

Public Meeting: Economic Development

Monday, August 13, 2018 from 3-6pm

Garrett College

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5 stations:

1. Sign-in table

- a. Station leader: Lee Shields
- b. Materials: sign-in sheets similar to last meeting (Chet)

2. Why plan?

- a. Station leader: Debbie Carpenter
- b. Background:
 - i. Plan requirements
 - ii. Existing plan history – Adopted plan and coordination with other efforts
- c. Station activity
 - i. Attendees can learn about what the county is required to do and how previous planning efforts have met community needs
- d. Materials to prepare for station:
 - i. Copies of the 2008 plan for review (if possible)

3. Economic Development

- a. Station leader: Terri Cutright
- b. Proposed topics for the plan:
 - i. Entrepreneurship
 - ii. Tourism/Agritourism- Equity in allowable business processes and flexibility for farmers to supplement their income
 - iii. Workforce – Job and workforce availability; cost to employers for health care; aging workforce; preponderance of candidates failing drug testing; cost of housing; adequate wages vs. welfare; and employee retention and recruitment
 - iv. Agriculture
 - v. Forestry
 - vi. Mining- coal, non-coal and gas resources
 - vii. Business Occupancy
 - viii. McHenry Shell Building
- c. Station activity
 - i. Have attendees put a sticky dot next to goals/objectives and issue areas they feel are important. Comments/feedback will be written on flip chart.
- d. Materials to prepare for station:
 - i. Print out proposed goals and objectives based on the 2008 plan
 - ii. Flip charts for comments
 - iii. Dot stickers and sticky notes

4. Infrastructure

- a. Station leader: Amy Loomis
- b. Proposed topics for the plan:
 - i. Electric service
 - ii. Broadband service
 - iii. Hard infrastructure vs soft infrastructure
 - iv. Sewer expansion / infill
- c. Station activity:
 - i. Have attendees put a sticky dot next to goals/objectives and issue areas they feel are important. Comments/feedback will be written on flip chart.

- d. Materials to prepare for station:
 - i. Print out proposed goals and objectives based on the 2008 plan
 - ii. Flip chart for comments
 - iii. Dot stickers and sticky notes

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5. Transportation

- a. Station leader: Chet Parsons
- b. Proposed topics for the plan:
 - i. Roads – Functional classification sorting
 - ii. Trails/Biking/Walking – Outdoor recreation, connectivity to other transportation systems, economic development
 - iii. Pedestrians – sidewalks, trail connections, outdoor public space
 - iv. Public Transit – service needs, growth opportunities
 - v. Airport – needs and opportunities
 - vi. Rail – connections, trip chaining
- c. Station activity:
 - i. Have attendees put a sticky dot next to goals/objectives and issue areas they feel are important. Comments/feedback will be written on flip chart.
- d. Materials to prepare for station:
 - i. Print out proposed goals and objectives based on the 2008 plan
 - ii. Map of highways
 - iii. Flip chart for comments
 - iv. Dot stickers and sticky notes

Economic Development

Goals and objectives: Objectives (2008 Comprehensive Plan)

Goal:

1. Ensure that adequate land and infrastructure are available to support economic development activities.

Objectives:

1. Designate appropriate amounts of land in appropriate locations as Employment Center and Commercial land classifications.
2. Ensure that water, sewer, and transportation infrastructure support existing and projected economic development.
3. Use land use policies to maintain the strength of the County's key industries – such as real estate, tourism, agriculture, and timber- and to diversify the County's employment base.

Proposed topics for the 2018 plan:

- Entrepreneurship
- Tourism/Agritourism – Equity in allowable business processes and flexibility for farmers to supplement their income
- Workforce – Job and workforce availability; cost to employers for health care; aging workforce; preponderance of candidates failing drug testing; cost of housing; adequate wages vs. welfare; and employee retention and recruitment
- Agriculture
- Forestry
- Mining- coal, non-coal and gas resources
- Business Occupancy
- McHenry Business Park/Shell Building

Infrastructure

Goals and objectives: Objectives (2008 Comprehensive Plan)

Goal:

1. Continue to support existing infrastructure owned and operated by Garrett County to support growth for economic development and quality of life.

Objectives:

1. Ensure that water, sewer, and transportation infrastructure supporting existing and projected growth for business and residential

Proposed topics for the 2018 plan:

- Electric service
- Broadband service
- Hard infrastructure vs soft infrastructure
- Sewer expansion / infill
- Highways and other modes – including Parks & Rec plan recommendations

Transportation

Goals and objectives: Objectives (2008 Comprehensive Plan)

Goal:

1. Plan and build a balanced, efficient transportation system to meet the mobility needs of residents and business and to support the County's growth as a vacation destination.

Objectives:

1. Assure consistency between the county land use plan, zoning and subdivision ordinances, and other regulations and the requirements of the transportation system.
2. Preserve the roadway capacity and improve safety.
3. Improve coordination between county and state agencies in the review and approval of road projects and development projects that impact roads.
4. Establish on-going funding and improvement mechanisms for roadway system preservation to address system deficiencies and for transportation system capital improvements.
5. Support planned growth of the Garrett County Airport as a component of the County's multi-modal transportation system and a focus for related economic development.
6. Protect scenic qualities of the rural roads.
7. Promote mobility for all by encouraging transit use.
8. Provide accommodation for bicycling and walking as a means of local travel and for recreation purposes.

Proposed topics for the 2018 plan:

- Roads
- Trails/Biking/Walking
- Pedestrians
- Public Transit
- Airport
- Rail