

## **Chapter 23.132. THINGS YET TO BE DONE**

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The completion of a comprehensive plan is never the end of the planning process. There always exist things yet to be done. Not only are there the issues where insufficient time existed for them to be adequately considered during the planning, but also entirely new questions can be raised because of the improved level of understanding about the community which point to issues previously generally unrecognized. All of this results in additional studies that must be performed so that a more accurate reflection of conditions can be obtained and the necessary changes made to better the plan.

In Deschutes County, a number of additional studies and reports should be performed. The following list gives a short description of each of these suggested reports:

- A. Forest Lands: More in-depth data on the species, potential and volumes available, the effects of different uses at increasingly intensive levels, and the alternatives that may exist for local utilization and benefit.
- B. Agricultural Lands: Further study into marginal agricultural lands and when conversion to developed uses is appropriate.
- C. Surface Mining: More precise information about available resources, the impacts of development and the range of utilization.
- D. Wind Power: Study the feasibility of wind-powered generation sites in the County.
- E. Recycling: Create a recycling plan for Deschutes County by January 1, 1981.
- F. Geothermal: Study of the feasibility of exploring local geothermal sites.
- G. Solar: In-depth review of the practicality of using solar power locally, with an orientation toward methods presently feasible.
- H. Soils: A detailed identification of local soils to enable better planning and development decisions, utilizing a coordinated study between appropriate governmental agencies.
- I. Historical and Archeological Sites: An on-going program to continue the identification of significant historical and archeological sites and the preparation of a more detailed protection plan.
- J. Air Quality: Greater review of existing air quality conditions, and development of an understanding of the carrying capacity of the area's airsheds under a variety of potential situations.
- K. Areas of Special Interest: Detailed studies of sites, views and areas that have unusual or unique qualities and greater specificity about protection and compatible uses. This should include a text on these areas for Planning staff use.
- L. Population: Better information about demographic trends and characteristics to ensure plans accurately reflect the needs of the public.
- M. Attitude Analysis: To better understand the desires and interests of area residents specific surveys and other methods need to be utilized, particularly as regards attitudes toward development and economic diversification.
- N. Economy: Significant gaps presently exist in available data on how the local economy functions and what may be anticipated in the future, as well as how possible changes may affect local economic and social conditions, as well as land use patterns. An in-depth study is required, and shall be completed by November 1, 1980.
- O. Transportation: Further in-depth analysis of traffic circulation needs and potentials, plans for critical transportation corridors, as well as determination of the feasibility of various non-automobile transportation systems. Also necessary is a better understanding of how transportation and the local economy interrelate.

- P. Public Facilities and Services: Further study into appropriate levels and locations of public facilities and creation of a sophisticated analysis mechanism for determining acceptable phasing and sizes of facilities.
- Q. Housing: An improved analysis of area needs; study of how the local housing market functions; and identification of suitable programs for encouraging the types of housing necessary locally.
- R. Urban Coordination: Several studies designed to identify how each urban area in the County is developing and how the County may most efficiently and equitably represent the public's interests and coordinate with other local and special district governments.
- S. Rural Development: More detailed analysis of recreational and rural development and the impacts (social, economic and environmental) resulting therefrom, as well as development for a methodology for how best to guide appropriate development.
- T. Hazards: A more detailed study of the probabilities and locations of natural hazards.
- U. Implementation: Study and review of various alternative methods for the implementation of the comprehensive plan by such means as environmental criteria and performance zoning.
- V. Landscape Management: Specific studies and plans for all areas identified in the comprehensive plan as landscape management areas.
- W. County Land: Study of the capabilities and opportunities provided on County-owned land.
- X. Compensatory Actions: A study of various methods by which private property owners may be compensated for the effects of planning and zoning shall be undertaken.

Many of these subjects have been addressed in this plan, but from a more general County-wide perspective. These studies, when combined with specific, more detailed studies of smaller portions (sub-area) of the County, would enable a "fine tuning" of the plan so that it even more accurately reflects the needs of the County's people and identifies appropriate means for achieving the necessary results. In addition, the information from these studies would assist in the updating process, thereby assuring a plan reflective of current conditions.

(Ord. 2002-005 §1, 2002; Ord. 2000-017 §1, 2000; PL-20, 1979)