

NEW HANOVER COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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Agenda

- Review of topic: Governance
- Next steps:
 - No new areas for background research
 - Review initial goals, recommendations, and strategies.
 - Begin draft writing of the plan.
 - Development of public engagement opportunities through the spring and summer to obtain feedback on the plan.
 - May 13 – Open House

Comp Plan Topic Schedule

2019

- May
 - Preliminary issues identification
 - Survey development
- June
 - Housing and Population
 - Survey development
- July
 - Parks and open space
 - Survey development
- August
 - Transportation
 - Survey finalization
- September (Survey launch)
 - Natural and historic resources
- October
 - Economic development
- November (Community Workshop)
 - Workshop preparation
- December
 - Future land use

2020

- January
 - Community facilities and utilities
- February
 - **Government/Governance**
- March
 - Strategies development
- April
 - Implementation chart development
- May (Open House)
 - Open House preparation
- June
 - Open House feedback review
- July – October
 - Review of draft plan

Township Committees and Groups

- The comprehensive plan will make recommendations that will need to be carried out by different staff, boards, and committees at the township level. These include:
 - Board of Supervisors
 - Environmental Advisory Board
 - New Hanover Township Public Works
 - Planning Commission
 - Parks & Recreation Committee

Township Committees and Groups

- Recommendations will be made with an eye toward which board/committee will be ultimately responsible for carrying out the plan's individual policies, plans, and programs.
 - Some recommendations will overlap, with multiple committees sharing responsibility.
- As the plan's recommendations are being finalized, representatives from the identified groups should be made aware of the potential projects being recommended.
 - A separate meeting may need to be held to ensure all members are aware of what they will be tasked with implementing and the PC can lay out their vision for those plan/projects more clearly.

Governance

- In order for the specific recommendations in the plan to not “sit on the shelf”, the governing body will need to be proactive in authorizing designated parties to accomplish tasks.
- The implementation chart will include identification of priority projects and projected timelines for completion.
- Projects identified as needing funding or other township expenditures should be included in the annual budget.
- As the comprehensive plan lead, PC can guide the conversation to request the Board authorize certain tasks, or the Board can take the lead on implementation.

Implementation

- Recommended implementation strategy:
 - Create yearly work plans outlining the projects and plans to be accomplished that calendar year.
 - Board discusses (either based on implementation chart or on recommendation by PC) and authorizes committees to complete assigned work items.
 - This can be done by general agreement or through a formal resolution, if desired. There is no MPC requirement there be a resolution to implement work items, only a resolution that adopts the plan as a whole.
 - Place a standing agenda item on Board/PC meetings to review ongoing/upcoming comprehensive plan work items and provide updates to the public as needed.
 - Establish a yearly report summarizing the projects that were accomplished or begun.

Values Identification

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- The comprehensive plan is your opportunity to lay out all of the projects and policies to guide the community toward your vision for the future.
 - Township staff, elected officials, and appointed commission and board members will need to come to an agreement as to how the process for implementation will proceed. These discussions should be held before the plan is adopted so everyone is clear as to how to move forward.

Next Steps...

- Submission to PC of background materials on upcoming topics
 - March: Goals, Strategies
 - April: Implementation Chart
- MCPC will:
 - Begin piecing together the comp plan components into an initial draft.
 - After this month, we will be tapering off with monthly data reports as we shift our focus to drafting the plan.

Questions or comments?

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