

One of the purposes of SCHS, as stated in our mission, is to support local efforts to preserve historic buildings and sites as well as collect and preserve artifacts and information about the history of Shenandoah County. Towards this end, we participate in the activities of a number of committees, sometimes at the request of the Board of Supervisors as the representative of the local historic preservation community.

Shenandoah County Court House Task Force - SCHS President, Barbara Adamson represents the SCHS & District 5 & 6 on this Task Force appointed by the BOS. The 7-member panel will explore possible future uses of the 1795 Court House and the additions. In addition to considering possible future uses of the oldest part of the building, the committee will also take into account some of the specific requirements already presented by Circuit Judge Dennis Hupp, who has indicated he wishes to continue to make use of the Court House, to satisfy a stipulation of the original deed to the property.

Old Valley Pike Overlay District Committee – appointed by the BOS, our representative (Meg Trott) took part in the development of an Overlay District Ordinance created to provide guidelines and requirements that will preserve the historic nature of the Old Valley Pike (Rt.11). The ordinance is in the final stages of approval by the BOS.

Seven Bends State Park Planning Committee – our representation, in 2007, played an important part in the development of a Master Plan for this new state park on the North Fork of the Shenandoah River. Ray Powell was our representative on this committee.

Shenandoah County Farm Task Force – appointed by the BOS, our representative (Barbara Adamson) participated, in 2008, in formulating recommendations to the BOS regarding the preservation and future use of the historic Alms House as well as the future use of the County Farm acreage.

Shenandoah Valley Battlefields Foundation - Barbara Adamson serves on the Signal Knob Cluster Committee of this organization.

We participate annually in several community events including the **Shenandoah County Heritage Day** in April, the **Shenandoah County Fair** in August, the **Edinburg Ole Time Festival** in September and **Heritage Days at Belle Grove Plantation** in November.

In 2008, the SCHS developed an exhibit of the historic Shenandoah County Seal, made ca. 1772 and used by the local courts to indicate official approval of documents. The seal and a brief history are on view in the Shenandoah County Administration building in Woodstock.