

- Supported efforts to make county comply with court-mandated tax differential formula
- Supported city management reorganization efforts that will result in leaner management structure
- Supported Public Works cross-training/re-engineering efforts
- Maintained "culture of fiscal restraint" in spending decisions

#### **Access and Accountability**

- Created city's first web-based Citizen Satisfaction Survey
- Walked with city police during summer foot patrols
- Initiated action that resulted in Public Works, Parks and Recreation, and City Comissions webpages being added to the City website
- Spearheaded changes to city charter that allow meetings to be held in large meeting halls when needed

- Authored campaign finance reforms
- Participated regularly in community outreach through the radio, television, newspaper, and Internet
- Created webpage ([www.AdventureGovernment.com](http://www.AdventureGovernment.com)) to keep citizens informed of my activities

#### **About Terry Rephann**

Terry Rephann has lived in Cumberland since he was five years old, moving from Frostburg with his family in the late 60s. He attended the city's first Head Start Program at Town Clock Church, Columbia Street Elementary School, Braddock Junior High School, and Allegany High School. Through the years, he's lived on the North End, West Side, and East Side of Cumberland.

Rephann earned his B.A. in mathematics and economics from Frostburg State University and an M.A. and a Ph.D. in economics from West Virginia University. He has also completed post-doctorate work at Umeå University, Sweden. Rephann is a regional economist with interests in local economic development policy analysis. He has published articles in a wide variety of planning and economics journals. He is employed as Director of Institutional Research at Allegany College of Maryland and operates a small business

# Councilman Terry Rephann

## Four Years of Action and Results

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#### **Economic Development**

- Created Economic Development Commission
- Supported creation of City Arts and Entertainment District
- Supported creation of Business Resource Center and Carver Center business incubators to assist city small business development
- Initiated and supported zoning law changes that expand business development opportunities
- Supported hiring of Economic Development Specialist
- Supported creation of TIF (tax increment financing) districts

- Drafted plan to facilitate new owner-occupied housing for the city
- Participate regularly on Allegany County Workforce Summit Workgroup to align business needs with education and training programs
- Facilitated multiple private development projects such as Advanced Diagnostic Radiology that have expanded the tax base and created new high-paying jobs for Cumberland residents
- Lobbied successfully for reconstituting Governor's Western Maryland Economic Development Task Force
- Spearheaded effort to create region's first ever Economic Development Strategic Plan

### **Neighborhood Revitalization**

- Wrote large portions of 2001-02 and 2002-03 Community Legacy grants which netted city \$2 million for Town Centre and Decatur Heights improvements
- Created Neighborhood Advisory Commission
- Supported creation of Community Betterment program

- Supported city's stricter code enforcement and blight removal efforts

### **Parks and Recreation**

- Initiated action to create Comprehensive Recreation Plan
- Fought successfully to restore Cumberland's fair share of Program Open Space Funding
- Facilitated construction of Cumberland's first BMX track
- Supported aggressive grants writing efforts that have infused \$2 million for capital improvements into our parks system
- Wrote successful Major League Baseball grant that renovates Jaycees and Al Abrams Fields and creates new Pee-Wee League in conjunction with Dapper Dan Club
- Began planning and funding effort for city skateboard park

### **Education and the Arts**

- Lobbied strongly and successfully for facilities renovations for Washington Middle and Braddock Middle schools
- Helped to involve Allegany College of Maryland forestry

students in mapping city recreational facilities, streets, and utilities

- Worked with the Allegany Arts Council to create an art gallery in the City Hall rotunda
- Created Friendship City with Tapa, Estonia

### **Health**

- Serve on Board of Mountainside Community Coalition which seeks to foster Healthy communities
- Participate in Finance Workgroup for Community Access Program to help create health care product for the uninsured
- Participated in Robert Wood Johnson grants writing effort with local educational and health agencies to improve community physical fitness

### **Government Efficiency**

- Supported aggressive city efforts to dispose of surplus city properties
- Supported consolidation of city/county elections and dispatching
- Assisted City staff GIS (Geographical Information System) training and planning efforts