

GOAL 1: CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT

General Discussion

To encourage an effective citizen participation process that will meaningfully involve citizens in all phases of the County Comprehensive Planning process.

The governing body charged with preparing and adopting the Comprehensive Plan shall adopt and publicize a program for citizen involvement that clearly defines the procedure by which the public will be involved in the ongoing land use planning process.

The citizen involvement program shall be appropriate to the scale of the planning effort. The program shall provide for continuity of citizen participation and of information that enables citizens to identify and comprehend the issues.

Federal, state, and regional agencies and special purpose districts shall coordinate their planning efforts with the affected governing bodies and make use of existing local citizen involvement programs established by counties and cities.

Objectives

Provide opportunities for the general public to review, comment, and make recommendations on all planning proposals and preliminary plans.

Keep citizens informed about the status of the county planning program by making technical information and reports available.

Encourage two-way communication between the general public and county officials through the use of community forums, panel discussions, and news media.

1. POLICY: The County shall provide for continued citizen involvement opportunities after plan acknowledgment.

Rationale:

- To provide for citizen input when contemplating major and/or minor changes in the plan and when updating plan inventories.
- To provide for changing public needs and desires.

Implementation:

- The County shall cooperate with all media to ensure that the planning meetings will be advertised.
- The County shall continue to follow the Citizen Involvement Program for Klamath County, Oregon, adopted in August of 1979, amended in May of 1980, and as may be amended in the future.