



To: Mike Dale, Hancock County Area Plan Commission Executive Director
From: Meredith Perks, Associate Planner, Vandewalle & Associates
Date: Monday, July 25, 2022
Re: Future Hancock Comprehensive Plan Update

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 #1 Comprehensive Plan: The initial draft of the Comprehensive Plan is being drafted and the first three chapters were presented to the Steering Committee on June 24th. These three chapters were Conservation, Agriculture, and Natural Resources, Housing, and Community Livability. The remaining chapters of the Comprehensive Plan (Land Use and Growth Management, Intergovernmental Cooperation, and Implementation) will be presented to the Steering Committee in a virtual meeting on August 8th. Following recommendation by the Steering Committee, the Draft Comprehensive Plan will go to a Public Open House and Plan Commission Public Hearing in September.

Steering Committee Meeting: A meeting of the Future Hancock Steering Committee was held on June 24th. The Steering Committee provided feedback on the first three chapters of the Comprehensive Plan as sited above. Input from the Steering Committee is being incorporated into Draft #2 of the Plan, which will be presented at the next Steering Committee meeting in August.

Public Open House and Plan Commission Public Hearing: A Public Open House and special Plan Commission Public Hearing has been tentatively scheduled for September 20th. When the date is confirmed, official public notice will be published and a flyer will be provided. Additional details on time and location will be provided

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.