

Jackson/Teton Comprehensive Plan

Planning Our Future

December 7th (10:00 am - 7:00 pm)
Ballroom at Snow King Grandview Lodge

Phase III: Draft Illustration of Our Vision

Character Districts Open House

Welcome to the Planning Our Future: Draft Character Districts Open House! Based on the unanimously approved Comprehensive Plan and input from public workshops in September and October, Character Districts have been drafted to Illustrate Our Vision. Now is the opportunity to see the fruits of your labor and ask any questions you may have about the proposed Character Districts! Identify for the Elected Officials and Planning Commissions the parts of the draft that are good and those that need enhancement to better implement the approved policies and Growth Management Program of the Comprehensive Plan. Drop into the Open House anytime to learn what is included in the Character Districts, ask questions or provide input. Phase III public comment will be received any time prior to January 3, 2012.

Part 1. Orientation

Come any time. Attendees will be asked to review a series of boards that provide pertinent information about the approved Comprehensive Plan, Character District Development process, workshop data and work to-date.

Part 2. Visit Various Districts in the Town and County

Attendees will be asked to "Visit a District" and learn about what makes it special, how to protect its character and its vision for the future. Review a series of boards and discuss the district with staff and others. Stay for a while, fill out a comment sheet with staff or visit one of the online terminals to enter your refinements directly into a comment database for each district. Alternatively, visit the website to respond over the next several weeks.

How is the Vision Illustrated?

The community's Vision is illustrated through 15 Character Districts. A character district is an area with common natural, visual, cultural, and physical attributes, shared values and social interaction. Although we are one community, each Character District has unique issues and opportunities in Achieving Our Vision and therefore different objectives. Each Character District is part of the overall implementation of the approved policies of the Comprehensive Plan and will ensure that development occurs in the desired amount, location, and type. The draft Illustration of Our Vision (Character Districts) is built from the approved policies of the Comprehensive Plan and public input to date. The following are identified for each Character District:

- Complete Neighborhoods + Rural Areas
- Areas of Stability, Transition, Preservation + Conservation
- Desired Future Conditions

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How is the Vision Illustrated? (Continued)

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(Phase 1). The boundaries of the community's Character Districts were determined using best available data related to the three common values (Common Value 1: Ecological Stewardship, Common Value 2: Managed Growth and Common Value 3: Community Character).

How Your Comments Are Incorporated

The ideas expressed at the Phase I and Phase II workshops were as diverse as they were voluminous, and are testament to the dedication we have to maintaining the desired character of our community. In order to synthesize these comments into a coherent document, the following principles were applied:

- Consistency with the Vision, Principles, and Policies approved by the Town Council and the County Commission in June 2011.
 - Illustrated the Plan Vision, Principles, and Policies
 - Addressed an Opportunity
 - Solved an Issue
- Consistency with the mapped data put forth in the workshops.
- Common themes that emerged in the course of public input during the Workshops and through the review of comment database. With these ideas incorporated, the Draft Character Districts document is now ready for public review.

Districts were determined by layering and comparing these data sources to identify areas of the community that share similar characteristics. Pursuant to the approved Comprehensive Plan each district was then classified as either a complete neighborhood or rural area based on the specific characteristics and level of amenities available in each district. About 200 Town and County residents provided input and refinement to this work at a two-day public workshop in September.

Areas of Stability, Transition, Preservation + Conservation (Phase 2). Each Character District was further divided into areas of Stability, Transition, Preservation or Conservation. These areas depict where we prefer people to live (areas of stability and transition) and where we will focus on protection of natural character (areas of preservation and conservation). Over 350 residents provided input and refinement to this work at a week-long community outreach held in October.

Desired Future Conditions (Phase 3). Based on the specific issues, opportunities and character identified for each district in Phase I and II desired future conditions have been identified for each Character District. For each district relevant policy statements necessary to implement our approved Comprehensive Plan are provided, in addition to future land use pattern diagrams, and character defining features using text, photos, drawings and maps.