

2009 Annual Review Comprehensive Plan Amendments Update

**April 30, 2009
MPO Technical Committee**

CPA #09001 - Community Facilities - Public Safety - Law Enforcement

Updated proposed language. Change OK'd by LPD.

CPA #09002 - Parks, Recreation & Open Space - Regional Parks/Community Parks/Neighborhood Parks

Ongoing discussion with Parks & Recreation Dept. Meeting scheduled for 4/7 with staff. Statement of support from Health Department.

CPA #09003 - Community Vision - Comprehensive Plan Vision

Suggested language from LPSNRD. Statement of support from Health Department. Comments from Mayor's Environmental Task Force. County Ecological Committee meeting 4/7.

CPA #09004 - Rural Area Policies, Amending Pgs 69-71

County Ecological Committee meeting 4/7.

*All CPA's will be presented for discussion at the next Neighborhood Roundtable meeting scheduled for April 13.

CPA #09003: Community Vision - Comprehensive Plan Vision

The Planning Department proposes to add a new section starting on Page 8 of the Comprehensive Plan to introduce the topic of “sustainability”. The comprehensive plan currently addresses sustainability issues throughout the document, but the term “sustainable” or “sustainability” is rarely used. Topics relating to “sustainability” are specifically addressed as “Emerging Regional Planning Issues” on Page 4 of the Comprehensive Plan. This is a first step to acknowledging this broad topic and may lead to more widespread discussions and changes in future comprehensive plan reviews.

[insert on Page 8 after INTERACTION BETWEEN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE CITIZENS]

SUSTAINABILITY

The Comprehensive Plan has long recognized the importance of building sustainable communities - communities that conserve and efficiently utilize our economic, social, and environmental resources so that the welfare of future generations is not sacrificed. This concept has grown in importance with increased understanding of the limits to energy supplies and community resources, the likelihood that energy costs will continue to increase in the future, and the climatic impacts of energy consumption. In a new century where these factors are likely to affect economic survival, we need to think about building communities that are resilient and adaptable to change. We should encourage economics that are sustainable, an attractive quality of life, and a healthy environment so that long-term benefits are derived for our community. Sustainability, as a part of the Community Vision, now requires added attention.

The community should be engaged in discussing how to more effectively approach this goal. Specific topics for discussion could include:

- ◆ Creating stronger incentives to encourage more projects and neighborhoods that incorporate best practices for mixing uses and reducing vehicle trips.
- ◆ Building a stronger relationship between city and rural communities and more security of our food supplies by encouraging more “local food.”
- ◆ Encouraging reduced energy consumption in new building construction and in retrofitting existing buildings.
- ◆ Encouraging more re-use, recycling, and conservation of natural resources, such as water, and other natural and man-made materials.
- ◆ Attracting new and expanding industries that serve the emerging market for more sustainable products and services.