



2011 ANNUAL REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

Fred L. Paris, Mayor

At the center of the city's day-to-day operations, the Office of the Mayor, coordinates the activities of the various city departments, engages in short and long-range planning, works closely with groups and agencies concerned with municipal and social progress, and fields countless daily contacts with the general public. The mayor is a four-year elected official with appointing power for department heads.

Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer

The primary function of the Clerk-Treasurer, a four-year elected official, is to serve as the fiscal officer of the City of Franklin. The Clerk-Treasurer processes the receipts and expenditures of all City money; prescribes the payroll for the City; determines the manner in which vendors, officers and employees are paid; manages the City financial accounts; makes all investments on behalf of the City; prepares the budget estimates of revenue, financial statements and the proposed tax rate; manages all City records; serves as the Clerk of the City Council and Board of Public Works and Safety by preparing agendas, recording proceedings and maintaining custody of records.

2011 City Council

The City of Franklin Common Council consists of seven members who serve as the legislative branch of the City of Franklin. The members are elected by voters in their district and each member serves a four year term.

Dr. William T. Murphy

Council President

Ward 3

Joseph R. Ault

Ward 1

Ann Gordon

Ward 2

Kenneth Austin

Ward 4

Joseph P. Abban

Ward 5

Stephen Hougland

At Large

Steve Barnett

At Large

STAFF



The Planning Department Staff serves to support the City of Franklin, Plan Commission, Economic Development Commission, Redevelopment Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, City Council, Unsafe Building Hearings and the Board of Public Works.

2011 Staff:

Krista Linke, AICP
Director

Joanna Myers, AICP
Senior Planner

Kevin Tolloty
Associate Planner

Todd Wilkerson
Project Supervisor

Rhoni Oliver
Code Compliance Official

David Parsley
Building Official

Daryl Cochrane
Flood Recovery & Grant Coordinator

Jaime Harshman
Administrative Assistant

The government and civic groups as well as professional development organizations with which the Planning Department Staff were involved with in 2011:

Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization
Discover Downtown Franklin
Franklin Heritage, Inc.
Redevelopment Association of Indiana
Indiana Planning Association
American Planning Association
American Institute of Certified Planners
Indiana Association of Floodplain and Stormwater Management
Indiana Association of Building Officials



STAFF TRAINING PROFILES

Krista Linke

Indiana Planning Association Conference
Building Better Communities Regional Economic Impact Workshop
Statewide Conference on Housing & Community Economic Development
Indiana Main Street Conference
High Performance Government - Collaborative Government Session
Rising Sun Community Exchange

David Parsley

Indiana Assn. of Building Officials continuing education credits:
Indiana Flexible Sprinkler Head Connections, Annual Sprinkler Reading
Indiana Building Code Chapter 11 Amendments
Indiana Residential Fire Sprinklers
Indiana Swimming Pool Code
Indiana Building Code On-Site Inspection Class
International Code Council Use and Occupancy Classification and
Special Detail Requirements
International Code Council Performing Nonstructural Plan Reviews
Indiana Dept. of Homeland Security General Administrative Rules

Joanna Myers

Indiana Association for Floodplain & Stormwater Management Conference
National Planning Conference

Kevin Tolloty

APA Indiana Professional Development Conference

Rhoni Oliver

CDBG Grant Administrator Handbook Workshop
Environmental Management Lead Risk Assessor/Inspector Certification
2011 Land Bank Conference
CDBG Financial Management & Procurement Continuing Education
CDBG Environmental Review Continuing Education
Nitty Gritty II Workshop
Statewide Conference on Housing & Community Economic Development
IHCD CDBG Compliance Basics
CDBG Record Keeping/Closeout Continuing Education

Jaime Harshman

Indiana Wellness Seminar
CDBG Uniform Relocation Assistance
CDBG Labor Standards
CDBG Record Keeping/Closeout Continuing Education



Notable Projects in 2011

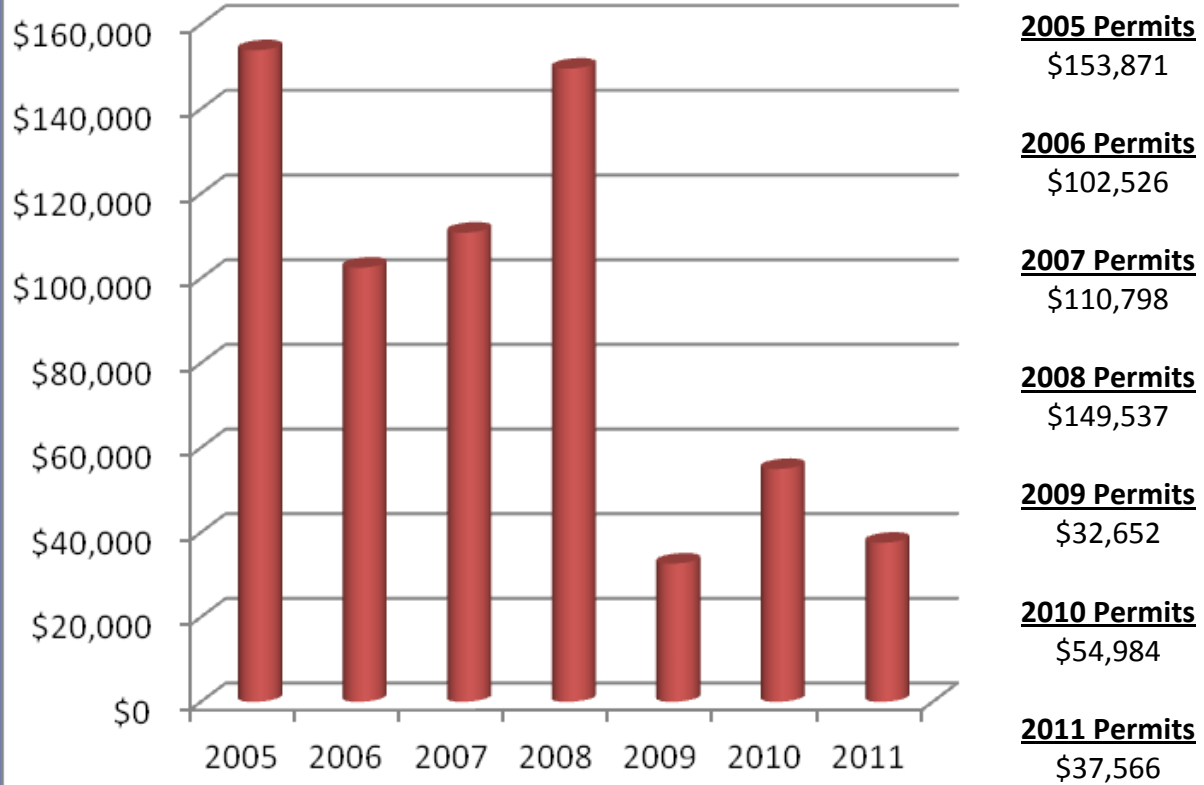
The following is a list of projects that members of the Planning Department staff were involved with in 2011 in addition to those already described in detail in the next sections. As is illustrated by the wide array of projects, the Planning Department is involved in many facets of the community.

Office of Community and Rural Affairs Planning Grant - Downtown Facades
Wellness and Insurance Committee
Redevelopment Association of Indiana
Canary Creek Wetlands Restoration and Flood Mitigation Study
International Drive Drainage Improvements
Westview Drive Pedestrian Bridge
Stormwater Technical Manual
Smoking Ordinance Violations
Project Green
Discover Downtown Franklin 4th Fridays
US Census Boundary and Annexation Survey
Small Business Incentive and Resource Guide
Building Plan Inventory
Planning Department Website Updates
TIF District Financial Analysis
Gateways, Greenways & Redevelopment Study—Engineering and Design Phase
Red Carpet Inn (2180 E. King Street) Demolition
Franklin Engineering (151 W. Jefferson Street) Demolition
TIGER III Grant Application
City Way Finding Signage Design and Permitting
Smoke on the Square BBQ Competition—1st Inaugural
Super Bowl Celebration Event Planning

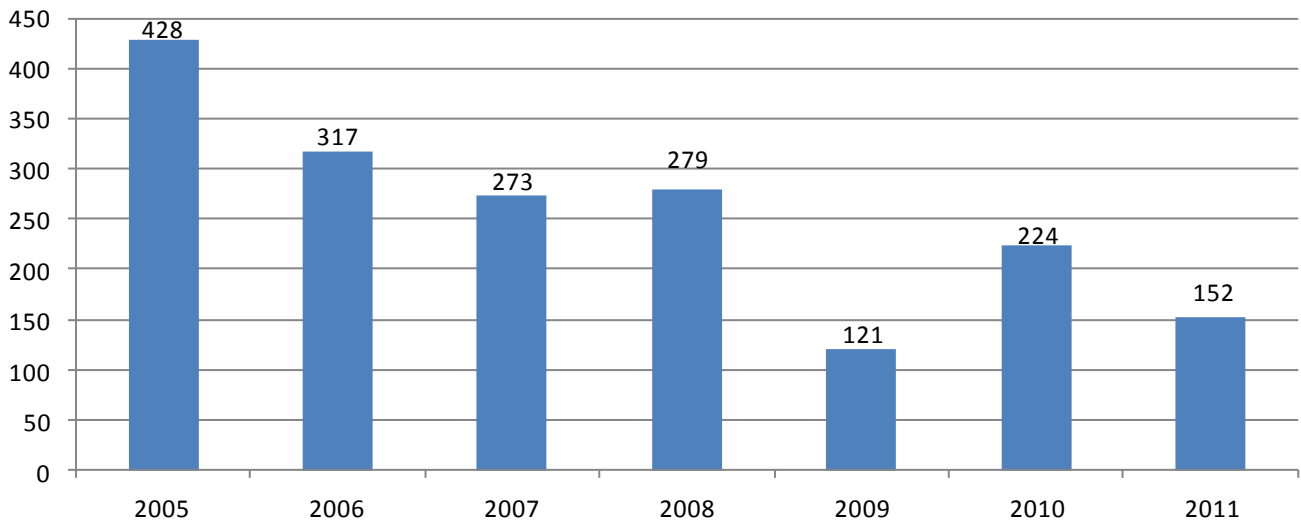


BUILDING PERMITS

Permit Fees Collected



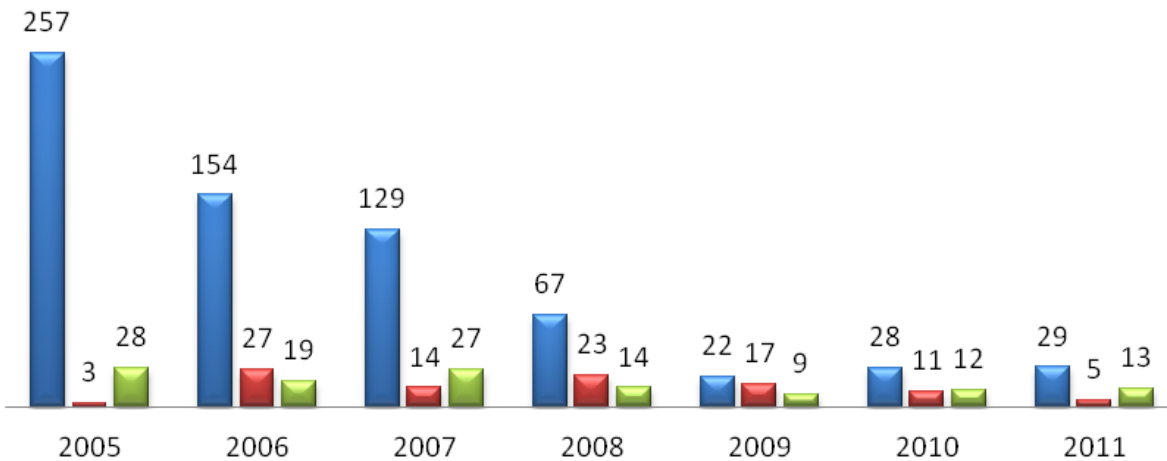
Number of Permit Applications Per Year



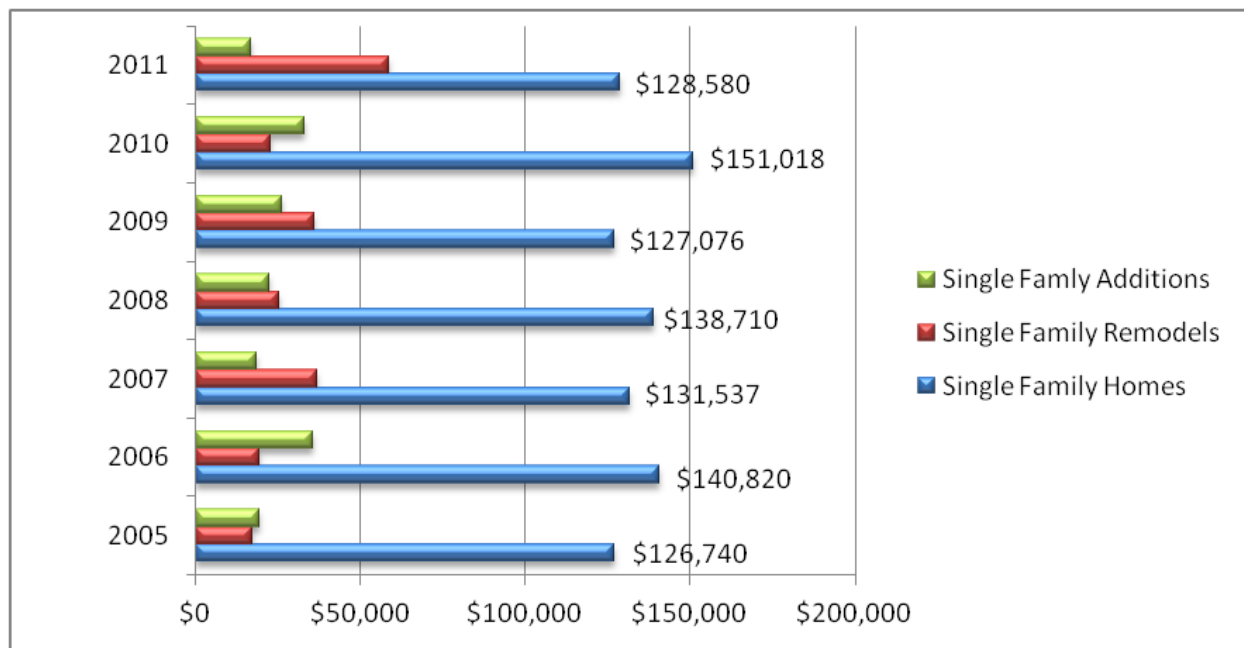


Permits: Single Family Homes

■ Single Family Homes ■ Single Family Remodels ■ Single Family Additions



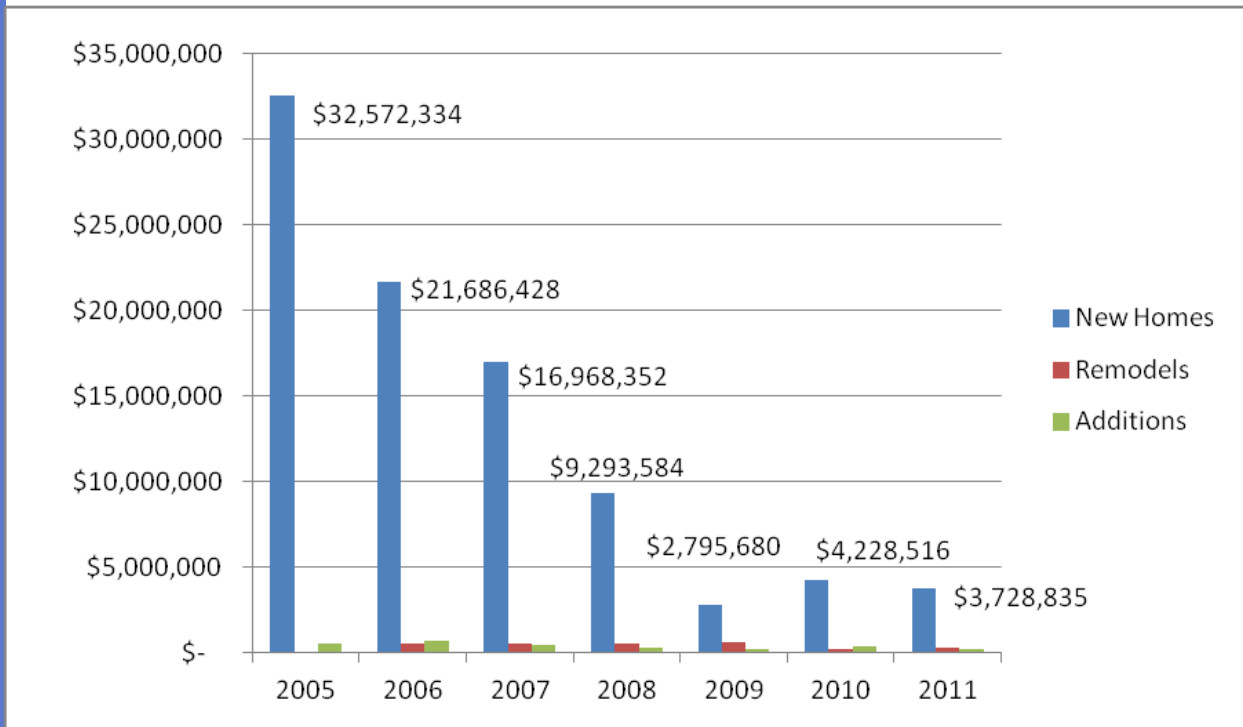
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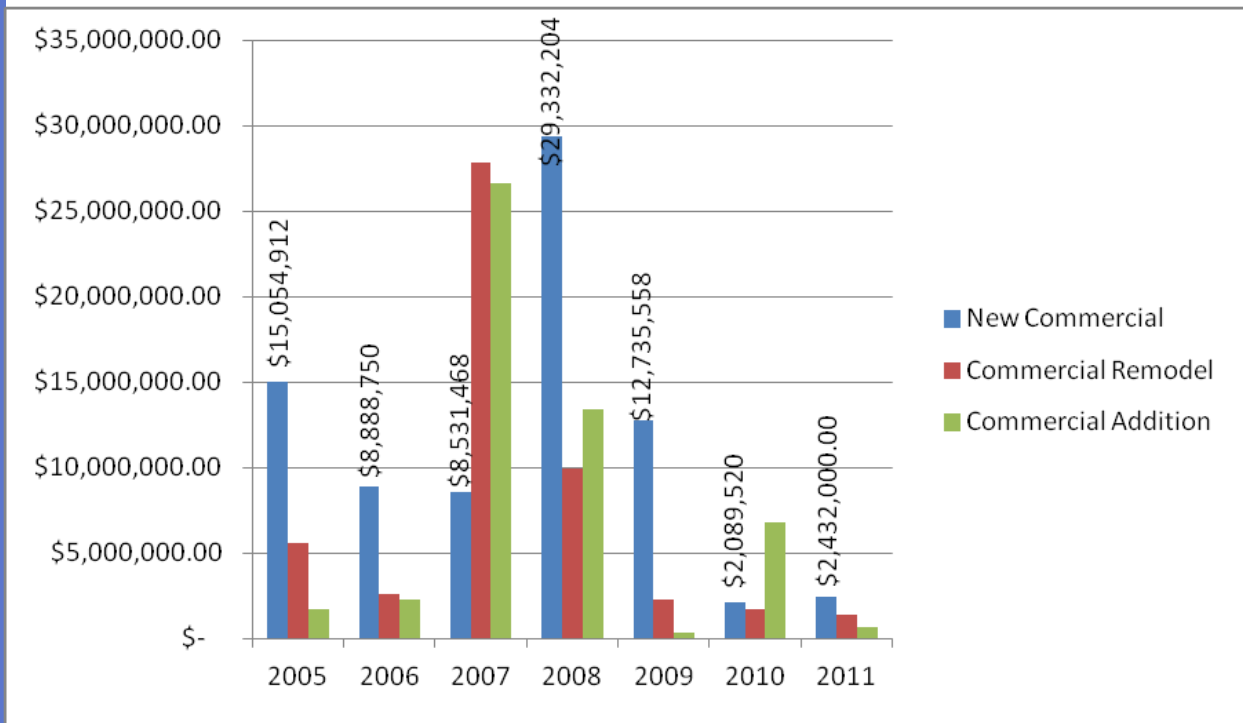


TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST

Total Construction Cost: Single Family Homes



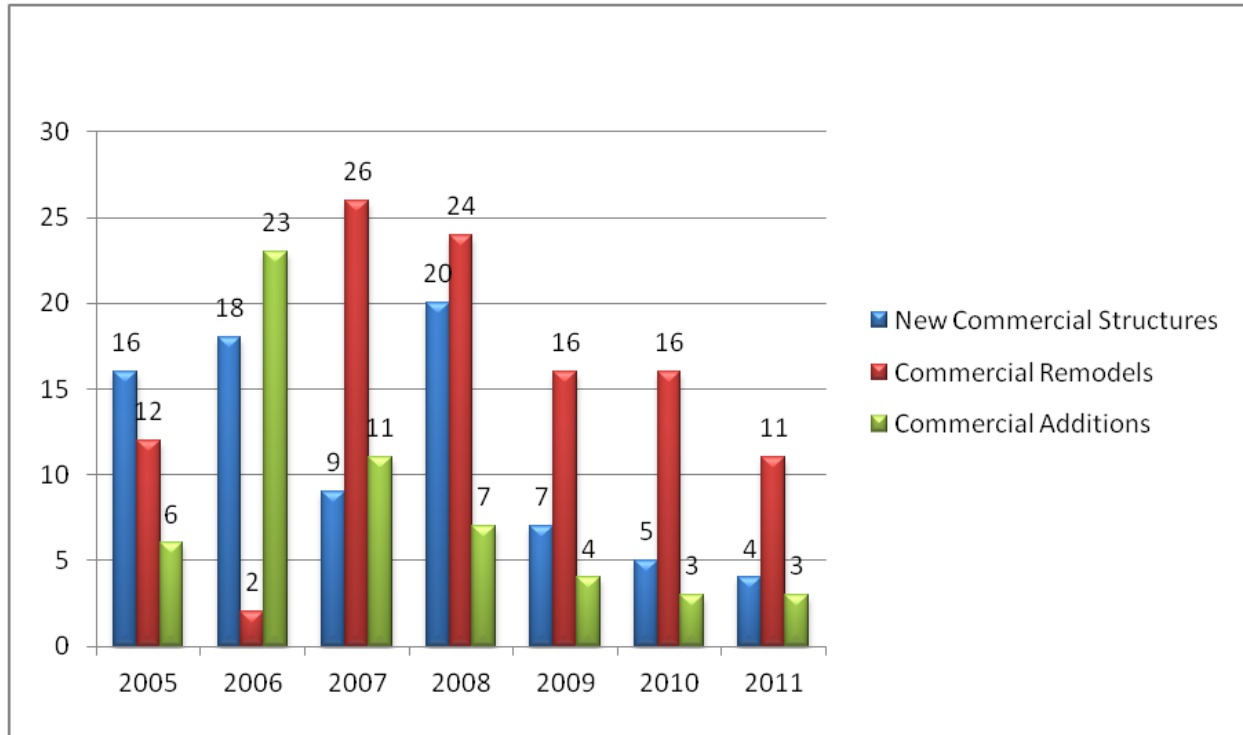
Total Construction Cost: Commercial



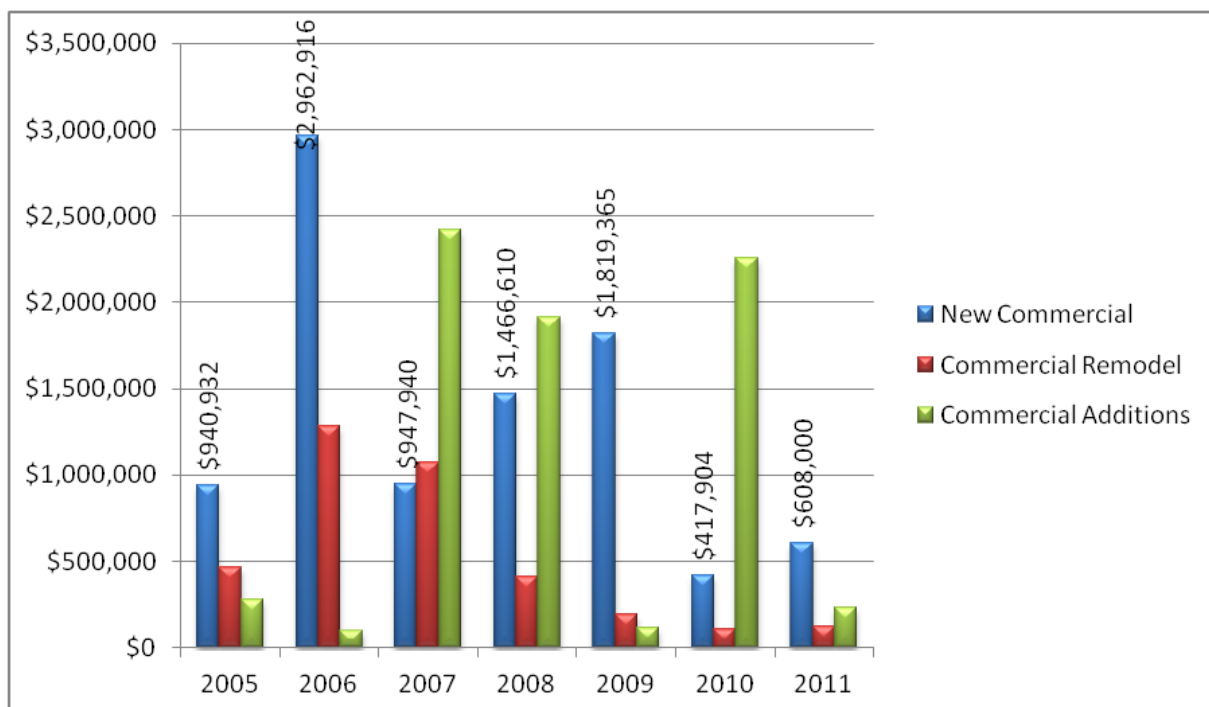
BUILDING DATA SUMMARY: COMMERCIAL



Permits Issued: Commercial



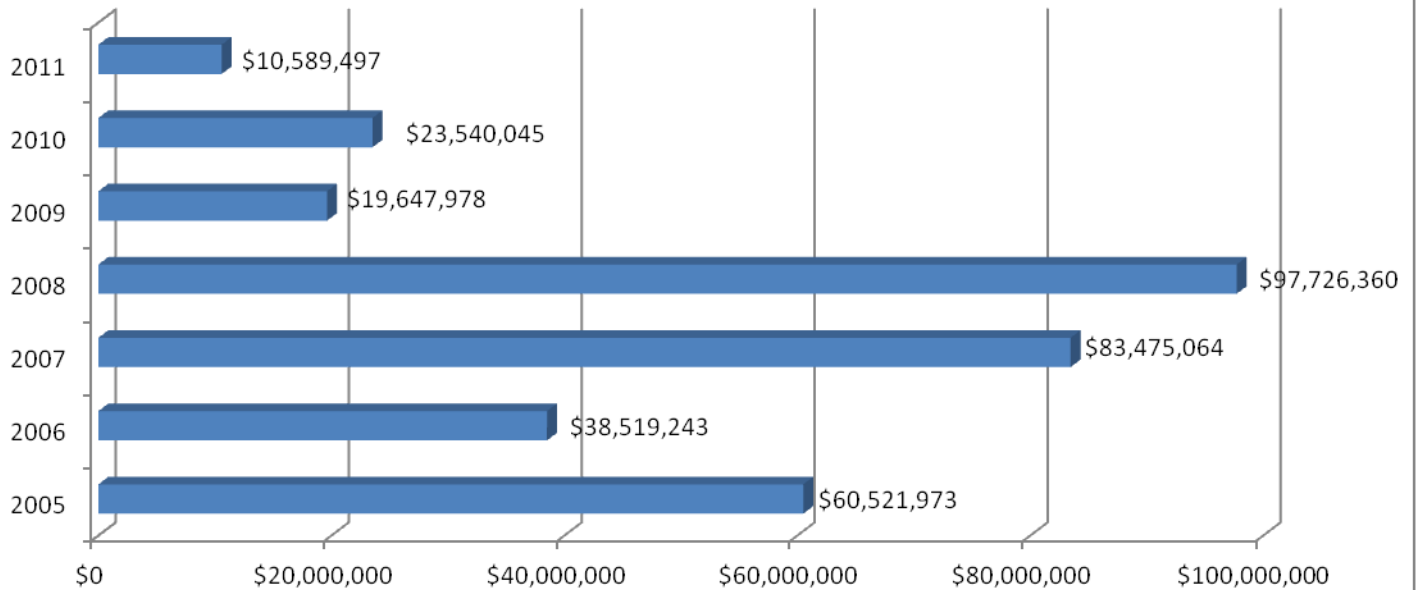
Average Values: Commercial





TOTAL COMBINED CONSTRUCTION VALUE

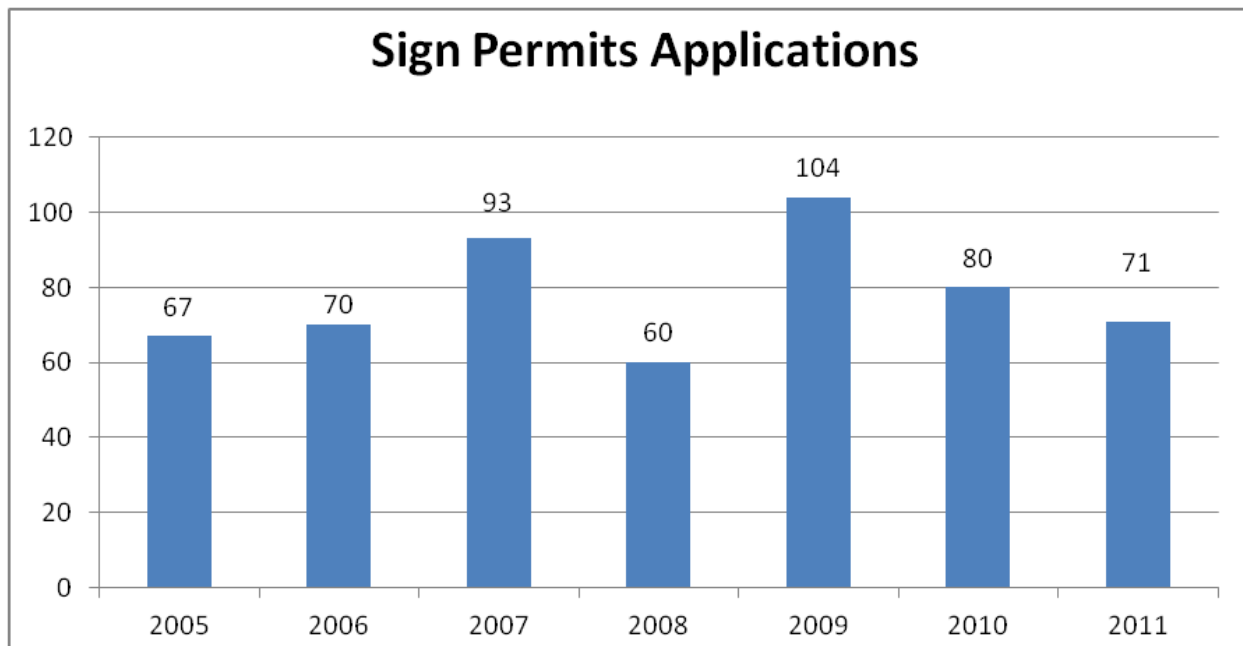
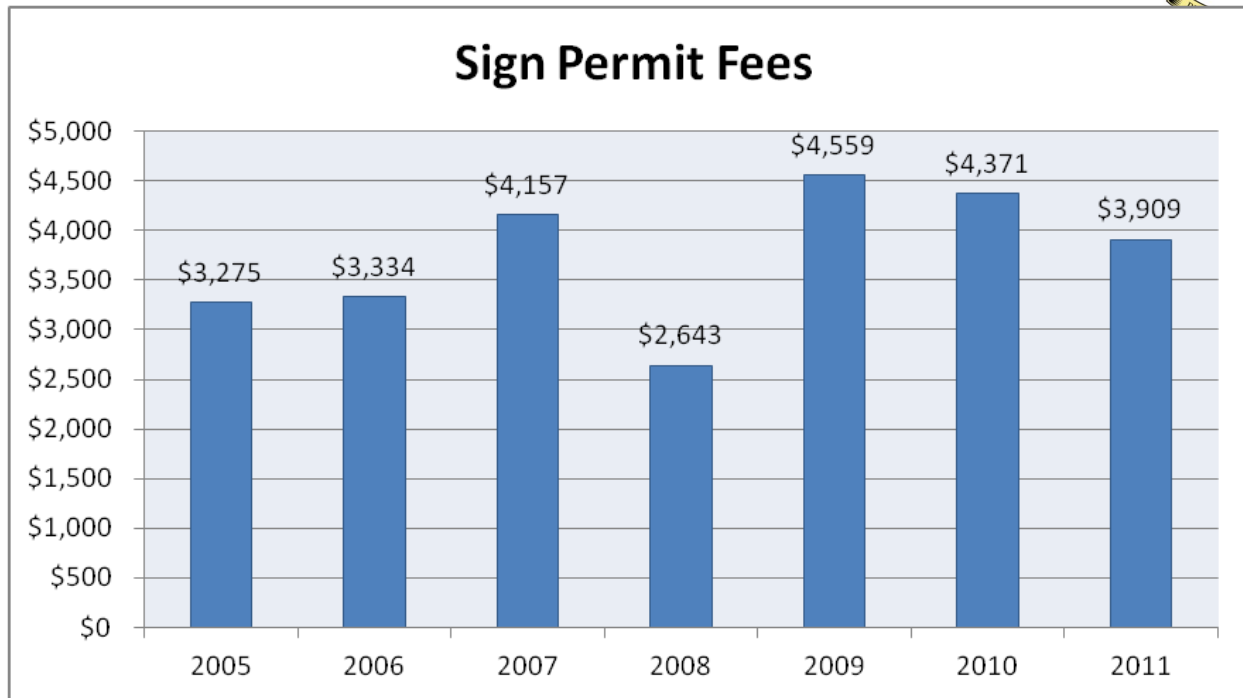
Total Construction Value-Commercial & Residential



Year	Total Construction Value
2005	\$60,521,973
2006	\$38,519,243
2007	\$83,475,064
2008	\$97,726,360
2009	\$19,647,978
2010	\$39,022,699
2011	\$10,589,497

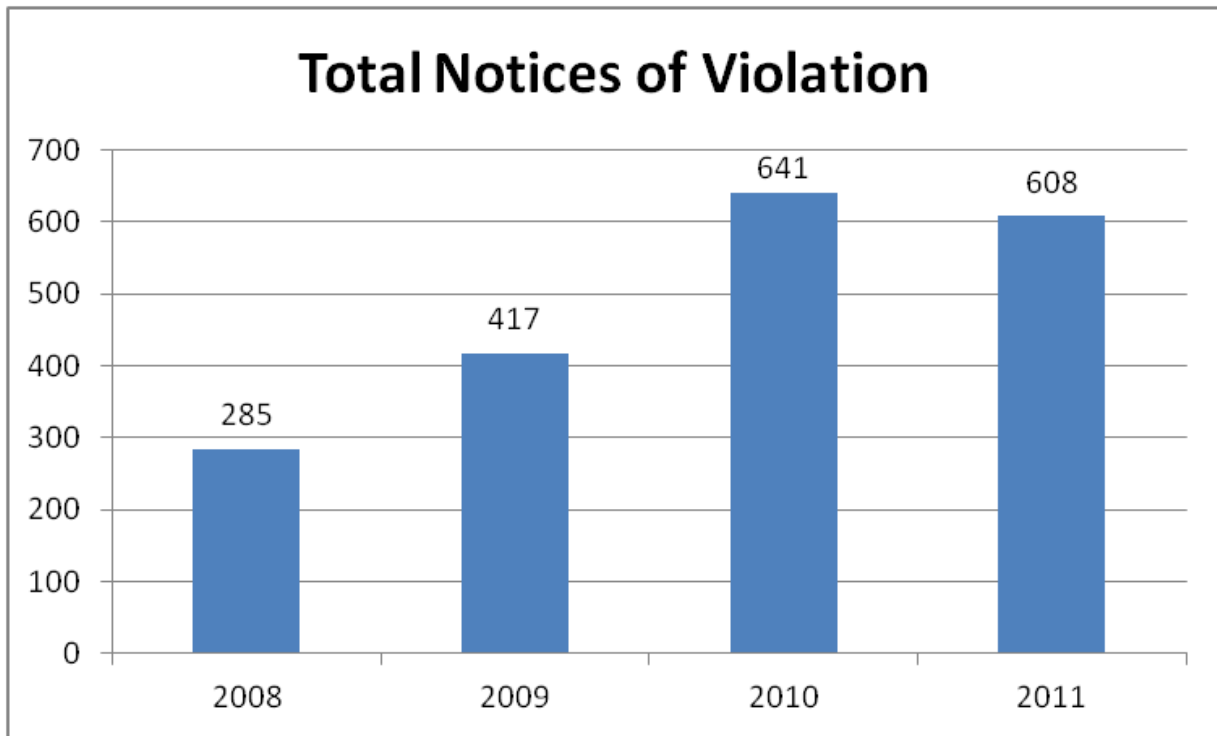
Year	Number of Building Inspections
2008	687
2009	435
2010	373
2011	326

SIGN PERMIT FEES COLLECTED





CODE ENFORCEMENT



Violation Type	2008	2009	2010	2011
Trash & Weeds	237	365	590	462
Secure Vacant Structure	4	4	5	1
Occupied Housing Repair		1	4	
Zoning Violations	44	47	34	144
Demolition Orders			9	1

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION



The Franklin Economic Development Commission is a five member panel appointed by the Mayor, City Council, and the Johnson County Council. The Commission is responsible for judging petitions which grant economic incentives to businesses interested in investing in the City of Franklin. The most common incentives are in the form of tax abatements and economic development revenue bonds.

2011 EDC Board Members

Member	Office	Appointment	Expiration
Sam Yount	President	City Council	12-31-2011
H. Lee Hodgen	Vice-President	Mayor	1-31-2016
Tony Wellings	Secretary	Mayor	1-31-2018
Ken Austin	Member	Mayor	1-31-2018
John Ditmars	Member	County Council	1-31-2016

New EDC Cases in 2011

	Business Name	Type
EDC 2011-01	GROK Enterprises/Nitrex <i>300 Blue Chip Court</i>	Real Property & Personal Property Tax Abatement
EDC 2011-02	Indiana Hydraulic Equipment Corporation <i>2000 Commerce Parkway</i>	Waiver
EDC 2011-03	Tippmann Realty Group (Interstate Warehouse) <i>700 Bartram Parkway</i>	Real Property & Personal Property Tax Abatement
EDC 2011-04	Casting Technologies Co. <i>1450 Commerce Parkway</i>	Personal Property Tax Abatement

*Note: The Economic Development Commission makes a recommendation to the City Council on all applications. The City Council has the final vote on each request.

All active tax abatements must submit yearly compliance reports which are reviewed by the EDC and the City Council.



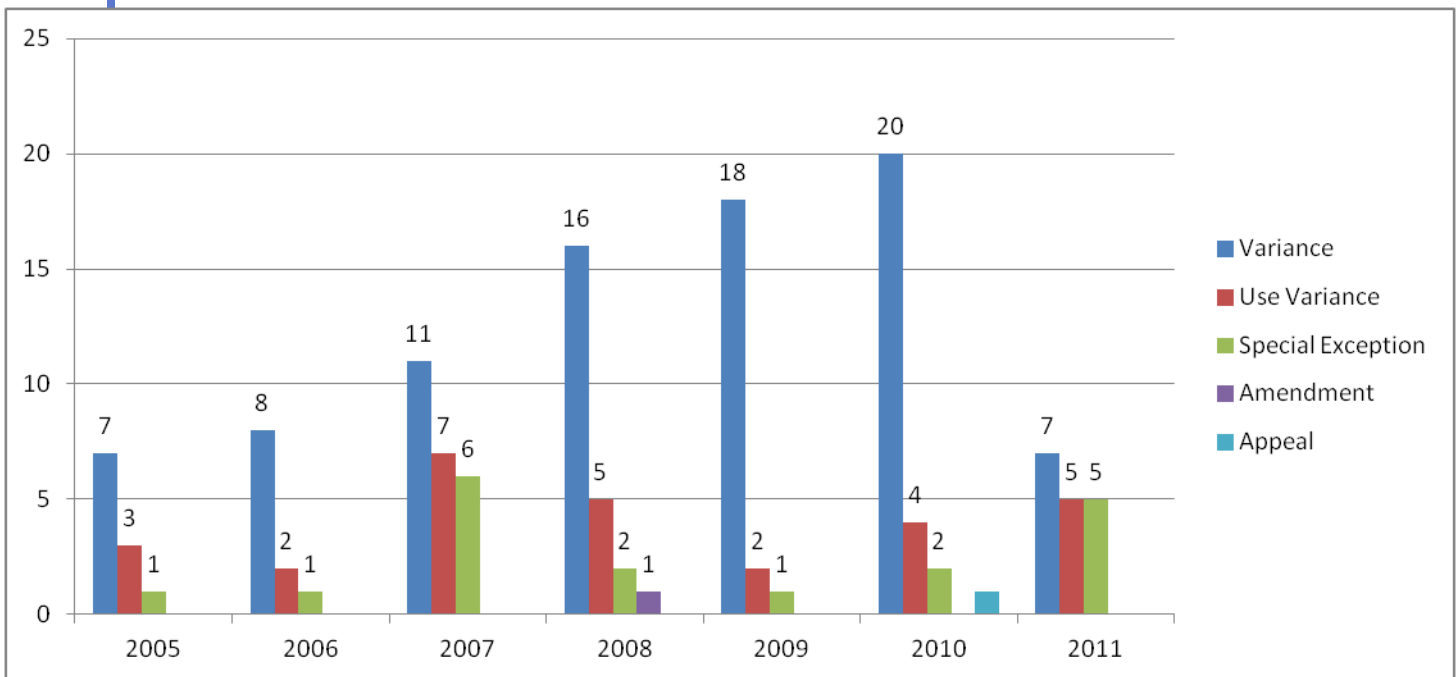
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS (BZA)

The Franklin Board of Zoning Appeals is a five member citizen board. Similar to the Plan Commission, members are appointed by a number of government entities. The Board is responsible for judging the appropriateness of land use regulations as they apply to specific parcels of property and proposed uses. It is established to remedy situations in which the terms of the Zoning Ordinance impose a specific hardship on a unique parcel within the City of Franklin.

2011 BZA Members

Member	Office	Appointment	Expiration
Richard Pfifer (R)	Chairman	Mayor	12-31-2011
Bob Swinehamer (D)	Vice Chairman	Mayor	12-31-2014
Tim Holmes	Secretary	Plan Commission	12-31-2012
Phil Barrow		City Council	12-31-2014
Rev. Richard Martin (D)		Mayor	12-31-2011

2005-2011 BZA Cases



PLAN COMMISSION MEMBERS



The Franklin Plan Commission is an eleven member citizen board composed of individuals appointed by a number of local government entities. Its membership represents both the City of Franklin and the “buffer zone.” The Commission’s responsibilities include the review of residential, commercial and industrial subdivision plats, commercial site plans, as well as the formation of recommendations to the City Council regarding rezoning and annexation petitions.

2011 Plan Commission Members

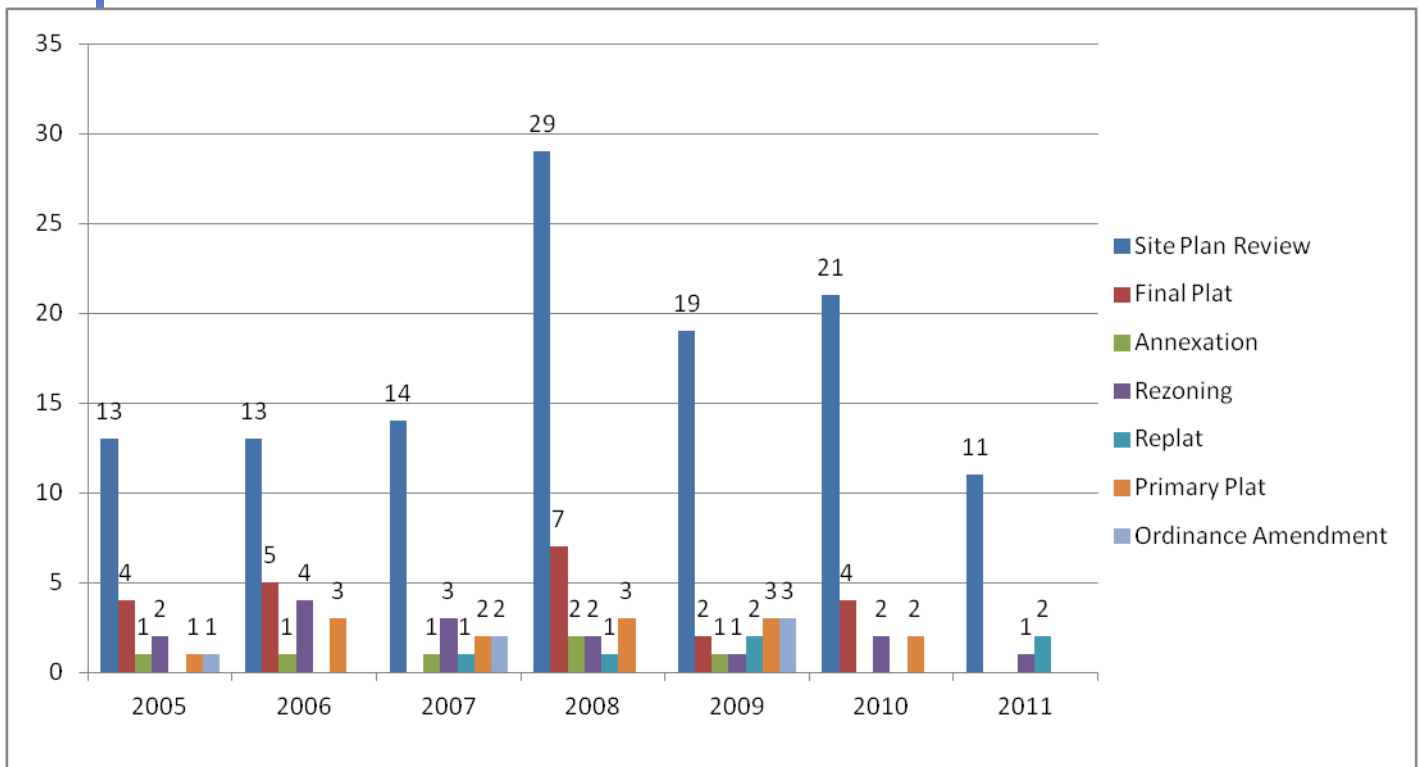
Member	Office	Appointment	Expiration	Requirements
Mike Auger (R)	President	Park Board	12-31-2011	Park Board Member
Bob Swinehamer (D)	Vice President	Mayor Oct.-Dec.	12-31-2013	No more than 3 of the 5 Mayoral Appointments may be of the same political party.
Georganna Haltom (D)		Mayor	12-31-2014	
Suzanne Findley (R)		Mayor	12-31-2011	
Kevin McElyea (R)		Mayor	12-31-2013	
Dan Murphy (R)		Mayor	12-31-2011	
Joe Abban		City Council	12-31-2011	City Council Member
Jim Martin		Board of Works	12-31-2011	Board of Works
Diane Gragg (D)		Board of County Commissioners	12-31-2011	Buffer Zone Resident
Tim Holmes (R)		Board of County Commissioners	12-31-2013	Buffer Zone Resident
Chris Phillips	Secretary	City Engineering Dept.	12-31-2011	Appointed by City Engineering Dept.

The City of Franklin exercises zoning jurisdiction in adjacent territory included in what was once a two mile extraterritorial “buffer zone.” The “buffer zone” allows the City of Franklin to exercise zoning authority outside the corporate city limits, influencing growth and development in areas where the City may grow in the future. The City has not expanded its extraterritorial jurisdiction since its inception. The buffer zone has decreased in size as property in this area has been annexed into the city limits over the years.



PLAN COMMISSION APPLICATIONS

Plan Commission 2005-2011



CITY OF FRANKLIN ACQUISITION PROJECT



The City of Franklin experienced a Presidential Disaster Declaration as a result of flooding that began on June 7, 2008. A total of 259 residential structures located within the Special Flood Hazard Area were assessed for damages due to this flooding. Flooding of these structures was caused from the waters breaching the banks of Young's Creek and Hurricane Creek that flow through the City of Franklin. The City identified concentrated areas that incurred substantial damage and identified a total of 75 homes to acquire in order to alleviate further losses to the owners and the community with future flooding.

Among the areas affected included homes in the West South Street area, East Jefferson Street area, and North Forsythe area. These homes are located in areas adjacent to existing City properties which are in the floodway and floodplain. Due to their close proximity to these open areas, the acquisition of these homes lends itself to readily expanding public spaces for the enjoyment and benefit of the community as a whole while alleviating the concern of future damages to the homes and health of the homeowners should these structures remain.

The City of Franklin submitted an application for an Acquisition Grant through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) in order to acquire and demolish the homes. The City was awarded \$4,920,291 by FEMA. In addition to obtaining the Acquisition Grant through FEMA, the City of Franklin obtained a \$1.6 million grant through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to assist with the 25% local match.

North Acquisition Area





CITY OF FRANKLIN ACQUISITION PROJECT

South Acquisition Area



City of Franklin - Acquisition Project
South Area

Nine of the 75 properties have been removed from consideration for various reasons which leaves a total of 66 homes in the project. By the end of 2011, the City had acquired 58 of the homes in the Acquisition Project. Demolition of the structures was also being financed by use of National Emergency Grant (NEG) funds. A total of 57 residential structures and their accessory buildings had been completely removed from the properties in 2011 in accordance with the HMGP and CDBG regulations. These properties have been filled, graded, and seeded.

A volunteer committee (Flood Area Reuse Committee) was established to solicit public input on the future use of the areas acquired through the Acquisition Project and provide recommendation to the Park Board. This committee was comprised of a number of citizens with experience in many different backgrounds. Input from the public was sought through the committee's presence at the Fourth Friday events, Smoke on the Square, Fall Festival and through a public meeting. The committee's findings were forwarded to the Park Board during a public meeting held November 15, 2011.