

Countryside 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

A Blueprint for Our Future

Meeting Notes

Vision, Goals, and Preliminary Land Use Review and Discussion

Countryside Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (CPSC)

Municipal Complex, 803 Joliet Road

Thursday, March 16, 2023 | 6:30 pm

Meeting Purpose

On Thursday, March 16, 2023, the City of Countryside held a meeting of the Countryside Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (CPSC) to review and discuss the Vision, Goals, and Preliminary Land Use for the Countryside 2040 Comprehensive Plan project. Twelve members of the CPSC attended.

The presentation used to conduct the meeting is available at [this link](#).

Project Status Update

Houseal Lavigne provided a status update for the Comprehensive Plan Project. Vision, Goals, and Land Use are drafted (scope step 4) and in review, while Subarea Plans (scope step 5) are in development, based on feedback received from the community during the Subarea Charrette. Following CPSC approval of the Vision, Goals, and Land Use Framework, the project team will be ready to develop the subsequent chapters of the plan (Citywide Framework Plans, scope step 6).

Review the Draft Vision Statement

Houseal Lavigne introduced the CPSC to the purpose and function of the Vision Statement within the Comprehensive Plan, and reviewed the draft with the committee. CPSC feedback indicated that the Vision Statement does a good job hitting the mark and capturing many of the positive assets Countryside already enjoys, while carrying them forward into the future. It was noted that the first paragraph of the Vision Statement could function as the overall statement, while the subsequent paragraphs align well with the various chapters.

Review the Draft Goals

Houseal Lavigne walked through the Draft Goals and Policies with the CPSC, pausing after each to solicit feedback. The following suggestions for additional policies and recommendations were provided by members of the CPSC:

Housing and Neighborhoods

- Work with developers to add additional housing where appropriate.

Commercial and Industrial Areas

- Work with IDOT to ensure the streets around Dansher Business Park continue to support truck in/out maneuvers as street reconstruction occurs.

Transportation and Mobility

- Support biking to transit.
- Support regional bike and pedestrian connectivity, ensuring Countryside’s network connects to neighboring communities.
- Consider a park and ride lot, similar to the Pace lot in Burr Ridge.
- Emphasize that sidewalk improvements or installations are priorities for the City’s major corridors, and may not be feasible or necessary in some of the City’s residential neighborhoods where traffic is calm and it is safe and appropriate to walk on the neighborhood road shoulder.

Community Facilities, Infrastructure, and Environment

- Continue the program of library partnership and ensure it extends to Hodgkins when they build and open their new library.

Review the Preliminary Land Use Framework

Houseal Lavigne facilitated a discussion around the purpose of the future land use map and framework. The discussion included an overview of how Land Use and Zoning work together. Houseal Lavigne walked through the 2004 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use, the Existing Land Use collected during the field reconnaissance for the project, and the 2023 Draft Future Land Use, focusing discussion on four areas where land use is anticipated to change over the coming decades.

Next Steps

Houseal Lavigne indicated that the next steps for the project will be subarea and chapter development, and the adoption process.