

Regional Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

Meeting 2 Summary

Date: August 14, 2024

Time: 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Place: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Attendees

Loretta Baughan, Ted Cushing, Jami Gebert, Doug Machon, Betty Manson, and Tim Reed

Staff Attendees

Christian Boulanger, Dennis Lawrence, and Sam Wessel

Meeting Overview:

- NCWRPC staff provided a brief recap of the first meeting, mentioning that the introduction and Chapter 1 sections of the Regional Comprehensive Plan had been reviewed at the last meeting. The project timeline was also covered.
- Staff reviewed Chapter 2 (Natural Resources). The Committee did not have any specific concerns with the chapter's content. The issues section will remain general, but the water quality issue will list common water quality concerns (nitrates, PFAS, etc.) relevant to the region.
- Staff reviewed Chapter 3 (Housing). The Committee did not state any specific concerns with the chapter's content. After discussing the chapter's issues, staff will add that housing availability and poor housing conditions (health and safety) are issues.
- Staff reviewed Chapter 4 (Utilities & Community Facilities). There were no concerns with the content. Under the issues section, staff will add that Emergency Services like Fire and Emergency Medical Services are moving away from a volunteer workforce to a paid workforce. The objective on broadband speed will be changed to reflect the FCC's definition of broadband (100 mpbs upload/20 mpbs download).
- Staff concluded the meeting by mentioning that the Committee would receive an email to identify dates/times for the next meeting.