

**Public Open House: Thriving Population**  
Monday, September 10, 2018 from 4-7pm  
Garrett College

**4 stations:**

**Sign-in table**

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

**1. 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

**2. Population**

- a. Station leader: Chet Parsons
- b. Proposed topics for the plan:
  - i. Past to Present – population statistics
  - ii. Where we want to be – population projections, including the growth scenario developed by the Dept. of Planning and Land Management
- c. Station activity
  - i. Have attendees share comments/feedback on growth scenario. Comments will be written on flip chart.
- d. Materials to prepare for station:
  - i. Flip chart for comments

**3. Housing**

- a. Station leader: Lee Shields
- b. Proposed topics for the plan:
  - i. Affordable housing
  - ii. Elderly housing
  - iii. Housing variety / mix
- 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.
  - ii. Attendees will identify areas on the map where housing is a priority.
- d. Materials to prepare for station:
  - i. Print out proposed goals and objectives based on the 2008 plan
  - ii. County map for housing location ID
  - iii. Flip chart for comments
  - iv. Dot stickers and sticky notes

**4. Facilities & Services**

- a. Station leader: Jessica Bladow
- b. Proposed topics for the plan:
  - i. Education
    - 1. Declining school age population
    - 2. Long term funding

- 3. Workforce development
  - ii. Fire & emergency services
  - iii. Public safety
  - iv. Health care
  - v. Solid waste & recycling
  - vi. Libraries
  - vii. Community Lands
    - 1. Parks
    - 2. Trails
    - 3. Lake access
- 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.
  - ii. Attendees will review and confirm areas on the map where facilities are located.
- d. Materials to prepare for station:
  - i. Print out proposed goals and objectives based on the 2008 plan
  - ii. County map for facilities location ID
  - iii. Flip chart for comments
  - iv. Dot stickers and sticky notes

## Community Facilities

### Goals and objectives: Objectives (2008 Comprehensive Plan)

#### Goal:

1. Provide a system of community facilities and services that is consistent with projected growth and development and the land use plan.

#### Objectives:

1. Maintain and upgrade school facilities to high standards, regardless of projected system-wide declines in enrollment.
2. Expand higher educational opportunities in the County and facilities and services for community use at Garrett College.
3. Provide adequate police, fire, and emergency medical services for residents and visitors.
4. Provide high quality medical and health care facilities and services.
5. Upgrade library facilities to meet space and service needs.

#### Proposed topics for the 2018 plan:

- Education
- Libraries
- Public safety – long term staffing and service
- Solid waste
- Recycling
- Parks and trails

## Housing

### Goals and objectives: Objectives (2008 Comprehensive Plan)

#### Goals and Objectives:

1. Increase the amount of housing in Garrett County that is affordable to residents at all income levels.
2. Direct housing development to the Towns and to designated growth areas.
3. Ensure a broad variety and diversity of housing in the County.
4. Encourage rehabilitation and renovation of existing older substandard housing units.

#### Proposed topics for the 2018 plan:

- Pathway to Homeownership Program
- Addressing issues such as cost, condition of housing stock, and available land
- Availability of "starter homes" that would appeal to middle income, elderly, and early career residents
- Better defined location of new housing starts