



MEMORANDUM

TO: Douglas County Comprehensive Plan Task Force

FROM: Dan Jochum

DATE: December 15, 2009

RE: Douglas County Task Force Meeting #3 Summary
SEH No. DOUGM 109637

The following document summarizes the second Task Force meeting for the Douglas County Comprehensive Plan; it is not meant to be a complete record of discussions which took place, but rather a summary of the various topics and issues raised and discussed.

Date of Event: November 19, 2009, 2:00pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Douglas County Public Works Facility

Attendees:

Dave Rush	DC Land & Resource Mgt	Al Leifort	DC Parks Dept.
Dave Robley	DC Engineer	Carl Kvale	Realtors Assoc.
Jessica Peterson	DC Public Health	Jason Murray	AA EDC
Dan Jochum	SEH	Mark Jahner	Alex Chamber
Karin Tank	City of Alexandria	Jerry Haggenmiller	DC SWCD
Dean Beck	DNR Fisheries	Emily Siira	DC SWCD
Holly Kovarik	Sauk River Watershed District	Jim Hultman	Runestone Elect. Assoc.
Jim Jensen	DC Planning Com.	Dan New	DC Planning Com.
Jane Michaels	DC Public Health	Doug Mensing	AES

Agenda

- 1) Overview of Public Meeting Input
- 2) Discussion of Home Work Assignment from Last Meeting: Develop some goals and objectives for the SWOT analysis themes.
- 3) Natural Resource Discussion based on meeting earlier in day
- 4) Next Steps

Meeting Summary

- Dan Jochum S E H gave an overview of the Natural Resource Task Force meeting and discussed some of the issues that were heard at the public meetings. Jochum discussed each of the themes that emerged and asked participants to add anything that was missing under each of the themes.

- Lynn Nelson stated concern with TMDL's, urban runoff; water shed and sub watershed impacts.
- Dean Beck stated concern with forestry wetlands land use conservation developments and open space.
- Agricultural preservation is a concern with the large residential growth.
- The loss of CRP acres is a concern. Lack of buffer strips on ditches are also a concern.
- Wildlife corridors are important as habit becomes more fragmented.
- Land use concerns included recycling and solid waste and where to site future solid waste facilities, salvage yards and storm water management.
- Discussion of conservation development as an alternative to traditional large lot development as a way to preserve open space.
- Discussion of alternative cropping methods such as vineyards, orchards, and pulp farming would diversify the agriculture economy.
- Storm water ponds were discussed and the difficulty of management.
- Growth boundaries were discussed.
- Economic development was a concern and commercial and industrial land use placement is a concern. Discussion of an industrial incubator program to help grow business.
- Discussion regarding implementation and intergovernmental cooperation regarding identifying who is responsible for implementation action items and a timeframe for implementation. More joint powers agreements are needed at the watershed level.
- Discussion of connecting new housing developments to trails and or sidewalks where applicable. Safe routes to school are also important.
- Need for more public beaches.
- Homelessness, social services and recreation related to the quality of life was mentioned as important to Douglas County residents

Next Steps

A task force meeting will not be held in December. The next task force meeting is tentatively scheduled for January and the topic will be transportation.