

**Eureka Township 2030 Comprehensive Plan
Planning committee meeting
March 18, 2008
7 PM**

**Topic: Land Use
Natural and Agricultural Resources**

**Purpose: Provide guidance for the Land Use plan
Provide feedback on the draft Natural and Agricultural
Resources chapter**

Committee Members in Attendance:

Cory Behrendt, Sharon Buckley, Mike Greco, Kenny Miller, Ken Olstad, Jeff Otto, Jim Sauber, Nancy Sauber, Berry Farrington - TKDA

2030 Vision Statement:

The group discussed and affirmed the vision statement in draft Chapter 1.

Existing Land Use Map:

The group identified changes to the existing land use map.

Strategy for Land Use Plan:

The group discussed options outlined in the Planner's memo dated March 11, 2008, and provided guidance for the first draft of the Land Use Plan. This guidance included the following points:

- The draft Plan will continue the 1 unit per quarter-quarter land use guidance for the entire geography of the Township.
- The draft will recommend that the Town pursue a Transfer of Housing Rights/Transfer of Development program that meets the stated goals of such a program. The group generally discussed goals, and will further discuss them at the next meeting.
- The draft will identify aggregate rich areas (MNGS map), and include goals and policies regarding aggregate resource protection. It will not identify an aggregate protection zone.
- The draft will discuss commercial development and annexation pressures. It will explore goals and policies that would support the Town to consider commercial land uses as a means to keep its municipal boundary intact, so long as those uses are in harmony with the greater vision and goals of the Township.

Comments on the Draft Natural and Agricultural Resources Chapter:

The group reviewed and discussed the Natural Resource Corridors map and how it could be used in a development review process. The group updated the

Natural Resources goals and policies section. Updates include policy about incentives for natural resource preservation, clarifying how the natural resource maps would be used, clarifying the policy about performance standards, and adding a goal discussing the importance of open space in protecting public health and its benefits to property values.

The group discussed and updated the agricultural resources section. Updates include removing overly specific language about particular farms, and highlighting the importance of row crop farms as well as local/organics farms.

Community meetings

A public open house is set for April 28, 6 - 8 PM, with a very brief presentation at 7 PM.

The next committee meeting is April 8.