



**THURMONT TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 27, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.**  
**THURMONT MUNICIPAL OFFICE**  
**MEETING ROOM**

**AGENDA TOPICS**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. APPROVAL OF 3/6/18 TOWN MEETING MINUTES
3. RECOGNITION OF RETIRING FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS
4. THURMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT
5. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 2018-03 – AMENDMENT TO SENIOR TAX CREDIT
6. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/MAIN STREET REPORT – VICKIE GRINDER
7. BID APPROVAL – NORTH CHURCH STREET UTILITY POLE PROJECT
8. BID APPROVAL – MOWING CONTRACT
9. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS
  - a. Commissioner Buehrer
  - b. Commissioner Hooper
  - c. Commissioner Hamrick
  - d. Commissioner Burns
  - e. Mayor Kinnaird
  - f. Jim Humerick
10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:**

- 3/30/18 – TOWN OFFICE CLOSED – GOOD FRIDAY
- 3/31/18 – MAIN STREET MATINEE – DUNKIRK
- 3/31/18 – RIBBON CUTTING – IMAGES OF U HAIR STUDIO
- 4/7/18 – HUNTING CREEK CLEAN UP (GREEN TEAM EVENT) – 8:30 A.M.
- 4/13/18 – 4/22/18 – RESTAURANT WEEK – A TASTE OF THURMONT
- 4/14/18 – YARD WASTE DROP OFF
- 4/14/18 – BULK TRASH PICK UP
- 4/21/18 – THURMONT GREEN FEST – THURMONT REGIONAL LIBRARY – 10A.M. – 2 P.M.
- 4/28/18 – THURMONT BUSINESS SHOWCASE – SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY – 11 – 4P.M.
- 4/28/18 - THURMONT POLICE COMMISSION SHRED EVENT– 8 A.M.
- 5/11/18 – THURMONT MAIN STREET SPRING ART & WINE STROLL
- 5/19/18 – GREEN TEAM PLANT SWAP – THURMONT REGIONAL LIBRARY
- 6/2/18 – FARMERS MARKET BEGINS

## Minutes from March 27, 2018 Town Meeting

A Town Meeting of the Thurmont Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 7 p.m. The following were present: Mayor Kinnaird; Commissioner Buehrer and Hamrick; CAO, Jim Humerick; Sr. Administrative Assistant, Becky Long; Economic Development/Main Street Mgr., Vickie Grinder; TPD, Cpl. David Armstrong and Ofc. James Donovan; Samantha Hogan (FNP), Nikki Eyler, Dick Lee, Elizabeth Lee, James Wilkins, Paul Cannada, Joan Coursey, George Bolling, Gina Cantwell, Gail Thames, Dorothy Cormack, Roger Roderick, Morris Blake, Debra Carle, Sally Joyner Giffin, Dawn Bunsby, Eric Bunsby, Virginia Hertel, Ray Hertel, Ray Mullinix, Alice Mullinix, Donald Ely Sr., Tom Mullaney, Lloyd Berry, Elliot Jones, Jean Mullins, Fred Mullins and Gene Doyon. Commissioner Hooper and Burns were absent this evening.

Mayor Kinnaird led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval of 3/6/18 Town Meeting Minutes

**Motion** – Commissioner Buehrer said “I move to accept the minutes of the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting”. Commissioner Hamrick second. Vote – 3-0-0, motion carried.

### Recognition of Retiring Food Bank Volunteers

George Bolling, president of Jermae HOA, stated as a citizen of Thurmont he is really proud this town. It's a town where we have a lot of really good institutions and one of those is the Thurmont Food Bank. He recognized Pastor Sally on behalf of all of the people who work at the Food Bank. Jermae is the community over on the golf course. “We have our own army and this is a very interesting army because it's commanded by two Privates. You don't see that happen very often. I've tried two or three times to promote these guys, they won't accept it they just keep turning it down. But we've got a lot of Jermae's Army here tonight.” Gene and Fred are the leaders of this army. We've got Don Ely, Lloyd Berry, Dick Lee, Tom Mullaney, Ray Mullinix, and Carroll Roderick here tonight and these are Jermae's Army. There's one other one that's not with us tonight and that's our dear Larry Munday. “We appreciate the service of all of you.”

Gene and Fred should be have the appropriate title of Private 1<sup>st</sup> Class for these two 1<sup>st</sup> class volunteers. “These are retirees long ago who are retiring again. They're retiring as volunteers from Jermae's Army. They not only have led this group..., but they really originated it more than nine years ago. Actually it was on Halloween 2008 when the little red truck made its first run through Jermae about 2 p.m. in the afternoon and almost every Friday since then. People clean out their refrigerators and pantries and put stuff out on the street and these guys come by and pick them up. And one of the most interesting features of this is that every month Gene Doyon produces a very eloquent report and we all enjoy reading it.” “These guys have led this army for 9 years and 2 months. They collected food and donations totaling \$221,083 just in the Jermae community. And about 8 years ago Commission Hooper approached me and said “would the Lions Club take over these coin collection things?” We talked about it and so on and decided we had our hands full and couldn't do it, so I turned to these two guys and all these coin boxes that are out in the businesses around Thurmont, they took that over too. And over the course of those 8 yrs. they've collected \$74,000 from just those change containers. Absolutely remarkable. So, when you put all of that together \$295, 083 is what these guys brought in. Almost

\$300,000 for the Thurmont Food Bank. Remarkable.” Don Ely and Tom Mullaney are taking over the next phase of the leadership of Jermae’s Army.

Mr. Bolling presented Gene Doyon and Fred Mullins with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of more than 9 yrs. of service leading the food collection and fundraising campaign in support of the Thurmont Food Bank.

Mayor Kinnaird said “you guys have done a spectacular job for our community and I thank you from the bottom of my heart as do the Commissioners and our residents”. He then presented each of them with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Town of Thurmont.

Mr. Mullins said “this was actually Gene and my pleasure to do this. It was more fun than work and when you go to work you always had to have fun and Gene and I had fun. We made it fun, he was the funny guy.”

Mr. Doyon said “I want to say Fred you’re the best guy. I’ll take credit for that... do I pick a team or what? I had Dick, I had Carroll, I had you, and now they’ve got a good team. We had a great boss in Pastor Sally, she lets us do our thing and I appreciate that. We have a town that supports us, we have a nice place now, I don’t know what else you could ask... I’d like to have another 10 years, I’ve got so many plans in my head. But I want to thank my family, there here tonight, they supported me... I am so lucky...”

Pastor Sally said “I just wanted to let you know that Gene and Fred have already had a retirement party and have already received two certificates for their walls, so they’re going to be able to paper their whole room with these awards. But there’s just no way to tell you how much we’ve all enjoyed working with them and the people at the Food Bank before I came tonight said tell them that we wish we could be there, but they were busy giving out food. And they have not only done the job of collecting the food and picking things up, but they would also then go into Aldi’s and pick up food. They would go and try to find... I have never met people who could rub two dimes together and get 50 cents out of them like these two could, but they would go and find the least expensive milk that they could. They would go wherever it was that they needed to go. But they’ve also brought a lot of joy to everybody in the Food Bank and we’ve had a lot of laughter and we’ve had a lot of hugs and they have also helped the volunteers feel appreciated and the people who come into the Food Bank to know that they are loved and cared for. And I want to thank them because you have really done more than be volunteers, you have been loving hearts in this whole endeavor, so thank you so much”.

Mayor Kinnaird deviated from the agenda to introduce Sabrina Massett, a local resident who has lived here her whole life. She worked with the Town on Planning and Zoning. “I want to say a special thank you to Sabrina and some of her friends last weekend for picking up fallen limbs in the Community Park, the Memorial Park and the Ice Plant Park. Sabrina is a candidate for Maryland State Senate for District 4 and I’d like Sabrina to introduce herself and say a few words”.

Ms. Massett thanked the Mayor for giving her the time to speak. “After what I just witnessed, this is exactly why I’m running for State Senate. As a lifelong resident of our small towns, and growing up here, going to school here, raising my kids here, being involved in the community, and just witnessing... I have a deep respect for the integrity of the people of the small towns and what just happened here is exactly

why I'm running and I'm excited to say that I'm running for District 4 Senate. It is encompassing the small towns of Frederick County and in addition to this... I know things like this happen in big cities, but they don't happen quite the same way that they happen in our small towns. And I also have a deep appreciation for all of the natural resources, our rural landscape, our farming industry, and I want to fight for that, support that, sustain that. Just briefly, I have a career in human services and that career in human services has made me understand the need to support and sustain all our citizens..." "I'm running to help find comprehensive and immediate solution to the substance illness abuse crisis that we're facing in our communities and to be a part of that as far as the things we need to solve that..." "I feel that those young people and their families are not expendable and that is why I'm running. There's a lot of change happening on the federal level and I think Marylanders and our particular part of Maryland we need a strong voice in Annapolis." "I think I've been prepared for this. I appreciate the 10 years I was allowed to serve on the Planning and Zoning. And I say allowed because occasionally we had some bumping heads, but I learned a lot and I think it's prepared me to serve and serving on the Green Team has made me understand how we can do everything green." "I just thank you for giving me a few minutes to announce my candidacy, thank you."

#### **Thurmont Police Department Report**

Ofc. Donovan went over the stats for last month. There was one theft and one arrest for drugs. Non-traffic calls for service was 676 and total calls for service were 854.

#### **Introduction of Ordinance 2018-03 – Amendment to Senior Tax Credit**

Mayor Kinnaird read Ordinance 2018-03 – Amendment to Senior Tax Credit into the meeting (see attached). "This is the introduction this evening, next week we will have a public hearing and hopefully we'll adopt this and then the week after that... actually April 10<sup>th</sup> it will take affect." This is the introduction of this legislation this evening, April 3<sup>rd</sup> we'll have a public hearing on it, we'll re-read the Ordinance and take public comment and have discussion about it and then we'll probably vote on it. If we vote on it then it will take affect on April 10, 2018.

"This is something that we have for many years made available to our seniors and we encourage all of our seniors that qualify for this." It's a gross income of \$70,000 and under. "I encourage anyone that qualifies to come in and apply for the tax credit. We do make it available and you should take advantage of that."

"We will readdress this with a public hearing next Tuesday evening, so if you're interested or you have questions please come to next Tuesday's meeting and we'll try to answer any questions that you may have concerning the Senior Tax Credit."

#### **Economic Development/Main Street Report – Vickie Grinder**

Ms. Grinder explained that there are many components to economic development, it's not only about attracting new businesses, it is community development. It's about maintaining existing businesses, holding events, a sustainable, walkable, bicycling community, tourism, arts, entertainment, and parks. Creating an environment where people want to live, work, visit, and/or open a business. "My presentation tonight I have down sized and will touch upon just about every category there. To start it off I have asked two of our newest entertainment programs to step up and say a few words."

Morris Blake, Thurmont Brass Ensemble, explained how the group began in 2017 and what they have been doing and events coming up. The Mayor thanked Mr. Blake for his dedication and hard work on this project. Commissioner Hamrick stated that anyone is welcome to come by the Main Street Center on Sunday's at 3 p.m. to listen to the band practice.

Nikki Eyler, Teen Open Mic Night, explained how this event began with her trying to find something for her daughter to do since she likes to sing and isn't involved in sports. They have had one a month since December and have outgrown the Main Street Center and Commodore Recording Studio and this past Saturday they held the event at Weller UMC fellowship hall. She went on to explain what they hope to do in the future. Commissioner Buehrer commended Nikki for all of her hard work on this endeavor. Ms. Eyler invited everyone to the next Teen Open Mic Night at Weller UMC on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Ms. Grinder went over some upcoming events: Thurmont Restaurant Week "A Taste of Thurmont" April 13<sup>th</sup> – April 22<sup>nd</sup> and there are 8 participating restaurants. The Thurmont Business Showcase on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Thurmont Event Complex with the Ambulance Co. selling food throughout the event. A Main Street Stroll and The Farmers Market will begin June 2<sup>nd</sup> thru September 22<sup>nd</sup>. And our Main Street Matinees are every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. This year "Paint the Town Plein Air" will be September 15<sup>th</sup> and also on that day will be the "Gateway to the Cure" 5K. There will be a Zumbathon possibly May 6<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion with all proceeds going to the "Gateway to the Cure". She then had a power point presentation of some past events. There were seven new business openings and ribbon cuttings in 2017 and Catoctin Lighting who relocated to Thurmont.

Ms. Grinder stated that she had assisted several businesses last year and this year with navigating the County permitting process. "As we have heard it's sometimes not the easiest to get an occupancy permit, so I've been learning a lot of the differences for the required different uses, the retrofits. And Mr. Humerick and I have been working with the County and I have a much better understanding, not that we ever do, but a much better understanding from last year even by working with these people and networking with these people. And that has been a big help for me and I think a lot of the businesses that want to open legally and have that occupancy permit. The Health Department, I'm still trying to figure and work on that one, but you know it's a learning process."

Ms. Grinder gave the Board the results from the Thurmont Needs Assessments (see attached). "This is a tool for Town for planning, for economic development, and for me as well."

Next she went over TAC (Tourist Area Corridor), a sign program facilitated by the State Highway Administration that she had presented to them a year ago. These are signs that help to get people off the road and in through the town (see attached).

Ms. Grinder said "we did receive a grant, an Operating Assistance Grant, from the state of Maryland to do a professionally done Economic Development Video." Mr. Humerick stated "we're working with Whitney Hahn and her company and they are professional videographers. They've done all types of economic development videos across the state of Maryland. And what they've laid out for us is some really captivating shots of Thurmont, interviews with some business owners and some other folks in town here to talk about Thurmont. We have not seen the video yet we've just looked at the storyboards and the layout for it, but they should start filming soon. Obviously they wanted to wait until we had some more picturesque settings to film with, so they're waiting for spring and the foliage to come out. But I think Vickie and Whitney and the gentleman from their company in there has done a

terrific job in laying this video out. Certainly getting the funding for it was a big plus. If you want this thing done right, obviously you have to invest some funds into it, and I think that the grant funding that Vickie received certainly is going to go a long way in making this a very professional production, but they're working on it and I think we're going to be seeing some results soon." Ms. Grinder added that the video will be on YouTube and they've opened up an account for us. "So this video will be a tool for us to reach out and market the Town of Thurmont for economic development."

"Grants in 2017, we received \$20,000 for the bridge project and I received early last year \$5,675 from the Maryland Department of Transportation for a kiosk for the beginning of the Thurmont Trolley Trail to talk about how the trolley came to be." "Also 2017 a \$1,750 TRIPP grant, TRIPP is through Frederick County Tourism that stands for Tourism Reinvestment Product and Promotion. That was for the Colorfest brochure that we produced last year. And then also the \$40,000 for Main Street Façade Improvement Grants and tomorrow is the deadline for those façade grants to be in. They were offered to any business located in the Main Street area and as of right now we have four applicants."

"Now we move on to the Gateway signs that will be put at the entrance of the town replacing the Thurmont Main Street signs, which I'm thinking hopefully we can repurpose somewhere." "These will be at the four gateways, two I believe are going to be installed this year and two in FY19." "Next we have a grant that I just applied for two weeks ago and I have one that's due tomorrow... way faring signs and these would direct people throughout the town..." "Hopefully all of this will work in concert with the TAC signs..."

"Last year we came up with a demographics of Thurmont that we give to new businesses and we've updated it and tweaked a few things" (see attached). She also went over some committees and projects she has participated in over the last year and some that she has coming up. At the Frederick County Home Show there were a lot of positive comments. "Thurmont is a Designated Sustainable Maryland Community, the Banner City, a Designated Main Street Maryland and Main Street America, Tree City USA, Sustainable Community under the Department of Housing and Community Development, A Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area, Journey Through Hallowed Ground, the National Scenic Byways, and the Maryland Scenic Byways. So, we are all designated under those."

"And last but most certainly not least... we're going to talk about tourism. That's the other part of economic development." "If it were not for Maryland Tourism every Maryland resident would be paying an additional \$1,080 in state taxes every year" (see attached Customer Volume and Spending 2016). "We did three brochures last year, we did a remake of the "Gateway to the Getaway", and of course our award winning MRPA (Maryland Recreational Parks Association)". This was for the "Tour Thurmont" brochure and then there was also the Colorfest brochure. "We also partnered with Emmitsburg for the "Gateway", this is a biannual publication." Also there is a brochure put out by Frederick County Tourism that has all of the designated Main Streets and they also have one promoting parks, both of which Thurmont is included in. "I've been in tourism a long time and I can't remember when North County ever had the cover of Frederick Visitor Guide... we're on there this year and Thurmont is called out eight different times in here, so this is a big one for us." We also are advertising in the Gettysburg Destination, Hagerstown Magazine, Gettysburg Magazine, Find It Frederick, Frederick County Relocation Guide, Blue Ridge Outdoors, and the Holiday Capital Region Guide.

"Before I finish I have one more announcement to make. I have been corresponding with a television station that does a morning show and it's Fox channel 5 and they do something called "Zip Trips". And I

contacted them last year and had to submit a lot of information to them... I am here to tell you that come July 13<sup>th</sup> Fox Morning News will be in Thurmont for a Zip Trip, so that is really big."

Mr. Humerick said "I wanted to add that when we, we meaning you gentlemen, started down this economic development path we talked a lot about what would think would be indicators of success. And I know we agreed that it wasn't always going to be businesses that stay, new businesses that open, businesses that close and we really couldn't put our finger tips on what exactly would indicate success. Well, I think we just did, I think we just saw that indicator of success tonight and whether that turns into one hundred new residents or one hundred new businesses or one I think it's still a success." "Because, certainly Thurmont is well recognized and well respected throughout the state of Maryland right now and a lot of that is through the efforts of Vickie Grinder and I want to congratulate her on a job well done."

There were comments and questions throughout Ms. Grinder's presentation.

#### **Bid Approval – North Church Street Utility Pole Project**

Mr. Humerick stated that we have a few utility poles on N. Church Street that need to have work done to them. "Our electrical engineers, Downes Associates, have done an analysis and at the end of the day, at the end of the analysis we decided that one of the poles needs to be replaced, another pole needs to be repositioned as far as the cross arms so we can get some of the stress off of the existing poles that will be left." "Bids were solicited through Downes Associates, we had three responses. All three responses are from electrical contractors we have used in town here before and they've done exceptional work for us." He then went over the bid comparisons sheet (see attached). "We are recommending the low bidder in this case, which is AUI, Inc. out of Elkton, MD for \$10,500. This will be paid for out of the Electrical Dept. loan that we were able to get back in 2012. Currently we have \$425,500 left in that loan, it was a \$2.2 million dollar loan. The next capital project we want to take out of that loan funding is the next phase of the F4 circuit, which is what we just did the Phase I for across from the High School at Catoctin Heights Subdivision. So we certainly have funding left in the loan amount to take care of the next phase of that F4 project along with this, actually, relatively minor electric upgrade project on N. Church Street. So we're recommending that we approve the bid for \$10,500 from AUI, Inc. to get this project taken care of."

**Motion** – Commissioner Buehrer said "I move that we accept the bid from AUI, Inc. from Elkton, MD for \$10,500 to replace a utility pole 55' in height and a different location convert framing and cross arms on 2 poles, wire and conductor work, install anchors and guy wires, and site work". Commissioner Hamrick second. Vote – 3-0-0, motion carried.

#### **Bid Approval – Mowing Contract**

Mr. Humerick stated "our mowing contract expired back in October 2017, typically our contracts go on a two year approval basis with a third year automatic renewal if all parties are acceptable to the contract. So, we had to re-bid the contract out for the next two years with also the third year extension, if we choose to do that. The first RFP we sent out we received two bids back on that, one bid was not compliant, it did not comply with our bidding regulations, the other bid was compliant. We felt that we wanted to have a better understanding of the market and the cost analysis of what it would cost to do the work here in Town." "Our previous contractor had chosen not to bid this time due to some staffing



shortages and other logistical issues they thought would be in the best interest not to bid on. So, we thought that because we didn't have the returning contractor, who we felt very confident in, plus the fact that we only had one bidder, that we wanted to re-advertise it to see if we could get a few extra bids to make sure we did a good analysis on the contract. So, we re-bid it again. We had two contractors show up at the mandatory pre-bid meeting on this one. On the day of the deadline one of those contractors contacted us and said they were not going to bid on the contract. I think it's important to remember that our mowing contract here in Thurmont is quite complex, there is a lot of requirements to it. So, I would certainly much rather see a contractor say I don't think we can meet those requirements than to bid it and possibly get awarded and then not be able to meet the requirements, and then we're sort of stuck trying to resolve those issues mid-stream. So, we only had one bidder bid on the second advertisement as well, coincidentally it was the same bidder of the first, who was first compliant on our first advertisement. So at this point I think we've done our due diligence, I think we've done what we needed to do to attract as many bids as we can on this. So I'm going to recommend to you gentlemen tonight that we move forward and award the bid to our soul contractor who bid this year and that was Mountain View Lawn Service from here in Thurmont and their bid was for... we had them bid on a two year cycle so the entire bid was \$143,500 and if you break that down on a yearly it's \$71,750 per year. Currently we were at \$44,000 per year with our last contractor, but we've also included some acreage to this contract as well as some pesticide applications, so there's a few more parameters within this contract that wasn't in the first..."

**Motion** – Mayor Kinnaird said "I would like to make a motion that we award the contract for the lawn mowing contract to Mountain View Lawn Services for the amount of \$71,750 per year for a two year period." Commissioner Hamrick second. Vote – 3-0-0, motion carried.

### **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Buehrer:

- Reminder – Diane Fox from the Frederick County Treasury Dept. will be coming to the Seniors Center to do a Senior Tax Credit and try to streamline as much of the paperwork as possible.
- Thurmont had four businesses at the Frederick County Builders Association event: Pondscapes, Baker's Tree Service, Mick's Plumbing & Heating, and Rebecca LaChance.
- There is some money out of the State budget that came this way. Crossroads Freedom Drug Treatment Center is in our locality here and received \$55,000. Our Zoo received \$50,000 and we're still waiting to see what is going to happen with the Highway User Revenue.

Commissioner Hamrick:

- Main Street Matinees – this Saturday will be the showing of "Dunkirk", then on April 10<sup>th</sup> will be "Battle of the Sexes" and these are held at the Main Street Center on Water Street.
- April 13<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> is Restaurant Week "A Taste of Thurmont".
- Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. is the Annual Thurmont Business Showcase "Something for Everyone" at the Thurmont Ambulance Events Center on Strafford Drive.
- This Saturday at 3:30 p.m. is the ribbon cutting for Images of U Hair Studio at the Thurmont Plaza.



- Every Sunday, except this coming Sunday, the Brass Band will be having their weekly practice. Anyone who is interested in joining or just wants to listen are welcome. And Mr. Blake is still hoping to get people to audition for the chorus.

Jim Humerick:

- Report on last week's snowstorm: Public Works Div. put in 213 man hours on snow removal, 117 man hours were on overtime and 96 man hours were on straight pay during regular work hours. We received a lot of compliments, a lot of good comments on the efficiency and effectiveness of our Staff and I can't help but brag a little bit on these folks because they've put a lot of effort, they're very conscientious of what they do and I know when I talk with folks who come from other parts of the county and other parts of the state it sounds like we have something here that we can be very proud of with our Public Works Div.
- Some bittersweet news for us, one of our longtime administrative aides Debbie Ecker is retiring this week. Debbie has worked with us since 2003, she's got 15 years of experience here with us and she has decided that it's time for her to move on and enjoy retirement and leave the stress to us. So, we certainly congratulate Debbie in her retirement and wish her the best of luck. Our part-time administrative assistant Robin Clem has been promoted to full-time administrative aide to fill Debbie's position. She will be taking a lot of Debbie's responsibilities as well as keeping some of the responsibilities that she has right now. We're also going to be looking at some of the other administrative aides' assignments and be doing some reallocation of some of those assignments.

Mayor Kinnaird:

- "I want to say a heartfelt thank you to Debbie". "Debbie has always been a great asset to the Town of Thurmont. I speak to her, I speak to everyone when I come in here, but Debbie always has an interesting conversation with me, she's a great individual and I for one will miss seeing Debbie every time I come in the office. I know we'll see her at other occasions, but Debbie I want to thank you for your service to our community."
- There's a new youth group in Town called the Abandoned Teen Center. They just had their first meeting a week ago. This is a group that's going to be doing some different projects and offering some events for our teens and preteens to be involved in, so I'll ask you to keep your eye open for that, they have a Facebook page actually, just keep an eye on that. If you're looking to help out with a project contact them and they'd be glad for your assistance. It's called the Abandoned Teen Center, abandoned sounds like a strange name for a group for teens, but they're encouraging our teens to abandon the ways that have gotten so many of our teens in trouble.
- Thanks to the Thurmont Lions Club and Russ Delauter and his Trinity UCC Kitchen Crew for an amazing fundraiser last weekend. They had a benefit breakfast at the church and helped a local family. "There's nothing better than to get up on a Saturday morning, go down and get some breakfast and sit with an entire activity room full of people that are there intent on helping our community. Just as you saw this evening we have a lot of people that volunteer. They do a lot of good things for our residents and they do it selflessly and I want to thank the Lions and the UCC Kitchen Crew for putting on that fundraiser. I know it was well appreciated by the family."

- The Lions Club is having an Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Community Park from 2 – 2:30 p.m.
- "This afternoon I visited the Lewistown Elementary School and spoke to a pre-K class". They are learning about how to help their friends and neighbors in their community. "I was there to discuss what local governments do to help our residents and we talked about what firemen do and what ambulance people do to and what doctors do. And those kids have a good start and I applaud the teachers at Lewistown School, and all of our schools, for giving our kids a great education and giving them a good start in life."
- There is a shredding event April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Thurmont Police Department.
- Thanks to Morris Blake and his Brass Ensemble for playing at the "Flags for Hope" event that was held at the Community Park by Pastor Sally and the Ministerium. "Pastor Sally asked me to say a few things and whenever you go somewhere like that and I didn't expect to have anything to say, but it's hard to talk about that stuff." You know I go to a lot of schools and when I talk to kids in middle school and kids at the high school that tell me they're fearful of going to school, that is sad. They're fearful of the violence that they see in school and they're of the peer pressure to use drugs that they know they're going to see and they see that in the middle school right now, when they get to the high school I can only imagine it's a lot worse." "I thank Pastor Sally and her organization for coming out and giving these kids an avenue to express their thoughts on violence in our schools, which there should be no violence in our schools."

### **Public Comments**

Jim Wilkins, 1 Ironmaster Ct., commented on what a wonderful job the Public Works Staff did on the snow removal.

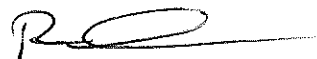
Dick Lee, 13 Jermae, also commented on the outstanding job the Snow Crew did on the snow removal. He also commended Jim and Bill for setting up this evening's retirement recognition for Fred and Gene. "And the third At-A-Boy is to a young lady that left. Vickie Grinder, we do a lot of special projects in town and she's my go to girl. I can go over there and she has contacts to everybody in the world and if you need to find out somebody or you need to get a phone number or who to talk to, especially in the state. She has helped a couple of committee's out like you can't believe".

Mayor Kinnaird stated that Fred Mullins and Gene Doyon are two guys that make Thurmont the great town that we know it to be. Commissioner Hamrick noted that both of these men relocated here after retirement and have assimilated and made it a better place for everyone.

**Motion** – Mayor Kinnaird said "I'll entertain a motion to adjourn". Commissioner Buehrer said "second". Vote – 3-0-0, motion carried.

Without further discussion the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin Clem  
Recording Secretary

**TOWN MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2018**

**PLEASE SIGN IN**

	NAME	ADDRESS
1	DICK & ELIZABETH LEE	13 JERMAE STREET
2	JAMES WILKINS	# 1 Ironstone Ct
3	PAUL CANNADA	7 SYLVIA CIRCLE
4	John D. COURSEY	16 JERMAE ST
5	George Bolling	1 Mae Way
6	Jim & Cathleen	6 Pleasant Acres Ct.
7	Gaithames	11 Tocati Str.
8	Dorothy Cormack	19 Geoley Court
9	Regan C. Roderech	31 Geoley Ct
10	Morris BlsKe	6 Frederick Road.
11	Debra Carle	22 Jermae St
12	Sally Joyner Giffin	Thurmont Food Bank
13	Dawn Bonby	Thurmont
14	eric Bonby	
15	Virginia & Ray Hertel	8 Sylvia Circle
16	Ray & Alice Mullinix	2 TOCATI ST.
17	Don & Ed Ely Sr	27 Geoley Ct.
18	TOM MULLANEY	25 GEOLEY CT.
19	Lloyd Berry	35 Geoley
20	Elliot Jones	42 Caroctin Highlands
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# THE COMMISSIONERS OF THURMONT

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## ORDINANCE 2018-03

### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND

THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF THURMONT, MARYLAND,

CHAPTER 96, ENTITLED "SENIOR CITIZENS PROPERTY TAX CREDIT"

**WHEREAS**, the Charter of the Town of Thurmont requires any Amendment to the Code of the Town of Thurmont be adopted in the form of an ordinance;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF THURMONT, MARYLAND, THAT**

**CHAPTER 96 of The Code of The Town of Thurmont be amended as follows:**

See attached Exhibit "A"

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall take effect on March 27, 2018.

The undersigned hereby certifies that this Ordinance was approved and adopted on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

Introduced: 3/27/18

Adopted: 4/3/18

Effective: 4/10/18

ATTEST:

THE COMMISSIONERS OF THURMONT

\_\_\_\_\_  
James Humerick  
Chief Administrative Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
John A. Kinnaird, Mayor

## Chapter 96

### SENIOR CITIZENS PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

#### 96-1 Purpose.

Pursuant to a law passed in 2006 by the General Assembly which added to the Article – Tax Property; Section 9-245, Annotated Code of Maryland, the Commissioners of the Town of Thurmont hereby enacts the following:

#### 96-2 Applicability.

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Thurmont hereby grants, by law, a tax credit against the residential property taxes of the Town of Thurmont, with the following conditions:

- (1) At least one of the owners of the property applied for must be at least 65 years of age as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the tax credit will be reimbursed and provide valid proof of age by birth certificate or other certified documents, such as a valid drivers' license issued by Maryland, or any other state. Example – for Fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015) the 70 year old property owner must have turned 65 before January 1, 2015.
- (2) The adjusted gross combined household income of the residents of the property shall not exceed \$70,000 per annum; and
- (3) The residents of the property shall provide for examination by a Town employee(s) a copy of their latest tax return to the Internal Revenue ~~or to the State of Maryland~~ so that property owners' income can be verified, Social Security numbers to be redacted from all submitted tax returns. In the event that the residents do not file tax returns, other verification of income acceptable to the Town of Thurmont must be provided.; and
- (4) The Town will issue a 10% credit to eligible property owners based upon the total municipal tax bill. This percentage maybe changed at the discretion of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners.
- (5) All municipal taxes must be paid and current.
- (6) This credit is applicable only if the property is the principal residence of the property owners.

- (7) The Board of Town Commissioners, and all employees of the Town of Thurmont shall use all due diligence in protecting the privacy of all applicants for this Property Tax Credit, and all records shall be destroyed following the completion of the internal audit and the submission of the Annual Audit Report to the Town Commissioners.
- (8) Credit will only be issued on a first come basis until budgeted amount is expended.
- (10) The Board of Town Commissioners shall also enact any other provision necessary to carry out this ordinance. And be it further enacted that this Ordinance shall take effect on the date of adoption.
- (11) Applications accepted until September 1 of each year.



## 2018 Thurmont Events

Date	Event	Location	Time
Saturday, <b>April 21</b>	Thurmont Green Fest	Thurmont Regional Library	10 AM-2 PM
Saturday, <b>April 28</b>	Business Showcase	Thurmont Event Complex	11 AM-2 PM
Friday, <b>May 11</b>	Art & Wine Stroll	Main Street Area	5-8 PM
Saturday, <b>June 2-</b> Saturday <b>September 22</b>	Farmers Market	Municipal Parking Lot	9 AM-Noon Every Saturday
Saturday, <b>August 4</b>	Community Fun Fest	Eyler Park	11 AM-3 PM
Saturday, <b>September 15</b>	Gateway to the Cure 5K	Eyler Park	8 AM race time



Date	Event	Location	Time
Saturday, <b>September 15</b>	Paint the Town Plain Air	TBD	10 AM-1 PM
Saturday, <b>October 27</b> Rain date Saturday, November 4	Halloween in the Park	Community Park	6 PM
Friday, <b>November 9</b>	Art & Wine Stroll	Main Street Area	5-8 PM
Saturday, <b>December 1</b>	Christmas in Thurmont	Main Street Area	10 AM-4 PM
Saturday, <b>December 1</b>	Christmas in Thurmont Horse & Carriage Rides	Municipal Parking Lot to Community Park	11 AM-2 PM & 5:30- 8 PM

## Ribbon Cuttings in 2017

On Fleek Brow Boutique rebranded as  
Tamara & Company

Salon Soleil

Rebecca Lachance Art and Photography

Playground Specialists

Rowlands Glass Studio

Art In Glass

Long & Foster Reality

Catoctin Lighting relocated to 133 East Main Street  
but did not want a ribbon cutting.

## Town of Thurmont Needs Assessment

### Community Survey Questionnaire

Your answers to the following questions will help guide the effort to assess the future needs of Thurmont. The survey will be used as a tool and responses will remain confidential.

1. What is your gender? (Circle One)    Male                      Female
2. What is your age? (Circle One)    18-25    26-35    36-45    46-55    56-64    65+
3. How long have you lived in Thurmont? (Circle One) 0-5 years    5-10 years    10+
4. What is your favorite hobby:

### QUALITY OF LIFE

5. How satisfied are you with living in Thurmont? (Circle One)  
                  Very Satisfied    Satisfied            Dissatisfied            Very Dissatisfied            No Opinion
6. What do you like most about living in Thurmont?
7. People define Quality of Life in different ways. What one word or phrase best defines "Quality of Life" to you?
8. Based upon your definition above, how would you categorize the quality of life in Thurmont? (Circle One)  
                  Great    Good    Generally Good    Below average    Poor    Has been deteriorating
9. How important are the following **factors** to the **Quality of Life** in Thurmont? (Check one box that applies to each factor:

Factors	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Safe place to live					
Clean & Attractive					
Hometown atmosphere					
Adequate medical facilities					
Vibrant downtown area					
Selection of housing					
Quality of schools					
Shopping opportunities					
Environmental quality of water & open space					

## Town of Thurmont Needs Assessment

Factors	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important	No Opinion
Parks & recreation facilities					
Public services: Police, fire, ambulance					
Proximity to employment					
Community events					
Public works & infrastructure					
Walkability					

10. Over the past seven years, do you believe Thurmont's quality of life has: (Circle One)  
 Improved                      Stayed About the Same                      Declined

If improved, why do you believe the community has improved?

If declined, why do you believe the community has declined?

**Would you recommend Thurmont to your family or friends as a good place to live?**

If Yes, what would be the one major reason?

If No, what would be the one major reason?

11. What would you say is the most critical issue facing Thurmont?

12. Does anyone in your household work outside of Frederick County?

If Yes, what county/state?

13. What do you think about the current commercial & residential growth rate in Thurmont?  
 (Circle One)

Too Fast

About Right

Too Slow

No Opinion

14. Which of the following types of development would you like to see more of in Thurmont keep at the same level, or see fewer of? (Check one for each development type)

Types of Development	More	Same	Fewer	No Opinion
Office buildings				
*Retail				
*Restaurants				
*Entertainment				
*Attractions				
*Medical care				

## Town of Thurmont Needs Assessment

Types of Development	More	Same	Fewer	No Opinion
Domestic violence services				
Hotels				
Industry				
Business park				
Apartments				
Condominiums				
Townhouses				
Starter homes (125k-175k)				
Moderate homes (175k-300k)				
Luxury homes (+300k)				
Retirement/assisted living				
Urgent care				

\*Please list examples if you checked 'More' for retail, services, restaurants, types of entertainment, attractions, or medical care:

15. In constructing future facilities, how important or unimportant are the following issues?  
(Check one box for each issue)

Issues	Very Important	Important	Somewhat Important	Not Important at All	No Opinion
The facility generates pride in the community					
It be attractive					
It be a green property					
It includes significant amounts of landscaping					
It be sustainable					
It be economical					

## Town of Thurmont Needs Assessment

16. Presently, how satisfied, or dissatisfied are you with the following aspects in Thurmont?  
(Check one box for each aspect)

Aspects	Strongly Satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Strongly Dissatisfied	No Opinion
The number of retail businesses in town					
Overall appearance of your town					
Overall level of safety in the community					
Availability of diverse job opportunities					
Balance of commercial & residential land use throughout the town					
Quality & quantity of public parks & recreation facilities					
Quality of streets, water, sewer, & infrastructure					
Code enforcement					

17. What form of communication do you prefer to be notified of town news and events? (Circle all that apply)      Utility Bill      Newspaper      E-mail      Social Media

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

18. Any comments you would like to add:

**Thank you** for your valuable time to help assess future needs for the town of Thurmont!  
Please return completed survey by September 22, 2017 by mailing to: Town of Thurmont, PO Box 17, or you may drop off the survey to the Town of Thurmont Municipal Offices, 615 East Main Street (you may use the drop box outside after normal business hours) You can fax the survey to 301-271-2155, or email to [vginder@thurmontstaff.com](mailto:vginder@thurmontstaff.com) Only one survey per household please!

Thurmont Needs Assessments Results Write- Up  
By: Niquera Jackson

**There was a total of 316 survey respondents**

1. What is your gender?

- (1) **Male:** 110 (35%)  
(2) **Female:** 206 (65%)

2. What is your age?

- 18-25:** 4 (.012%)  
**26-35:** 37 (11%)  
**36-45:** 36 (11%)  
**46-55:** 62 (19%)  
**56-64:** 51 (16%)  
**65+:** 120 (38%)

3. How long have you lived in Thurmont?

- 0-5 years:** 55 (17%)  
**5-10 years:** 39 (12%)  
**10+ years:** 211 (67%)

4. **What is your favorite hobby?**

**A total of 232 respondents answered the question above. (Some answered with more than one response which will be reflected in total numbers)**

- Gambling (1)
- Yard Sales (4)
- Outdoor Activities (Walking, Hiking, Hunting, Fishing, etc.) (48)
- Sports (Exercise) (52)
- Crafts/ Arts (27)
- Gardening (25)
- Home (Family, Cooking, Baking) (23)
- Reading (33)
- Traveling (10)
- Shopping (4)
- Woodworking (4)
- Antiques (2)
- Bingo (2)
- Mechanics (Car Restoration, Trains, Motorcycles) (7)
- Charity (1)
- Photography (Cameras) (3)
- Movies (2)
- None (1)
- Music (6)
- Church (1)
- Eating (1)
- History (1)
- Writing (2)
- Word Puzzles (3)
- Hardware (1)
- Sleeping (1)



5. How satisfied are you living in Thurmont?

(5) **Very Satisfied:** 145

(4) **Satisfied:** 148

(3) **Dissatisfied:** 7

(2) **Very Dissatisfied:** 5

(1) **No Opinion:** 4

(0) **Did Not Answer:** 7

Average: 4.27

Median: 4

Mode: 4

**6. What do you like most about living in Thurmont?**

**A total of 275 respondents answered the above question.**

Respondents listed the following characteristics of the Town that enjoy the most:

- Small Town Feel (114)
- Convenience (15)
- Family/ Family Ties (6)
- Clean, Peaceful, Quiet (53)
- Safe (15)
- Good People, Neighbors (23)
- Town Staff (3)
- Home Prices (3)
- Little Traffic/ Congestion (1)
- Mountain Views/ Location/ Parks/ Rural (26)
- Proximity to Larger Cities (5)
- Necessities Met (1)
- Church (2)
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**7. People define Quality of Life in different ways. What one word or phrase best defines "Quality of Life" to you?**

**A total of 258 respondents answered the question above.**

- Family and Friends (30)
- Happiness (60)
- Health (24)
- Peace & Quiet (46)
- Safe & Security (33)
- Freedom (6)
- Accessibility (5)
- Well-Being (2)
- Availability (2)
- Respect (2)
- Away from Crowd (1)
- Basic Needs Met (5)
- Comfort (8)
- Close-Knit Community (10)
- Contentment (4)
- Convenience (4)
- "Live Life" (9)

8. Based upon your definition above, how would you categorize the quality of life in Thurmont?

- (6) **Great:** 62  
 (5) **Good:** 140  
 (4) **Generally Good:** 73  
 (3) **Below Average:** 10  
 (2) **Poor:** 2  
 (1) **Has Been Deteriorating:** 8  
 (0) **Did Not Answer:** 21

Average: 4.44

Median: 5

Mode: 5

9. How important are the following **factors** to the **Quality of Life** in Thurmont? (Check one box that applies to each factor:

<b>Factors</b>	<b>Very Important (5)</b>	<b>Important (4)</b>	<b>Somewhat Important (3)</b>	<b>Not Important (2)</b>	<b>No Opinion (1)</b>	<b>Did not Answer (0)</b>
<b>Safe Place to Live</b> Average: 4 Median: 5 Mode: 5	288	25	1	0	1	1
<b>Clean &amp; Attractive</b> Average: 4.62 Median: 5 Mode: 5	215	89	9	1	1	1
<b>Hometown Atmosphere</b> Average: 4.48 Median: 5 Mode: 5	193	97	19	3	1	3
<b>Adequate Medical Facilities</b> Average: 4.10 Median: 5 Mode: 5	130	115	54	11	4	2
<b>Vibrant Downtown Area</b> Average: 3.75 Median: 4 Mode: 4	73	132	81	23	3	4
<b>Selection of Housing</b> Average: 3.91 Median: 4 Mode: 4	93	135	66	13	7	2
<b>Quality of Schools</b> Average: 4.28 Median: 5 Mode: 5	195	65	27	13	12	4

<b>Shopping Opportunities</b> Average:3.85 Median:4 Mode:4	100	104	84	19	4	3
<b>Environmental Quality of Water &amp; Open Space</b> Average:4.53 Median:5 Mode:5	203	89	19	19	2	2
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Facilities</b> Average: 4.20 Median:4 Mode:4	126	143	38	7	0	2
<b>Public Services: Police, Fire, Ambulance</b> Average: 4.75 Median:5 Mode:5	250	59	6	0	0	2
<b>Proximity to Employment</b> Average:3.44 Median:4 Mode:4	66	115	67	40	17	11
<b>Community Events</b> Average:3.68 Median:4 Mode:4	57	144	88	17	5	5
<b>Public Works and Infrastructure</b> Average: 4.36 Median:5 Mode:5	158	125	37	1	4	1
<b>Workability</b> Average: 4.08 Median:4 Mode:4	121	130	48	9	4	4

(Add Narrative Description of what each set means) (Each Chart)

10. Over the past seven years, do you believe Thurmont's quality of life has:

(3) **Improved:** 117

(1) **Stayed About the Same:** 146

(2) **Declined:** 35

(0) Did Not Answer:

**2If improved, why do you believe the community has improved?**

**A total of 102 respondents answered "improved" to the question above and why they believe this. Some respondents provided more than one answer and that is reflected in total numbers.**

- Improved Appearance (sidewalks, streetlights, Trolley Trail, clean and beautiful town) (49)
- Town Government (Mayor, People who work for the town) (21)
- Attracting More Businesses (12)
- Improved Law Enforcement & Public Services (8)
- Community Events (3)
- New Housing (3)
- Infrastructure (3)
- Quality of Living (2)
- Wineries (1)
- Library (1)
- Recycling Programs (1)
- Increased About of Outdoor Activities (1)

**If declined, why do you believe the community has declined?**

**A total of 30 respondents answered "declined" to the question above and why they believe this. Some of the respondents provided more than one answer and that it reflected in total numbers.**

- Too Much Residential Growth (2)
- Criswell (3)
- Drugs and Crime (8)
- No Shopping (3)
- Not the Same Small-Town Fee (4)
- Need More Restaurant Selection (2)
- Too Many Closed Businesses/ Empty Lots (5)
- Elected Officials Don't Listen (1)
- No Doctors (1)
- No Downtown Bus (1)
- Not Enough Laws Being Enforced (1)
- Public Services (Police, Fire, Ambulance) (1)
- Deterioration of Personal Rights (1)

Would you recommend Thurmont to your family or friends as a good place to live? (Percentage)

(2) **Yes: 217**

(1) **No: 17**

(0) **Did Not Answer: 82**

**11. What would you say is the most critical issue facing Thurmont?**

- Drugs / Crime (121)
- Business Growth (53)
- Cost of Utilities Bills/ Cost of Living (Water, Electric, Etc.) (13)
- Criswell (2)
- Schools (4)
- Trucks (18 Wheeler Trucks) (2)
- Lack of Entertainment Facilities (3)
- Health Care (7)
- Infrastructure (6)
- Housing (12)
- Not the Same Small-Town Feel (6)
- Too Much Focus on Elderly (3)
- Lack of Diversity (1)
- Vibrant Downtown (3)
- Traffic (6)
- Overdevelopment (8)
- Public Services (2)
- Appearance of Town (4)
- Unsure (3)
- Closed- Minded People (4)
- Nothing to do for teens (6)

**12. Does anyone in your household work outside of Frederick County? If yes, what country/state.**

- No (172)
- Montgomery County, MD (42)
- Suffolk County, VA (1)
- Adams County, PA (1)
- Anne Arundel County, MD (3)
- Baltimore, MD (1)
- Baltimore County, MD (1)
- Carroll County, MD (4)
- Washington, DC (10)
- Washington County (10)
- Howard County, MD (4)
- Loudon County, VA (5)
- Prince Georges County, MD (1)
- Silver Spring, MD (1)
- Emmitsburg, MD (2)
- Port Arthur, TX (1)
- Harford County, MD (1)
- Harrisburg, VA (1)
- Northern Virginia (1)
- Bethesda, MD (1)
- Rockville, MD (1)

13. What do you think about the current commercial & residential growth rate in Thurmont?

- (4) Too Fast: 45  
 (3) About Right: 182  
 (2) Too Slow: 69  
 (1) No Opinion: 19  
 (0) Did not Answer: 5

14. Which of the following types of development would you like to see more of in Thurmont keep at the same level, or see fewer of? (Check one for each development type)

Types of Development	More (4)	Same (3)	Fewer (2)	No Opinion (1)	Did not Answer (0)
<b>Office buildings</b> Average: 3 Median:3 Mode:3	49	169	52	32	14
<b>*Retail</b> Average: 3 Median:4 Mode:4	158	123	18	7	9
<b>*Restaurants</b> Average: 3.57 Median:4 Mode:4	216	82	7	5	6
<b>*Entertainment</b> Average:3.15 Median:3 Mode:4	140	131	8	27	10
<b>*Attractions</b> Average:2.90 Median:3 Mode:3	92	168	9	29	18
<b>*Medical care</b> Average: 2.23 Median:3 Mode:4	144	141	2	19	10
<b>Domestic Violence Services</b> Average: 2.36 Median: 3 Mode:3	62	132	9	85	28
<b>Hotels</b> Average: 2.7 Median:3 Mode:3	76	149	36	34	21
<b>Industry</b> Average: 2.75 Median:3 Mode:3	73	161	33	24	24
<b>Business Park</b> Average: 2.50 Median:3 Mode:3	55	151	42	36	32

<b>Apartments</b> Average: 2.50 Median:3 Mode:3	43	162	62	27	22
<b>Condominiums</b> Average: 2.61 Median:3 Mode:3	35	148	63	27	21
<b>Townhouses</b> Average:2.44 Median:3 Mode:2	35	152	176	25	28
<b>Starter homes (125k-175k)</b> Average: 2.80 Median:3 Mode:3	98	132	42	26	20
<b>Moderate homes (175k-300k)</b> Average: 2.71 Median:3 Mode:3	82	143	35	30	26
<b>Luxury homes (+300k)</b> Average: 2.35 Median:3 Mode:3	34	138	77	39	28
<b>Retirement/assisted living</b> Average: 3.18 Median:4 Mode:4	166	97	13	25	15
<b>Urgent care</b> Average:3.41 Median:4 Mode:4	223	52	6	17	17

\*Please list examples if you checked more for retail, services, restaurants, types of entertainment, attractions or medical care:

– Quality Restaurants, No Fast Food:

**Sit down restaurants:**

- Texas Roadhouse
- I hop
- Chipotle
- Longhorn Steakhouse
- Bob Evans
- Cracker-barrel
- Mexican
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Small Bar like Ott House



- o PF Chang's
- o Ruby Tuesday's
- o Outback
- o Brew Pub
- o Olive Garden
- o Applebee's
- o Something like Cozy

#### **Improved Fast Food Chains**

- o Chick Fil-A
- o Long John Silvers
- o Starbucks
- o Coffee Shops
- o Hardee's
- o A&W
- o Arby's
- o Dairy Queen

Walmart

Target

Movie Theater

Urgent Care

Recreation Center

Bowling Alley

Arcade

Skate park

Specialty Stores like Downtown Frederick

Christmas Tree Store

Music/Comedy Club

Swimming Pool

Medical Specialists (X-Ray, Scans, etc.)

Live Music Venue

Something like Heartly House

Hotels

ALDI (Grocery Store)

Family Entertainment

Outlet Mall

Kohl's

Facilities for the elderly

Private School

Sporting Goods Store

Clothing Store

Walgreens

Night Club

Bookstore

Bed & Breakfast

Save A lot

15. In constructing future facilities, how important or unimportant are the following issues?

Issues	Very Important (5)	Important (4)	Somewhat Important (3)	Not Important at All (2)	No Opinion (1)	Did not Answer (0)
<b>The facility generates pride in the community</b> Average: 4.15 Median:5 Mode:5	171	94	22	6	5	18
<b>It be attractive</b> Average: 4.09 Median: 4 Mode:5	149	114	25	7	3	18
<b>It be a green properly</b> Average: 3.55 Median:4 Mode:4	84	111	67	26	6	22
<b>It includes significant amounts of landscaping</b> Average: 3.47 Median: 4 Mode:4	77	104	75	31	9	20
<b>It be sustainable</b> Average: 3.87 Median:4 Mode:4	119	127	33	8	8	21
<b>It be economical</b> Average: 3.94 Median:4 Mode: 4	123	133	29	3	7	21

16. Presently, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following aspects in Thurmont?

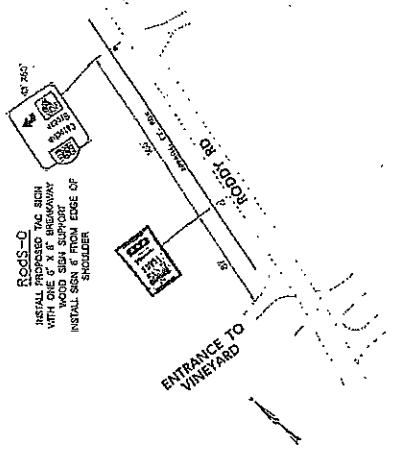
Aspects	Strongly Satisfied (5)	Satisfied (4)	Dissatisfied (3)	Strongly Dissatisfied (2)	No Opinion (1)	Did Not Answer Question (0)
<b>The number of retail businesses in town</b> Average: 3.38 Median: 4 Mode: 4	15	168	91	22	5	15
<b>Overall appearance of your town</b> Average: 3.96 Median: 4 Mode: 4	66	202	36	2	4	6
<b>Overall level of safety in the community</b> Average: 4.10 Median: 4 Mode: 4	86	201	19	3	1	6
<b>Availability of diverse job opportunities</b> Average: 2.68 Median: 3 Mode: 3	8	91	98	34	74	11
<b>Balance of commercial &amp; residential land use throughout the town</b> Average: 3.34 Median: 4 Mode: 4	17	193	49	8	38	11
<b>Quality &amp; quantity of public parks &amp; recreation facilities</b> Average: 4.14 Median: 4 Mode: 4	111	176	13	2	9	5
<b>Quality of streets, water, sewer, &amp; infrastructure</b> Average: 3.87 Median: 4 Mode: 4	70	179	44	9	7	7
<b>Code enforcement</b> Average: 2.98 Median: 4 Mode: 4	34	132	49	22	66	17

17. What form of communication do you prefer to be notified of town news and events  
(Circle all that apply)

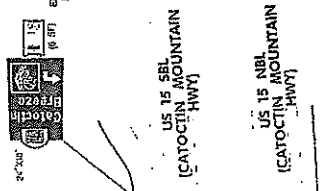
- (1) Utility Bill (261)
- (2) Newspaper (78)
- (3) Email (88)
- (4) Social Media (75)

Respondents generated many suggestions for improvement in the City of Thurmont and their general thoughts and comments about the Town as well. Some, more than others identified more critical issues that needed to be addressed and offered suggestions to make these things happen.

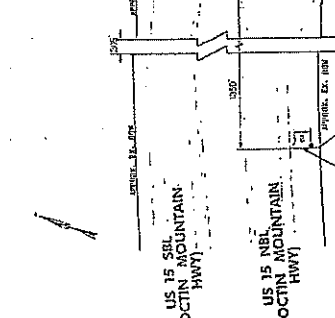
- "Thurmont seems like a town with a lot of potential that is moving towards a more inviting appearance"
- "One thing I really like about Thurmont is that the city provides electricity service. I would like to see other services offered by the town such as, municipal internet service, or phone service."
- "Need places for teenagers to go and we need things for people to do. So maybe a movie theater, roller skating, block parties, etc."
- "Law enforcement needs to focus more on stopping drugs and need to stop worrying about petty seatbelt tickets and minor traffic violations"
- "Given the drug problems in our community, a small, local drug treatment program"
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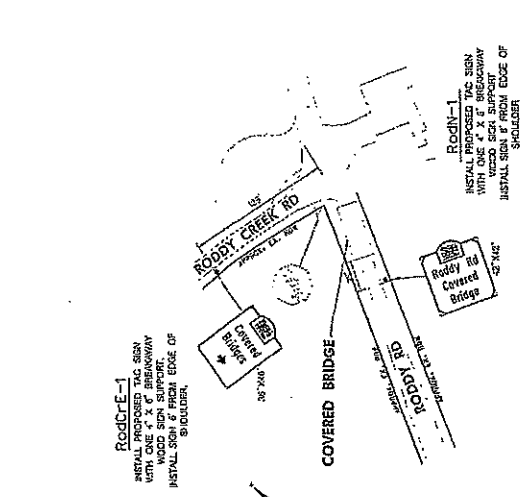
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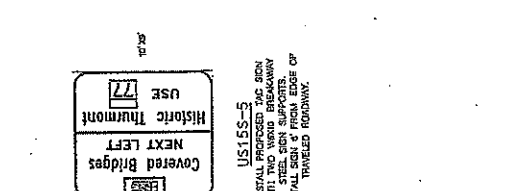
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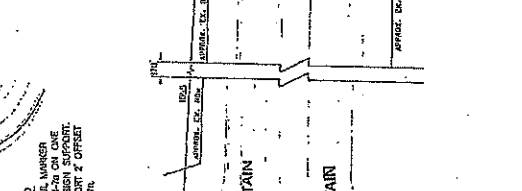
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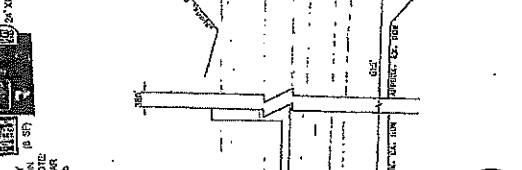
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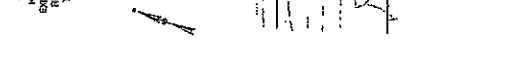
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**NORTHEASTERN AREA, FREDERICK COUNTY TAC SIGNING PLAN**

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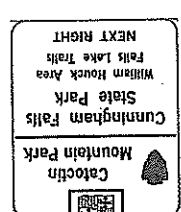
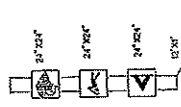
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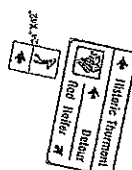
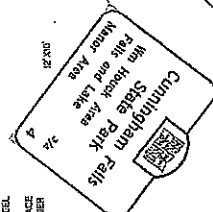
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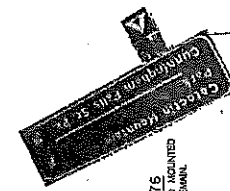
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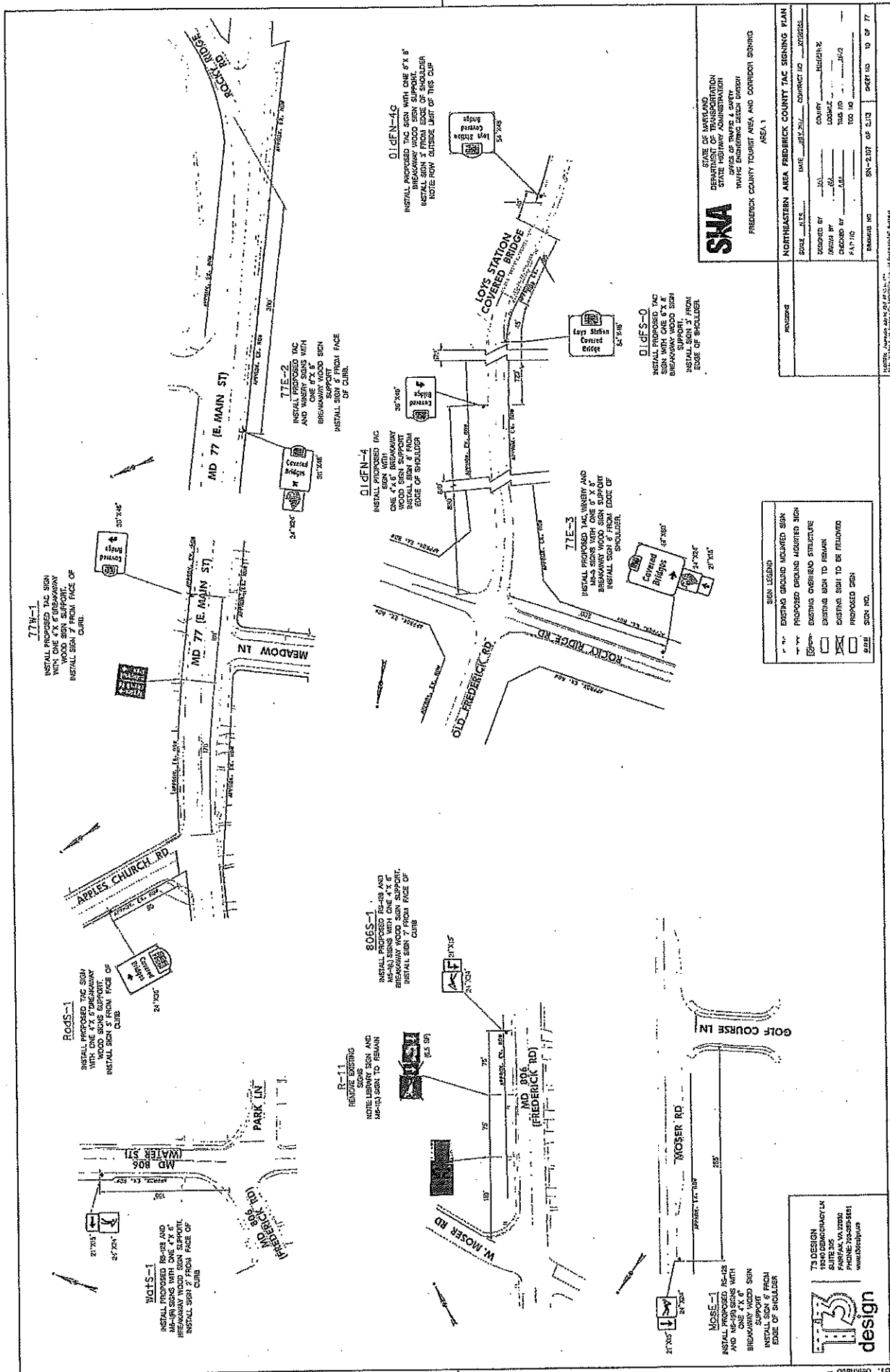
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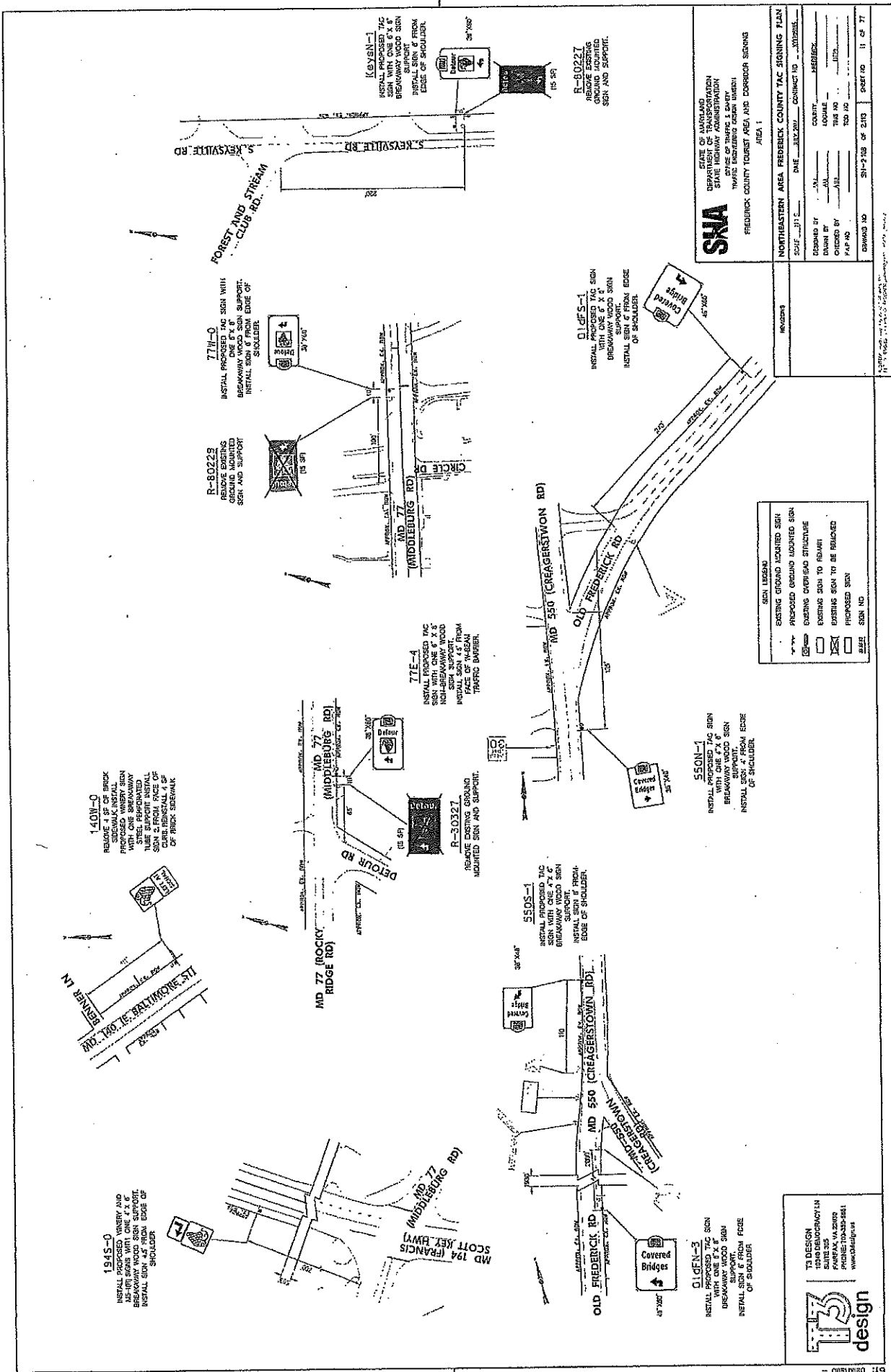
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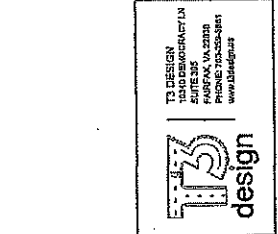
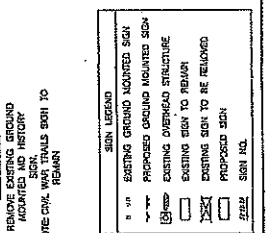
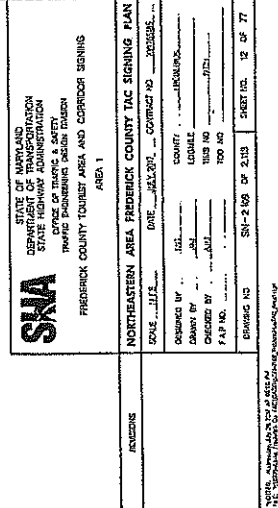
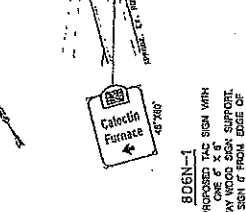
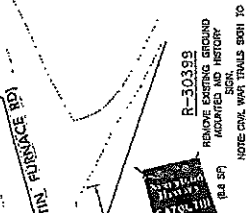
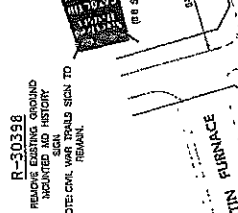
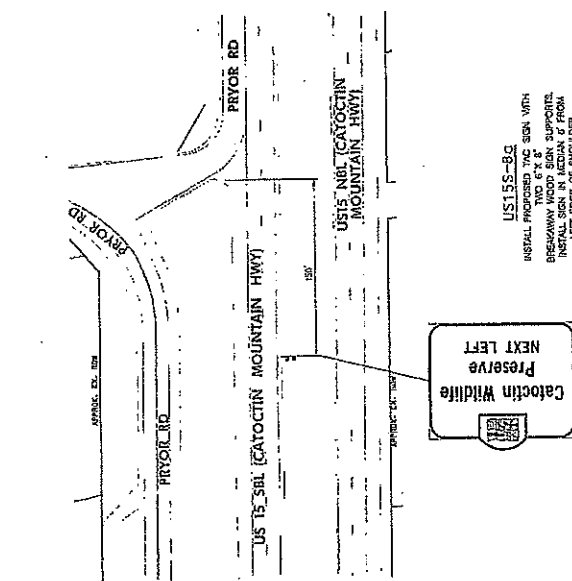
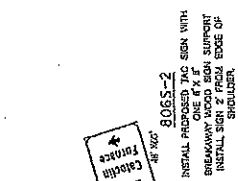
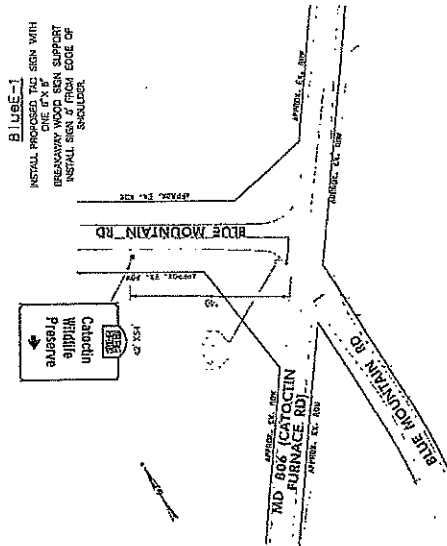
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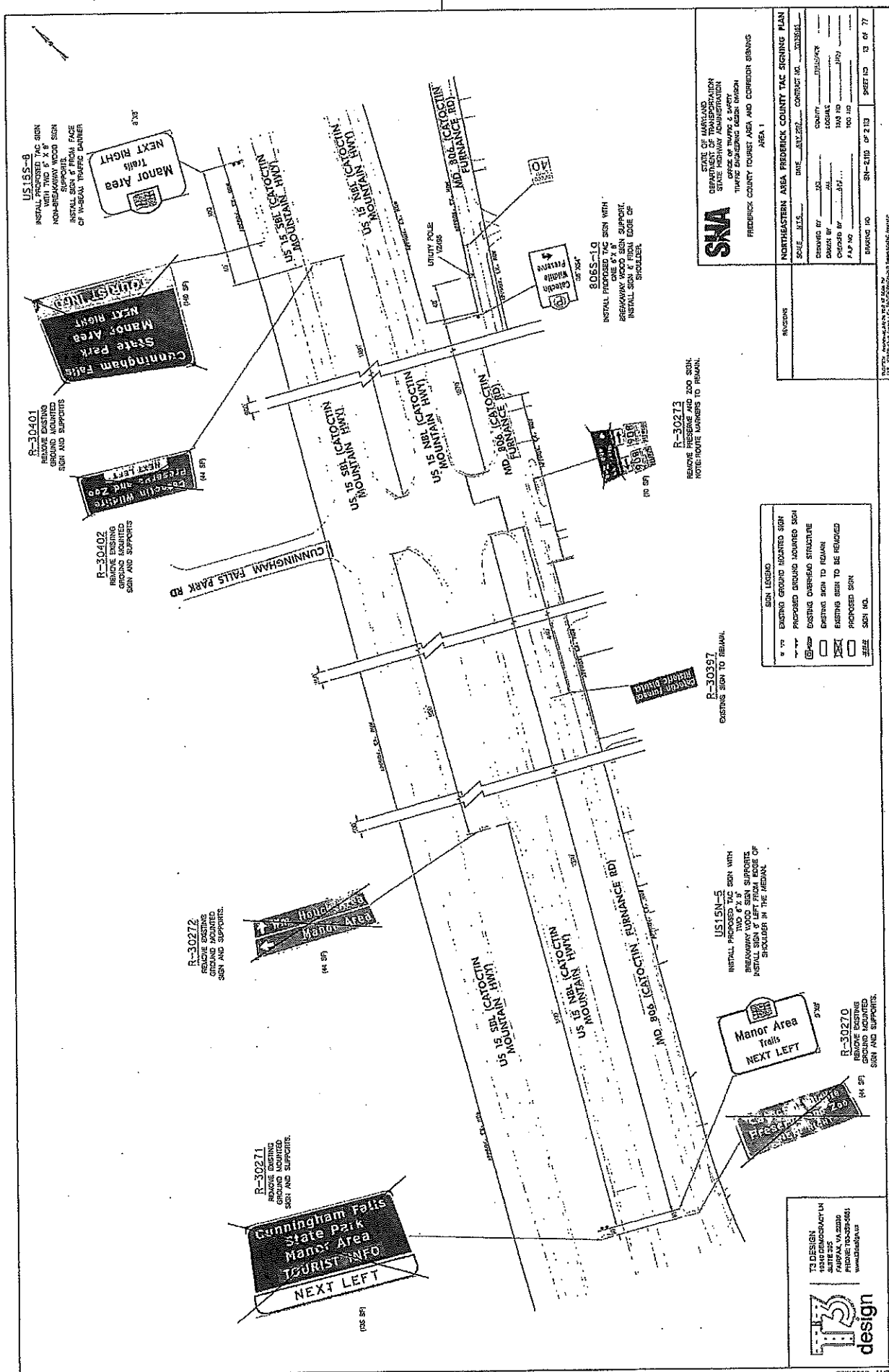
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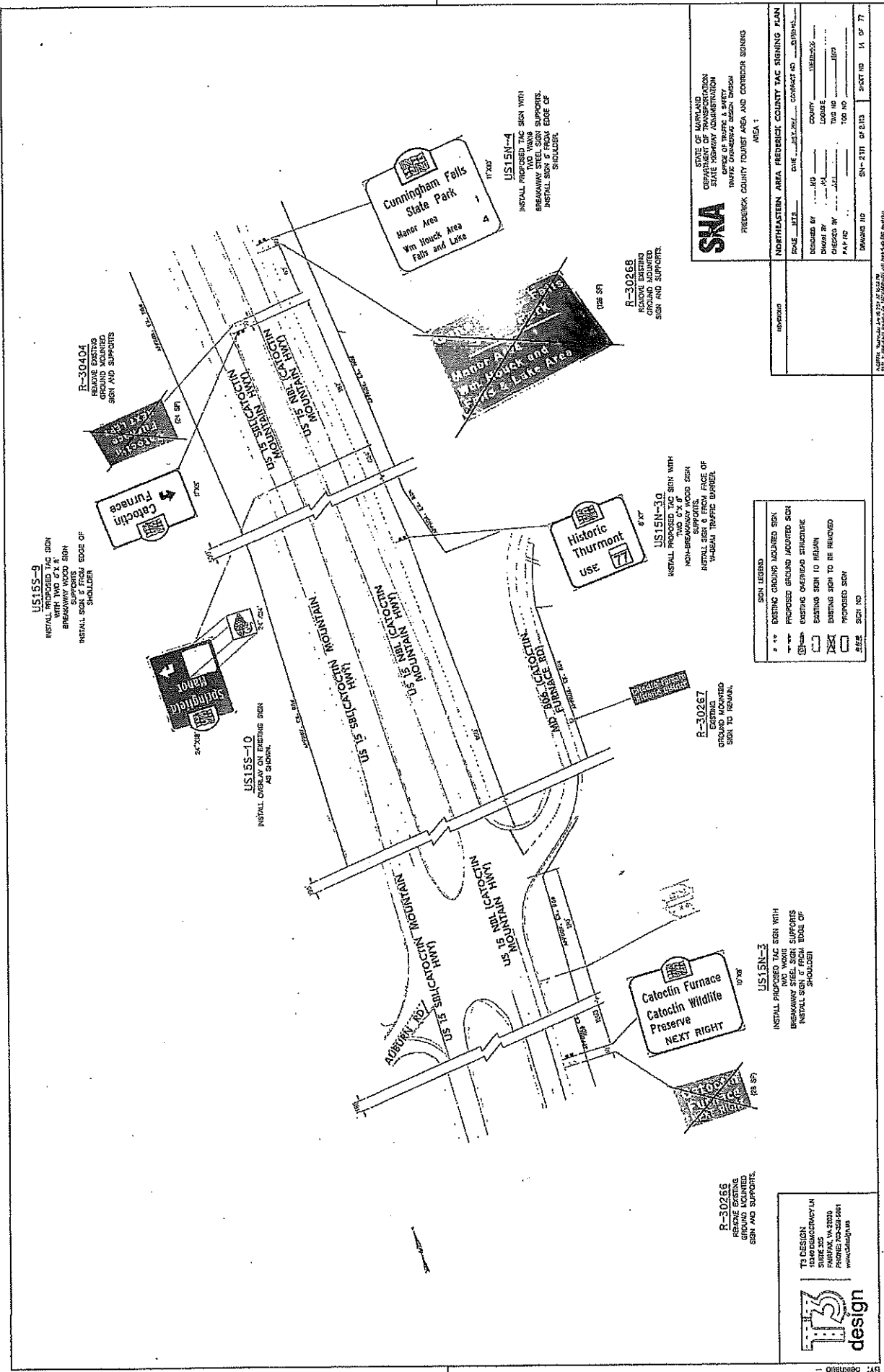
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**NORTHEASTERN AREA**

**FREDERICK COUNTY TAC SIGNING PLAN**

SCALE: 1" = 100' DATE: 12/2/2011 CONTRACT NO: A190401

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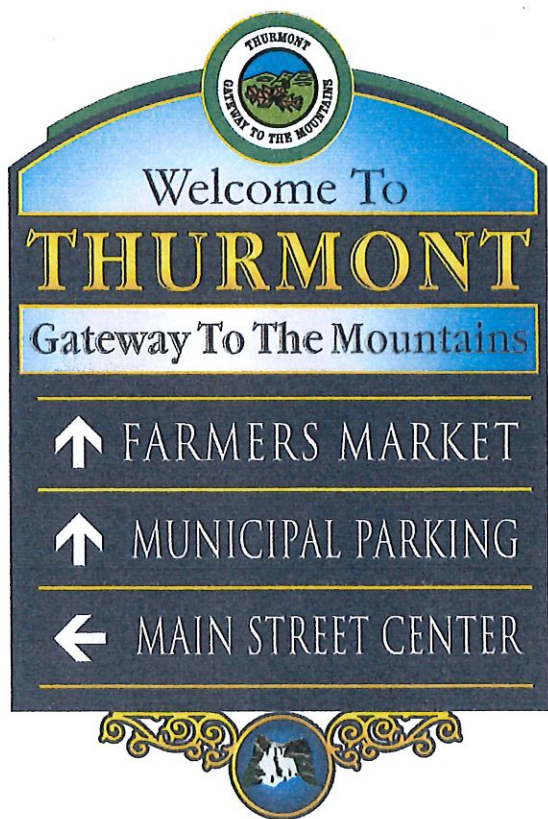
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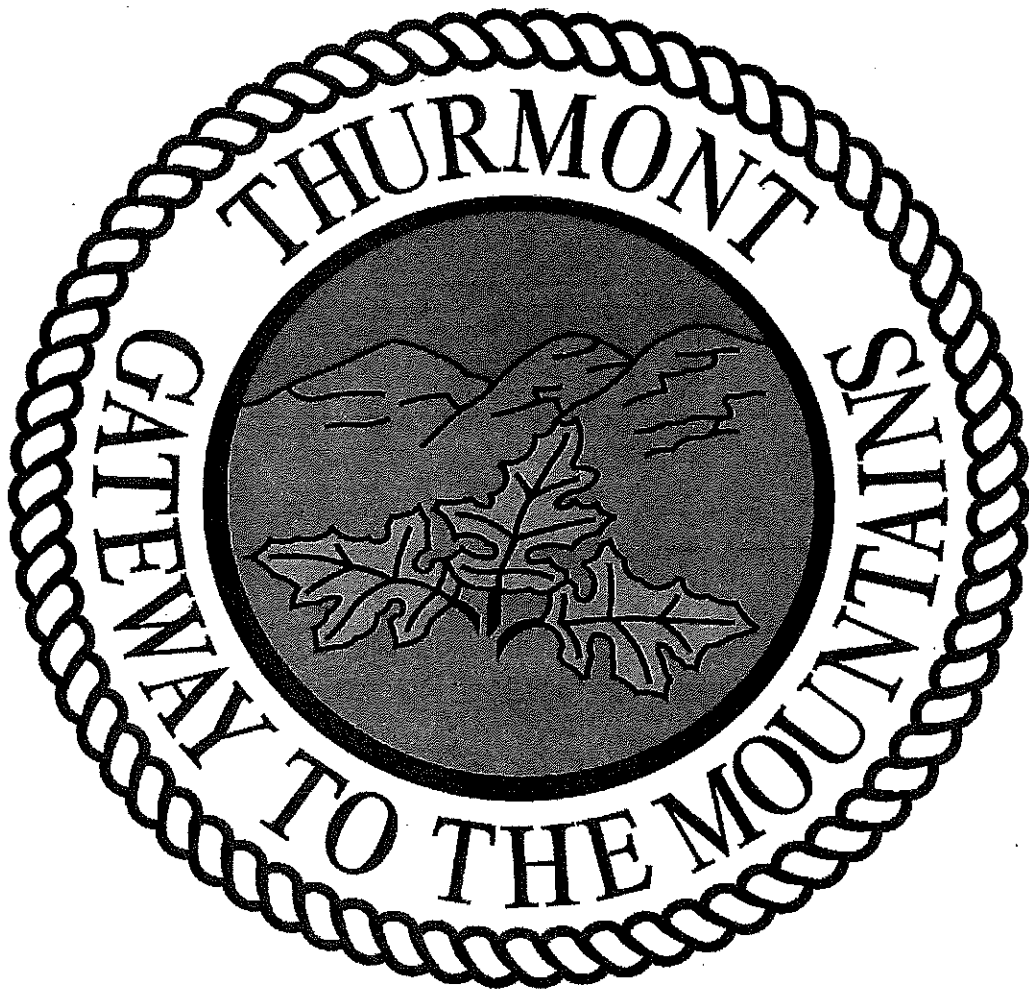


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*Opening the Gateway to Endless Opportunities...*



*Welcome to Thurmont!*



### **Thurmont:**

Thurmont is the second largest municipality in Frederick County, MD nestled at the foothills of the Catoctin Mountains with approximately 6,500 residents within our corporate boundaries. In addition, we are surrounded by several smaller towns whose residents come to Thurmont regularly for grocery shopping, pharmacies, restaurants, hardware, and many other services. Those surrounding areas include Emmitsburg, Rocky Ridge, Sabillasville, and Lewistown. Thurmont is also home to Catoctin Mountain National Park and Cunningham Falls State Park which hosted an estimated 250,000 visitors in 2016.

### **Safety in Thurmont:**

As for safety services, Thurmont is equipped with their own fire and ambulance company, in addition to our own police department. Thurmont was rated the second safest city in the State of Maryland in 2015, and the ranked ninth safest city in the State of Maryland in 2016.

Source 2015: <http://www.movoto.com/guide/md/safest-places-in-maryland/>

Source 2016: <http://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-maryland/>

### **Growth in Thurmont:**

Thurmont is experiencing the first wave of residential development in Thurmont since the economic decline in 2009. Ryan Homes is currently in the first phase of their Creekside townhome development with very positive sales and is moving forward to phase two of construction for more townhomes. Mechanicstown, LLC is planning a subdivision of approximately 50 single-family homes within the corporate boundaries of town. Park Place is another approved townhouse development in the pipeline scheduled to begin construction within the next year. Another proposed development of 200 homes is proposing to be constructed and annexed into our corporate boundaries in the future.

### **Demographics:**

Following are the demographics for Thurmont and the surrounding areas within six miles which include Thurmont, Emmitsburg, Rocky Ridge, Sabillasville, Lewistown, and Mount St. Mary's University. In addition, there are three large manufacturing companies in Thurmont, NVR Inc., R.R. Donnelly, Structural Systems Building Solutions, and a trucking company Home Run Trucking Inc. RR Donnelly is the largest employer with 450 employees.

## Thurmont Population

<b>Total population</b>	6,392	6,392
<b>Male</b>	3,205	50.1%
<b>Female</b>	3,187	49.9%
<b>Under 5 years</b>	266	4.2%
<b>5 to 9 years</b>	279	4.4%
<b>10 to 14 years</b>	662	10.4%
<b>15 to 19 years</b>	475	7.4%
<b>20 to 24 years</b>	312	4.9%
<b>25 to 34 years</b>	799	12.5%
<b>35 to 44 years</b>	809	12.7%
<b>45 to 54 years</b>	1,077	16.8%
<b>55 to 59 years</b>	387	6.1%
<b>60 to 64 years</b>	360	5.6%
<b>65 to 74 years</b>	557	8.7%
<b>75 to 84 years</b>	285	4.5%
<b>85 years and over</b>	124	1.9%
<b>Median age (years)</b>	40.4	(X)
<b>18 years and over</b>	4,940	77.3%
<b>21 years and over</b>	4,663	73.0%
<b>62 years and over</b>	1,186	18.6%
<b>65 years and over</b>	966	15.1%

Source: United Census Bureau American Community Survey 2015. Retrieved January 19, 2017.

Zip Code: 21788

## Emmitsburg Population

## 8 Miles from Thurmont

Total population	5,850	100.0
Under 5 years	291	5.0
5 to 9 years	284	4.9
10 to 14 years	315	5.4
15 to 19 years	820	14.0
20 to 24 years	927	15.8
25 to 29 years	255	4.4
30 to 34 years	247	4.2
35 to 39 years	269	4.6
40 to 44 years	354	6.1
45 to 49 years	435	7.4
50 to 54 years	372	6.4
55 to 59 years	289	4.9
60 to 64 years	223	3.8
65 to 69 years	217	3.7
70 to 74 years	154	2.6
75 to 79 years	129	2.2
80 to 84 years	122	2.1
85 years and over	147	2.5
Median age (years)	30.6	( X )
16 years and over	4,906	83.9
18 years and over	4,785	81.8
21 years and over	3,793	64.8
62 years and over	904	15.5
65 years and over	769	13.1

Source: United Census Bureau American Community Survey 2015. Retrieved January 19, 2017.

Zip Code: 21727

**Rocky Ridge Population      5.7 Miles from Thurmont**

<b>Total population</b>	<b>1,077</b>	<b>1,077</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>49.4%</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>50.6%</b>
<b>Under 5 years</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
<b>5 to 9 years</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.8%</b>
<b>10 to 14 years</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>11.4%</b>
<b>15 to 19 years</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>9.8%</b>
<b>20 to 24 years</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>15.1%</b>
<b>25 to 34 years</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>6.1%</b>
<b>35 to 44 years</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>12.9%</b>
<b>45 to 54 years</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>16.2%</b>
<b>55 to 59 years</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>11.4%</b>
<b>60 to 64 years</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
<b>65 to 74 years</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>6.4%</b>
<b>75 to 84 years</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
<b>85 years and over</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1.1%</b>
 <b>Median age (years)</b>	 <b>40.1</b>	 <b>(X)</b>
<b>18 years and over</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>81.2%</b>
<b>21 years and over</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>69.1%</b>
<b>62 years and over</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>12.5%</b>
 <b>65 years and over</b>	 <b>101</b>	 <b>9.4%</b>

*Source: United Census Bureau American Community Survey 2015. Retrieved January 19, 2017.*

Zip Code: 21778

## Sabillasville Population

## 6.7 Miles from Thurmont

Total population	1,559	1,559
Male	796	51.1%
Female	763	48.9%
Under 5 years	109	7.0%
5 to 9 years	51	3.3%
10 to 14 years	113	7.2%
15 to 19 years	136	8.7%
20 to 24 years	42	2.7%
25 to 34 years	258	16.5%
35 to 44 years	164	10.5%
45 to 54 years	264	16.9%
55 to 59 years	91	5.8%
60 to 64 years	86	5.5%
65 to 74 years	113	7.2%
75 to 84 years	86	5.5%
85 years and over	46	3.0%
Median age (years)	38.8	(X)
18 years and over	1,213	77.8%
21 years and over	1,125	72.2%
62 years and over	306	19.6%
65 years and over	245	15.7%

Source: United Census Bureau American Community Survey 2015. Retrieved January 19, 2017.

Sabillasville Zip Code: 21780

## Lewistown 5.9 miles from Thurmont

Lewistown has a zip code of 21701, and appears in the U.S. Census under 21701 which is a part of Frederick City, but Lewistown is closer in miles to Thurmont than Frederick. Lewistown has approximately 700 residents.

## A Growing Business Community:

The town of Thurmont is committed to economic and community development by retaining our current businesses, attracting new businesses, and recruiting diversified business development. Thurmont, within the last year, has attracted businesses who are experiencing growth, expansion for second locations, and first-time entrepreneur start-up businesses. Currently, Thurmont has several independently owned businesses in the pipeline who will be expanding or moving their businesses in 2018 as a second location. We are developing a vibrant business community, and listed below are four of our most recent expansion businesses who call Thurmont home:

- Criswell Chevrolet – Criswell has one of the most successful auto sales franchises in the state of Maryland. Mr. Criswell purchased the former Bogley Chevrolet in Thurmont and has turned the dealership into a hugely successful operation, increasing sales by almost 100 more vehicles per month. The current showroom and shop areas have undergone a complete renovation including a new showroom and state of the art service garage. Criswell is attracting customers from Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and even as far away as New York. In 2018 Criswell will open a Jeep, Dodge, and Ram dealership across the street from the Chevrolet dealership.
- Playground Specialists, Inc. – This business relocated to Thurmont in 2017. Their offices and warehouse space are over 21,500 square feet and is located in a beautiful new building. Playground Specialists, Inc. is one of the largest suppliers of playgrounds on the east coast. This thriving business plans to increase their staff numbers by 40% in the next 1 to 2 years.
- Nu-Way Cleaners opened on Main Street in January 2018, and also provide pick-up and drop off home service. This is their 5th location!
- Long & Foster Realtors opened a location on West Main Street in March of 2017.

In addition to these businesses, we are also happy to see smaller businesses opening and doing well in Thurmont. Three of our newest entrepreneurial start-up businesses are:

- Rebecca LaChance, a well-known national photographer, opened her studio in February 2017.
- Tamara & Company is a specialized service for permanent make-up artistry. Tamara & Company opened in March 2017 and fall of 2017 opened a second location in Westminster.
- An established local business, Center of Life Pilates Studio & Holistic Health Center expanded their business to a larger location in 2016.

Well known chains and franchises such as Advance Auto Parts, Dunkin' Donuts, and Dollar Tree have opened recently and are doing very well. 7-11, Weis Market, Food Lion, Roy Rogers, Subway, McDonalds, Wendy's, Burger King, Pizza Hut along with many more nationally known businesses, continue to thrive in Thurmont. Locally owned shops such as Cousin's Ace Hardware, and Brown's Jewelers enjoy longevity success in our business community. Locally owned restaurants include Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Shamrock Restaurant, Rocky's, Simply Asia, Bollinger's Restaurant, the Thurmont Kountry Kitchen, and Thurmont Bar & Grill all serve outstanding food in a friendly atmosphere.



Community Fun Fest  
Thurmont Business Showcase  
Art & Wine Stroll: May & November  
Main Street Farmers Market  
Green Fest  
Restaurant Week  
Gateway to the Cure: Entire month of October  
Small Business Saturday: Last Saturday in November  
Christmas In Thurmont: First Saturday of December  
Halloween In the Park  
Main Street Matinees  
Main Street Center Activities  
Plein Air-October  
Yoga On Main-Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays at the Main Street Center & EPS Dance Studio

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Social Media: FB Instagram, and Twitter  
Thurmont Business Bucks  
Thurmont Brochure  
Thurmont Walking/Cycling/Driving Brochure  
Thurmont Main Street Website-[thurmontmainstreet.com](http://thurmontmainstreet.com)



Coming in 2018:  
Furmont Days-October 2018  
Thurmont Post Cards – Fall 2018  
Gateway Trail (Collaboration with the National Park Service for a continuous loop trail in progress)



## Thurmont Main Street Center

The Thurmont Main Street Center is located at 11 Water Street. The Main Street Center serves as an art co-op for local artists to display and sell their work. You will also find Thurmont history, brochures/information from Thurmont business, locally made products, souvenirs, books, and much more for retail sale. The Main Street Center is also used as a location to hold meetings for local organizations, Saturday Main Street Matinees, and seminars. Art classes are conducted at the Center by one of Maryland's best-known artists, Rebecca Pearl, who holds two art classes a week attracting folks from locations throughout Frederick, Carroll, and Washington County. The purchase of the Main Street Center was made possible through a Community Legacy Grant and the Town of Thurmont.



Thurmont is very popular for tourism because of all the natural resources we have to offer! Retreat at our State & National Parks for swimming, camping, and enjoy hiking for any skill level from beginner to expert on various trails. Experience our Main Street with shopping, art, a trolley, murals, and the Thurmont Trolley Trail. Thurmont is a haven for avid bicyclists, and many bicycling clubs in the tristate area. Maryland is home to five covered bridges, and you can explore three of the bridges, rich in history, right here in Thurmont. Agrotourism is alive and well with several well-known orchards, and relax at our two award winning wineries one of which includes a distillery as well. Experience wildlife at our Catoclin Wildlife Preserve & Zoo while enjoying a safari ride and meeting wildlife up close and personal! Recreate at our challenging 18-hole golf course, and then enjoy a variety of foods at one of our locally owned restaurants.



**Maryland Smart Energies Community** (Maryland Energy Administration)

**Community Legacy Designation**

**Designated National Main Street Community**

**Designated Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area**

**Journey Through Hallowed Ground Designation**

**National Scenic Byway Designation**

**Maryland Municipal League Banner City**

**Maryland Business Network Designated**

**Sustainable Maryland Certified**

**Sustainable Community under the DHCD**

**Designated Tree City USA**

**Thurmont the 2<sup>nd</sup> Safest City in Maryland 2015 (Movoto)**

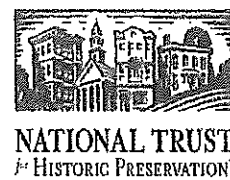
**Thurmont the 9<sup>th</sup> Safest City in Maryland 2016 (Safewise)**

**Thurmont Regional Library was featured by MSN as an  
"Amazing Libraries" in All 50 States in 2016**



We are proud to list the following organizations as our partners:

America's National Byways  
Catoctin National Park  
Cunningham Falls State Park  
Department of Housing and Community Development  
Frederick County Office of Economic Development  
Frederick County Tourism  
Journey Through Hallowed Ground  
Main Street Maryland  
Maryland Scenic Byway  
Maryland Office of Tourism Development  
National Historic Trust for Preservation



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Something for  
EVERYONE!

We hope you will be a part of our exciting journey for a better tomorrow creating a vibrant place to live, work, and play which will affect our residents lives for generations to come!

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# Customer Volume and Spending

## 2016

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- Maryland welcomed 42.1 million customers/visitors, up 4 percent from 40.5 million in 2015
- Visitors to Maryland spent nearly \$17.3 billion, an increase of 2.7 percent from 2015
- Visitor spending generated \$2.3 billion in state and local taxes
- Each household would need to pay an additional \$1,080 in taxes to replace the tax revenue generated





# FY 2017 Tourism Sales Taxes

SALES TAX CODE & CATEGORY (Millions)	FY 2016	FY 2017	% Change	Factor	FY 2016	FY 2017	% Change
108 Restaurants, Lunchrooms, Delicatessens - WO/BWL	\$388.52	\$400.32	3.0%	33%	\$129.51	\$133.44	3.0%
111 Hotels, Motels Selling Food - W/BWL	\$40.02	\$38.30	(-4.3%)	100%	\$40.02	\$38.30	(-4.3%)
112 Restaurants and Nite Clubs - W/BWL	\$265.54	\$273.47	3.0%	33%	\$88.51	\$91.16	3.0%
306 General Merchandise	\$268.73	\$280.42	4.3%	5%	\$13.44	\$14.02	4.3%
407 Automobile, Bus and Truck Rentals	\$70.84	\$73.39	3.6%	90%	\$63.76	\$66.06	3.6%
706 Airlines - Commercial	\$0.62	\$0.43	(-31.0%)	50%	\$0.31	\$0.21	(-31.0%)
901 Hotels, Motels, Apartments, Cottages	\$110.38	\$121.07	9.7%	100%	\$110.38	\$121.07	9.7%
925 Recreation and Amusement Places	\$9.28	\$9.25	(-0.3%)	50%	\$4.64	\$4.63	(-0.3%)
<b>Tourism Tax Categories Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,153.92</b>	<b>\$1,196.65</b>	<b>3.7%</b>		<b>\$450.56</b>	<b>\$468.88</b>	<b>4.1%</b>



# Tourism Promotion Act of 2008

Eight key tax codes were identified and then multiplied by a tourism factor – the amount deemed attributable to visitor spending by the Comptroller

Sales Tax Category	Factor
108 Restaurants, Lunchrooms, Delicatessens	33%
111 Hotels, Motels Selling Food	100%
112 Restaurants and Night Clubs	33%
306 General Merchandise	5%
407 Automobile, Bus and Truck Rentals	90%
706 Air Transportation – certified and non-certified	50%
901 Hotels, Motels, Apartments, Cottages	100%
925 Recreation and Amusement Places	50%





# Tourism is Vital to Marylanders

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- Tourism supported more than 146,000 employees in 2016, increasing 1.7 percent from 2015, outpacing job growth in other industries
- These employees earned \$6 billion in wages, an overall increase of 5 percent from 2015
- Tourism is the 10<sup>th</sup> largest private sector employer in Maryland.





# Where do they come from?

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- Most day trippers and overnight visitors come from Washington, D.C.
- The states of NY, NJ, PA and CT combined make up 34 percent of overnight visitors and 20 percent of day trips.
- Philadelphia makes up 10 percent of overnights.
- Baltimore makes up 30 percent of day trips and 10 percent of overnights.
- Five percent of day visitors are from the Harrisburg-Lancaster-Lebanon-York, PA area.



# Where are they going?

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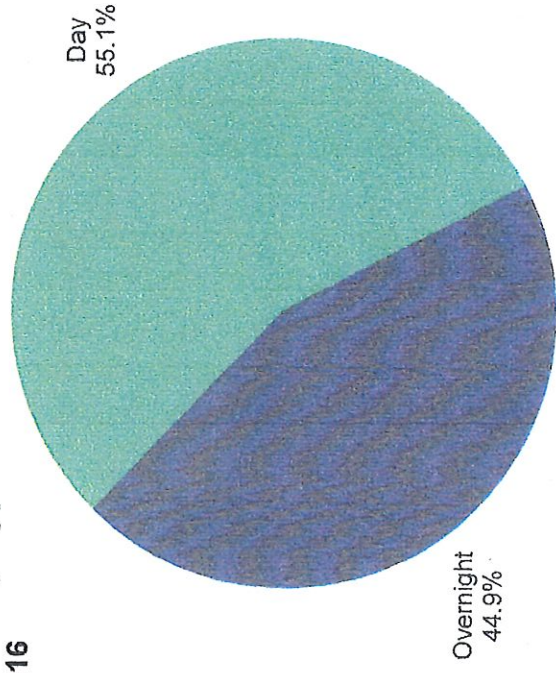




# Fredrick County, Visitors

Frederick County				
Visitors (thousands)				
Year	Overnight	Day	Total	Growth Rate
2016	849.1	1,041.9	1,891.0	4.2%
2015	817.6	996.9	1,814.5	3.3%
2014	788.2	968.6	1,756.8	1.6%
2013	746.9	981.6	1,728.5	4.6%
2012	742.4	910.5	1,652.9	5.7%

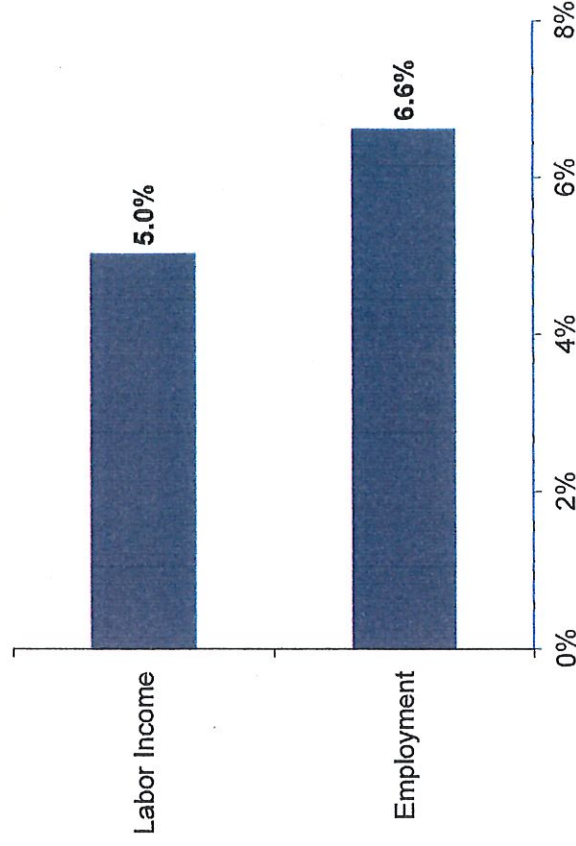
Visits by Type  
2016



# Fredrick County, Tourism Impact

Frederick County				
Tourism Employment				
Year	Direct	Total (Dir, Ind, Induced)	Share of State (Total)	
2016	4,165	6,676	3.01%	
2015	4,106	6,597	3.02%	
2014	4,019	6,473	3.03%	
2013	4,131	6,595	3.12%	
2012	3,908	6,268	3.04%	
Tourism Labor Income, (millions)				
Year	Direct	Total (Dir, Ind, Induced)	Share of State (Total)	
2016	\$128.0	\$256.6	2.64%	
2015	\$124.1	\$247.4	2.67%	
2014	\$119.7	\$236.9	2.70%	
2013	\$117.7	\$230.0	2.77%	
2012	\$109.9	\$215.0	2.69%	
Total Tourism Tax Receipts (millions)				
Year	Federal	State and Local	Hotel	
2016	\$55.3	\$56.0	\$1.50	
2015	\$53.8	\$54.7	\$1.37	
2014	\$51.5	\$53.0	\$1.27	
2013	\$49.3	\$50.9	\$1.22	
2012	\$46.5	\$49.7	\$1.21	

Tourism Share of County Economy



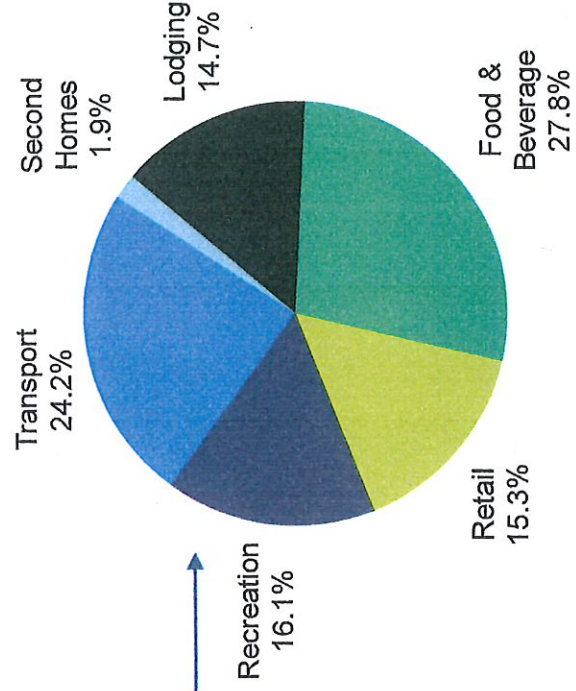
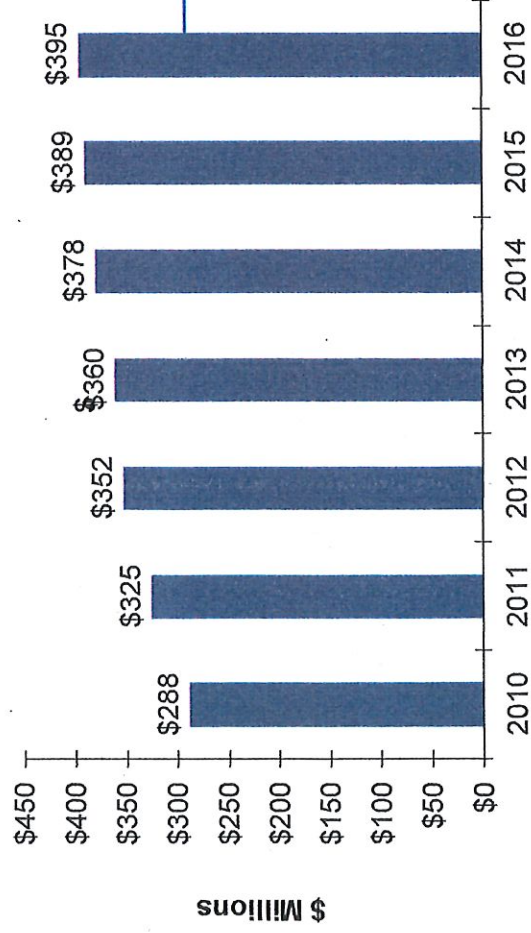
Tourism Sales (millions)		
	Tourism Industry	Tourism Economy
	\$394.8	\$414.3
	\$389.5	\$422.5
	\$378.5	\$409.9
	\$359.9	\$383.2
	\$352.2	\$379.1



# Fredrick County, Industry Sales

Frederick County								
Tourism Industry Sales, (millions)								
Year	Lodging	Food & Beverage	Retail	Recreation	Transport	Second Homes	Total	Growth Rate
2016	\$57.9	\$109.9	\$60.6	\$63.4	\$95.6	\$7.3	\$394.8	1.4%
2015	\$54.1	\$104.7	\$61.2	\$62.0	\$99.8	\$7.7	\$389.5	2.9%
2014	\$51.6	\$98.1	\$61.0	\$61.0	\$99.0	\$7.8	\$378.5	5.2%
2013	\$48.2	\$92.3	\$58.0	\$59.2	\$93.0	\$9.3	\$359.9	2.2%
2012	\$49.4	\$86.4	\$55.7	\$55.5	\$93.0	\$12.3	\$352.2	8.4%

Tourism Industry Sales



## BID COMPARISONS

Utility Pole Replacement – North Church Street: Remove 1 utility pole, install 55' utility pole in a different location, convert framing and cross arms on 2 poles, wire and conductor work, install anchors and guy wires, and site work

Vendor	Bid Amount	Comments
AUI, Inc. Elkton, MD.	\$10,500	Low bidder; high quality performance and timely delivery of services in previous contracts
<b>Recommended Vendor</b>		
Diamond Electric Keedysville, MD.	\$12,500	
G.A. Vietri, Inc. Coatesville, PA.	\$19,500	

Note – Funding for this project will be from the Electric Department loan. Total funds currently remaining in the loan = approximately \$425,500.

The next capital project slated for the funds in this account is the second phase of the F4 circuit aerial extension from Sandy Spring Lane to the Catoclin Heights subdivision. This project is estimated to cost approximately \$378,000.