Chapter 20 Implementation

The City of Fairmont 2005 Comprehensive Plan is an advisory document intended to serve as a guide for the growth and development of the municipality over the next ten years. Specific strategies for policy implementation are necessary if the goals and objectives of this Plan are to be achieved. The Implementation Schedule provides an outline of the methods for achieving the goals and objectives and implementing the policies established in the Comprehensive Plan. It presents individual strategies for each of the Plan's elements, establishes time frames for completion, and identifies the partners with responsibility for implementation. The recommended time frame for the implementation of each of the strategies is indicated by one-three years, three-five years, and five-eight years. These time frames are subject to revision depending upon changes in priorities as determined by the Fairmont City Council and the Fairmont Planning Commission.

Chapter 14 of this Comprehensive Plan outlined methods for the funding strategies available to municipalities in West Virginia and only after the responsible partners set out on their implementation schedule will a detailed financial program be developed by City staff and the Fairmont City Council.

Continuous monitoring of the implementation schedule will be the responsibility of the Fairmont Planning Department and the Fairmont Planning Commission. Funding for specific projects and strategies will be evaluated and updated on a regular basis with input from the responsible partners and the City Finance Director.

The 2005 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Fairmont has extensively outlined a future direction for the growth and development for the City through a series of goals, actions and recommendations that offer new and innovative land use management techniques and practices. This future direction relies upon the implementation of these recommendations and the strong leadership of the City of Fairmont, their partners and the citizens of Fairmont.

The following Implementation Schedules are intended as tools to carry out the goals, actions and recommendations established in each of the Plan's chapters. Implementation Schedules are provided for each of the chapters in this Comprehensive Plan with the exception of the chapters on Rural, Citizen Participation, the Socio-Economic Profile and the Introduction. Each schedule identifies a Strategy for implementing the recommendations of the chapter, lists the Partners responsible for working on implementing the strategy and provides a time frame for implementation. With this schedule it is important to point out that this Plan like others is not static. This Comprehensive Plan for the City of Fairmont is a dynamic document and as such time frame, partners and even the strategies employed can, will and should be varied as the process moves forward.



Chapter 3: Land Use

STRATEGY:

The City of Fairmont should adopt the 2005 Comprehensive Plan.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, Fairmont Planning Commission, City of Fairmont Planning Department

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Modernized Zoning, Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances should be adopted that are reflective of future land use patterns.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, Fairmont Planning Commission, City of Fairmont Planning Department, City Attorney

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

The City of Fairmont should implement principles of New Urbanism as a land use management concept for the community.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont Planning Commission, City of Fairmont Planning Department

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

The City of Fairmont should monitor the impact of the new Zoning, Subdivision, and Land Development Ordinances on the residential, commercial and industrial uses and adjust accordingly.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Planning Department, Fairmont Planning Commission, property owners, developers,

TIME FRAME:

3-8 Years

STRATEGY:

The City of Fairmont should prepare to undertake an update to the 2005 Comprehensive Plan

PARTNERS: Fairmont City Council, Fairmont Planning Commission, City Manager, City of Fairmont Planning Department

TIME FRAME:

Year 8



Chapter 4: Housing

STRATEGY:

Zoning regulations should be modified and new subdivision regulations enacted to allow greater flexibility for new housing developments and housing units to be constructed in the corporate limits.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Planning Department, Fairmont Planning Commission, Fairmont City Council, Housing Developers.

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Code enforcement measures should be strengthened to address substandard property and the absentee responsible property owner.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City Attorney, City of Fairmont Planning & Building Inspection Department.

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

The City of Fairmont should seek additional funding from West Virginia Housing Development Fund for their Demolition Loan Program.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont City Manager, Finance Director and City Planner

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

The City of Fairmont should continue to support the efforts of the Fairmont Community Development Partnership in the Maple/Ogden Gateway Project through grant application sponsorships.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City Planner, FCDP, Citizens, Media

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Other community non-profits should be encouraged to partner with the City of Fairmont in applying for grant funding to construct new housing and rehab or demolish substandard housing.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, Fairmont Planning Department, Media

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 4: Housing

STRATEGY:

Mobile homes should only be permitted in approved parks and subdivisions.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, Fairmont Planning Department, Fairmont Planning Commission

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

The City should continue the Rental Registration Program and review and modify any conflicting or cumbersome procedures to improve its effectiveness.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Planning and Building Department staff, City Attorney, Landlords

TIME FRAME:

1-3 YEARS

STRATEGY:

Tax abatement, amortization schedules, and low interest loans from local banks are available for new and existing homes. This is in spite of competition for limited resources. The City should partner with community housing organizations to sponsor community workshops that could educate the residents on the methods of financing that are available to them. The private sector should work closely with the City. The private sector can assist with tax credits. Tax credits would make it financially rewarding for people to build or remodel homes.

PARTNERS:

The City of Fairmont, Housing organizations, local financial institutions

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

A Landlord Association should be developed to establish standard leases, tenant screening, tenant selection, and eviction procedures. Landlords should be trained to properly manage their properties, keep better records, and write better lease agreements.

PARTNERS:

Landlords, City of Fairmont Planning & Building Inspection Department staff, City Attorney, Realtors

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 4: Housing

STRATEGY:

The City's Building Department should continue to maintain a detailed inventory of housing conditions and identify those structures that are deteriorating or are dilapidated.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Code Enforcement Officer, Fairmont Police Chief, Fairmont Fire Chief

TIME FRAME:

Continuous

STRATEGY:

The City of Fairmont should work through the West Virginia Code Officials to improve the existing housing code. Violators of the housing code should be identified, as soon as possible, so that costly repairs and visual blight may be minimized.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Building Inspector, Deputy Building Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer, WVCOA, WV Legislature

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

The Economic Adjustment Strategy (1996) identifies the need for good quality housing in the \$70,000-90,000 price range. Several buildings in the Downtown should be analyzes through a feasibility study to determine which buildings could be converted to house upscale condominiums (\$80,000 to \$100,000).

PARTNERS:

City Planner, Fairmont Urban Renewal Authority, Main Street Fairmont, VHF/VRC, FCDP, Chamber of Commerce

TIME FRAME:

3-5 YEARS

STRATEGY:

Efforts should be undertaken to market Fairmont's neighborhoods and school systems to prospective residents, real estate brokers, financial institutions, and developers through a partnership with neighborhood organizations.

PARTNERS:

Board of Education, Chamber of Commerce, Housing Organizations, Main Street Fairmont,

URA, VHF/VRC TIME FRAME:



Chapter 4: Housing

STRATEGY:

In order to attract new retirees into the area, a promotional packet should be prepared to include a neighborhood profile of demographics, housing stock (type, availability, and cost), local stores and public services, as well as local, civic, and business organizations. This material should be distributed to prospective homeowners and realtors in the area.

PARTNERS:

Chamber of Commerce, FCDP, City of Fairmont, Realtors, CVB

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Major clean-up efforts should be conducted on all the gateways leading to housing developments and traditional neighborhoods.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Public Works Department, FCDP, Chamber of Commerce (Operation Image), BFI

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

The City of Fairmont should continue to support Fairmont State University in its efforts to provide quality student housing.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont State University, City of Fairmont

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

A Livability Code should be prepared and introduced to evaluate residential units within the City. The enforcement of a Livability Code would ensure that all residents meet minimum living standards. The purpose of a Livability Code is to establish minimum property maintenance standards for basic equipment and facilities including lighting, ventilation, heating, and sanitation for residential structures and premises. The Minimum Livability Code applies to residential structures for human habitation. It would not apply to owner-occupied single family housing units.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Planning & Building Inspection Department staff, Fairmont City Council, Landlords, Realtors

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 4: Housing

STRATEGY:

The effectiveness of code enforcement depends on having the necessary number of building inspectors to enforce it. The City's Building Department is not adequately staffed to aggressively pursue violators of the Code and ensure continued compliance with the Code.

PARTNERS:

City Planner, City Manager, Fairmont City Council

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

STRATEGY:

The City should actively promote the development of medium- to high-density mixed-income housing in proximity to major centers of employment and recreational or entertainment activity.

PARTNERS:

City Planner, Fairmont Planning Commission

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

STRATEGY:

The City should integrate housing into the overall design of large-scale employment centers. This practice will help reduce the need to travel. Homes built within or immediately adjacent to the workplace not only reduces vehicle miles of travel, it also presents opportunities for workers to walk or bike to work. Flexibility in zoning should be provided to permit such large-scale, mixed-use development.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Planning Department, Fairmont Planning Commission, Housing developers

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

STRATEGY:

The demand for retirement homes is increasing as this stratum of society continues to grow in number. National statistics reveal that the number of seniors over the age of eighty-five is expected to double in the next two decades. There are a large number of retired persons in the Fairmont community. Marion County ranks within the top three counties in the State of West Virginia in terms of its retired population and ranks eleventh in total population. Senior citizens have more per capita income than people in any other age group. Senior citizens also are maintaining their independence in communities longer and have a willingness to contribute to their community. Retirees prefer one-floor patio homes with two bedrooms. This should be taken into consideration for future residential developments.

PARTNERS:

Realtors, Housing Developers, City of Fairmont Planning Department, Fairmont Planning Commission **TIME FRAME:**



Chapter 5: Transportation

STRATEGY:

A subcommittee should be formed to continue to evaluate the City transportation system, and to develop a needs assessment for the State when a new city/county plan is developed.

PARTNERS:

City Manager, Director of Public Works, City Planner, FSU, Board of Education, Chamber of Commerce, citizens

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

The subcommittee should recommend upgrades to problem intersections and suggest road widening that would alleviate congestion at problem locations.

PARTNERS:

WVDOH, City Manager, Director of Public Works, City Planner, FSU, Board of Education, Chamber of Commerce, citizens

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

The City should work with the WV DOH to expedite the widening of Locust Avenue and the replacement of the 4th Street Bridge.

PARTNERS:

City Manager, Director of Public Works, City Planner, Fairmont Planning Commission, FSU, WVDOH TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

The City should advocate public transit and other alternative forms of transportation to reduce traffic. Public transit is a well-traveled and needed mode of transportation by students in the area. The City should investigate the feasibility of a bus system for both students and adults. Residents should be made aware and educated on the different routes and scheduling of public transit. Efforts should be made to develop brochures or pamphlets to provide users with relevant information.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont Planning Commission, City of Fairmont Planning Department, Marion County Transit Authority, Chamber of Commerce, CVB, Main Street Fairmont

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 5: Transportation

STRATEGY:

The city should continue to seek funding to develop the Rail Trail through Fairmont to connect the West Fork river Trail to the Mon River Trail by way of MCTRAIL at Winfield Street.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Planning Department, Fairmont City Council, MCPARC, WVDOH

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

The City should focus on developing true entrances and defining gateways.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Planning Department, Fairmont Planning Commission, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, Main Street Fairmont, Chamber of Commerce

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

The City should investigate the feasibility of converting certain two-way streets to one way as a means of improving circulation. Virginia Avenue and Gaston Avenue have been suggested as well as Walnut and Benoni.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Public Works Department, City Engineer, City of Fairmont Planning Department, Fairmont Planning Commission, City Manager

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

The City should determine the feasibility of a sidewalks assessment program. The City should prepare a detailed sidewalk plan to prioritize areas to improve when funds become available.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Public Works Department, City Planning Department, City Engineer, Finance Director

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

The City should consider establishing joint public/private programs for landscape enhancements of existing roads. This action will create a consistent landscape design image, especially in strip commercial areas.

PARTNERS:

City Manager, City of Fairmont Planning Department, Chamber of Commerce, local business owners **TIME FRAME:**



Chapter 5: Transportation

STRATEGY:

Route 250 South (from the Watson Bridge to I-79) should be expanded into at least a three-lane lighted highway.

PARTNERS:

City Manager, Director of Public Works, City Planner, Fairmont Planning Commission, WVDOH

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Consideration should be given for signage and information to direct visitors who arrive to Fairmont by boat as part of the Riverfront development plan.

PARTNERS:

City Manager, City Planner, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, Main Street Fairmont, Chamber of Commerce, CVB

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

The City should reduce through-traffic and truck traffic on residential streets through a Comprehensive Program of arterial street widenings, street reconfiguration, and traffic management. These activities should all be coordinated with transit planning recommendations.

PARTNERS:

City Manager, City of Fairmont Public Works Director, City Planner, Fairmont Planning Commission

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

STRATEGY:

A bypass for heavy truck traffic and for travelers who do not want to drive through downtown should be developed.

PARTNERS:

City Manager, City of Fairmont Public Works Director, City Planner, Fairmont Planning Commission, Chamber of Commerce, WVDOH

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 6: Infrastructure

STRATEGY:

Each utility should conduct a needs assessment to determine what equipment, and facility upgrades are necessary to continue to provide quality service to the city 's residents.

PARTNERS:

City Manager, City of Fairmont Utilities Department, City of Fairmont Utility Manager, City Engineer, City of Fairmont Director of Public Works, City of Fairmont Planning Department, Gas Companies, Phone Company, Allegheny Power

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Begin to explore technology and funding to replace the RBC system at waste treatment plant.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Sanitary Sewer Board, City of Fairmont Utility Manager, City Engineer

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Develop sidewalk assessment program to ensure that the sidewalks are kept in good repair without creating a financial burden for property owners.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Director of Public Works, City Engineer, City of Fairmont Planning Department, City of Fairmont Finance Director, Fairmont City Council

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Plans for infrastructure upgrades should take a coordinated approach. The approach should identify the relationships between City Departments and other entities for proper design and implementation.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Utilities Department, City of Fairmont Director of Public Works, City of Fairmont Planning Department, City of Fairmont Fire Department

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 6: Infrastructure

STRATEGY:

Plans for development should be reviewed and approved based on their potential impact on infrastructure.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Utilities Department, City of Fairmont Director of Public Works, City of Fairmont Planning & Building Inspection Department, City of Fairmont Fire Department, City of Fairmont Police Department, developers

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Work within the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Program to mitigate and reduce CSO's through the long-term control plan.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Utilities Department, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, City Engineer, City of Fairmont Utility Manager. Citizens

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Work within the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Program in order to comply with the Federal EPA mandate for Storm Water Management.

PARTNERS:

City Manager, City of Fairmont Utilities Department, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, City Engineer, City of Fairmont Utility Manager.

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Explore and study the land use along the outside of the clear access right of way of the Gateway Connector so that infrastructure will support the proposed land use.

PARTNERS:

City Manager, City of Fairmont Utilities Department, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, City Engineer, City of Fairmont Utility Manager, Fairmont Planning Commission, WVDOH.

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 6: Infrastructure

STRATEGY:

Install decorative lighting throughout the Central Business District.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Planning Department, Main Street Fairmont, Chamber of Commerce, CVB

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Implement sidewalk assessment program to ensure that the sidewalks are well maintained and in good repair.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Director of Public Works, City Engineer, City of Fairmont Planning Department, City of Fairmont Finance Director, property owners

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue to work within the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Program to mitigate and reduce CSO's through the long-term control plan.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Utilities Department, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, City Engineer, City of Fairmont Utility Manager, Citizens

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue to work within the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Program in order to comply with the Federal EPA mandate for Storm Water Management.

PARTNERS:

City Manager, City of Fairmont Utilities Department, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, City Engineer, City of Fairmont Utility Manager.

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Support the WV DOH in the widening of Locust Avenue and the replacement of the 4th Street Bridge.

PARTNERS:

City Manger, Fairmont City Council, WVDOH, FSU, citizens

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 6: Infrastructure

STRATEGY:

Continue to develop priorities list for upgrades to city infrastructure and implement and revise needs assessments for facilities and equipment.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Utilities Department, City of Fairmont Director of Public Works, City of Fairmont Planning Department, City of Fairmont Fire Department, City of Fairmont Police Department.

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

STRATEGY:

Begin replacement of RBC system at Waste Treatment plant.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Sanitary Sewer Board, City of Fairmont Utility Manager, City Engineer

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

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Chapter 7: Public Services

STRATEGY:

A Comprehensive Needs Assessment should be undertaken to determine the needs and the demands of the community in relation to the medical, educational, social, cultural, historical and public safety services.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont, Marion County Commission, Chamber of Commerce, Board of Education, Fairmont Landmarks Commission, Fairmont General Hospital

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Educational providers should continue to emphasize a high standard of education so that the students are in a position to compete with those in other neighboring counties, the State, and the nation.

PARTNERS:

Marion County Board of Education

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 7: Public Services

STRATEGY:

The City of Fairmont should participate in Local School Improvement Council meetings to monitor the school system's future needs.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont, Marion County Board of Education

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Outreach and informational programs should be developed to inform the community of the public services available in the community.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont, Board of Education, Marion County Commission, Chamber of Commerce, FGH and other service providers

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

The City of Fairmont should continue to provide financial and technical resources to those social and community service providers.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City of Fairmont

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

The community should support the growth and development strategies of Fairmont General Hospital.

PARTNERS:

FGH, Marion County Commission, City of Fairmont, Chamber of Commerce

TIME FRAME

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

The City of Fairmont and the Marion County Commission should seek a long term contract for animal control.

PARTNERS

Marion County Commission, City of Fairmont

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 7: Public Services

STRATEGY:

The Board of Education should keep abreast of the development along the I-79 Technology Corridor and should react accordingly. Curriculums should include education and training programs that relate to new industries so that the local students are skilled to seek employment in these industries.

PARTNERS:

Marion County Board of Education, West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

The City of Fairmont should work closely with public service providers to ensure that services and facilities are located centrally and in areas able to accommodate the service, i.e., infrastructure support, non-hazardous areas.

PARTNERS:

City Manager, City of Fairmont Utilities Department, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, City Engineer, City of Fairmont Planning Department, Fairmont Planning Commission, public service providers

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Governmental agencies should operate and maintain public services in a manner that helps stabilize the surrounding environment and sets the standard for current and potential development in the area.

PARTNERS:

Marion County Commission, Board of Education, City of Fairmont, State of WV.

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

STRATEGY:

Implement findings of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment.

PARTNERS:

Needs Assessment Committee

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

CITY OF FAIRMONT 2005 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENATION SCHEDULE

Chapter 9: Recreation

STRATEGY:

Undertake a Comprehensive Needs Assessment of the parks and recreation system in Fairmont.



PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont, MCPARC, citizens

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Develop a Strategic Plan for Recreation that addresses the maintenance, expansion and adaptive reuse of the total parks and recreation system in the City, with consideration being given equally to parks, recreation facilities and programs.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont, MCPARC, citizens, Board of Education

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Develop an Action Plan for the maintenance and improvement to existing City parks, recreational facilities and programs.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont, MCPARC, citizens, Fairmont City Council

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Make upgrades and improvements to the equipment at one of the City parks each fiscal year.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, MCPARC

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Acquire abandoned railway property from the Watson Bridge to the Low Level Bridge and construct the rail trail along this corridor.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont, CSX Railroad, property owners

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

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Chapter 9: Recreation



Form a Recreation Task Force to study the feasibility and practicality of constructing an Indoor Rec Center.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont, Board of Education, Marion County Commission, citizens

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue the maintenance and improvement program for the existing City parks.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, MCPARC

TIME FRAME:

Continuous

STRATEGY:

Implement findings of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment

PARTNERS:

Needs Assessment Committee

TIME FRAME:

3-8 Years

STRATEGY:

Implement the recommendations of the Strategic Plan for Recreation.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, MCPARC

TIME FRAME:

3-8 Years

STRATEGY:

Develop a new park, facility or open space in Fairmont.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City of Fairmont Planning Department, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, Main Street Fairmont, FCDP, URA, MCPARC, Board of Education

TIME FRAME:

3-8Years

CITY OF FAIRMONT 2005 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENATION SCHEDULE

Chapter 9: Recreation

STRATEGY:

Construct the Pedestrian Bridge over the Monongahela River for the rail trail connection.



PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City of Fairmont Planning Department, Fairmont Planning Commission, URA, Main Street Fairmont, MCPARC, Marion County Commission

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Act on findings of the Recreation Task Force pertaining to the Indoor Rec Center.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont, Board of Education, Marion County Commission, citizens, private sector businesses, Chamber of Commerce

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Acquire additional abandoned railway property for rail trail development on the East side of Fairmont.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont, CSX & Norfolk Southern Railroads, property owners, MCPARC

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Develop East side portion of the rail trail from the Pedestrian Bridge to the MCPARC Trail, include tie in to the bike paths along the Gateway Connector.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City of Fairmont, MCPARC, URA, WVDOH

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 10: Economic Development

STRATEGY:

City Leadership should continue to work with its partners to promote the City of Fairmont as a quality location for business opportunity and residences, and encourage improved coordination among various partners in economic development in the community.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City of Fairmont, Marion County Commission, Marion Regional Development Corporation, Chamber of Commerce, FCDP, VHF/VRC, Main Street Fairmont, URA

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

A needs assessment must be formulated to clarify goals, and set priorities for Fairmont's economic development projects.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City of Fairmont, Marion County Commission, Marion Regional Development Corporation, Chamber of Commerce, FCDP, VHF/VRC, Main Street Fairmont, URA

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Develop available land, building or development site catalog for marketing purposes.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City of Fairmont, Marion County Commission, Marion Regional Development Corporation, Chamber of Commerce, FCDP, VHF/VRC, Main Street Fairmont, URA

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Update land use ordinances (Zoning Code, Subdivision Ordinance)

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, Fairmont Planning Commission, City of Fairmont Planning Department, City Attorney, citizens

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 10: Economic Development

STRATEGY:

Continue to upgrade and maintain infrastructure, facilities, and other capital improvements.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City of Fairmont Utilities Department, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, WVDOH

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Work to improve quality of school facilities.

PARTNERS:

Board of Education, LSIC's, Marion County Commission, City of Fairmont, citizens

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Act on the recommendations of the needs assessment.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City of Fairmont, Marion County Commission, Marion Regional Development Corporation, Chamber of Commerce, FCDP, VHF/VRC, Main Street Fairmont, URA

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Work to update incentives that can be offered to potential developers.

PARTNERS:

Marion County Commission, Marion Regional Development Corporation, Marion County Development Authority, City of Fairmont, URA

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue to upgrade infrastructure, facilities, and other capital improvements.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City of Fairmont Utilities Department, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, WVDOH

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 10: Economic Development

STRATEGY:

Work to pass funding mechanism for continued infrastructure improvements and maintenance.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City Manager, City of Fairmont Finance Director, citizens

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

STRATEGY:

Reevaluate needs assessment and update as necessary

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City of Fairmont, Marion County Commission, Marion Regional Development Corporation, Chamber of Commerce, FCDP, VHF/VRC, Main Street Fairmont, URA

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

STRATEGY:

Evaluate incentives and update as necessary.

PARTNERS:

Marion County Commission, Marion Regional Development Corporation, Marion County Development Authority, City of Fairmont, URA

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

STRATEGY:

Evaluate and update land use ordinances.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, Fairmont Planning Commission, City of Fairmont Planning Department, City Attorney

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue to upgrade infrastructure, facilities, and other capital improvements.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City of Fairmont Utilities Department, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, WVDOH

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 11: Community Design

STRATEGY:

The City of Fairmont should develop and implement as a part of a new Zoning Ordinance quality Design Standards that are applied to all zoning districts.

PARTNERS:

Planning Commission, City Planner, City Attorney, City Manager, City Council

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

The City should review the impact of the Design Standards on the development patterns in the City and Evaluate the continued use of this technique.

PARTNERS:

Planning Commission, City Planner, Building Inspector

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue review and evaluation of the Design Standards land use management technique.

PARTNERS:

Planning Commission, City Planner

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

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Chapter 12: Preferred Development Areas

STRATEGY:

The City of Fairmont should establish a new Zoning Ordinance that implements the concept of Preferred Development Areas.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, Fairmont Planning Commission, City of Fairmont Planning Department

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 12: Preferred Development Areas

STRATEGY:

Preferred Development Areas should be designated based on the Growth Principles.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Planning Department, Fairmont Planning Commission

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Incentives for developers should be created as part of the PDA's.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, Fairmont Planning Commission, City Manager, City of Fairmont Finance Director, City Planner, Developers

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Review the success of the PDA's to date and implement any necessary changes.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Planning Department, Fairmont Planning Commission

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Analyzing the land use patterns of the community along with the infrastructure improvements and expansions and designate any additional PDA's.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Planning Department, Fairmont Planning Commission

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue infrastructure expansion and improvement projects.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Utilities Department, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, WVDOH

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 13: Renewal/Redevelopment

STRATEGY:

Continue to support the efforts of the Fairmont Community Development Partnership in the Maple/Ogden Gateway Project.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City Manager, City Planner, Fairmont Planning Commission, URA, VHF/VRC, Main Street Fairmont, Chamber of Commerce, citizens and residents

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Implement the recommendations of the Downtown Revitalization Plan.

PARTNERS:

Private developers, Fairmont City Council, City of Fairmont, URA, Main Street Fairmont, Chamber of Commerce

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Implement the Fairmont Riverfront Master Plan.

PARTNERS:

Private developers, Fairmont City Council, City of Fairmont, URA, Main Street Fairmont, Chamber of Commerce

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue to fund capital improvements to the City's infrastructure system.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City of Fairmont, Fairmont Planning Commission, City of Fairmont Finance Director

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Develop and begin implementation of the first Urban Renewal Plan for the city.

PARTNERS:

URA, Fairmont City Council, City Manager, City Planner, Main Street Fairmont, FCDP, VHF/VRC

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 13: Renewal/Redevelopment

STRATEGY:

Complete the conceptual Master Plan for the redevelopment of the Fairmont Coke Works Site.

PARTNERS:

City Manager, City Planner, Real Property Management Committee, WVDEP, EPA, Exxon Mobil

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Define at least one additional Urban Renewal Area in the city.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City Manager, City Planner, URA, citizens and residents

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Complete the Beltline Redevelopment Plan.

PARTNERS:

Marion County Commission, Board of Education, City of Fairmont

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue implementation of Riverfront Master Plan, Downtown Revitalization Plan, Maple/Ogden Gateway Project and Urban Renewal Plan

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City Manager, City Planner, Fairmont Planning Commission, URA, VHF/VRC, Main Street Fairmont, Chamber of Commerce, developers, citizens and residents

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Develop an Urban Renewal Plan for the second Urban Renewal Area.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City Manager, City Planner, URA, citizens and residents

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 13: Renewal/Redevelopment

STRATEGY:

Create a Master Development Plan for the Fairmont Coke Works Site.

PARTNERS:

Private Developers, Real Property Management Committee

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Implement recommendations in the Beltline Redevelopment Plan.

PARTNERS:

Marion County Commission, Board of Education, City of Fairmont, residents, developers

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue implementation of Riverfront Master Plan, Downtown Revitalization Plan, Maple/Ogden Gateway Project and Urban Renewal Plan

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City Manager, City Planner, Fairmont Planning Commission, URA, VHF/VRC, Main Street Fairmont, Chamber of Commerce, developers, citizens and residents

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue to fund capital improvements to the City's infrastructure system.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City of Fairmont, Fairmont Planning Commission, City of Fairmont Finance Director

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

STRATEGY:

Begin implementation of recommendations for the second Urban Renewal Plan

PARTNERS:

URA, Fairmont City Council, City Manager, City Planner, Main Street Fairmont, FCDP, VHF/VRC

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 14: Financing

STRATEGY:

Continue to develop a Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Fairmont on a five-year basis.

PARTNERS:

Planning Commission, City Planner, Finance Director

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue to fund the capital improvement expenditures of the City of Fairmont from the Construction B&O Taxes.

PARTNERS:

Finance Director

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Identify and implement an additional revenue stream for funding capital improvements in the City of Fairmont.

PARTNERS:

City Council, City Manager

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Encourage capital improvements to be part of all development projects through future Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances.

PARTNERS:

Planning Commission, City Planner

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Create a program to provide incentives to developers who include capital improvement projects for the entire community's benefit in their development project.

PARTNERS:

City Manager, City Planner, Finance Director

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 14: Financing

STRATEGY:

Establish the practice of Volunteer Proffering in future Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances.

PARTNERS:

Planning Commission, City Planner, Finance Director

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue to develop a Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Fairmont on a five-year basis.

PARTNERS:

Planning Commission, City Planner, Finance Director

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue to fund the capital improvement expenditures of the City of Fairmont from the Construction B&O Taxes.

PARTNERS:

Finance Director

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue supplemental revenue stream for funding capital improvements in the City of Fairmont.

PARTNERS:

City Council, City Manager

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue support of capital improvement project requirements in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances.

PARTNERS:

Planning Commission City Planner

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 14: Financing

STRATEGY:

Continue the Developer's Capital Improvement Incentive Program.

PARTNERS:

City Planner, Finance Director

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Evaluate the success of the Volunteer Proffering component of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

PARTNERS:

City Planner, Finance Director

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue to develop a Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Fairmont on a five-year basis.

PARTNERS:

Planning Commission, City Planner, Finance Director

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue to fund the capital improvement expenditures of the City of Fairmont from the Construction B&O Taxes.

PARTNERS:

Finance Director

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

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Continue supplemental revenue stream for funding capital improvements in the City of Fairmont.

PARTNERS:

City Council, City Manager

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 14: Financing

STRATEGY:

Continue support of capital improvement project requirements in the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinances.

PARTNERS:

Planning Commission City Planner

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue the Developer's Capital Improvement Incentive Program.

PARTNERS:

City Planner Finance Director

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

STRATEGY:

Evaluate the success of the Volunteer Proffering component of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

PARTNERS:

City Planner Finance Director

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 15: Historic Preservation

STRATEGY:

Develop public awareness program to educate the public on the importance of historic preservation.

PARTNERS:

Historic Landmarks Commission, Historic Preservation Review Commission, Main Street Fairmont, Vandalia Heritage Foundation

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Integrate preservation into other aspects of planning and regulation.

PARTNERS:

City Attorney, Planning Commission, City Planner, Historic Landmarks Commission, Historic Preservation Review Commission, State Historic Preservation Office

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Identify funding sources that can be utilized by individuals on preservation projects

PARTNERS:

Historic Landmarks Commission, Historic Preservation Review Commission, City Planner

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Develop marketing plan devoted to the benefits of historic preservation.

PARTNERS:

Historic Landmarks Commission, Historic Preservation Review Commission, City of Fairmont, Vandalia Heritage Foundation, Main Street Fairmont

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Capitalize on the bridge restoration project and other successful preservation projects to cultivate a propreservation attitude.

PARTNERS:

City Manger, City Council, Historic Landmarks Commission,

TIME FRAME:

1-3-5 Years



Chapter 15: Historic Preservation

STRATEGY:

Continue to promote and develop the rich historical attractions of Fairmont.

PARTNERS:

Historic Landmarks Commission, Main Street Fairmont, Vandalia Heritage Foundation, Marion County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Marion County Chamber of Commerce

TIME FRAME:

1-3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Incorporate historic design elements into new development projects

PARTNERS:

City Planner, Building Inspector, Developers

TIME FRAME:

1-3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Emphasize re-adaptive use and infill technique.

PARTNERS:

Historic Landmarks Commission, City Planner, Building Inspector, Vandalia Heritage Foundation, State Historic Preservation Office

TIME FRAME:

1-3-5-8 Years



Chapter 16: Tourism

STRATEGY:

A basic tourism planning principle is the establishment of one or more gateways (major access points) through which tourists enter and leave the City of Fairmont.

PARTNERS:

Planning Commission, City Planner, Public Works Director

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

The City should cluster attractions and develop secondary attractions when possible near major ones to encourage tourists to extend their stay in the area.

PARTNERS:

Planning Commission, City Planner, Main Street Fairmont, Developers

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

STRATEGY:

The Fairmont Riverfront should be developed as a mixed-use site to provide ample opportunity for tourism related businesses and recreational amenities that will create a unique destination location that fully utilizes the natural assets of the location.

PARTNERS:

Planning Commission, City Planner, City Manager, City Council, Fairmont Renaissance Corp

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

STRATEGY:

The Rail Trail should be extended through the East Side of Fairmont to create the link from the West Fork River Trail to the MCPARC Trail, which will continue on to the Mon River Trail.

PARTNERS:

City Planner, City Manager, City Council, Marion County Commission, WVDOT, CSX

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

STRATEGY:

With the recent influx of high tech businesses in the Fairmont area, increased attention should be paid to Fairmont's Downtown Historic District and the Merchant Street shopping area to make it attractive for tourists.

PARTNERS:

Planning Commission, City Planner, Main Street Fairmont, East Side Business Association

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 17: Annexation

STRATEGY:

Identify unincorporated areas contiguous to the City of Fairmont and develop Annexation Plans for those territories.

PARTNERS:

Planning Department, Engineering, City Attorney

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Identify unincorporated areas along the I-79 Corridor and develop Annexation Plans for those territories.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Planning Department, City Engineer

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Develop an Annexation Information Program

PARTNERS:

City Planner, Finance Director, City Manager

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Market the advantages and benefits afforded to property owners in the City of Fairmont through promotional materials and public meetings.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont City Council, City Manager, City Planner

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Initiate annexation procedures for three contiguous unincorporated areas where the benefits are mutual for the property owners and the City of Fairmont.

PARTNERS:

City Manager, Fairmont City Council, City Planner, City Engineer, City Attorney

TIME FRAME:



Chapter 17: Annexation

STRATEGY:

Initiate annexation procedures for three unincorporated areas along the I-79 Corridor where the benefits are mutual for the property owners and the City of Fairmont.

PARTNERS:

City Manager, Fairmont City Council, City Planner, City Engineer, City Attorney

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Identify unincorporated areas where there is a need for municipal services to be provided and develop Cost/Benefit studies for those territories.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont Planning Commission, City of Fairmont Planning Department

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

STRATEGY:

Initiate annexation procedures for remaining unincorporated areas that are contiguous to the City of Fairmont.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Planning Department, City Engineer, City Attorney, Fairmont City Council, City Manager

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

STRATEGY:

Initiate annexation procedures for the remaining unincorporated areas along the I-79 Corridor.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Planning Department, City Engineer, City Attorney, City Council, City Manager

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

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Chapter 17: Annexation



Develop Annexation Plans for the unincorporated areas where municipal services are needed and identified as having a high benefit ratio to the City of Fairmont.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Planning Department, City Engineer, City Attorney, City Council, City Manager

TIME FRAME:

5-8 Years

CITY OF FAIRMONT 2005 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENATION SCHEDULE

Chapter 18: Safety

STRATEGY:

Form committee for the purpose of developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan specific to man-made hazards and to undertake the planning process.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Utilities, City Engineer, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, City of Fairmont Police Department, City of Fairmont Fire Department, City of Fairmont Planning Department, City Manager

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Form committee for the purpose of developing an Emergency Response Plan that is specific to the needs of the City of Fairmont for both natural and man-made hazards.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Utilities, City Engineer, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, City of Fairmont Police Department, City of Fairmont Fire Department, City of Fairmont Planning Department, City Manager, Central Communications

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Review existing ordinances and policies to their effectiveness for making Fairmont a sustainable community.

PARTNERS:

City Attorney, City Planner

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

CITY OF FAIRMONT 2005 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENATION SCHEDULE

Chapter 18: Safety



Continue public education programs that inform the public of natural and man made hazards as well as provide mitigation practices.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Utilities, City Engineer, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, City of Fairmont Police Department, City of Fairmont Fire Department, City of Fairmont Planning Department, City Manager, Central Communications

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Undertake planning process for the creation of a Natural and Man-made Emergency Response Plan.

PARTNERS:

City of Fairmont Utilities, City Engineer, City of Fairmont Public Works Department, City of Fairmont Police Department, City of Fairmont Fire Department, City of Fairmont Planning Department, City Manager,

TIME FRAME:

3-8 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue to update and enforce ordinances and policies that protect the public health safety and general welfare of the residents of Fairmont.

PARTNERS:

City Attorney, City Planner

TIME FRAME:

3-8 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue to review and assess needs for capital outlay for equipment, and supplies to allow Police, Fire, Public Works and Utilities Departments to operate effectively.

PARTNERS:

Police, Fire, Public Works and Utilities Departments

TIME FRAME:

3-8 Years

CITY OF FAIRMONT 2005 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENATION SCHEDULE

Chapter 19: Arts and Culture



Recommend a comprehensive arts survey be conducted under the guidance of the Arts and Humanities Commission

PARTNERS:

Fairmont Arts and Humanities Commission, City Planner, City Council, Fairmont State University

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Continue to support existing arts and cultural events and organizations.

PARTNERS:

City Council, City Manager, Fairmont Arts and Humanities Board, Fairmont State University

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Undertake a feasibility study for the construction of an Arts and Cultural Center in Downtown Fairmont.

PARTNERS:

City Planner, Planning Commission, Fairmont Arts and Humanities Board, Main Street Fairmont

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Implement improvements to Palatine Park for utilization of an Arts and Cultural Center

PARTNERS:

City Manager, Public Works

TIME FRAME:

1-3 Years

STRATEGY:

Act upon the Arts and Cultural Center feasibility study.

PARTNERS:

Planning Commission, City Planner, City Manager, City Council, Fairmont Arts and Humanities Board

TIME FRAME:

3-5 Years

CITY OF FAIRMONT 2005 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENATION SCHEDULE

Chapter 19: Arts and Culture

STRATEGY:

Continue to support existing arts and cultural events and organizations.

PARTNERS:



City Council, City Manager, Planning Commission, City Planner

TIME FRAME:

3-8Years

STRATEGY:

Review and revise the comprehensive arts survey.

PARTNERS:

Fairmont Arts and Humanities Board,

TIME FRAME:

