Introduction

The following land use strategy is a result of the work of the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission (BLRPC) making the necessary updates from its initial comprehensive plan (2000) to ensure that the plan remains a credible guide for the continued land use planning strategies for the 185 units of government in the Bay-Lake Region. The resultant strategies were developed based on changing land use trends and locational, updated demographics, changing physical characteristics, updated regional goals and objectives, regional survey results, and utilizing the knowledge of Region’s advisory groups and experts from various organizations.

The following road map depicts the existing land uses and various changes contemplated by the BLRPC and the associated development strategies contained in the land use component of the plan update. The land use map provides an overview of the development strategies contained in the plan update. Of the total road map includes the various land uses that have been identified as the land use components of the plan update. Over the last decade, many areas of the Region have continued on the path of low-density, fragmented, noncontiguous development. The BLRPC recommends this development strategy in order to help communities provide residents, businesses, and visitors with the benefits of an accessible, diversified, attractive, and vibrant environment.

Oversee the comprehensive plan’s recommendations and monitor/update the statistical projections within the comprehensive plan.

Communicate with other units of government on effort to identify shared goals, objectives, and strategies to promote the Region’s development/preservation.

Encourage cooperation and communication between neighboring municipalities, county government, and the BLRPC.

Educate public officials, local plan commissions, and residents on the various development options including conservation developments, cluster districts, traditional neighborhoods - that will allow creative development opportunities while protecting and enhancing the natural resources of the Region. The strategy for the Region's development/preservation is outlined in the following strategic plan.

The communities of the Region are provided with a tool that can offer additional guidance toward preserving strategy of this regional plan, the communities of the Region are provided with a tool that can offer additional guidance toward limiting sprawl and fragmentation. The BLRPC recommends this development strategy in order to help communities provide residents, businesses, and visitors with the benefits of an accessible, diversified, attractive, and vibrant environment.

The preservation strategy of this regional plan, the communities of the Region are provided with a tool that can offer additional guidance toward limiting sprawl and fragmentation. The BLRPC recommends this development strategy in order to help communities provide residents, businesses, and visitors with the benefits of an accessible, diversified, attractive, and vibrant environment.

The recommendations have been incorporated into the various service plan's components as a presentation of the Region's prime lands, suburban, and special natural features.

+ Continue to conduct a minor update of the regional plan's components every 3-to-5 years and a complete update of the plan every 10 years.

+ Oversee the comprehensive plan’s recommendations and monitor/update the statistical projections within the comprehensive plan.

+ Examine and propose potential development projects that should be included in order to incrementally expand existing employment opportunities.

+ Educate public officials, local plan commissions, and residents on the various development options including conservation developments, cluster districts, traditional neighborhoods - that will allow creative development opportunities while protecting and enhancing the natural resources of the Region.

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