

VII. Annual Reviews and Annual Scorecard

A. Annual Plan Review

Recognizing the dynamic nature of growth pressures and development patterns, the county will formally review the Comprehensive Plan on an annual basis in order to monitor the progress, appropriateness, and effectiveness of its policies. The annual review should be coordinated with the completion of the Annual Scorecard discussed below and the trends identified by the Annual Scorecard should be used to guide any amendments to the Plan.

In addition to the annual review and possible Plan amendments initiated by the county, the county will also entertain proposed Plan amendments from the private sector, also on an annual basis. (The Board of Supervisors may initiate amendments to the Plan at any time, in accord with State Code provisions for public notice, public hearing, and Planning Commission action.)

Plan amendment applications will be accepted during the course of each calendar year and reviewed and acted upon in conjunction with the county's annual Plan review process. An appropriate fee will be assessed to the applicant for a Plan amendment submission in order to cover the administrative costs of the county's review. Plan amendments are subject to the same public notification requirements set forth in the State Code for other Comprehensive Plan actions. The county will develop specific criteria for submission and evaluation of Plan amendment proposals in order to ensure an orderly and efficient process. Such Plan amendments are a discretionary process on the part of the county, not required by State Code.

Plan amendments may involve either general or specific elements of the Comprehensive Plan. However, in general, the Plan should only be amended in cases where the proposed change exceeds the inherent flexibility of the Plan, or in which the change serves to clarify a provision within the Plan. No Plan amendment should be accepted or approved which does not clearly support the overall goals of the Plan.

Examples of Plan amendments that may be proposed include:

- A major adjustment to the boundaries of a designated Policy Area
- A major change to the boundaries of the Future Land Use categories
- Changes to or clarifications of the Policy Area definitions
- Changes to specific policies for a resource (such as agriculture or housing)

Changes made to items such as the Implementation Strategy, the Annual Scorecard, or the Capital Improvements Program need not be a part of the annual review process, as these are implementation items that are necessarily flexible.

B. Annual Scorecard

The Annual Scorecard is designed to aid elected and appointed officials, as well as staff, and county residents, in determining whether the vision of this Plan is being

implemented. The Annual Scorecard presents a multitude of county data that can be tracked annually to determine what trends are present. The trends that are identified by these statistics, when viewed together in a single report, can give county officials the information they need to stay ahead of emerging issues and assess whether adopted policy and ordinance changes are having the desired effect.

The Annual Scorecard (**Table 6**) is divided into 15 sections, directly corresponding to the sections of the Goals, Objectives, and Policies, with the addition of one section on general indicators that should be tracked. Each section includes a set of topics and a list of indicators. It is anticipated that a single document will be created and presented to the Board of Supervisors, on an annual basis, that includes all of these indicators in their present state as well as each indicator's historical trends. It is hoped that links between different statistics from different topic areas can be identified in such a document that would not have been identified otherwise.

Table 6. Annual Scorecard

Topic	Indicator(s)
General	
Parcel counts and sizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total number of parcels by size – countywide, by Planning Policy Area, by zoning district ▪ Number of developed and undeveloped parcels – countywide, by Planning Policy Area, by zoning district
Land Use and Development	
Building permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ New residential, business, and industrial building permits – countywide, by Planning Policy Area, by zoning district ▪ Dwelling unit density – countywide, by Planning Policy Area, by zoning district
Minor subdivisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total number of parcels created through minor subdivision process by size – countywide, by Planning Policy Area, by zoning district ▪ Percentage of the total number of minor subdivisions created through Family Member Exception, including to whom they are being granted ▪ Percentage of Boundary Line Adjustments resulting in new developable lots
Major subdivisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total number of parcels created through major subdivision process – countywide, by Planning Policy Area, by zoning district ▪ Percentage of the total number of parcels created through major subdivision process
Rezoning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total acres requested, approved, and denied for rezoning – countywide, by Planning Policy Area, by zoning district ▪ Total number of residential development rights created by rezonings, including proffers – countywide, by Planning Policy Area, by zoning district
Agriculture	
Ag/Forestral Districts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total number of parcels and acres enrolled in Ag/Forestral District program
Conservation easements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total number of parcels and acres protected by conservation easement – countywide, by Planning Policy Area, by zoning district ▪ Total number of development rights extinguished by easement ▪ Breakdown of conservation easements by length of contract and easement holder
Purchase of development rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total number of parcels and acres in purchase of development rights program – countywide, by Planning Policy Area, by zoning district ▪ Total number of development rights extinguished by easement ▪ Total county cost per acre purchased and total value of easements held
Land Use Taxation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total number of parcels and acres enrolled in land use tax program – countywide, by Planning Policy Area, by zoning district ▪ Total amount of property tax revenue deferred by way of land use tax program
Farm/forest management strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Utilization of best management practices ▪ Total acres of farm/forest management plans developed ▪ Total acres of nutrient management plans developed

Topic	Indicator(s)
Education	
Enrollment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total number of students enrolled in each grade level – countywide and at each public school ▪ Total number of teachers and pupil-teacher ratio by grade level – countywide and at each public school ▪ Pupil-classroom ratio in each grade level – countywide and at each public school
Academic achievement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total number and percentage of students graduating – countywide and from each high school ▪ Total number and percentage of students continuing education – countywide and from each high school ▪ Standardized test scores at each testing level – countywide and at each school
Economic Development	
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total employment – by industry sector ▪ Unemployment rates ▪ Average wage levels – by industry sector
Economic impact statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total acres available for business and industrial uses – countywide, by zoning district, and by future land use classification ▪ Total taxable retail sales, by industry sector ▪ Total business licenses issued ▪ Total amount of county taxes collected
Special use permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total number of special use permits requested, approved, and denied – countywide, by Planning Policy Area, by zoning district, by type of permit
Home occupation permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total number of home occupation permits requested – countywide, by Planning Policy Area, by zoning district
Historic Resources	
Inventory of historic sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total number and acres of state and federal sites identified as historic sites or as part of a historic district ▪ Total number and acres of protected sites
Housing	
Housing cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Median home values and median contract rent ▪ Percentage of households paying over 35% for housing
Housing inventory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total number of residential units by type – countywide, by Planning Policy Area, and by zoning district ▪ Total number of senior care and age restricted housing units ▪ Total number of building permits issued for new dwellings by value – countywide, by Planning Policy Area, and by zoning district
Human Services	
Program participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enrollment in applicable social services, health department and related programs
Library	
Collection sizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total collection size by type of collection – countywide and by branch
Usage statistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total number of materials borrowed by type – countywide and by branch ▪ Total number of users of library computers for internet access
Parks and Recreation	
Program participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Enrollment in recreation programs ▪ Total usage of parks and recreation facilities
Facility availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Available recreation space per capita

Topic	Indicator(s)
Public Safety	
Crime and law enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total crimes reported by classification ▪ Total arrests made
Fire and rescue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total number of emergency calls by type and station ▪ Volunteer participation statistics
Utilities	
Water and wastewater connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total number of public water and sewer connections – countywide, by Planning Policy Area, and by zoning district ▪ Breakdown of new dwellings by type of water and wastewater system; countywide, by Planning Policy Area, by zoning district
Water and wastewater usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Total usage of public water service ▪ Total available public water capacity ▪ Total usage of public wastewater service ▪ Total available public wastewater capacity
Solid waste collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Available landfill capacity ▪ Total tonnage of solid waste collected by collection site