

From Plan to Reality

How is Fulton County implementing these *Community Building Principles* and the Comprehensive Plan? How far have we come in our endeavor to build a better community? Here's how you can learn more about Fulton County's Comprehensive Plan and the work that is underway to achieve Fulton County's desired future:

- ✓ Go to the Area Plan Commission department page on the Fulton County website at <https://www.co.fulton.in.us/> to find out about how the Plan is being implemented and our progress through:
 - Public Workgroup Input
 - Public Meeting Input
 - 2020 Census Data
 - Neighborhood Planning
 - Transportation Planning
 - Future Zone Planning
 - Urban Design/Design Review
 - Economic Development Planning
 - Quality of Life Planning
 - Environmental Stewardship Planning
 - Integration & Implementation
- ✓ Submit the short survey, a hard copy available in the office, to let us know your thoughts on Fulton County's current & future growth.
- ✓ To read the current Comprehensive Plan (effective 2008) go to <https://www.co.fulton.in.us> and look under "Documents." Copies may also be purchased at the Area Plan Commission office.
- ✓ For more information, please call (574) 223-7667.

"This time, like all times, is a very good one, if we but know what to do with it."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Fulton County's COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



Ensuring Community Vitality

FOCUSING FUTURE GROWTH

What Exactly is the Comprehensive Plan?

The current Fulton County Comprehensive Plan is a 10-year guide for Fulton County's future growth and development. During the two years the plan was developed (which was effective in 2008), Fulton County citizens determined that they share a common goal of making our county an increasingly livable community, while preserving its rural characteristics. Their hope was for a lively, vibrant, convenient, safe, and beautiful environment for themselves and future generations.

It is now time to refresh and update the Fulton County Comprehensive Plan by identifying which goals and needs have been met, which should be improved upon, and what evolution has occurred among the targeted goals of the previous 12 years.

Fulton County's Comprehensive Plan contains ideas and philosophies that describe citizens' desired direction for Fulton County's physical, social, economic, and environmental growth. These principles will enable Fulton County to reach its goal of evolving into a more livable, vibrant community.

The *Community Building Principles* that follow summarize key concepts contained in the Plan's specific visions, values, goals, and policies. These principles are reflected in the Plan's fundamental growth strategy. This strategy directs growth to specific centers (neighborhood, district, and employment) and corridors where a mix of land uses and activities are encouraged. The Community Building Principles emphasize the bonds of community that link city and town dwellers to each other and to the neighborhoods they call home.

COMMUNITY BUILDING PRINCIPLES -

IDEAS FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY

FOR CITIZENS

- Continue to empower citizens to be in control of the county's future.
- Encourage neighborhood citizen and business participation in decisions affecting neighborhood well-being.
- Make a future that is ecologically, economically, and socially sustainable.

FOR NEIGHBORHOODS

- Increase access to goods and services needed daily; create new opportunities for businesses in neighborhoods.
- Promote efforts that provide neighborhoods with social amenities and interaction, the convenience of an urban area, with a small town sense of community and security.
- Promote "neighborhood" as the basic unit of community supporting diverse economic spectrums.
- Enhance and improve the viability and vitality of existing neighborhoods, while creating new neighborhoods with their own character.

FOR THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- Protect and improve Fulton County's natural environment for a better quality of life for all people.

FOR HOUSING

- Increase the number of housing alternatives within the city to help meet the changing needs and preferences of a diverse population.
- Provide a mix of housing densities and types in proximity to services, quality of life components, vehicular and walkable transportation infrastructure, and places of work.

FOR THE ECONOMY

- Foster a strong and diverse economy that provides a full range of employment, business opportunities, and economic choices for all residents in all parts of the city.

FOR TRANSPORTATION

- Create a safe transportation system and a healthy balance of transportation choices that improve the mobility and quality of life of all residents.
- Design the city and towns for people, not car routes, paths, and systems to improve accessibility.

FOR COMMUNITY CHARACTER

- Enhance and improve Fulton County's visual identity and community pride.
- Enhance the livability of Fulton County by preserving its historic character and building a substantial legacy of quality public and private developments.

FOR DOWNTOWNS

- Maintain the downtowns of our city and towns as the heart of community and our county's economic and social centers, while maintaining the historic character.