

LEWIS COUNTY

2017 Comprehensive Plan Update

Comprehensive Plan

- Required as part of the Growth Management Act
- Provides residents a chance to voice their thoughts about the future of community
- Offers an opportunity to create a roadmap that articulates the community's preferred future and steps to achieve that desired future
- Acts as a foundation/coordinator of future local decision-making

Required Elements

1. Land Use – Includes a Future Land Use Map, designations, and descriptions that explain where and what types of development will go in certain portions of the County.
2. Housing – Includes an inventory of the existing housing stock and mechanisms to ensure that sufficient housing will be available for a variety of populations including the low-income, elderly and disabled.
3. Transportation – Includes an inventory of existing transportation facilities (including roads, sidewalks, trails, air, rail, etc.) and an identification of deficiencies within the transportation system. Where deficiencies are identified, the plan is required to include a financial program and timeline that specifies how to pay for the improvements.
4. Capital Facilities – Includes an inventory of existing capital facilities (including water, sewer, stormwater, government buildings, etc.) and an identification of deficiencies in the facilities. Where deficiencies are identified, the plan is required to include a tentative improvement program and schedule to pay for the improvements.
5. Utilities – Includes an inventory of existing utility systems (including electricity, gas, and phone), and likely improvement projects over the next 20 years.
6. Economic Development (Optional) – Includes a description of existing economic conditions, and strategies to promote more jobs in Lewis County.

Key Goals of Current Comprehensive Plan

- Promote the creation of more jobs in Lewis County
- Encourage vital rural settlements and small incorporated communities
- Promote continued operation and viability of natural resource industries (including forestry, agriculture, and mining)
- Promote the most flexibility possible within the document

Key Things to Address as Part of the Next Comprehensive Plan

	Key Partners					
	Cities/ Towns	PGC	County Staff	PC	Citizens	BoCC
The population that we are planning for countywide.	x	x	x	x	x	x
Whether the existing land use framework, including zone designations, densities, and growth areas, are sufficient to house the projected population.	x	x	x	x	x	x
Whether changes should be made to the definition of rural character, or any Limited Areas of More Intense Rural Development (LAMIRD), unincorporated Urban Growth Areas, or other classifications.			x	x	x	x
Whether existing capital facilities are sufficient to provide for the desired population and economic development.			x	x	x	x
Whether the existing capital improvement program is sufficient to coordinate capital expenditures countywide, especially in light of some of the community’s economic and land use objectives.			x	x	x	x
The amount of traffic anticipated on area roads.			x	x	x	x
Whether any transportation system deficiencies exist or are likely in the next twenty years, and strategies to ensure that the facilities are effectively addressed.			x	x	x	x
Ways to promote physical activity throughout the County.			x	x	x	x

Cities/Towns – Includes the various incorporated communities in Lewis County, PGC – Planned Growth Committee, County Staff – Includes the various county departments, PC – Planning Commission, BoCC – Lewis County Board of County Commissioners