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Electric

All electrical service within the Route 221 study area is provided by Appalachian Power, a subsidiary of the American Electric Power Company of Columbus, Ohio. A pair of 138 KV high power transmission lines bisect portions of the study area, the Roanoke-Claytor and Glen Lyn-Hancock lines. These types of lines are utilized in the transmission of local voltages across more localized distances through cities and counties. The Roanoke-Claytor line passes through the central portion of the study area, south of 221 for approximately 4.3 miles, and the Glen Lyn-Hancock line passes through a portion of the northern portion of the study area, through Poage Mill Estates for approximately 0.6 of a mile. See Map 2.6, Utilities in Appendix A.

Cable

Cable is available from Cox Communications within the study area. Connections to their network are available throughout the study area via both above and below ground lines, and include both cable for television and internet.

Gas

Within the Route 221 study area, natural gas is available from Roanoke Gas. The East Tennessee natural gas pipeline passes through the study area. From the Roanoke County Atlas, it can be seen crossing into the study area near the Blue Ridge Parkway at Cotton Hill Road before turning to the northwest at a location Between Ran Lynn Drive and Corntassel Lane prior to exiting the study area at its northern extent. Roanoke Gas serves as the local provider.

Telephone

Verizon and Cox Communications, Inc. provide telephone services to businesses and residences throughout the 221 Study Area.

Internet

High speed internet service is provided throughout the 221 Study Area by Cox Communications, Inc., Comcast, Verizon and B2X Online.

B2: USGS Place Names

Feature Name	Class	Elevation (meters)
Kittinger Cemetery	Cemetery	445
Henry Cemetery	Cemetery	453
Woods Cemetery	Cemetery	449
Mount Haran Church	Church	415
Poages Mill Church of the Brethren	Church	395
Kittingers Chapel	Church	396
Windsor Hills Magisterial District	Civil	466
Poages Mill Overlook	Locale	611
Holly Ridge	Populated Place	424
Poages Mill	Populated Place	390
Kings Forest	Populated Place	438
Falcon Ridge Estates	Populated Place	434
Highfields Farm Estates	Populated Place	443
Farris Heights	Populated Place	442
Brookwood	Populated Place	412
Poages Mill Estates	Populated Place	493
Back Creek Elementary School	School	398
Dividing Spring Creek	Stream	450
Martins Creek	Stream	443
Mason Creek	Stream	395
Little Back Creek	Stream	398

Appendix B4: Historic Structures

Survey Number	List of Surveyed Historic Structures
80-169	5509 S. Roselawn Road
80-170	5812 S. Ran Lynn Road
80-172	6895 Old Mill Road
80-294	5403 Bent Mountain Road
80-296	6400 Bent Mountain Road
80-297	6981 Bent Mountain Road
80-298	6973 Bent Mountain Road
80-299	6831-6845 Landmark Circle
80-300	Kittingers Chapel, Landmark Circle
80-301	7184 Old Mill Road
80-302	7429 Moonlight Lane
80-303	8210 Martins Creek Road
80-304	8300 Martins Creek Road
80-307	6219 Poage Valley Road
80-308	5678 S. Roselawn Road
80-316	7793 Bent Mountain Road
80-317	7798 Bent Mountain Road
80-318	5808 Kirk Lane
80-319	5928 Bent Mountain Road
80-320	6113 Bent Mountain Road

80-329	6463 Poage Valley Road
80-330	6974 Shaver Road
80-337	6853 Poage Valley Road
80-338	7201 Poage Valley Road
80-339	6944 Bent Mountain Road
80-349	6422 Ran Lynn Road
80-501	6874 Landmark Circle
80-522	6512 Old Mill Road
80-523	6547 Old Mill Road
80-524	6542 Old Mill Road
80-525	7910 Bent Mountain Road
80-526	8206 Bent Mountain Road

B5: Cemeteries

Abe

- Family cemetery with 3 interments
- All graves marked with marble headstones; well-maintained, not enclosed
- John & Lucy Ferguson cemetery located to immediate southeast and Smallwood Cemetery located to immediate northwest
- Marked graves date from 1933 through 1980

Aliff

- Family cemetery with at least 55 interments
- Cemetery is surrounded by pasture; brush-covered and enclosed with one-strand of electric fence
- Marked graves date from 1886 through 1951

Ferguson, John & Lucy

- Family cemetery with at least 17 interments
- Site is well-maintained; not enclosed
- Abe Cemetery and Smallwood Cemetery are located to immediate northwest
- Marked graves date from 1893 through 1953

Ferguson, William Griffith

- Family cemetery with at least 15 interments
- Some graves marked with marble headstone; enclosed by iron fence
- Located about 12 feet from Cedar Edge Road (Route 2035)
- Marked graves date from 1880 through 1967

Graham

- Family cemetery with one or two interments
- Located 60 feet behind an abandoned house
- Marked grave dates 1909

Grice-Woods

- Family cemetery with at least 15 interments
- Chain link fence encloses nine graves; at least six outside of northern portion of fence
- Marked graves date from 1880 through 1958

Grisso, William

- Family cemetery with at least 13 interments
- Enclosed by a stone wall
- Marked graves date from 1844 through 1907

Grubb, Tom and Fannie

- Family cemetery with four graves
- Enclosed by deteriorated wood post and wire mesh fence
- Marked grave dates 1963

Harris-Arthur

- Cemetery with at least 36 interments
- Majority of graves enclosed by dry-laid rock with roughly shaped fieldstones; iron gate along northern wall of cemetery
- Marked graves date from 1876 through 1993

Hays

- Family cemetery with 22 interments
- Marked graves date from 1856 through 1995

Henry Family

- Family cemetery with 28 interments
- Located on a ridge top; much of graveyard not in use; mowed and maintained
- Marked graves date from 1886 through 1991

Kirkwood

- Family cemetery with 3 interments
- Marked graves date from 1906 through 1945

Kittinger

- Family cemetery with 29 interments
- Graves surrounded by oval driveway and modern fence with galvanized posts and chain-link
- Marked graves date from 1862 through 1998

Lavinder-Woods

- Family cemetery with 17 interments
- Graveyard surrounded by horse pasturage
- Marked graves date from 1919 through 1925

Little Back Creek (site not surveyed)

- Located on the south side of a tributary to Little Back Creek and southwest of Twelve O’Clock Knob Road (Route 694) and southeast of sharp curve in Lost Mountain Road (Route 670)

Mays, Alex and Temple

- Family cemetery with 2 interments
- Located in backyard of a residence
- Marked graves dated 1931 and 1936

Muse, Elijah and Louisa

- Family cemetery with two interments
- Enclosed by a chain link fence
- Marked graves date 1934 and 1936

Poage

- Large cemetery consisting of 3 sections with about 125 interments
- Located on the Poage Farm
- Marked graves date 1814 through 1995

Rison-Willett-Sloan

- Family cemetery with at least 13 interments
- Marked graves date from 1910 through 1995

Shaver-Light

- Family cemetery with 18 interments
- Marked graves date from 1913 through 1986

Sloan

- Family cemetery with at least 10 graves
- Marked graves date from 1910 through 1980

Smallwood

- Family cemetery with at least 7 interments
- Marked graves and informants indicate graves date 1862 through 1922

Sutphin

- Family cemetery with 4 interments
- Marked graves date from 1915 through 1930

Tinnel

- Family cemetery with approximately 25 interments
- Restoration efforts of cemetery reported in 2000 by family member
- Marked graves date from 1879 through 1924

Turner-Day

- Family cemetery with at least 40 interments
- Restoration efforts reported in 2000
- Marked graves date from 1839 through 1962

Webster, Henry

- Old abandoned cemetery with at least 80 interments
- Marked graves date back to 1899

Wertz

- Family cemetery with 25 interments
- Marked graves date from 1884 through 1944

Wimmer

- Small cemetery with at least 1 interment
- Located on the southern side of Route 221; appears to lie within VDOT right-of-way
- Marked grave dated 1936

ROUTE 221 AREA PLAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Thank you for taking the time to participate in the development of the Route 221 Area Plan. Once adopted, this plan will become a part of the Roanoke County Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a general, long-range, policy and implementation guide for decisions about growth and development. The Route 221 Area Plan will ultimately help guide the future of your community. Please note that your responses to the survey are anonymous. County staff will be compiling the results of the survey for incorporation into the Route 221 Area Plan. The results will be made available on the County's webpage (www.roanokecountyva.gov). If you have any questions, please contact the Roanoke County Department of Community Development located at 5204 Bernard Drive, Roanoke, VA 24018, by phone 540-772-2068, or by email at planning@roanokecountyva.gov. Thank you!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Gender: Male Female

Owner or Renter: Owner Renter

Age:

- Under 18
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-49
- 50-64
- Over 65

Length of time at current residence:

- Less than 5 years
 - 5-10 years
 - 11-20 years
 - Over 20 years
 - N/A (Please explain)
-

Do you have school-age children in your household (under the age of 18)? Yes No

ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY

What do you like most about your community? Please select your top three (3) choices.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> My neighborhood | <input type="checkbox"/> Close to Roanoke City |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open space | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police, Fire and Rescue | <input type="checkbox"/> Road and utilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Near the Blue Ridge Parkway | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural character and scenery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Close to businesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools and education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ | |

What are the most important issues facing your community? Please select your top three (3) choices.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Public health and safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Growth and development | <input type="checkbox"/> Public utilities (water and sewer) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid waste and recycling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural resource preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks and recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities (phone, internet, cable, etc...) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ | |

What areas of your community should be designated for residential development? Please check all that apply.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cortassel Lane | <input type="checkbox"/> Poage Valley Road Extension |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Martins Creek | <input type="checkbox"/> Ran Lynn Drive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mount Chestnut Road | <input type="checkbox"/> Twelve O'Clock Knob Road |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Old Mill Road | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) _____ | |

What areas of your community should be designated for commercial development? Please check all that apply.

- Back Creek School area Martins Creek Road area
 Poage Farm area
 Other (please specify) _____

What types of businesses and/or services would you like to see in your community? Please check all that apply.

- Bank Personal services (spa, salon, barber shop, etc) Car washes
 Pharmacy Fast food restaurant Post Office
 Grocery store Restaurants (sit-down, family) Hardware/Garden center
 Retail Medical office Small business
 Professional office Gas station/Convenience store
 Other (please specify) _____

What areas of your community should be served by public water and sewer? Please check all that apply.

	Water	Sewer
Back Creek School/Fire Station area	___	___
Carriage Hills/Forest Edge	___	___
Corntassel Lane	___	___
Poage Farm area	___	___
Ran Lynn Drive	___	___
Other (please specify) _____	___	___

What community facilities and/or services need to be added or improved upon in your community? Please check all that apply.

- Community Center Police Fire
 Recycling Collection Sites Libraries Rescue Station
 Parks Schools
 Other (please specify) _____

Are you aware of the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) road widening project planned along Route 221 near Cotton Hill Road?

- Yes No

Please list any transportation improvements that you feel are needed in your community, along with the appropriate location(s).

- Access points along Route 221 _____
Bike lanes _____
Guard rails _____
Other safety measures _____
Intersection realignments _____
Sidewalks _____
Sight distances _____
Traffic signs _____
Turning lanes _____
Other _____

ROUTE 221 AREA PLAN - STAKEHOLDERS' SURVEY

Introduction

We want to begin by thanking you for participating in this study of the US 221 Corridor / Back Creek area of southern Roanoke County (approximately 5,400 acres bounded by the Blue Ridge Parkway to the south, Bent mountain to the west, Twelve O'Clock Knob and Mount Chestnut to the north and small-lot residential subdivisions to the east). After adoption, this plan will become part of the county's overall Comprehensive Plan and will have a major role in how the Back Creek area will look over the next 10-20 years. Your input will help mold the future of the 221 corridor and the Back Creek vicinity.

Getting to Know You

Gender: Male
 Female

Age: 18-24
 25-34
 35-49
 50-64
 65 or older

How long have you lived or
or owned land, or operated a
business in the US 221 area?
 less than 5 years
 5 to 10 years
 10 to 20 years
 more than 20 years

Area Preferences, Concerns & Issues

What do you like the most about the US 221 / Back Creek area?

What concerns do you have regarding the area?

Please list the three most important issues facing the Route 221 Corridor area today.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Please list the three most important issues facing the area in the next five to ten years.

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

How Important is This Issue?

Please rate the importance of the following issues to your community on a scale of 1 to 5.

- 1 = Not important
- 2 = Minimally Important
- 3 = Moderately Important
- 4 = Important
- 5 = Very Important

___ **Natural Resource Protection**

- ___ Protecting groundwater resources
- ___ Protecting surface water resources (watersheds, streams, ponds, floodplains)
- ___ Preserving wetlands
- ___ Managing stormwater runoff
- ___ Preventing erosion and sediment transfer
- ___ Maintaining/improving water quality
- ___ Maintaining/improving air quality
- ___ Preserving wildlife habitat
- ___ Preserving forested areas
- ___ Protecting scenic views and vistas

___ **Education**

- ___ Providing high quality public education
- ___ Providing educational opportunities for children
- ___ Providing educational opportunities for adults
- ___ Providing additional library services
- ___ Providing cultural facilities (art centers, museums, theater) and events

___ **Transportation**

- ___ Reducing traffic congestion
- ___ Building new roads to improve the transportation system
- ___ Improving/widening existing roadways
- ___ Improving road intersections
- ___ Adding sidewalks and bike lanes

___ **Housing, Growth & Development**

- ___ Having a variety of housing choices
- ___ Improving housing quality
- ___ Protecting/maintaining property values
- ___ Preserving rural character
- ___ Preserving historic buildings and places
- ___ Preserving farmland and open space
- ___ Managing growth and development
- ___ Appearance of development

___ **Utilities**

- ___ Improving existing public water and sewer service
- ___ Extending public water lines
- ___ Extending public sewer lines

- ___ **Public Health & Safety**
- ___ Improving fire-fighting services
- ___ Improving rescue services
- ___ Improving law enforcement services
- ___ Supporting services for the elderly
- ___ Accessibility to health care facilities
- ___ Emphasizing prevention and development programs for troubled youth
- ___ **Parks, Recreation & Tourism**
- ___ Providing recreational opportunities for children
- ___ Providing recreational opportunities for adults
- ___ Building new parks and facilities
- ___ Building hiking/biking trails
- ___ Developing greenways
- ___ Accessibility to rivers and streams
- ___ Promoting tourism
- ___ **Economic Development**
- ___ Attracting new businesses
- ___ Bringing in higher paying jobs
- ___ Encouraging commercial growth
- ___ Encouraging industrial growth
- ___ **Solid Waste / Recycling**
- ___ Improving trash collection services
- ___ Increasing the number of recycling collection sites
- ___ **Other**
- ___ _____

Additional Questions & Comments

What areas of the Route 221 corridor should be set aside for residential development?

What areas of the Route 221 corridor should be targeted for commercial development?

What types of businesses would be welcomed by existing residents and business owners?

What areas of the corridor should be served by public water and sewer?

What community facilities should be constructed or improved in the Route 221 corridor?

B8 – DRAFT Schedule of Implementation Strategies

Implementation Strategy	Responsible Party(ies)	Timetable		
		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
		0-5 yrs	6-10 yrs	10+ yrs
<i>Community Identity and Character</i>				
Work with owners of historic homes and structures to investigate state and federal historic status	RC, DHR	■	■	■
Review historic structure surveys during rezoning and special use permit petitions, and encourage compatible land use and building design	RC	■	■	■
Review and update historic structure surveys	RC, DHR		■	
Continue to support and involve the Back Creek Civic League during plan implementation	RC, BCCL	■	■	■
<i>Environmental and Natural Resources</i>				
Evaluate riparian buffer zone regulation for Back Creek and its tributaries	RC, DCR	■	■	
Annually monitor well and septic system deficiencies in order to identify needs for public water and sewer services	RC, VDH, WVWA	■	■	■
Evaluate and map significant scenic views	RC	■		
Investigate overlay zoning districts for rural viewsheds and the Blue Ridge Parkway	RC, BRP		■	
<i>Urban and Rural Public Services and Facilities</i>				
Monitor demographic and census data and coordinate with Roanoke County Schools during development process	RC, RCS	■	■	■
Review Carriage Hills and Forest Edge water system and develop plan and program for future connections to WVWA water system	RC, WVWA	■	■	
Investigate potential for additional recycling centers	RC	■	■	
Evaluate potential for public park use of WVWA property at 7826 Five Oaks Road	RC, WVWA	■	■	
<i>Transportation Facilities and Improvements</i>				
Investigate potential for expanded turn lanes at major intersections with Route 221	RC, VDOT	■		
Identify and evaluate spot safety improvements for sight distance and guardrails	RC, VDOT	■		
Develop plans and identify and secure funding sources for construction of intersection and safety improvements	RC, VDOT	■	■	
Limit access points and improve vehicular circulation throughout Suburban Village areas	RC	■	■	■
Encourage coordination between VDOT construction projects and underground utility construction	RC, VDOT, WVWA	■	■	

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Encourage connectivity between existing streets and new residential and commercial development	RC	■	■	■
Review and update rural subdivision and private street standards	RC	■		
<i>Development Pressures</i>				
Implement the Design Guidelines for Suburban Village areas during development of Poage Farm school site, and through rezoning and special use permit petitions	RC, RCS	■	■	■
Identify the Urban Development Area as the boundaries of the Suburban Village, Development and Neighborhood Conservation future land use designations	RC	■	■	■
Require extension of public water and sewer systems for by-right development and rezoning /special use permit requests in the Neighborhood Conservation, Development and Suburban Village future land use designations, in conformance with Utility Phasing Plan	RC, WVWA	■	■	■
Review Conservation future land use designation for expanded applications beyond public lands	RC	■		
Review development standards in agricultural zoning districts	RC, BCCL	■	■	

Abbreviations:

- BCCL – Back Creek Civic League
- BRP – Blue Ridge Parkway
- DCR – Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
- DHR – VA Dept of Historic Resources
- RC – Roanoke County
- RCS – Roanoke County Schools
- VDOT – VA Dept of Transportation
- VDH – Virginia Department of Health
- WVWA – Western Virginia Water Authority

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October 14, 2008

TO: ROANOKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
RODNEY McNEIL (CHAIRMAN)
STEVE AZAR
MARTHA HOOKER
GARY JARRELL
DAVID RADFORD

RE: ROUTE 221 AREA PLAN

Employees of Roanoke County's Department of Community Development have been most helpful to our Civic League members in their study of the 221 corridor. We especially appreciate the efforts of Tim Beard and David Holladay and their willingness to share information with us and involve our members in the study. While we were disappointed that the survey was limited to a "221 corridor" area and did not include all of the Back Creek residents, we were pleased that residents living outside of the designated area could be involved in the various public meetings.

Our Civic League was organized in 1987, and we have been told many times that it is one of the most active Civic Leagues in the Valley. At the time of organization, we were beginning to see more development in the Back Creek community, resulting in more students at our local elementary school, a much needed fire department, and badly needed improvements to the only primary road serving our community and the residents of Bent Mountain, Floyd County, and beyond. Enclosed is a statement which sets out our purpose and lists some of our past efforts to maintain or improve the quality of life of the Back Creek community.

It has always been our position that safe roads must be a priority for our community, and it would be difficult to even estimate the many hours our Civic League members have spent in seeking funds to complete the four-lane extension on U.S. Route 221 from Coleman Road to just beyond Cotton Hill Road. We have done our own traffic counts from an automobile parked on the side of the road during peak hours. We've studied accident reports and warned residents of problem areas. We have held many meetings and telephone conversations with our General Assembly Delegates and Representatives. We have sent numerous letters and had many meetings and conversations with VDOT personnel. And we have made annual presentations before the VDOT Commissioners over many years. We've watched these improvements be included in VDOT's "Six-Year Plan", removed from the Plan, reinstated and again removed, then reinstated and homes purchased, moved, or torn down, only to then see "no construction funds". We have watched and wondered how much more traffic Route 221 could handle and how many more lives would be lost before improvements were made. We have seen many times Route 221 completely blocked with traffic following an accident, and even learned of times when our fire and rescue personnel jumped out of their blocked-in vehicles and ran on foot to the accident scene instead of waiting for traffic to clear the road enough for emergency vehicles to proceed. Isn't it a shame that this road is such a mess that we put our fire and rescue personnel in danger when they are trying to help us! While disappointed many times, we never gave up in our efforts as the safety of those who travel this road was so important to us. We hope it is true that advertising is supposed to begin in 2009 and construction will start in 2010. In the meantime, we will continue to encourage our residents to drive carefully on Route 221, especially at our many intersections where we are seeing more and more accidents as our community grows, and continue in our efforts to see these improvements accomplished.

Over the years we have also watched as more houses were being built in the Back Creek community and worried as to what effect this would have on our water table. One only needs to hear the concerns of Back Creek residents whose wells have gone dry or residents living in relatively new subdivisions and experiencing insufficient water supplies to know this has become a problem for many. These concerns have been expressed at our Civic League meetings and at the public hearings for this corridor study. There are also concerns over what our many septic tanks are doing to our water quality and to our environment.

We have seen more and more development on narrow secondary roads, with shoulders so small that adding guardrails is impossible. Many times one vehicle must back up or move off part of the pavement in order to pass another larger vehicle, especially large trucks delivering construction supplies. Yet, a number of these secondary roads still have 55 mile speed limits despite efforts to have speed limits lowered as the area becomes more developed. The secondary roads in our area have had few major improvements in the past 30 plus years other than paving and were never designed for heavy traffic.

The Back Creek Civic League requests the Planning Commission to consider the following safety recommendations in its review and adoption of the 221 Area Plan. Public water and sewer will be extended to the Poage farm area before the proposed new school is built, and we would encourage that any future development (residential or commercial) beyond the proposed school area be reviewed carefully before approval to ensure the necessary infrastructures are in place to improve safety on U.S. Route 221 and roads feeding onto Route 221. Specifically:

1. The completion as soon as possible of the four-lane extension on Route 221 from Coleman Road to Cotton Hill Road, including any changes involving Sunnycrest Drive and the realignment of Cotton Hill Road and Ran Lynn Drive.
2. The remaining Route 221 roadway and feeder roads onto Route 221 be upgraded by increasing shoulder widths, reducing speed limits, adding guardrails, and providing better signage.

We choose to make our comments in writing rather than at the Public Hearing as we want you to be aware of how hard our Civic League has worked for over 20 years to get safer roads in our area – to have those services in place to meet the needs of our residents – to know how strongly we feel about our community and its future – and to ask for your help in putting the safety of our residents first in any comprehensive planning revisions. We are not doing this in an effort to stop development – rather to encourage good planning for the future so others can enjoy and be proud to be a part of the Back Creek community.

Representatives of our Civic League will be attending future Public Hearings should you need to discuss any of these issues with us.

Sincerely,



President

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**BACK CREEK CIVIC LEAGUE, INC.
(ORGANIZED 1987)**

PURPOSE: TO PROMOTE THE CITIZENS' AWARENESS OF THEIR RIGHTS; TO MAKE THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AWARE OF ANY GOVERNMENTAL PLANS, PROPOSALS, AND ACTIVITIES RELATIVE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND TO URGE THE MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS; TO ENCOURAGE EQUITABLE USE OF OUR TAX DOLLARS; AND TO PROMOTE SAFETY, HEALTH, RECREATION, EDUCATION, AND BEAUTIFICATION IN THE AREA IN A NONPARTISAN MANNER.

FIRE & RESCUE: Civic League members held the initial meeting with County officials to request a fire station for the Back Creek area. Purchased the first television for the station and also tables and other equipment to assist the station. Obtained flag for meeting room. Civic League makes frequent donations toward purchase of needed equipment and toward purchase of signs. Members assist with fund-raising events.

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS: Working with VDOT, Civic League officers have traveled community roads to alert VDOT to problem areas and, as a result, have seen improvements on secondary roads with respect to dangerous curves, build up of shoulders and installation of guardrails, center lines marked, better turning areas for school buses, reduced speed limits in some residential areas. Civic League efforts resulted in 1.9 mile section of Route 221 being made four lanes. For many years, Civic League has made annual presentations to VDOT Commissioners to get four lanes extended from Coleman Road to Cotton Hill Road, as well as having conferences with area Virginia General Assembly Delegate and Senator to request funding for this project. This section of Route 221 has once again been added to VDOT's "Six-Year Plan" for major road improvements; and Civic League will continue its efforts to get this project completed as soon as possible. Frequently invite VDOT officials to attend meetings to share information and make area roads safer.

SCHOOL INVOLVMENT: Civic League members recognize the importance of quality education and school facilities for the area and have encouraged County officials to purchase property for future school needs while open land is still available. Civic League has assisted financially with playground equipment, library books, landscaping projects, and with building the picnic shelter at Back Creek Elementary. Also worked with PTA in its efforts to have a full-time Principal at the school rather than sharing with another school and also to remodel Back Creek rather than have a consolidated school with Bent Mountain.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: Civic League purchased at least 17 Neighborhood Watch signs for our area and has worked with local citizens and County Police in a Neighborhood Watch Program. This program enables residents to be better informed of problems, accidents, etc., in our community. Civic League worked with Roanoke County in improving lighting at most of major intersections along Route 221.

CITIZENS ARE BETTER INFORMED: Current legislators, County officials, and political candidates are invited to Civic League meetings to keep members advised of matters of interest—this gives area residents an opportunity to meet these officials and discuss concerns, and especially to be better informed prior to going to the polls for elections.

THE BACK CREEK CIVIC LEAGUE IS ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE CIVIC LEAGUES IN ROANOKE COUNTY, AND WE ARE PROUD OF WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IN 20 YEARS. THE CIVIC LEAGUE IS A VITAL LINK IN THE PROCESS OF MAINTAINING THE GOOD QUALITY OF LIFE THAT MAKES OUR COMMUNITY A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND TO REAR AND EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN. BUT WE NEED YOU TO COMPLETE THAT LINK. PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING AN ACTIVE MEMBER TODAY!

**2008 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
(DUES: \$5 ADULT MEMBER, OR \$10 MAXIMUM PER HOUSEHOLD)**

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Tel. No. _____

E-MAIL _____

Preference for Meeting Notices: [] Regular Mail [] E-Mail

MAIL TO: BACK CREEK CIVIC LEAGUE, INC.
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