



Town of Liberty Comprehensive Plan Update

The Overall Process

What Is Community Planning?

A process to:

- Solve a community's problems
- Protect important natural features
- Guide how a community will grow in the future



Benefits of Planning Include....

- Defining A Shared Vision
- Helping Everyone Learn About The Community
- Encouraging Strategic Thinking
- Prioritizing Critical Issues
- Developing Partnerships
- Enhancing Accountability
- Increasing Teamwork
- Providing Focus





Why Undergo A Comprehensive Planning Effort?

A Comprehensive Plan is a ***tool*** to help your community achieve its future goals & vision

- Identify and prioritize important goals
- Increase citizen involvement in the community
- Capitalize on limited financial resources
- Improve chances for grants and loans
- Demonstrate 'Project Readiness'
- Proactive vs. Reactive

The Comprehensive Plan Is..

- A public guide to Town decision-making
- An assessment of Town needs
- A statement of Town values, goals, and objectives
- A blueprint for the physical development of the Town
- A public document adopted by the government
- Continuously updated as conditions change



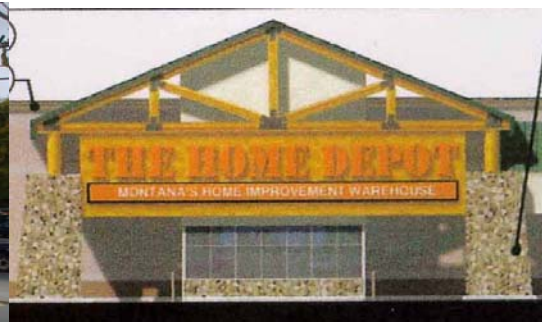
Comprehensive Planning provides a legal defense for land use regulations

- All land use regulations (i.e. zoning) must be in accordance with a Comprehensive Plan
- May also provide the basis for other actions affecting the development of the community, including planning for capital projects.



Comprehensive Planning can also help establish policies relating to:

- Creation & enhancement of a walkable business district
- Façade improvement program
- Beautification or street tree program
- Enhancement of positive community character



Who Is Involved In The Comprehensive Plan?

Stakeholders include....

- Municipal officials, service organizations, business and civic leaders, interested citizens, school officials, cultural groups, environmental groups, religious organizations, non-profit groups, planning and zoning board members, the general public....



Public Participation

Community outreach will include:

- Public Focus Groups
 - Informational Sessions
 - Interactive Planning Workshops
 - Design Charrettes
- Surveys
- Internet Site
- Public Hearings



What Is Involved In The Comprehensive Plan?

Development Steps:

- 1) Identifying Major Topics/Issues
- 2) Inventory and Analysis
- 3) Identifying Goals & Objectives
- 4) Developing an Action Plan
- 5) Implementation



How Is The Comprehensive Plan Accomplished?

- Create the Planning Committee
- Define Key Policy Issues
 - Public participation and outreach
 - Committee participation and collaboration
- Gather & Analyze Existing Data to Study Future Growth & Impacts
 - Review existing plans including other agencies
 - Examine existing regulations
 - Discover trends





How Is The Comprehensive Plan Accomplished?

- Draft Plan Goals, Objectives, and Implementation Strategy
 - Create a 'roadmap' for local boards and agencies
- Prepare Draft Comprehensive Plan
 - Submit draft to governing body for review
 - Conduct Environmental, Agricultural and County Review
 - Hold Public Meeting prior to adoption
 - Adopt final plan based on public comment revisions



How Is The Comprehensive Plan Accomplished?

Implement the Plan

- Develop a course of action which promotes the concepts outlined in the plan.
- Amending land use regulations or adopting new ones.
- Develop programs
- Create partnerships to assist and ensure accomplishment



Questions?



Tonight's Participation

1. Tell us 1 thing you **LOVE** about Liberty
2. Tell us 1 thing you would like to **CHANGE** about Liberty



Next Meeting

September 28th

7:00 p.m.

BOCES

Rubin Pollack Building

Please Join Us!