



# C2C Project Team Meeting

August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015



# Meeting Agenda

- C2C Project Schedule Review
- Survey Status Update and Youth Survey
- Review Input from Ames Anglers Meeting
- Discuss Future Land Use Scenarios
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# C2C Schedule and Tasks By Month



Month Name	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	C2C Milestone Task(s)	MSA Team Detailed Work and Meeting Activities
March	2015	2015	Visioning	Begin Review of Existing Plans, Including Goals and Actions and Review C2C Visioning Materials
April	2015	2015	Goals Development	C2C Project Kickoff Meetings, Website Development & Launch, Existing Plan(s) Review and Goal Coordination, Begin Existing Conditions Analysis and Survey Development.
May	2015	2015		Survey Deployment, Planning and Zoning Commission Issues and Opportunities Identification Meeting, Community Issues and Opportunities Identification Meetings (4 meetings Across County), Develop Vision Based Goals, and Begin Market Analysis.
June	2015	2015	Research & Analysis and Scenario Development and Review	Complete Existing Conditions Analysis, Complete Market Analysis, Begin Developing Future land Use Scenario(s), Assist with County Conservation Planning (Natural Resources and Water Resources Components) and C2C Project Team and Task Force Meeting to Finalize Goals
July	2015	2016		C2C Project Team and Task Force Meeting to Review Existing Conditions, Market Analysis and Further Develop Future Land Use Scenarios

# C2C Schedule and Tasks By Month Continued



Month Name	Calendar Year	Fiscal Year	C2C Milestone Task(s)	MSA Team Detailed Work and Meeting Activities
August	2015	2016	Plan Development	Complete Partial Draft and Partial Draft Presentations to Planning & Zoning Commission and County Board of Supervisors
September	2015	2016		C2C Project Team and Task Force Meeting and Finalizing Future Land Use Scenarios
October	2016	2016		C2C Project Team and Task Force Meetings to Review Draft Plan
November	2016	2016		Complete Final Draft Plan and Present to Planning & Zoning Commission and County Board of Supervisors
December	2016	2016		<i>Break for Holidays - No Scheduled Meetings</i>
January	2016	2016		Plan Review and Adoption
February	2016	2016	C2C Project Team and Task Force Meeting: Final Review and Recommendations	
March	2016	2016	Planning and Zoning Commission Work Session to Review Plan	
April	2016	2016	Planning and Zoning Commission Final Review, Hearing and Recommendation to Board of Supervisors	
May	2016	2016	Board of Supervisors Work Session to Review Plan	
June	2016	2016	Board of Supervisors Public Hearing and Consideration for Adoption	



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### Scheduled Meetings

*The following meetings have been scheduled as part of the C2C Plan Project.  
All meeting dates, times and locations are subject to change.*

*Updated July 28th, 2015*

#### Public Engagement Meetings

- Plan Review Open Houses
  - January 2016
  - Time: TBD
  - Location: TBD

#### Citizens Task Force Meetings

- August 13th, 2016

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# Survey Review and Deployment

- Citizens Survey closed August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015
  - 684 responses
  - Results at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-YZXYXCSD/>
- Youth Survey is open and will stay open into September when school is back in session
  - 12-18 is target audience
  - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C2Cyouthsurvey>
  - Open ended questions
  - 39 responses to date
  - Results at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-3WNHXXXY/>



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# Ames Anglers Meeting 7/31/2015

## General comments:

- Need bike lanes or trails to get the bikers off of R38 north of Ames. Too many bikers now causing a potential hazard.
- Need to require bikers to use a trail/lane when available instead of the county road.
- Appears there is limited use of the greenbelt trail that is south of Story City.
- Consider adding snowmobile routes.
- Need to require riparian buffer strips along the Indian Creek waterways north of Nevada.
- Need to do more to incentivize farmers and land owners to practice conservation and leave riparian buffer strips to reduce erosion and storm water pollution – federal dollars may be available.
- Need more county-wide rules on erosion control.
- Need to provide educational programs for urban land owners to reduce their use of lawn chemicals and reduce urban run-off and storm water pollution.
- ISU should create some urban demonstrations of best practices in lawn care and reducing lawn chemicals/fertilizer run-off.



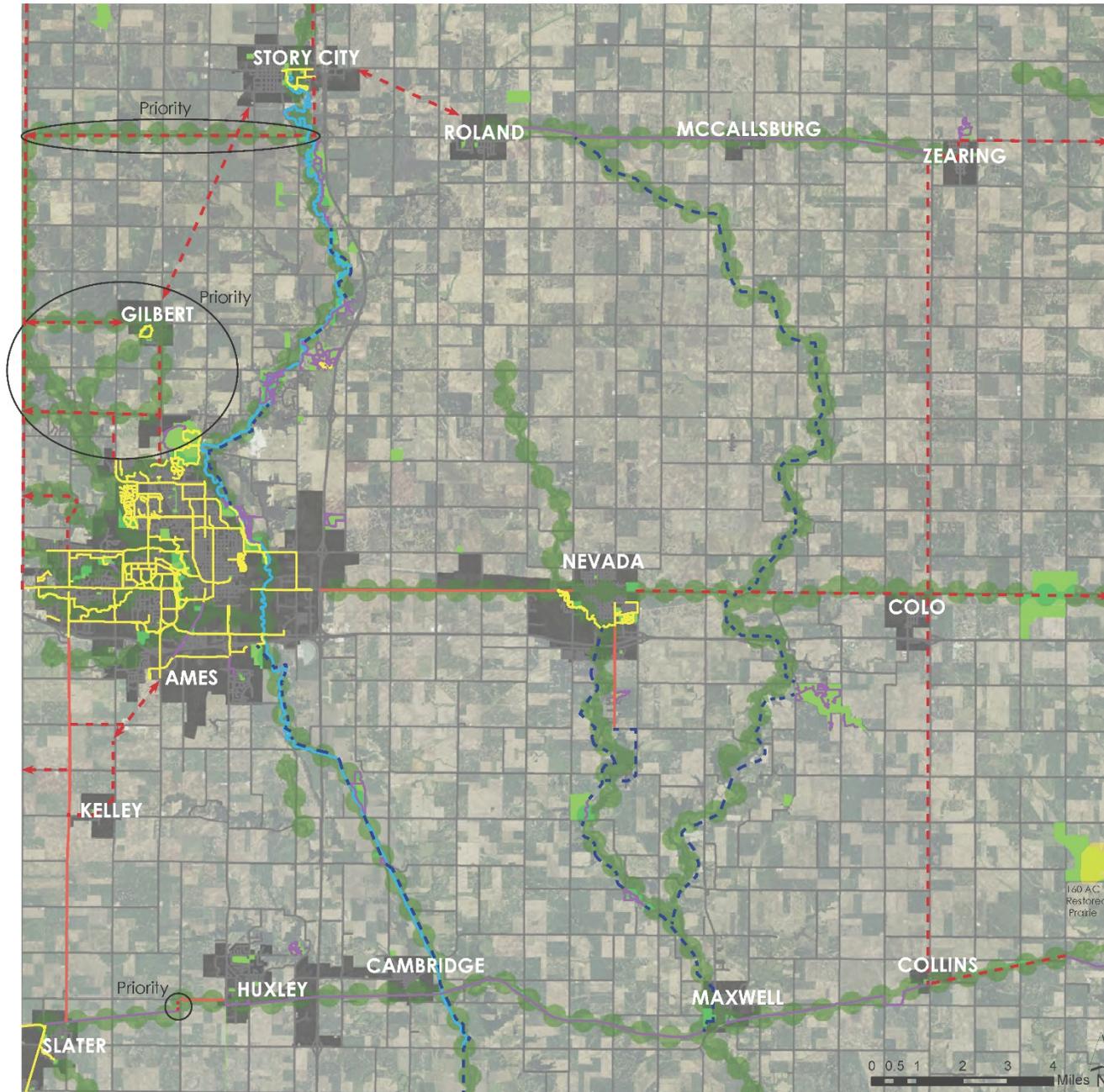
# Ames Anglers Meeting 7/31/2015

## **Negative comments:**

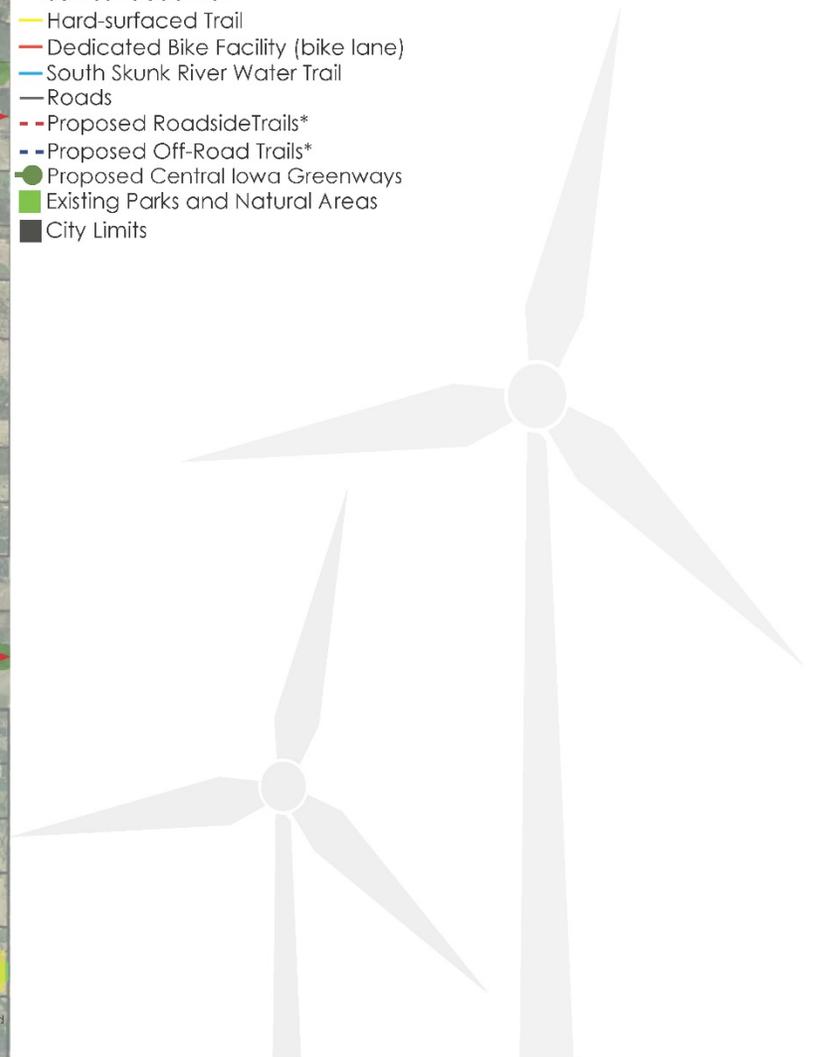
- Water quality is an issue in the county.
- Water quality of Hickory Grove lake is a problem in the summer with the algae growth. Negatively impacts fishing.
- McFarlan lake has too much algae growth that restricts shore fishing.
- Too much fertilizer run-off from urban areas causing algae growth in detention ponds.
- Story County has no agriculturalists on staff.

## **Positive comments:**

- Story County as a good Conservation Department.
- Dakins lake is a great resource.



- Legend**
- Soft-surfaced Trail
  - Hard-surfaced Trail
  - Dedicated Bike Facility (bike lane)
  - South Skunk River Water Trail
  - Roads
  - - - Proposed Roadside Trails\*
  - - - Proposed Off-Road Trails\*
  - Proposed Central Iowa Greenways
  - Existing Parks and Natural Areas
  - City Limits



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\*PROPOSED TRAIL LOCATIONS ARE VERY GENERAL. NO SPECIFIC TRAIL ALIGNMENTS OR LOCATIONS HAVE BEEN DETERMINED OR ESTABLISHED BY THIS MAP.

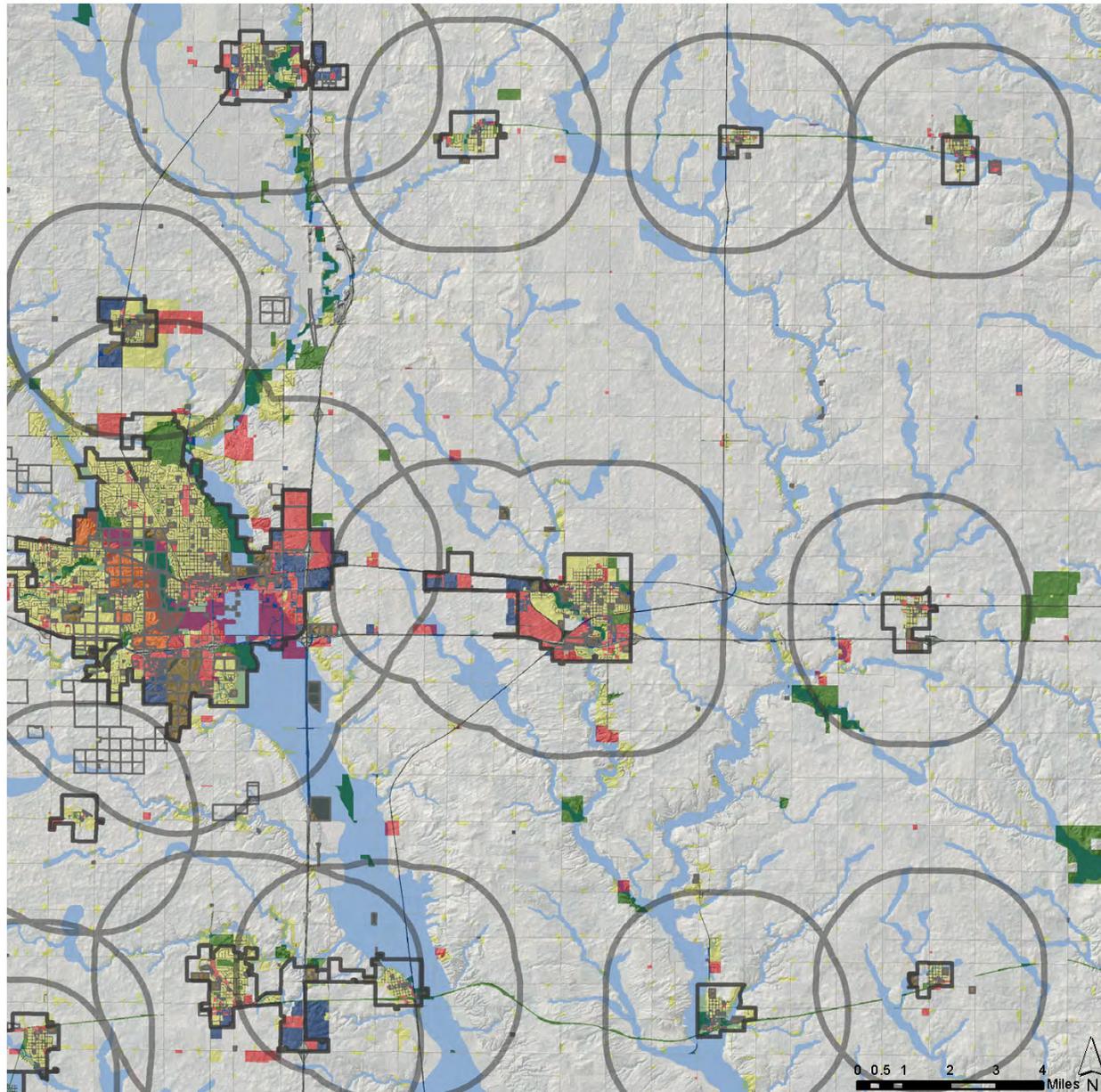
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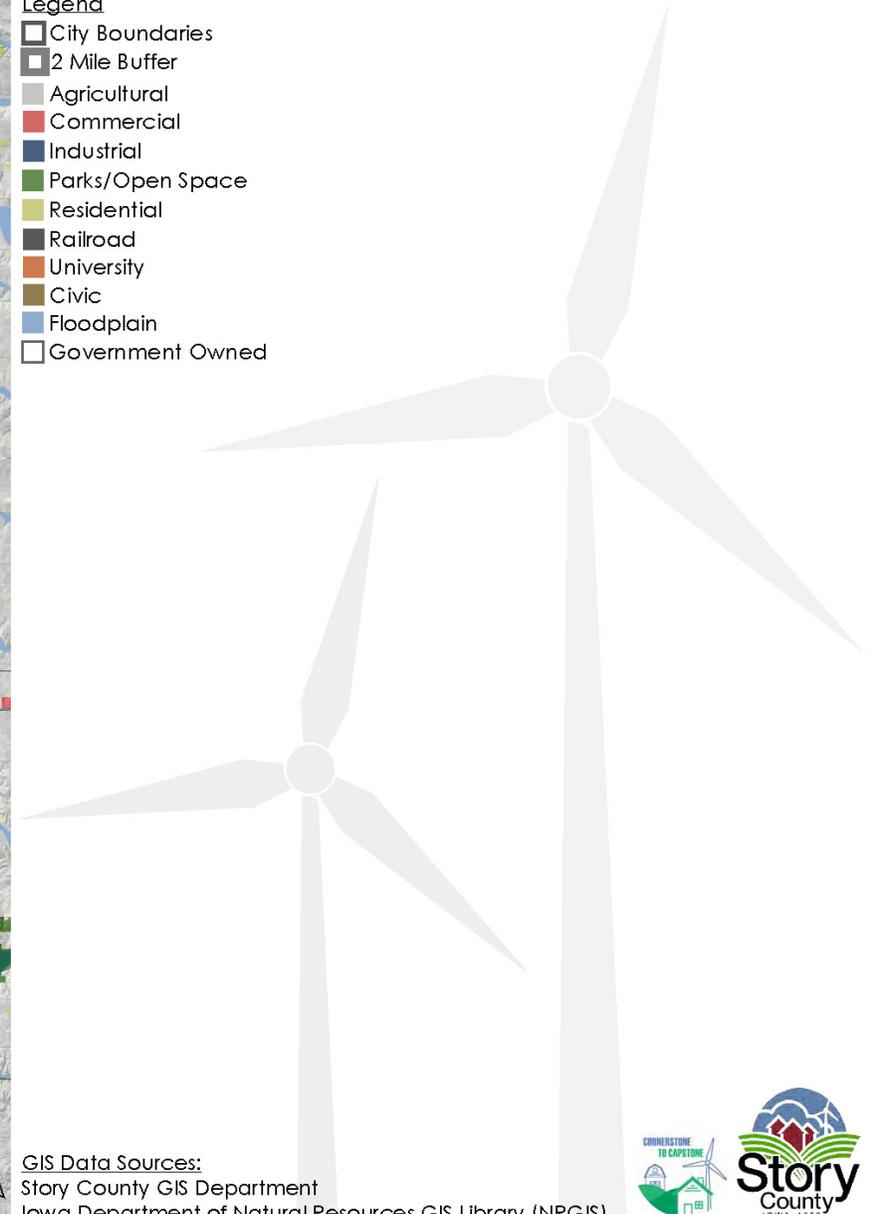
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- Legend
- City Boundaries
  - 2 Mile Buffer
  - Agricultural
  - Commercial
  - Industrial
  - Parks/Open Space
  - Residential
  - Railroad
  - University
  - Civic
  - Floodplain
  - Government Owned

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# Future Land Use Discussion – Confluence

- Question: How aggressive or protective should the County be with the future land use planning for the unincorporated areas?
- Initial Recommendations:
  - Restrict non-farmstead residential development to cities - most of the County (non-incorporated land) will continue to have Ag or Open Space designation with several Ag Industry areas.
  - Expand Ames Urban Fringe Plan to include Nevada to promote coordinated development along Highway 30.



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## Draft Chapters – Working Outline

- [Chapter 1: Introduction – Working Draft](#)
- [Chapter 2: Public Input – Working Draft](#)
- Chapter 3: Vision, Goals and Objectives for Planning Elements – [Working](#)
- [Chapter 4: Recreation & Natural Resources Plan -Working Draft](#)
- Chapter 5: Land Use – [Working](#)
- Chapter 6: Economic Prosperity – [Working](#)
- [Appendix A: Community Indicators – Working Draft](#)
- Appendix B: Survey Results – [August](#)
- Appendix C: Municipal Comprehensive Plan Summaries – [Working](#)
- [Appendix D: Story County Existing Conditions Maps – Revised](#)

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# Goals will be developed for the planning elements of the C2C Plan based on analysis of the following:



1. Existing Conditions
2. Public Input and
3. Existing Plans



## Housing

# example

### **Goal H1:**

Plan for safe, attractive and affordable housing to meet existing needs and forecasted housing demands of all residents.

### **Objective H1.1:**

Throughout Story County, plan for a range of housing that meets the needs of residents of various income, age, and health status.

### ***Policies***

- *Encourage municipalities to include affordable, senior, and special needs housing in any future discussions with developers regarding new residential growth. Explore opportunities to provide incentives funded by state or federal grants for developers and homebuilders that create these housing units, especially within and adjacent to urbanized areas.*
- *Encourage communication and collaboration between housing authorities, advocate organizations, local leaders and planning staff at County and local levels to address the housing needs of elderly, special needs and low-income citizens in Story County.*
- *Encourage municipalities to reuse and redevelop properties within their jurisdictions for residential uses that could provide opportunities for affordable, senior, and special needs housing.*
- *Housing growth in Story County will primarily be focused within existing municipal boundaries or in newly annexed areas.*

## **DRAFT GOALS: AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES**

AR1: Protect agricultural practices in areas with prime soils and viable agricultural interests.

Objectives:

AR1.1: Prime farmland in Story County is an important resource and will be a consideration in review of development proposals for unincorporated areas.

AR1.2: Agriculture is a prominent industry for the State of Iowa and Story County and development processes will work to protect agriculture operation and land from the negative impacts of surrounding uses.

AR2: Minimize conflicts between agricultural and non-agricultural land uses.

Objectives:

AR2.1: The County's development review process, for unincorporated land, will evaluate the potential impacts of non-agricultural uses on nearby agricultural uses.

AR2.2: The potential impacts of permitted agriculture industry development will be considered and nearby uses.

AR3: Preserve farmland and the rural landscape as a viable foundation for a strong and growing agricultural economy.

Objective:

AR3.1: County will support sustainable farming operations.

AR3.2: Consideration for the preservation of the rural character of the County and its agricultural heritage will be an important part of the County's decisions making processes.

## **DRAFT GOALS: COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

CF1: Ensure the County's Public Facilities protect public health, as well as the County's natural resources and rural character.

CF2: Support and maintain high-quality County facilities and services to meet the needs of residents.

CF3: Provide adequate access to quality educational and recreational facilities for all County residents.

## **DRAFT GOALS: HOUSING**

H1: Plan for safe, attractive and affordable housing to meet existing needs and forecasted housing demands of all residents of the County.

Objectives:

H1.1: Throughout Story County, plan for a range of housing that meets the needs of residents of various income, age, and health status.

H1.2: Ensure that homes are built and maintained to levels deemed safe by applicable building, zoning or property codes.

H2: Plan for housing types and densities that reinforce the predominately rural character of the unincorporated areas of the County.

## **DRAFT GOALS: COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC SAFETY**

CPS1: Encourage and provide open communication between residents and Story County.

CPS2: Ensure safe communities by protecting health, welfare and property in Story County.

## **DRAFT GOALS: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

EP1: Story County will mitigate the risk of impacts before a disaster.

Objectives:

EP1.1: County residents and businesses will be prepared for potential disasters.

EP1.2: The County's use of smart development practices will effectively limit disaster impacts to new development due to flooding.

EP1.3: The County will be prepared to address procedures for responding to natural disasters

EP2: Story County's residents and property will be protected during a disaster.

Objectives:

EP2.1: Residents' basic human needs will be met during a disaster.

EP2.2: Assets and infrastructure will be protected during a disaster.

EP3: Story County will successfully recover from disasters.

## **DRAFT GOALS: TRANSPORTATION**

T1: Provide a safe, efficient, multi-modal, and well-maintained transportation network for all users.

Objectives:

T1.1: Maintain the County's transportation network at a level of service desired by residents and businesses.

T1.2: Enhance multi-modal opportunities for regional travel for Story County citizens.

T1.3: Manage access and design of the transportation network in order to effectively maintain the safe and functional integrity of roads within the County's jurisdiction.

## **CULTURAL RESOURCES**

CR1: New development in the unincorporated areas of Story County will respect and enhance the area's rural character.

Objectives:

CR1.1: Residential development will reinforce the County's rural character.

CR1.2: Commercial and industrial development will reinforce the County's rural character.

CR1.3: Sites that are important to the history and culture of Story County will be valued and protected.

CR2: Seek to protect historical and cultural resources from negative impacts of development.

Objectives:

CR2.1: Evaluate the impact of development on Story County's cultural and historic resources; including the Historic Lincoln Highway and Jefferson Highway corridors.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE & UTILITIES**

IU1: Ensure utility infrastructure protects public health, as well as the County's natural & agricultural resources and rural character.

Objectives:

IU1.1: Ensure that public and private utilities are constructed and maintained according to professional governmental standards.

IU1.2: Protect Story County's high quality land and water features through careful consideration of the effects of development and associated utilities.

IU2: Support and maintain high-quality infrastructure and services to meet the needs of residents.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION**

IC1: Maintain mutually beneficial relationships and partnerships with neighboring jurisdictions and other governmental agencies.

Objectives:

IC1.1: Collaboratively plan boundary areas and coordinate long-term growth plans with the County Comprehensive Plan, Ames Urban Fringe Plan and other multi-jurisdictional sound planning efforts.

IC1.2: Story County will seek to reduce costs and improve quality of service for County operations, partner municipalities and organizations through sound partnerships.

IC1.3: Identify existing and potential conflicts, especially regarding land use planning, and establish procedures to address them.

## **NATURAL RESOURCES & RECREATION (See Chapter 4 for Objectives)**

NR1: Maintain and improve the current recreational system (parks, trails, and open space) and its services for current and future use and enjoyment.

NR2: Restore the natural diversity, dynamics, distributions, habitats, and behaviors of Story County's native plant and animal populations.

NR3: Actively secure, protect, and improve the quality of Story County's ground water and surface waters.

NR4: Foster air quality improvement to preserve natural resources and systems, cultural resources, and sustain community health and enjoyment.

NR5: Preserve and protect Story County's land, soil, and geological resources.

NR6: Promote environmental education to establish natural resource awareness and a sense of environmental responsibility.

NR7: Incentivize the use of renewable energy and energy-saving products.

NR8: Promote sustainable lifestyles, behaviors, and activities.

NR9: Focus available resources on high-priority areas identified within the County.

NR10: Provide a safe and healthy environment for all to live, work, and play.

## **LAND USE (see Chapter 5)**

## **ECONOMIC PROSPERITY (see Chapter 6)**



# Citizens Task Force Meeting

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- Review Input from Conservation and Recreation Meetings
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# Next Meeting

- August 25th, 2015
- Review Presentation to Board of Supervisors
- Review Draft Documents Completed
- Future Land Use Scenarios