

Chapter 110-12-1-.04
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(1) Purpose. The purpose of the Community Participation Program is to ensure that the local comprehensive plan reflects the full range of community values and desires, by involving a diverse spectrum of stakeholders in development of the Community Agenda. This broad-based participation in developing the Community Agenda will also help ensure that it will be implemented, because many in the community are involved in its development and thereby become committed to seeing it through. The Community Participation Program is intended to supplement, not replace, the two public hearings required in sections 110-12-1-.08(1)(a) and (2)(a).

(2) Requirements. The Community Participation Program is required for Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced planning levels. The three required steps for developing the Community Participation Program are listed below. The result must be a concise schedule to guide development of the Community Agenda, including planned community participation events or meetings at key points during this process.

(a) Identification of Stakeholders. Compile a list of all stakeholders who need to have a voice in the development of the Community Agenda. Refer to the list of suggested stakeholders provided in the State Planning Recommendations for suggestions.

(b) Identification of Participation Techniques. Review each of the recommended community participation techniques identified in the State Planning Recommendations to select those to be used locally for involving the selected stakeholders in the process of developing the Community Agenda.

(c) Schedule for Completion of the Community Agenda. Review the suggested schedules for completion of the Community Agenda provided in the State Planning Recommendations and choose one that best fits local needs. Adapt this schedule as necessary for unique local circumstances, and substitute the specific participation techniques selected in the previous step at appropriate points in the schedule.