



CommunityWorks ACTION! Land Use



Development of Land Use Committee Charter – The charter sets the purpose, membership, responsibilities, authority, meetings and minutes of the Land Use Committee



Developed a Knowledge Base on Land Use topics – The Committee received training and information on: Planning and Zoning 101, DeKalb Co. GIS Mapping Resources/Demonstration, DeKalb Co. Growth Map, DeKalb Co Forest Preserve District, Smart Growth Principles



Created a Mission & Belief Statement - To provide resources, information and support for our county's citizens, including appointed and elected decision makers, regarding priority land use issues and needs based on these beliefs:

- How we use our land and its resources is one of the most important variables affecting the immediate and long term sustainable quality of life of our communities' citizens.
- Land use decisions affect important factors in the environment and citizens' lives including, but not limited to, storm water management, ground water usage, conservation, economic well-being, energy production and consumption, transportation, recreation, wildlife habitats, preservation of farmland, revenue generation for local governments, open space, and demand for public services.
- Comprehensive land use planning and decision making should involve the consideration of relevant factors and alternatives, including preservation and non-development, in a balanced, competent and transparent manner, taking into account the effects on the quality of life of those impacted now and in the future.
- Citizens, including appointed and elected decision makers, will benefit from information and skills related to understanding and making land use decisions.



Introduction Meeting with Regional Planning Commission – Introduced Committee to members of the Regional Planning Commission; discussed purpose, mission and beliefs and strategies for identifying land use priorities.

.....**Coming Attractions**.....



Meetings with DeKalb County Municipality Officials – Members of the Land Use Committee will meet individually with municipality officials to further identify land use priorities.