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Wayne County Announces New Planning Director

The County of Wayne is pleased to announce the hiring of Berry Gray to the position of Planning Director. Berry is replacing Chip Crumpler, following his appointment to Assistant County Manager.

Mr. Gray is a Wayne County native from the Patetown/Stoney Creek community. Berry received his degree in Community and Regional Planning from Appalachian State in 1998 and his career includes planning positions with Pitt County and the Mid-East Commission. Berry will join Wayne County from Johnston County where he has worked as a planner since 2002 and was promoted to Planning Director in 2006. Berry lives in Princeton with his wife and two children and attends Stoney Creek Free Will Baptist Church. Berry is also a member of the Harmony Lodge in Pikeville.

County Manager Craig Honeycutt said, "We are excited to bring Berry back home as he is a Wayne County native. We are extremely lucky to get someone of Berry's background and experience to serve as our planning director." Mr. Honeycutt and the Board of Commissioners are pleased to welcome Berry and look forward to his contribution to the growth and progress in Wayne County.

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