COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING 101

What is Comprehensive Plan?

A community-based vision to help a city or county efficiently plan and allocate resources to achieve...
- *A growing and balanced economy*
- *Protection of environmental, natural and cultural resources*
- *Provision of infrastructure and services to support efficient growth and development patterns*
- *Access to adequate and affordable housing for all residents*

A blueprint for sustainability that explores synergies between...
- *Land use and transportation improvements to support economic development, protection of natural and cultural resources, and provision of adequate and affordable housing and community amenities*

A detailed work program that facilitates coordination with...
- *Other local service providers and authorities, neighboring communities, and state and regional plans*

Three Essential Pieces

A Community Assessment:
- An existing conditions analysis or "snapshot" of the city in several categories called Planning Elements, with a listing of potential issues, goals and objectives and preliminary identification of Character Areas

A Community Visioning Process:
- An engaging series of events designed to generate ideas and build consensus among stakeholders and the general public, toward the future physical form of the Character Areas and the city as a whole

A Community Agenda:
- An implementation strategy with short-term (five years) and long-term (10-20 years) work programs consisting of projects, programs and policies, that in some way advance the collective vision for the city

The Planning Elements
- Population
- Economic Development
- Housing
- Public Facilities & Services
- Transportation
- Natural Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Intergovernmental Coordination

Plan Relationships

What is a Character Area?
A specific geographic area within a community that has unique characteristics to be preserved or enhanced; has the potential to evolve into a unique area with guidance; or requires special attention due to unique development issues

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