

Scott County Comprehensive Plan

CHAPTER 2: VISION, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

ADDENDUM A

Smart Planning Objectives

This addendum is adopted to incorporate the Iowa Smart Planning principles into the Scott County Comprehensive Plan. The principles were adopted by the Iowa legislature as part of Senate File 2389 and signed into law by the Governor on April 26, 2010. Even though many of these principles are similar in wording and intent to the established goals and objectives of the existing Comprehensive Plan and may even be considered redundant or duplicative of the existing objective Scott County includes them in this addendum to ensure clear compliance with the requirements of State law. These ten principles will be considered in the review, recommendations and decisions made on all matters related to planning, zoning, development, and resource management. These ten smart planning principles are adopted as objectives of the Scott County Comprehensive Plan as follows:

Objective 1. Collaboration: All interested governmental, community, public sector, private sector, and individuals are encouraged to work with Scott County in making land use and resource management decisions. All interested parties are encouraged to provide input and comments during Scott County's deliberation of planning and zoning issues. Scott County will endeavor to incorporate and consider those comments in its decision making process. One of Scott County's stated County Goals is to: *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.*

Objective 2. Efficiency, transparency and consistency: Scott County encourages that planning, zoning, development, and resource management be undertaken in a manner that is efficient, transparent, and consistent. Individuals, communities, regions, and governmental entities in Scott County and the Quad City Area should share in the responsibility to promote the equitable distribution of development benefits and costs.

Objective 3. Clean, renewable, and efficient energy: Scott County encourages that planning, zoning, development, and resource management be undertaken in a manner that promotes clean and renewable energy use and increased energy efficiency

Objective 4. Occupational diversity: Scott County encourages that planning, zoning, development, and resource management should promote increased diversity of employment and business opportunities, promote access to education and training, expand entrepreneurial opportunities, and promote the establishment of businesses in locations near existing housing, infrastructure, and transportation.

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Objective 5. Revitalization: Scott County encourages that planning, zoning, development, and resource management facilitate the revitalization of established town centers and neighborhoods by promoting development that conserves land, protects historic resources, promotes pedestrian accessibility, and integrates different uses of property. Remediation and reuse of existing sites, structures, and infrastructure is recommended whenever feasible rather than new construction in undeveloped areas, particularly on prime farm land.

Objective 6. Housing diversity: Scott County encourages that planning, zoning, development, and resource management should create diversity in the types of available housing, support the rehabilitation of existing housing, and promote the location of housing near public transportation and employment centers.

Objective 7. Community character: Scott County encourages that planning, zoning, development, and resource management should promote activities and development that are consistent with the character and architectural style of the community and should respond to local values regarding the physical character of the community.

Objective 8. Natural resources and agricultural protection: Scott County encourages that planning, zoning, development, and resource management emphasize the protection, preservation, and restoration of natural resources, agricultural land, and cultural and historic landscapes, and should increase the availability of open spaces and recreational facilities.

Objective 9. Sustainable design: Scott County encourages that planning, zoning, development, and resource management promote developments, buildings, and infrastructure that utilize sustainable design and construction standards and conserve natural resources by reducing waste and pollution through efficient use of land, energy, water, air, and materials.

Objective 10. Transportation diversity: Scott County encourages that planning, zoning, development, and resource management promote expanded transportation options for residents of the community. Consideration should be given to transportation options that maximize mobility, reduce congestion, conserve fuel, and improve air quality.