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**McHenry County Board Adopts Newly Revised Strategic Plan**

With the adoption of a new strategic plan, the McHenry County Board continues a practice it began in the 1990s. The plan is intended to guide the Board over the next two to three years. The County sought the assistance of an outside consultant, Public Knowledge, LLC of Portland, OR., to develop the plan. The Board has taken over ninety initiatives from its previous strategic plan and narrowed the goals to fewer than thirty. The revised strategic plan will also add performance measures for the initiatives and track and report success of the action plans and progress towards goals.

The development of the goals for the strategic plan were premised on the following mission and vision statements:

***Mission Statement***

McHenry County government is dedicated to providing the highest quality services for the health, safety, and welfare of the County's residents and communities. We foster representative and transparent government to ensure social, economic and environmental justice.

***Vision Statement***

By 2030, McHenry County is recognized as a leader and innovator in local government across the state and nation and is known for its high quality of life, livable communities,

cultural heritage, well-preserved natural environment, and sustainable, knowledge-based economy.

McHenry County government will strive to meet these goals by carrying out its mission and conducting its business activities to adhere to the following guiding principles including: fiscal strength; high quality, effective service; transparency; continuous improvement; protection of the environment; and employee development. The strategic issues the County will address in this new strategic plan are divided into six broad categories including:

- transportation and infrastructure;
- growth and planning;
- service delivery;
- revenue and demand;
- livability;
- and economic development and opportunity.

The adoption of the strategic plan concludes a process that began with a series of meetings held this past December. These meetings were followed by a week of interviews in January with department heads and elected officials to review current challenges, past accomplishments, and goals for the future. The County Board met on two half-day retreats to author its strategic plan. The first meeting, which took place in February, was to reach a consensus on the vision and mission of the County. The second meeting, in March, combined County Board members with department heads and elected officials into smaller working groups to further develop goals and strategies. With the strategic plan now adopted, Public Knowledge, LLC, will work with department heads and elected officials in May and June to develop action plans and performance measures for the McHenry County Board's Strategic Plan.

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