

## Bar Graph by Year

The bar graph in Figure #1 depicts the total number of applications reviewed by the County Planning Department from 1983 through 2008. The number of application referrals to the county was at an all time low of 377 in 1983. Until 2005, the peak for the number of applications received by the County occurred in 1990, with a total of 665 reviews. Beginning December 1994, the county began entering into agreements with municipalities throughout the county to streamline the GML process. Reviews that were typically deemed “for local determination” by the Planning Department are now being waived for review by the County if they fall within the selected criteria and an agreement has been reached between the County and municipality. Of twenty-four municipalities, all five towns and thirteen of the nineteen municipalities have entered into waiver agreements. Therefore, the number of applications reviewed by the county in 1995 through 2008 would have been even higher if all reviews were referred to the Planning Department. The total number of reviews completed in 2008 was 527, a decline of approximately 18% from the previous year. This decline is reflective of the slow-down in the economy and the housing market and the reduction in construction projects as a result of the poor economy. The five-year average for the number of development applications reviewed from 2004 through 2008 is 617.

**Figure 1. Number of GML Applications by Year Reviewed  
by the Rockland County Planning Department  
1983-2008**

