



To: Mike Dale, Hancock County Area Plan Commission Executive Director  
From: Meredith Perks, Associate Planner, Vandewalle & Associates  
Date: Tuesday, August 23, 2022  
Re: Future Hancock Comprehensive Plan Update

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Below is a progress report regarding the Future Hancock Comprehensive Plan. The items below reflect highlights of recent activity and forecast upcoming actions. Information on the Future Hancock plan can also be found at <https://futurehancock.com/>.

### Recent Activity:

**Draft Comprehensive Plan:** The draft of the Comprehensive Plan has been drafted and presented to the Steering Committee on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Input and comments have been taken from staff and the Steering Committee and incorporated into the draft. Following the recommendation by the Steering Committee, the Draft Comprehensive Plan will go to a Public Open House and Plan Commission Public Hearing on September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Steering Committee Meeting:** A meeting of the Future Hancock Steering Committee was held on August 8<sup>th</sup>. The Steering Committee provided feedback on the full draft of the Comprehensive Plan as sited above. Input from the Steering Committee was being incorporated into the draft Plan. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Steering Committee unanimously approved the motion to recommend the Comprehensive Plan to the Plan Commission for approval. The Steering Committee has been an extremely valuable asset in this planning process and we are appreciative of each member's dedication to the development of this Plan.

**Public Open House and Plan Commission Public Hearing:** A Public Open House and special Plan Commission Public Hearing scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup>. A flyer for the Open House has been shared with the public and is attached to this memo. The Draft Comprehensive Plan will be uploaded to the Future Hancock website by the end of August for review by the public ahead of the Open House. The Open House will allow the public to drop in and review Plan materials as well as provide input on the draft. Immediately following the Open House, the Plan Commission will hold a Public Hearing to review and provide input on the draft. The consultant team will provide a presentation on the Plan and answer any questions. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Plan Commission may recommend the Plan to the County Commissioners for adoption. A flyer

**Meeting with Staff:** The Consultant Team and County Staff leads have monthly check ins and updates to stay informed on the planning process and progress. A meeting with staff was held to discuss the Draft Comprehensive Plan, the Future Land Use Map and other topics relevant to the draft Thoroughfare Plan and Economic Development Strategy.

**Future Hancock Website:** The project website, <https://futurehancock.com/>, has been updated regularly with new information, including public input event details and online questionnaires. Residents are able to sign up for email updates on the website and provide comments.