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McHenry County Seeks Public Comment on 2030 Comprehensive Land Use Chapter and Future Land Use Map

The McHenry County Regional Planning Commission is seeking public comment on the draft McHenry County 2030 Comprehensive Plan Land Use Chapter and Future Land Use Map. This section of the 2030 Plan will complete the long range vision for the development and redevelopment of the County and for the preservation of the County's valued natural resources. The final plan will serve as a general guide to regional policy and decision making for the next two decades.

County residents, municipal and township officials, and other community leaders are invited to attend one of two (2) open house meetings to be held Friday, October 9th and Saturday, October 10th. Each open house will provide an opportunity to review and comment on the comprehensive plan's future land use map and accompanying text. The County Board will also conduct public hearings prior to final adoption of the plan, which is anticipated this winter.

During the open house, an overview presentation of the land use chapter will be provided every 30 minutes on the hour and the half-hour. Participants will also have an opportunity to review the Future Land Use Map and engage in one-on-one discussion with members of the Regional Planning Commission. Participants will be able to submit verbal and written comments during the meetings. Written comments will also be accepted until October 16th. Pre-addressed forms will be provided.

Friday afternoon and Saturday morning open houses are scheduled in order to accommodate broad participation. The open house times and dates are:

- Friday, October 9th, 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

- Saturday, October 10th, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

All open houses will be held in the County Board meeting rooms of the McHenry County Administration Building, located at 667 Ware Road, Woodstock, IL 60098. Participants may arrive at the meeting at any time and should anticipate spending one hour to one and a half hours at the open house.

Participants are encouraged to review the draft map and text in advance. The map and text will be available for review on the 2030 Plan website; at the McHenry County Government Center in the Department of Planning and Development; and at public libraries throughout the County on or about Monday, September 28th.

Comments on the draft Land Use Chapter and Future Land Use Map can also be submitted via email to 2030plan@co.mchenry.il.us or in writing to: McHenry County 2030 Plan, Department of Planning and Development, McHenry County Government Center, 2200 North Seminary Avenue, Woodstock, IL 60098. All comments must be received by 4:30 PM, Friday, October 16, 2009.

For more information visit the 2030 plan website www.mchenrycounty2030plan.com or call the McHenry County Department of Planning and Development at (815) 334-4560 ext. 1.

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