



To: Mike Dale, Hancock County Area Plan Commission Executive Director
From: Meredith Perks, Associate Planner, Vandewalle & Associates
Date: Friday, June 24, 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:

Public Open House: A Public Open House was held on June 2nd from 6pm-7:45pm at the Hancock County Public Library in Greenfield. This was an opportunity for residents to come view drafts of the Future Land Use Map, Economic Development Strategy, and Thoroughfare Plan. Approximately 90 people attended the Open House and an additional 90 people have provided comments to online survey materials. County staff and consultant team members were present to talk with attendees and answer questions. Input from the Open House and online survey are being reviewed for incorporation into the draft Comprehensive Plan as well as updates to the draft materials presented at the meeting. The online survey will remain open for another week. Future Hancock website: <https://futurehancock.com/>.

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 early August. Following recommendation by the Steering Committee, the Draft Comprehensive Plan will go to a Public Open House and Plan Commission Public Hearing in September or October.

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 cited 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.

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 Open

House Input, 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.

Attached:

- Public Open House Input Summary (to date, Online Survey comments are still being collected)