

## Pie Chart for Categories

The pie chart in Figure 6 below illustrates the breakdown of the applications received for review by type. The major categories include subdivisions, site plans, variances, zone changes, special permits, and "Other." Variance reviews comprised nearly 48% of the development applications received by the County Planning Department, followed by site plans with 26.4% of applications reviewed. The next highest category with 7.9% of the total was the "Other" category, which includes zoning code amendments, performance standard reviews, building permits, interpretations, comprehensive plan reviews, official map changes, etc. Some examples of the "Other" applications reviewed this year include several Local Laws to amend sign standards, a carnival permit, and updates to multiple Comprehensive Plans. Subdivision and special permit applications were not far behind, with 7.8% and 7.5% of total applications, respectively. There were 17 zone changes for 2022, comprising only 2.3% of the total. Historically, site plan applications were consistently the highest type of application received for review. However, since 2011, the highest category breakdown changed significantly, with variances taking over the top percentage. This reflects the change in the economy and the high number of variance applications reviewed in the Town of Ramapo and Village of Spring Valley. Since 2007, variances have consistently outnumbered all other types of applications. In fact, the percentage variances comprised of all review types hit a record high in 2022.

