

On October 3, 2011 the Columbus City Council adopted supplemental floodplain regulations for the Haw Creek watershed. These regulations were based on Christopher Burke Engineering's study of flood risk along Haw Creek. This was a project originally commissioned by Cummins and Columbus Regional Hospital, and later shared with the City. These supplemental regulations had expanded the area considered to be 500-year flood fringe and extended the appropriate regulations to those areas. They also identified flow conveyance paths necessary for floodwaters to move downstream and extended floodway-like protections to those areas.

The most significant change from prior regulations was the requirement that any new development in the flow conveyance paths be modeled to determine the flood-related impacts on adjoining properties. Projects that exceeded the maximum cumulative impacts for the stream would not be permitted. The review process was put to the test soon after the new regulations were adopted, as Cummins applied for approval to construct floodwalls at its Tech Center and Engine Plant facilities. Both locations involved Haw Creek flow conveyance paths. Because Burke had been both the consultant for the City and for Cummins a second firm, HNTB, was hired to review the projects as the City's agent. All review costs were reimbursed to the City, as required by the Haw Creek regulations. Both projects were found to comply and were approved and under construction in 2012. Based on these review experiences, the Planning Department authored clarifications to the supplemental Haw Creek regulations to aid in their long-term administration. These clarifications were packaged for adoption by the City Council along with the recommendations of the Flood Regulation Study Committee.

FIRM Map Update & Airport Tributary Appeal

In January of 2012 the Planning Department played host to officials from FEMA and IDNR as they held a public open house in City Hall to discuss proposed updates to the City and County floodplain maps with the community. These maps are being updated as part of a statewide process to modernize the map format and incorporate more recent topographic information. Changes in the maps could mean that some properties are no longer considered to be in a regulated floodplain, but that others are newly included. The Planning Department assisted FEMA and IDNR with the set-up for the open house, but otherwise has no involvement in creating the updated maps. When FEMA and IDNR complete the map update process both Columbus and Bartholomew County will be obligated to adopt the new maps as a condition of continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

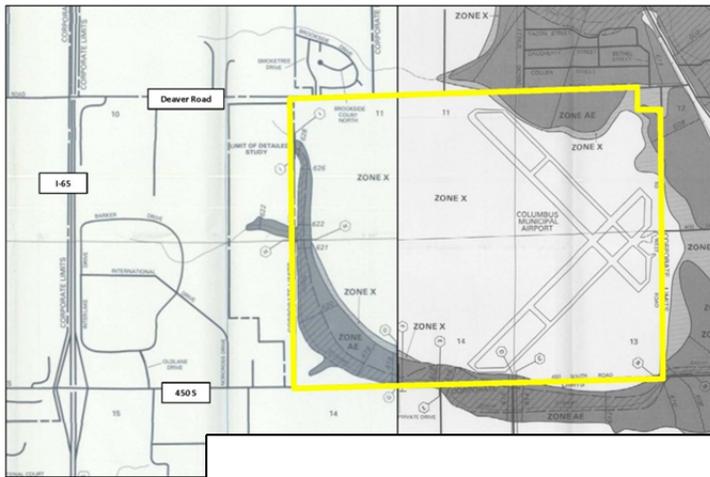
One of the most significant proposed changes to the updated maps affects the City of Columbus as a property owner. The Walesboro airfield property, owned by the Columbus Board of Aviation Commissioners, is proposed to be included in the floodplain on the updated maps. This property is a highly-valued location for future industrial development; which could be hampered by a flooding threat and/or an incorrect floodplain designation. The base flood elevations (flood water height) shown on the updated maps for this location raised questions with City officials, other area property owners, and the INDR staff and led to suspicion of the map's accuracy. Based on this suspicion the City chose to exercise its right as a property owner and file an appeal of the proposed mapping. The Columbus Redevelopment Commission funded the hiring of Christopher Burke Engineering to study the area and provide the necessary documentation for the appeal. The Commission's costs will be reimbursed through a grant from the Lawrenceburg Economic



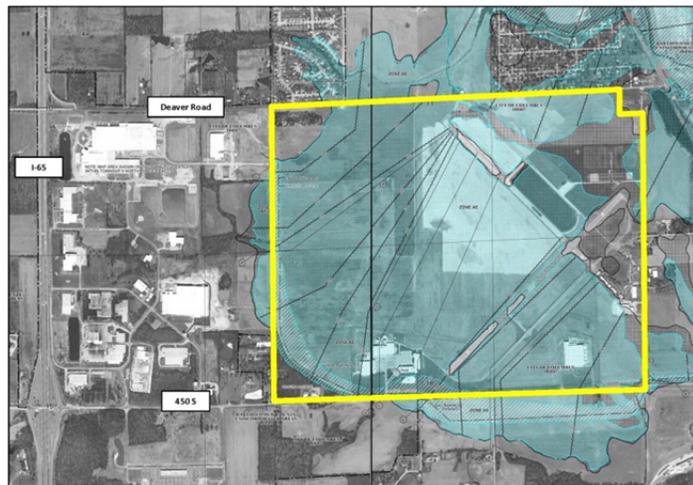
Development Grant Program, which supports economic development efforts in the region. Burke's study found that, using standard FEMA and IDNR mapping protocols, the area should be designated as a floodplain, but that the base flood elevations were not accurate. The inaccuracies will be addressed through the appeal process.

The City also asked Burke to prepare an appendix to the previously development master plan for the industrial development of the site that describes any options for minimizing the flooding threat to the property and potentially removing the floodplain designation. This effort will also be reimbursed through the Lawrenceburg grant and is expected to be completed in early 2013.

Airport Tributary Current Floodplain



Airport Tributary IDNR-proposed Floodplain





Comprehensive Flood Risk Management Plan

In June of 2012 the City of Columbus entered into a contract with Christopher Burke Engineering for the creation of a Comprehensive Flood Risk Management Plan for the City. The Plan is intended to address 3 specific flood-related topics – (1) regulations for new development, (2) flood mitigation projects, and (3) flood emergency management. The regulations component of the project is to incorporate the findings of the Flood Regulation Study Committee.

The project began with Burke evaluating all current FEMA/IDNR floodplain maps and models for streams in the City of Columbus planning jurisdiction for accuracy and the use of up-to-date topographic and rainfall data. Burke assigned a score to each area stream and set priorities for future model and map updates. *The FEMA map update process currently also underway only applies new topographic information to the existing floodplain models; it does not update the models themselves. Also, the FEMA process uses topographic information from 2004, when that process was initiated. Improved topographic data became available in 2011, but it will not be incorporated into the FEMA map update project.*

Once the accuracy of the local floodplain mapping was determined, Burke created flood depth maps for the following streams: Flatrock River, Driftwood River, East Fork of White River, Sloan Branch, Clifty Creek, Opossum Creek, and Denios Creek. Burke also incorporated previously developed depth maps for Haw Creek into this effort. These depth maps will inform many other aspects of the project by identifying not only where flooding is expected, but also how deep that flooding will be. Burke developed flood depth maps for each of these streams for the 10-year, 50-year, 100-year, and 500-year flood scenarios.

Another significant aspect of the project involved Burke identifying, collecting, and coordinating all local, State, and Federal resources for forecasting future flooding. As a result of this effort, the City has the ability to access USGS (United States Geological Survey) stream gages on major area waterways and to view forecasts for stream heights up to days in advance of possible flooding. For smaller streams that are not currently equipped with forecasting stream gages the City now has the ability to anticipate flooding using rainfall information. The Plan establishes a link between the stream heights,





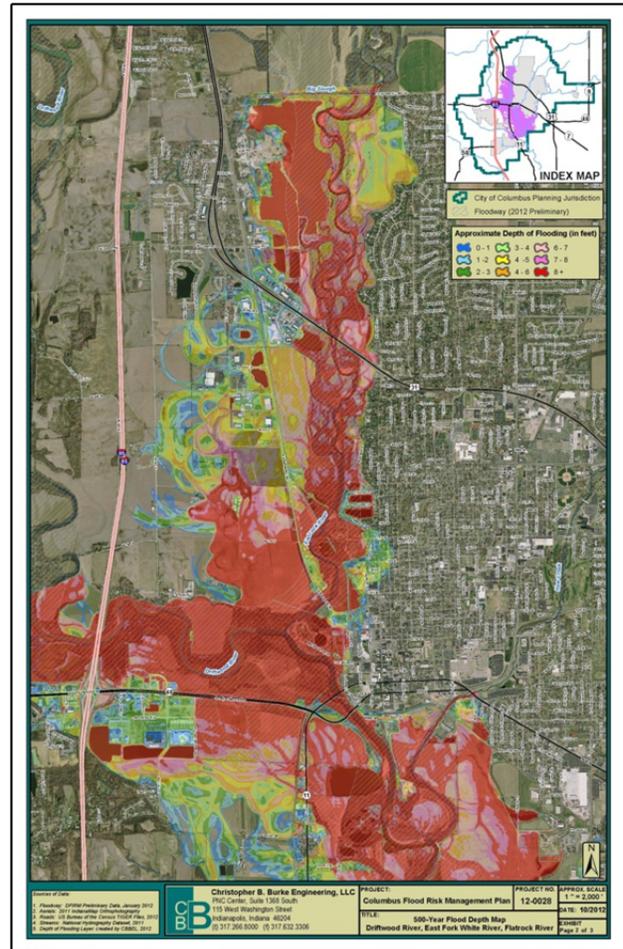
the flooding categories used by the National Weather Service, and the Burke-developed flood depth maps to provide local officials with an ability to (1) assess flooding threats during wet weather and (2) understand how and where the rising streams will affect the community.

Burke developed a Flood Response & Evacuation Plan as a stand-alone component of the overall project for use by emergency responders. The “FREP” combines the flood forecasting and depth mapping with procedures for assessing a flood threat, organizing a response, determining needed evacuations and road closures, communicating with the public, and providing for post-flood documentation and damage assessment. A final draft of the FREP was completed in late 2012. Table-top training exercises on its use are scheduled for emergency responders in early 2013.

As the final phase of the project, which will begin in early 2013, Burke will use the flood-prone areas identified through the flood depth mapping as a basis for creating flood mitigation strategies. Various options for reducing the flood threat, including detention areas, channel modifications, voluntary buyouts, and levees will be considered for each flood-prone area. These options will be assessed against a series of criteria to eliminate those that are illegal, not technically feasible, and dangerous to surrounding properties, among other considerations.

The project schedule estimates completion of all aspects of the Plan in mid-2013. At that time Burke and the Planning Department will facilitate a public open house to discuss the Plan with the public and collect their comments and concerns. The Plan will then be revised as necessary and finalized.

The Planning Department is serving as the overall project director for this effort, with assistance from the Engineering Department and Fire Department. The Planning Department staff manages the consultant contract, sets meeting dates, provides needed information, and critically reviews all draft documents and materials. The Planning Department has also been active in the development of project-related maps and documents where necessary to fill gaps between Burke’s contracted scope of services and the emerging needs of the community.





Education & Training Profile

During 2012, the Planning Department's training activities focused on Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals members and the staff. Specific training activities are listed below.

Board & Commission Member Training / The Planning Post

In 2012, new Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals members were encouraged to take advantage of the orientation session available for them through the Purdue Video Series session titled "Welcome to the Plan Commission and BZA" held in January.

Also in 2012, the Planning Department staff continued the practice of including upcoming training options and reading material for Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals members in the monthly Planning Post newsletter. Topics featured in the Planning Post in 2012 were as follows:

January: Vertical Measurement and Surveying in the United States – the Transition from the National Geodetic Datum of 1929 to the North American Vertical Datum of 1988

February: A Road for Every Mode: The Complete Streets Concept

March: The Red & The Black: The Effects of Budget Cuts on Community Planning

April: L.A. Re-imagined: A Transition to a Denser, More Transit Friendly City

May: The Older Population: 2010 Census Profile

June: Sharing Common Ground: New Trends in Retirement Housing

July: Challenges & Opportunities for Plan Commissions in the Years Ahead

August: How Sprawl Worsens Drought

September: The 3 Rules of Urban Design

October: The Commute of the Future

November: Columbus, IN Street Vender Analysis

December: Planner on Wheels: Observations on Affordable Housing in the United States

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MAY MEETING SCHEDULE:

June 5: Columbus City Council (6:00 p.m. / City Council Chambers)
 June 13: Bartholomew County Plan Commission (8:30 a.m. / City Council Chambers)
 June 13: Columbus Plan Commission (4:00 p.m. / City Council Chambers)
 June 19: Columbus City Council (6:00 p.m. / City Council Chambers)
 June 25: Bartholomew County Board of Zoning Appeals (7:00 p.m. / County Building - 4th Floor)
 June 26: Columbus Board of Zoning Appeals (6:30 p.m. / City Council Chambers)

MAY PLAN COMMISSION RESULTS:

CITY OF COLUMBUS:

PP-12-03: Southside Baseball Fields - *Approved*
 A request for site development plan approval for baseball fields at Southside Elementary School. The property is located at 1320 West 200 South, in the City of Columbus.

RZ-12-02: Nusan Inc. - *Favorable Recommendation*
 A request to rezone 3.66 acres from CC (Commercial: Community Center) to I-3 (Industrial: Heavy) for property located at 7440 S. International Drive, in the City of Columbus.

RZ-12-03: River Stone Apartments, Phase 3 - *Continued*
 A request to rezone 20.36 acres from RMc (Residential: Multi-family with conditions) to RM (Residential: Multi-family). The property is located to the west of the intersection of Colorado Street and Spruce Ridge Drive, in the City of Columbus.

MP-12-02: Replat of the Ben Pence Minor Subdivision - *Approved*
 A request for approval of the replat of the Ben Pence Minor Subdivision to remove a prior condition that a sidewalk be installed along Goeller Road. The property is located on the north side of Godler Road, approximately 250 east of Oakbrook Drive, in the City of Columbus.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY:

General Resolution 2012-01 (Northern Gateway Land Use and Transportation Plan) - *Approved*
 A resolution approving the Northern Gateway Land Use and Transportation Plan and recommending its adoption as an Element of the Comprehensive Plan for Bartholomew County.

JUNE READING MATERIAL TOPIC:

Sharing Common Ground



Planning Department Professional Development

The Planning Department staff continued their professional development in 2012 through attendance at the conferences and events listed below. Each of the Department's American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) certified staff members (Jeff Bergman, Melissa Begley, and Thom Weintraut) are required to attend a specified amount of training annually to maintain their professional certifications. Events at which Planning Department staff were presenters are noted with an (*). All training costs were funded through the Planning Department's annual budget.

(* IDNR Floodplain Management Training Conference (“Operation Stay Afloat”):
Indianapolis, Indiana – March, 2012

Indiana Planning Association (APA-IN) Spring Professional Development Conference:
Muncie, Indiana – May, 2012

Right-sizing Communities through Historic Preservation:
Richmond, Indiana – June, 2012

American Planning Association (APA) Flood-resilient Communities Workshop:
Chicago, Illinois – June, 2012

(* Indiana Association of Floodplain & Stormwater Managers Conference:
Nashville, Indiana – September, 2012

Ohio / Kentucky / Indiana APA Chapters Fall Conference:
Columbus, Ohio – September 20-21, 2012