

Public Meeting: Environment Session

Monday, July 16, 2018 from 3-6pm

Garrett College

5 stations:

1. Sign-in table

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

2. Land use

- a. Station leader: Chet Parsons
- b. Proposed topics for the plan:
 - i. Existing land use
 - ii. Growth areas
 - iii. Minimum lot sizes / sewer
- c. Station activity
 - i. Mapping exercise – Using 2008 map and updated information, have participants react to the maps and add/revise areas with explanation
- d. Materials to prepare for station:
 - i. Print out proposed goals and objectives based on the 2008 plan
 - ii. Updated land use maps (EF)
 - iii. Flip chart for comments
 - iv. Dot stickers and sticky notes

3. Water

- a. Station leader: Sara Cottingham
- b. Proposed topics for the plan:
 - i. Drinking water assessment: supplies, demand, capacity, and projected impacts
 1. (Note: this will include an update of all systems with special focus on the new Deep Creek Water Service Area.)
 - ii. Wastewater assessment: demand, capacity, and projected impacts
 - iii. Stormwater and nonpoint source assessment
 - iv. Total nutrient loads and impacts from proposed land use
- 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. Updated water/sewer maps
 - iii. Flip chart for comments
 - iv. Dot stickers and sticky notes

4. Energy/minerals

- a. Station leader: Evan Fedorko
- b. Proposed topics for the plan:
 - i. Coal and other minerals
 - ii. Wind
 - iii. Solar

- iv. Other potential renewable energy sources (biofuels, biomass, geothermal)
 - 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 renewable energy
 - iii. Flip chart for comments
 - iv. Dot stickers and sticky notes
- 5. Sensitive areas:**
- a. Station leader: _____
 - b. Proposed topics for the plan:
 - i. (Required by the state:) steep slopes, streams/buffers, wetlands, floodplains, rare habitats/threatened species, agricultural land, protected forests
 - ii. Deep Creek Lake
 - iii. Ridgelines
 - 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 sensitive areas
 - iii. Flip chart for comments
 - iv. Dot stickers and sticky notes

Goals and Objectives from 2008 Plan

Land Use:

Goals and objectives:

1. Conserve forest resource land.
2. Conserve agricultural resource land.
3. Encourage growth in designated growth areas, including the County's incorporated towns, and especially where development can be served by public water and sewerage systems.
4. Provide land in appropriate locations for growth and expansion of economic development opportunities.
5. Continue to encourage growth and development around Deep Creek Lake and its associated resort activities.
6. Provide land in appropriate locations and densities for a variety of housing types and choices.
7. Provide land in appropriate locations to allow for the development of affordable housing.
8. Improve the layout and design of residential subdivisions to conserve resource land and rural character.

9. Discourage strip commercial development.
10. Encourage high quality building and site design.

Water Resources Element:

Goals:

1. Work in cooperation with the County's municipalities to maintain a safe and adequate water supply and ensure adequate amounts of wastewater treatment capacity to serve projected growth.
2. Take steps to protect and restore water quality, and to meet water quality regulatory requirements in Garrett County's rivers and streams.

Objectives:

1. Assure that existing and planned public water systems meet projected demand.
2. Assure that existing and planned public wastewater collection and treatment systems meet projected demand without exceeding their permitted capacity.
3. Assure that the County's stormwater management policies reflect the most recent state requirements.
4. Pursue land use patterns that limit adverse impacts on water quality.

Minerals/Energy:

Goal:

1. Promote responsible surface and underground mining of Garrett County's resources in compliance with strict standards for preventing environmental pollution and reclaiming the mined land to productive reuse.
2. Possible addition: Promote responsible development of Garrett County's renewable energy resources in compliance with strict standards for preventing environmental pollution and preserving sensitive areas.

Sensitive Areas:

Goal:

1. Continue to protect Garrett County's sensitive environmental resources and natural features.

Objectives:

1. Limit development in and near sensitive environmental areas, including steep slopes, streams, wetlands, 100-year floodplains, and the habitats of threatened or endangered species.
2. Conserve agricultural and forest resource land.
3. Protect scenic resources.
4. Support increased use of soil and water conservation practices.
5. Preserve 20,000 acres of farmland by 2020.
6. Protect public wellhead resource areas.

