

Comprehensive Plan Committee Town Board Update - 8/21/08

1. Major Activities – The Comp Plan Committee has met weekly over the past month to finalize the strategies and action plans necessary to implement the 2030 Vision and Goals. We are probably a month away from a workable draft of proposed strategies and action plans, and a draft Comp Plan.

2. Grants -- We have finalized the project plan and budget for the CDBG grant the Town was awarded in April. Work will begin on this effort in September and be done by year-end. Last week the Town was awarded a \$25,000 Farmland Protection Grant. The Town will seek volunteers via public notice and email to form a Farmland Protection Grant Project Team and develop a project plan and budget for this activity over the next 60 days or so.

3. Comp Plan Committee Opening – Committee Member Jim Bryant has resigned from the Comp Plan Committee. We are going to ask for volunteers to fill this slot via public notice and email.

4. Next Steps to Comp Plan Completion – We hope to complete the development of Strategies and Action Plans to support the Vision and Goals and have a preliminary draft of the Comp Plan by the end of September. Once we have a draft Comp Plan, we will schedule public hearings on the Plan, as required by law, prior to “officially” presenting the Comp Plan to the Town Board. Once the Plan is presented to the Town Board later this fall, the Town Board will also schedule public hearings before voting on the Plan document. The Town Board will also appoint a Zoning Revisions Committee to review and revise the town’s zoning and subdivision laws to bring them into alignment with the Comp Plan.

4. Budget – Through the end of July we had spent approximately \$45,500 of the \$60,000 Comprehensive Planning budget.