

Buffalo – Comprehensive Plan Interest “Planning for The Future”



Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting Update

October 5, 2023: Bi-State Regional Commission- Gena McCullough

Iowa Code Requirements

Iowa Code- Zoning-- Regulations and comprehensive plan

- The regulations shall be made in accordance with a comprehensive plan...
- The regulations shall be made with reasonable consideration of area character and suitability...
- Made with consideration of smart planning principles
- Recommended for adoption by the zoning commission and may be adopted by council



Iowa Smart Planning Principles

- Collaboration
- Efficiency, transparency and consistency
- Clean, renewable and efficient energy
- Occupational diversity
- Revitalization
- Housing diversity
- Community character
- Natural resources and agricultural protection
- Sustainable design
- Transportation diversity

A community shall **consider** smart planning principles when developing or amending a comprehensive plan.



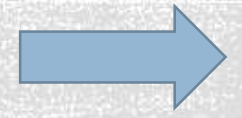
Agreement for Services

Comprehensive Plan Update

- Timeline - 12 months
- Deliverables:
 - 4-6 Planning/Zoning Commission Meetings
 - 1 Visioning Meeting
 - 1 Public Open House
 - 1 Public Hearing
 - Draft Comprehensive Plan Update
 - Final Publication

Planning for the Future





Sample Timeline

Discuss Plan Development & Public Input Meeting

Public Input Meeting

Discuss Plan w/ Council and P&Z

Consideration of Recommendation for Adoption by P&Z

Consideration of Adoption by City Council

Comprehensive Plan Project Elements -Months	O	N	D/J	F	M	A	M	J/J	A	S
Project Development (Planning & Zoning Commission Meetings)	★		★	★	★	★	★	★	★	
Initial Public Input (Vision/Goal Setting)										
Public Input, Mapping Exercise & Focus Group Meetings										
Goal Setting, Objectives & Priorities										
Chapter Updates - Limited Text/Data/Mapping										
Implementation Strategies										
Approval Process - Planning & Zoning Commission Hearing; City Council Consideration										



Comprehensive Plan Update Content



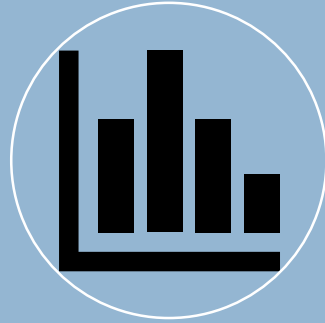
Vision

- What to be?



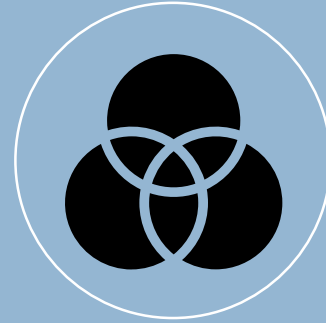
Public Input

- Who to ask?



Data/
Inventory

- Assets?
- Limitations?



Goals/
Priorities



Implement-
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Strategies

