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Dear Commissioners:

Please find attached our first-ever attempt at an Annual Report to Commission and citizens. I hope you find it informative and useful. Internally, we plan to use this as a benchmark for out-years, as a means of tracking workload growth and implied costs.

If there are additional data points you would like to see in future years (or for the current year), please let me know; I'd like to keep this short and concise (preferably on a single page), yet with enough detail to be meaningful.

Thank you for your continued support, and know that I am always available to answer any questions or assist with any concerns.

Best Regards,

Assessor of Property
2007 Annual Report Summary
(Covering the period Sept. 1, 2006 – Aug. 31, 2007)*

	UNITS	IMPRV. VALUE
NEW CONSTRUCTION		
Units measured & listed (residential, commercial, industrial)	<u>791</u>	<u>\$212,762,300</u>
 REAPPRAISAL PROGRAM		
Parcels visually inspected	<u>11,549</u>	
<i>(Total parcel count as of Aug. 27, 2007 -- 34,321)</i>		
 TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY		
New commercial accounts added	<u>99</u>	
Large account audits completed	<u>29</u>	
 OTHER		
Property transfers processed	<u>3,071</u>	
 GIS/MAPPING		
Mapping products purchased	<u>52</u>	
New subdivisions filed for mapping	<u>68</u>	
Parcel splits	<u>110</u>	
Subdivision re-plats filed	<u>42</u>	

* State cut-off date for adding new improvements to current-year tax roll.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST: The Assessor/GIS office made great strides in working off a backlog of new construction from last year's housing boom. As housing starts began to cool last fall, we were able to refocus efforts on visual inspections for the 2006-2009 reappraisal cycle. Also during the reporting period, the Assessor/GIS office:

- acquired the state's MapViewer parcel viewing and analysis software. Five "seats" were purchased for a one-time fee of \$200 ea.-- four for office desktops and one for a new mobile (notebook PC) unit. This capability has greatly improved office efficiencies and responsiveness to the public;
- launched a new website (www.loudoncountyassessor.org) featuring appraisal information, tax trends, staff profiles, downloadable forms, tax calculator, user survey, and other interactive features;
- upgraded GIS hardware and software resulting in a more robust system with enhanced user features and format compatibility;
- resumed regular (quarterly) meetings of the Loudon County GIS Board;
- joined in state-sponsored GIS flyover to obtain updated visual data including new orthophotography, topography, and building footprints. Delivery of the new data is expected in January.