



Staff Report

Agenda Item: **PRESENTATION BY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
PLANNING DIVISION FROM YAVAPAI COUNTY ON
THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE
PROCESS** – A presentation regarding Yavapai County's
Comprehensive Plan Update Process.

Staff Contact: Sherry Bailey, Community Development Director

Meeting Date: February 8, 2011

Background:

The County is starting their process of updating their General Plan or "Comprehensive Plan" as state statute requires. The public participation component of this process is a significant part of the work the county staff will be conducting. Clarkdale has always participated in the process because we understand the value of community input into a document that will govern approaches to development over the next ten years. Most recently we were part of the Verde Valley Regional Land Use Plan development and have been participating at all the assessment meetings.

The County is asking for community participation in their update process over the next twelve to eighteen months. They are striving to produce a document that is responsive to all areas of the county and is reflective of the multi-jurisdictional partnerships that have already been established.

Recommendation: This is a presentation only and requires no action by Council.

YAVAPAI COUNTY

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December 2010

TO: Cities and Towns in Yavapai County
FROM: Elise Link, Planning Division Manager
RE: Yavapai County Comprehensive Plan Update

This memo is being written in order to provide you with a summary of Yavapai County's Comprehensive Plan Update Process. By way of background, the existing County Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2003. Arizona Revised Statutes states that a Plan is effective for up to ten years from the date the plan was initially adopted. After that, the County must revisit and update or readopt the Plan every ten years. Although the law temporarily suspended that deadline to 2015, the County has decided to begin now so we can take a more proactive approach to managing future growth and development. To initiate this project, the Board of Supervisors recently adopted the process and schedule for updating the County Plan.

State Statutes requires cities and counties to prepare plans and does not differentiate significantly between the two jurisdictions regarding the substance of the plan. ARS Title 11 defines a County Plan as a statement of goals and policies with the intent "to bring about coordinated physical development in accordance with the present and future needs of the county." A plan is used as a guide to aid in the land use decision-making process for elected officials.

The update of the County Plan is expected to be completed within 12-18 months. One of the main highlights of this endeavor is the public participation component. We intend to employ a significant outreach program that is transparent, inclusive and engages all the residents of Yavapai County.

Another part of this collaborative involvement requires local, state and federal agencies, including municipalities, to review the draft plan prior to being considered by the Board of Supervisors. Because there are common issues that are interdependent and cross boundary lines, it is imperative to begin this process sooner rather than later. Promoting and nurturing these types of alliances is beneficial in many ways. It not only creates a foundation for aligning mutually beneficial goals and is fiscally responsible but ultimately, it is critical to the collective well being of all residents of Yavapai County.

There are a variety of ways to learn more about the update of the County Plan. I have attached a brochure that includes additional information including contact information, website address, sequence of steps in the process and ways to actively participate.

In closing, there are numerous examples of local governments within Yavapai County who have already established a good track record for multi-jurisdictional cooperation and successful partnerships. We look forward to continuing this paradigm over the course of preparing and implementing our County Plan throughout 2011 and beyond.

What are the Committees?

1. Growth Areas & Transportation Committee
2. Open Space & Environment Committee
3. Water & Energy Committee
4. Cost of Development & Land Use Committee



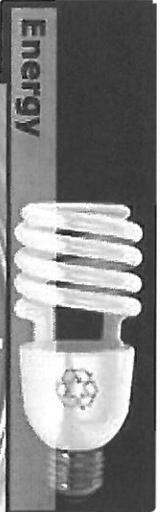
Growth Areas

Transportation



Open Space

Environment



Energy

Water



Cost of Development

Land Use

"Kick Off" Meetings

will be scheduled beginning in

2011 to introduce the public to the

Comprehensive Plan

and ways to become

part of the process.

Locations for each District are

listed below.

Citizen Advisory Committee applications will be made available at the "Kick off" meetings.

District 1	Location
Paulden	Fire Station
Prescott	County Admin Building
Skull Valley	Fire Station/School
District 2	Location
Congress	Fire Station
Black Canyon City	Community Center
Mayer	Fire Station
District 3	Location
Beaver Creek	School
Big ParkVOC	Fire Station
Cornville	Oak Creek School

Dates to be available

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

First Quarterly Brochure
October-December
2010

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Why do we need a Comprehensive Plan Update?

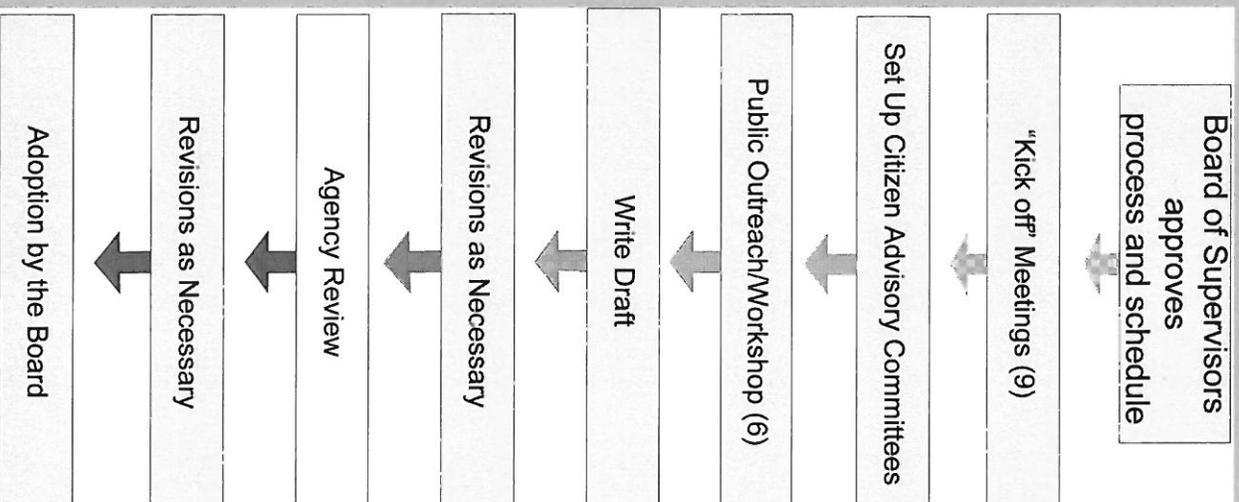
Arizona Revised Statutes states that a Comprehensive Plan is effective for up to ten years from the date the plan was initially adopted.

After that, the County must **revisit and update** or readopt the Plan.

Although the law recently temporarily suspended that deadline to 2015, the County is beginning this process of updating and amending our plan so that we can take a proactive approach to **managing future growth and development.**

When the County adopted the plan in 2003, it was called the "General Plan."
As part of the update to the General Plan, the name of the plan is being changed to the "Comprehensive Plan" to be consistent with Arizona Revised Statutes 11-806

What is the Process?



On September 20th, 2010, the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors approved the Comprehensive or General Plan Update process. This process will entail significant **public involvement.**

The existing Yavapai County Comprehensive Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2003. It consists of four elements:

**Land Use,
Transportation,
Water and Open Space.**

Based on population growth over the last 10 years, four **additional elements** are required to be included:

**Growth Areas,
Cost of Development,
Environment and Energy.**

Four **Citizen Advisory Committees (CAC)** will each have two elements that they will be working on.

For information or questions on how to participate in the process please contact:

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