



PLANNING COMMISSIONERS IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Harris, Stanley Rasmussen, Chuck Blaser

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Amy Brown, Mary Miller, Scott McCullough, Sheila Stogsdill

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Barbara Clark

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Sustainability.
 - Decided to use the following EPA definition as a starting point and build on that in the Section: "Meeting needs of present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs."
 - Clearly define what is meant by 'needs' or use a different word.
- Scenic Vistas.
 - Necessary to identify and define the features that are to be preserved.
 - Provide general recommendations for future measures for protection.
- Environmentally Sensitive Areas.
 - Reword the table to clarify what percentage of the feature, and what percentage of the site, are required to be protected.
 - Determine if additional regulations should apply to wetlands which are permitted by the Corps.
 - Determine if 'minimal impact activity' should be exempted from the protection standards.
- High Quality Agricultural Land.
 - Discussed the maximum percentage of a site which would be required to be protected. Concern expressed that too low a percentage may result in small, fragmented agricultural areas.
 - Staff should research what incentives are used elsewhere and whether incentives should be used in place of, or in conjunction with, regulation?
 - Set a target area of agricultural land to protect.

NEXT STEPS:

- Staff will revise the timeline and post on website.
- Finalize mapping of environmentally sensitive areas.
- Staff will research questions regarding wetland regulations and Corps permits; and incentives used for ag-land preservation in other communities.
- Staff will continue working on drafting the chapter.

FUTURE CPC MEETING DATES:

- Dates to be determined.
- Possible wetland education meeting.