



INTRODUCTION

Purpose

The purpose of the Franklin County 2010 Master Plan is to plan and prepare for the future, building upon an awareness of what has happened in the past, the changes that have occurred in county characteristics, and on a consensus of what we –citizens, businesses, institutions, appointed and elected officials -- would like to *make happen* during the next decade.

Background

Franklin County's mandate to plan for the future derives from the Missouri State Statutes. The County uses the alternative form of planning contained within the legislative body of the statutes. Such alternative planning provides for the power to adopt an official Master Plan for the County.

Franklin County's prior Master Plan was adopted in 1992, when the County's social and demographic makeup was very different from what is found today. Since that time, the County has changed dramatically and, while the previous Plan was a start in the right direction, it now needs to be improved upon.

This new 2010 Master Plan grew out of the efforts of the Franklin County Planning Task Force, which was appointed by the Franklin County



Commission in November of 1999 and charged with the following mission:

- Engage Franklin County citizens in deliberation regarding their vision for the County's future.
- Explore successful strategies of suburban counties in dealing with growth and change.
- Develop scenarios to analyze growth and development options for Franklin County.
- Make recommendations to the County Commissioners regarding future planning strategies for Franklin County.

Planning Process

Mindful of the fact that a good Plan is one which is carefully developed with the benefit of strong public engagement and input, the Task Force embarked on a year-long data collection and analysis process which was assisted by the University of Missouri-Columbia's Community Policy Analysis Center, University of Missouri Outreach and Extension Service, and the University of Missouri-St. Louis's Public Policy Research Center.

This Phase I process included the following components:

- Data collection and analysis of existing conditions, exploring issues, organizing/facilitating community discussion and opinion gathering.
- Deliberations including analysis of scenarios for growth and development.
- General recommendations to the Franklin County Commission.
- Oversight and advice during the Master Plan development period, to follow upon the first year's efforts.



Upon completion of the data collection and analysis period the Task Force made various recommendations to the Franklin County Planning and Zoning Commission which is the basis for Chapter II, the 2010 Master Plan. In concert with Horner & Shifrin, its planning consultant and planning staff, an Implementation Strategy was developed to achieve the recommendations contained within the document.

In Chapter I, Existing Conditions/Analysis, the Master Plan provides only summary information from the Phase I work, which was created under the Task Force's guidance. The Phase I source material can be consulted when more information is sought.

Credits

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