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Comprehensive Planning

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Subdivision Regulations

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Planning for the future has never been as critical for local governments as it is today. Local governments, particularly small ones, are increasingly challenged as they seek appropriate ways to accommodate reasonable growth, while ensuring adequate resources to support it. Among the challenges are how to effectively protect resources, deal with increased demand for public services and facilities, and achieve an appropriate balance between residential and economic growth. Of particular importance to elected officials, and citizens alike, is how change will impact treasured community assets and other quality-of-life factors.



Over the past 30 years, working with local governments of all sizes, we have found that a proactive approach to addressing growth and development challenges is the most effective way to ensure positive results. Simple reliance on outdated development concepts and old zoning approaches tends to produce inferior results including unforeseen fiscal consequences, sprawl, and depletion of resources. PJA assists communities in articulating their vision and understanding effective strategies to advance that vision. All communities are unique. There is no “off-the-shelf” standard plan that fits all needs. However, all communities can benefit from professional help and a planning process that adheres to traditional place-making principles that considers all of the consequences of change and supports sustainability.

At the center of our most successful planning projects is the commitment of our clients to make their communities better places to live and work. Our clients will tell you that PJA is successful because our plans reflect a community’s vision and incorporate practical and realistic strategies to implement that vision, including tools to enhance community character, protect sensitive areas, conserve cultural and historic resources, and promote economic development. Equally important, PJA is able to provide the numerous “follow-up” services required to implement the community’s plan. These services include preparation of code revisions, preparing official maps and mapped data, preparation of supplemental guidelines, assisting local planning commissions and elected officials, as well as advice during critical project reviews. It is no small measure of our success that most of our client relationships span ten years or more. We are gratified to be able to continue to work with these communities, and in particular, help them address growth issues. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss PJA’s planning services with you.

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Description of Firm: Peter Johnston & Associates, LLC (formally Redman/Johnston Associates, Ltd.) is a small planning firm located in Easton, Maryland. PJA has been providing a wide range of planning and growth management services to counties and municipalities for 30 years. PJA's services include:

- ❖ General & Specific Planning: Comprehensive planning, growth management, strategic planning, master planning, and issue-related studies;
- ❖ Code Revisions & Guidelines: Zoning, subdivision, and development design;
- ❖ Digital Mapping & Graphic Design Services: Computer-Aided Design (CAD), Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and web-based services;
- ❖ Environmental Planning: Sensitive areas protection, Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas, and green building strategies;
- ❖ Heritage Preservation Planning: Historic preservation and management plans, ordinances, toolkits, and guidance to commissions;
- ❖ Parks and Recreation Planning: Park, open space, and land preservation plans;
- ❖ Other Planning Studies: Water and wastewater, transportation systems, Developer Rights and Responsibilities Agreements (DRRA's), and annexation agreements;
- ❖ Community Participation: Visioning, planning workshops, and stakeholder interviews;
- ❖ Grant Management Assistance: Application, preparation, and reporting;
- ❖ Project Review: Plan review, code compliance reviews, and subdivision and site plans; and
- ❖ Education: Training workshops for commissions in all aspects of local government planning.

Qualifications and Services: PJA believes in quality service for our clients. The company has two professional planners. Peter Johnston, the Principal of the firm, is AICP certified (American Institute of Certified Planners). In addition, over the years, PJA has built a useful network of professional consultants including economists, landscape architects, architects, designers, and engineers. If PJA cannot provide a particular service, one of these professionals can be contacted for assistance.

Projects and Examples: PJA has extensive knowledge and practical experience with many different types of projects. The company has worked on comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances and subdivision regulations, design manuals and guidelines, environmental plans, revitalization plans, heritage preservation and management plans, etc. Although, most of PJA's work in the past has been centered in Maryland, and particularly the Eastern Shore, our client base is rich and diverse. PJA has prepared plans and/or regulations in the States of New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, and Washington.