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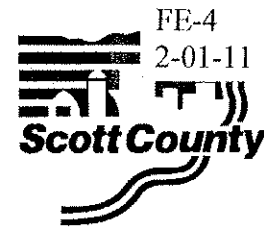
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Timothy Huey
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To: Dee F Bruemmer, County Administrator

From: Timothy Huey, Planning Director

Date: January 11, 2011

Re: **Adoption of Smart Planning Principles into Scott County Comprehensive Plan.**

As I presented to both the Board of Supervisors and the Planning and Zoning Commission at the joint meeting in October the ten Smart Planning Principles are compatible and concurrent with the long established goals and objectives of Scott Counties Land Use Policies and Comprehensive Plan. The ten principles and the comparable existing provision of the Scott County Comp Plan are:

Smart Planning Principle: **Collaboration.**

- Existing Goal or Objective Scott County Comp Plan: **Encourage cooperation and communication among the County, other units of local government, and the general public to improve human development, economic development, and ecological preservation.**

Smart Planning Principle: **Efficiency, transparency, and consistency.**

- Existing Goal or Objective Scott County Comp Plan: **Pursue a variety of revenue sources and/or cooperative arrangements with other agencies/governments to offset expenditures including but not limited to grants, user and impact fees, tax increment financing, development rights transfers, joint purchasing, mutual aid or equipment use, etc. and examine ways to reduce costs and increase fund balances for county facilities and services.**

Smart Planning Principle: **Clean, renewable, and efficient energy.**

- Existing Goal or Objective Scott County Comp Plan: **While Scott County encourages development to locate within cities, the guidelines for reviewing proposed new development in the rural unincorporated area of the county include where it can be developed in an efficient and compact manner and where the development will be supportive of energy conservation.**

Smart Planning Principle: **Occupational diversity.**

- Existing Goal or Objective Scott County Comp Plan: **Promote a diverse regional economy and quality of life opportunities.**

Smart Planning Principle: **Revitalization.**

- Existing Goal or Objective Scott County Comp Plan: **Encourage the majority of future growth to occur within the boundaries of existing cities where adequate public services can be provided.**

Smart Planning Principle: **Housing diversity.**

- Existing Goal or Objective Scott County Comp Plan: **Ensure a decent home and suitable living environment for all families, present and future, living in Scott County.**

Smart Planning Principle: **Community character.**

- Existing Goal or Objective Scott County Comp Plan: **Ensure orderly and efficient growth of residential, commercial, industrial, public, and semi-public land uses while maintaining the general welfare of County residents.**

Smart Planning Principle: **Natural resources and agricultural protection.**

- Existing Goals and Objectives Scott County Comp Plan: **Protect and conserve the natural, human, and economic resources which are the basis of the agricultural economy and rural lifestyle of the Scott County.**
- **Discourage development from locating on productive agricultural soils and other agricultural area when in conflict with efficient farming practices.**
- **Discourage new development on soil types with severe constraints or over vulnerable geologic areas to protect water supplies and to ensure proper wastewater treatment. The development must also comply with sedimentation and soil erosion control regulations.**

Smart Planning Principle: **Sustainable design.**

- Existing Goal or Objective Scott County Comp Plan: **Ensure orderly and efficient growth of residential, commercial, industrial, public, and semi-public land uses while maintaining the general welfare of County residents**

Smart Planning Principle: **Transportation diversity.**

- Existing Goal or Objective Scott County Comp Plan: **Provide a clear traffic hierarchy of arterial, collector and minor streets to connect existing areas to new developments.**
- **Maintain the existing roadways to ensure good condition and safety. Improve street system by upgrading existing roads in accordance with County Engineer criteria.**

Finally as far as the requirement to prepare regional plans and participate in regional planning, Scott County has been a member of the Bi-State Regional Planning Commission since its inception in 1966. Regional planning and cooperation among local jurisdictions on issues such as transportation, economic development and land use has been practiced in the Quad City Area for over 40 years or more.

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES THAT
THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY APPROVED BY
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON _____
DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

RESOLUTION
SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
February 3, 2011

**APPROVING TEN SMART PLANNING PRINCIPLES AS AN ADDENDUM TO
CHAPTER TWO OF THE SCOTT COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SCOTT COUNTY
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

- Section 1. The Scott County Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing on January 4, 2011 to consider the adoption of the ten Smart Planning Principles established under Iowa Code Chapter 18B Land Use.
- Section 2. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended that these ten Smart Planning Principles be added as an Addendum to Chapter Two of the adopted Scott County Comprehensive Plan.
- Section 3. As adopted and amended the Comprehensive Plan is intended to be used as a reference and a guide for the Board of Supervisors, other County Boards and Commissions and County Departments when making land use decisions for the unincorporated area of the County.
- Section 4. As stated when it was originally adopted in 2008, the Comprehensive Plan is not intended to be a static document but an active and dynamic Plan that will be regularly reviewed and updated.
- Section 5. The Board of Supervisors held its own public hearing on these ten Smart Planning Principles on January 20, 2011.
- Section 6. The Board of Supervisors hereby adopts and incorporates these ten Smart Planning Principles as an addendum to Chapter Two: Vision, Goals and Objectives of the Scott County Comprehensive Plan.
- Section 7. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

