APPENDIX

Comprehensive Plan Implementation Work Program

Working List of Transportation Projects (in no particular order)

- Improve Radford Street (Route 11) to allow for pedestrian and bicycle facilities.
- Establish safe pedestrian crossings at all major intersections such as in the vicinity of Roanoke Street and Industrial Drive and Independence Boulevard and North Franklin Street.
- Consider traffic calming measures (including median and crosswalks) for Roanoke Street between the Bypass and Interstate 81 interchange.
- Complete study of Roanoke Street intersection area including Gateway Plaza and Falling Branch Road. Consider realignment and/or traffic signal, pending warrants.
- Consider traffic calming measures at the intersection of Depot Street NE and Cambria Street NE.
- Consider split-level ramps at North Franklin Street and Peppers Ferry Road.
- Develop street connection from South Franklin area to Interstate 81.
- Develop street connection from Windmill Hills to Chrisman Mill Road.
- Reduce truck traffic on Park Street.
- Create an additional entrance/exit for Craig Mountain.

Agriculture and Forestal Land

While Christiansburg is an urbanized area, approximately 26.6% of Town retains an agricultural zoning designation as of June 1, 2013. In addition, Christiansburg maintains a symbiotic relationship with Montgomery County and the New River Valley with respect to agricultural and forestal industries. Virginia Tech provides the region with a College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and a College of Natural Resources and Environment which includes a department dedicated to forestry.

According to the 2007 Census of Agriculture, Montgomery County had 628 farms totaling approximately 89,411 acres of farmland. Of that farmland, Montgomery County has approximately 30,219 acres (33.8%) of cropland, 25,199 acres (28.18%) in woodland, 31,448 acres (35.17%) in permanent pasture and rangeland, with remaining acreage (2.85%) in other uses.

According to the 2007 Census of Agriculture, Montgomery County had an average value of land and buildings per farm of $587,681 per farm and $4,128 per acre. Estimated market value of all machinery and equipment was $57,023 (average per farm). The following table illustrates farms, farmland, and average size of farms for Montgomery County, Virginia, and the nation. Of Montgomery County's 628 farms, 46 were between 1 and 9 acres, 219 were 10-49 acres, 247 were 50-179 acres, 80 were 180-499 acres, 25 were 500-999 acres, and 11 were 1,000 acres or more.

2007 Farms, Land in Farms, and Average Size of Farms

	Montgomery County	Virginia	United States
Farms	628	47,383	2,204,792
Land in Farms (acres)	89,411	8,624,829	922,095,840
Average Size of Farm (acres)	142	171	418

Source: U.S.D.A. National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2007 Census of Agriculture.

In addition to farmland, a livestock auction market is located on Park Street NE in Christiansburg limits. According to the 2007 Census of Agriculture, there were 21,882 cattle in Montgomery County with 1,609 being milk cows (2 years and older). There were also 1,352 stock sheep and lambs with 77 hogs and pigs.

2007 Farm Income and Sales – Montgomery County

Livestock, Poultry and Products Sold	**$13,734,000**
Poultry and eggs	$63,000
Milk and other dairy products from cows	$5,678,000
Cattle and calves	$7,536,000
Hogs and pigs	$9,000
Sheep, goats, and their products	$293,000
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	$244,000

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2007 Census of Agriculture.

Forestry is also important within the New River Valley. Based on forest product tax receipts, Montgomery County had a harvest total of 3,240,000 board feet of pine lumber and 1,701 pine cords as well as 7,924,000 board feet of hardwood lumber and 9,715 hardwood cords in 2010 according to the Virginia Department of Forestry. In 2010, the total value of pine lumber was $428,072 and the total value of hardwood lumber was $1,348,784 for Montgomery County.

Mineral Resources

Mineral resources are historically important within Montgomery County, especially just north of Christiansburg as reflected in the Coal Mining Heritage Park. Processing of mineral resources occurs within Town limits with a few quarries located within Montgomery County.

Wetlands

Wetlands are part of the water resource system and are critical to maintaining the health of waterways. Wetlands include swamps, marshes, bogs, and fens which vary greatly based on differences in climate, soils, topography, and a number of other factors. Wetlands feed downstream waters, protect and improve water quality by removing pollution, provide habitats, trap floodwaters, and recharge groundwater supplies.

Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) governs wetland activities within the Town. Jointly administered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Section 404 of the CWA establishes a permit program to regulate discharges of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States, including most wetlands (tidal and non-tidal). The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service

(NMFS) evaluate impacts on fish and wildlife for this permitting process. In addition, the Swampbuster provision of the Food Security Act withholds certain Federal farm program benefits from farmers who convert or modify wetlands.

For additional information regarding wetlands, refer to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' website at http://www.usace.army.mil/ and the Environmental Protection Agency's website at http://www.epa.gov/.

Boards and Committees

Cemetery Advisory Committee

Aquatic Advisory Board
The Aquatic Advisory Board is comprised of six appointed citizens and a liaison from Town Council. The Board supports the mission and vision of the Christiansburg Aquatic Center in providing a state-of-the-art aquatic facility that enhances the health, fitness, recreational, educational, and competitive needs throughout our region. Director of Aquatics Terry Caldwell serves as staff liaison to the Aquatic Advisory Board.

Building Code Board of Appeals
The Christiansburg Building Code Board of Appeals meets as needed to consider appeals to building code decisions. Members of the Christiansburg Building Code Board of Appeals are appointed by the Building Official or Town Manager, per Section 9-30(b) of Town Code. Building Official Jerry Heinline serves as staff liaison to the Building Code Board of Appeals.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
The Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission serves as an advisory board to the Parks and Recreation Department in developing programs and activities for residents of all ages. Director of Parks & Recreation Brad Epperley serves as the staff liaison to the Advisory Commission.

Planning Commission
The Town's Planning Commission is comprised of up to 15 appointed citizens, a liaison from Town Council, and a non-voting Secretary (Planning Director). With the exception of the Council Liaison and Secretary, each planning commission member is appointed to a four-year term. The Planning Commission is responsible for recommending to Town Council on a wide variety of land use issues including the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Zoning, Conditional Use Permits, Historic Districts, and general planning issues. Once a year, the Planning Commission members elect a Chair and Vice-Chair to oversee meetings and report to Council. The Planning Commission also establishes and holds its own regular workshops and site visits for consideration and review of Zoning and Conditional Use Permit requests. Planning Director Nichole Hair serves as the non-voting secretary for the Planning Commission.

Board of Zoning Appeals
The Christiansburg Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) members are recommended by Town Council and appointed by the Circuit Court. The BZA meets as needed to consider appeals to

zoning decisions. Planning Director Nichole Hair serves as the staff liaison to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Agency on Aging (New River Valley) Board of Directors
The New River Valley Agency on Aging exists to support and enhance the lives of older adults, their families, and caregivers through advocacy, information, and services. The Board of Directors of the New River Valley Agency on Aging is the principal policy making unit of the Agency. Policy-making, oversight in program determinations, and assuring the availability of funds and accountability for their expenditure are the primary functions of the Board. The Agency on Aging may be contacted through their website at www.nrvaoa.org.

Airport Authority (Virginia Tech-Montgomery Regional)
The Virginia Tech/Montgomery Regional Airport Authority operates The Virginia Tech/Montgomery Executive Airport. In addition to the Town of Christiansburg, the Authority is made up of members from Virginia Tech, Montgomery County, and the Town of Blacksburg. The Virginia Tech-Montgomery Executive Airport may be contacted through their website at www.vtbcb.com.

Airport Commission (New River Valley)
The New River Valley Airport Commission owns and operates the New River Valley Airport, which is now a port of entry with customs facilities. The New River Valley Airport may be contacted through their website at www.nrvairport.com.

Development Corporation (NRV)
The NRV Development Corporation is a non-profit organization formed in 1983 to provide business assistance. It includes membership from the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, the towns of Blacksburg, Christiansburg, and Pulaski, and the city of Radford.

Economic Development Corporation (Montgomery Regional)
The Montgomery Regional Economic Development Corporation acts in an advisory capacity to encourage existing business and industry to expand and solicit new business and industry for the County. The goals of the Commission are to increase jobs and payrolls, decrease taxes, and increase the standard of living for residents.

Emergency Communication Regional Authority (New River Valley)
The purpose of the New River Valley Emergency Communication Regional Authority shall be to develop a consolidated system for the receipt and response of 9-1-1 emergency calls and communications that will improve response time, quality of service, and coordination of available resources for the citizens of effected localities.

Fire and Rescue Commission (Montgomery County)

Metropolitan Planning Organization (Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Montgomery Area)
The Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Montgomery Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) provides information, tools and public input necessary to improve the region's transportation system and address future needs. The MPO was established as required by federal law because

the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg, and a portion of Montgomery County are designated as an urbanized area of more than 50,000 in population.

MBC Development Corporation
The MBC Development Corporation makes loans to existing and new small businesses in Montgomery County. The MBC is certified by the State Corporation Commission as a not-for-profit community development corporation.

Planning District Commission (New River Valley)
The New River Valley Planning District Commission is responsible for administering a comprehensive regionwide plan for growth and development. Members establish policy and delegate duties to staff members through an Executive Director.

Solid Waste Authority (Montgomery Regional)
The Montgomery Regional Solid Waste Authority (MRSWA) oversees garbage and refuse collection and disposal system, transporting garbage and refuse from transfer station and/or disposal sites, and recycling systems. The Authority includes Montgomery County, the Towns of Blacksburg and Christiansburg and Virginia Tech.

Tourism Council
The Tourism Council is a joint cooperative between the Towns of Christiansburg and Blacksburg and Montgomery County.

Transportation Safety Commission (Montgomery County)
The Montgomery County Transportation Safety Commission gathers local input in recognizing and solving problems in the area of highway safety. Members represent local town governments, county government, the school system, etc.

Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority
Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority was created to enhance the economic base for the member localities by developing, owning, and operating one or more facilities on a cooperative basis involving member localities. In addition to the Town of Christiansburg, other member localities include the counties of Bland, Craig, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, Roanoke, and Wythe, as well as the cities of Radford, Roanoke, and Salem and the towns of Dublin, Narrows, Pearisburg, and Pulaski.

Water Authority (Blacksburg-Christiansburg-VPI)
The Water Authority is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of supplying clean water to the three communities.