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## Catoctin and Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Committees - Joint Letter to BOS - Mapping Request - May 12, 2012

5 messages

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Thu, Sep 24, 2015 at 6:15 AM

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**2 attachments**



**Letter\_BOS\_mapping\_request\_May\_14\_2012\_resize.pdf**

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**Pages from 04 - Revised '93 Zoning Ordinance\_20150714\_Section\_5-1000\_ScenicCreekValleyBuffer.pdf**

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***I agree David. LC has all ways needed a push.***



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David & Ben... Thank you for sharing the attachments, insights, and follow-up suggestions. As a relative newby to GCSRAC, I learned from the attachments, including the well-crafted May 2012 email history. It seems there has been no reply or further followup, but I may be mistaken.

I had little familiarity with the cited Revised '93 Zoning Ordinance 20150714 Section 5-5100 Scenic Creek Valley Buffer, so I let my Google fingers do the walking and learned more, including recent LoCo Planning Commission Summary Agenda of Jul 21, 2015 at <http://www.loudoun.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/4700>

and May 5, 2015 at [http://loudoun.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view\\_id=63&clip\\_id=4116&meta\\_id=85217](http://loudoun.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=63&clip_id=4116&meta_id=85217)

Also 1999 revision to 5-5100 at <http://www.loudoun.gov/DocumentCenter/View/17533>

I regret missing the Sep. 15 GCSRAC meeting and I hear Mark Peterson may be stepping down as Chairperson. Please advise if there is a planned followup meeting.

I've been approached to consider nomination for the Chair if/when it is vacant. I'm flattered with this consideration; however, I'm not best. I fully support GCSRAC's importance, but lack the history essential to this position's seasoned insight and potential effectiveness.

V/r...Blake Netherwood

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Blake:

Note that your reference URL to 5-1000 is outdated and the 2 pages I originally attached were **revised 2007**.

This spring/summer/fall there are two significant zoning changes in motion. One is the revision to the Steep Slopes Ordinance. The other is revisions to Floodplain Overlay District Ordinance. These changes are the outcome of the Zoning Ordinance Action Group (ZOAG). The committee is primarily composed of developers and engineers seeking to revise the ordinances to be more "business friendly". There are numerous meetings and draft revisions that would require hours to explore in detail. You might be interested to review the various posts at <http://www.loudouncoalition.org/> While there has been public input at various stages, the **Floodplain Zoning** changes go to Board of Supervisors on October 14<sup>th</sup> and the **Steep Slopes** on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

Go to the hyperlink to see letters from the Coalition and quick access to County reports. Both ordinance potentially affect the "scenic" nature of both creeks, hence please take some time to review and engage as appropriate.

There is another action underway that should be of interest to both Scenic River Committees. This is **revised floodplain maps**. The maps and the changes are published in an **interactive map**. The **appeals process** has been published in the local newspaper for those who wish to file an appeal by December 22, 2015.

Additionally, the **Water Resources Technical Advisory Committee** is meeting on Monday September 28<sup>th</sup> to further discuss completing the Phase II evaluation of funding options for a comprehensive watershed management program. Send me an email ([david.ward@loudoun.gov](mailto:david.ward@loudoun.gov)) for more information. These are open public meetings at the Loudoun County Government Center.

Also there is a [Photo Contest](#) underway as part of [Family Stream Day](#) on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

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David...Thanks so much for your cornucopia of info and links. However, I'm reminded of, "Be careful what you ask for (or infer)."

As a GCSRAC volunteer, I try to limit time I can dedicate pro bono to our fine county without going down the slippery slope of hip-deep research and concomitant follow-on and public interest expectations. That's my verbose way of saying there are folks among our BoS and Loudoun Planning Dept. that are far more on top of zoning issues than I could ever hope to be with keeping developers, engineers, and other commercial stakeholders at bay with their self-serving interests. That said, I'll still stay tuned and remain informed and participate as I can on such matters as a stakeholder citizen. Cheers...Blake

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