

What to Expect: The Planning Effort

We will be working with the public through Spring of 2008 to prepare the County's Comprehensive Master Plan.

What is a Comprehensive Master Plan?

A Comprehensive Master Plan is a guide for future policies and land use decisions that is created to help a community pursue its shared vision for the future. It is not zoning or regulations, but is a policy plan that helps make decisions. Such a plan typically looks 20-30 years into the future and deals with a wide variety of aspects, such as:

- Land Use and Development Patterns,
- Economic Vitality,
- Natural Resources and Resource Conservation,
- Parks and Recreation, Open Space, and Trails,
- Housing and Neighborhoods,
- Community Character, and
- Transportation.

What are the steps in the process?

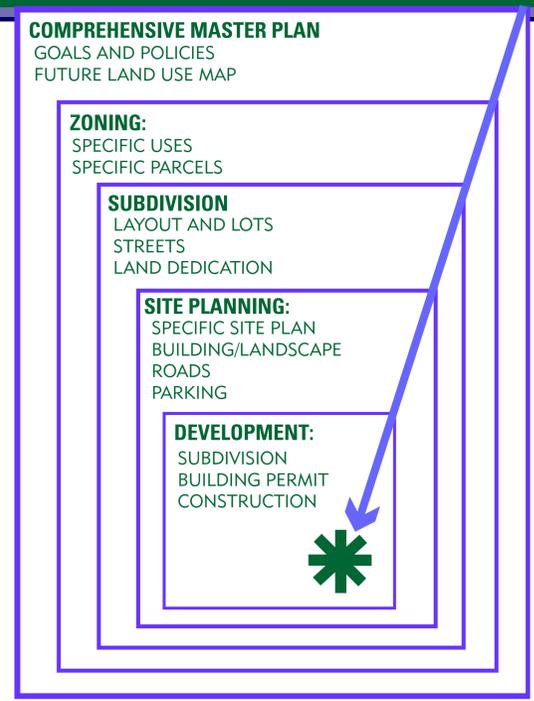
The planning process will last through 2008 and will involve four main phases:

1. Snapshot - Information Gathering: Gather and analyze trends in the County, such as land use, economic development, parks and recreation, population, and housing and identify issues.
2. Vision and Guiding Principles: Work with citizens to develop and refine a shared community "vision for the future," and goals to achieve the vision.
3. Plan and Policies: Work with citizens to develop several scenarios for future land use and prepare policies to achieve the vision and a preferred land use plan. Develop strategies to make the plan a reality.
4. Plan Preparation and Adoption: Incorporate all of this work into a Draft Plan for community review and comment. Refine the draft Plan for formal adoption.

Where are we in the process?



How Does the Plan Relate to Other Planning Steps?



How can You get involved?

Your participation is important during each step of the process!

- Attend future meetings and events.
- Check the website for information and updates.
- Talk with staff or the planning team.
- Send email to: masterplan@lyon-county.org.
- Mail your comments.

