

County of Hardy, West Virginia
Planning Commission
The Comprehensive Plan Procedures for Public Input

Pursuant to the requirements of W. Va. Code § 8A-3-6(c), the Planning Commission of the County of Hardy, West Virginia (hereinafter "County") hereby adopts the following procedures to encourage and promote public participation in the amendment of the County's comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan is being drafted pursuant to W. Va. Code § 8A-1-1 and § 8A-3-11.

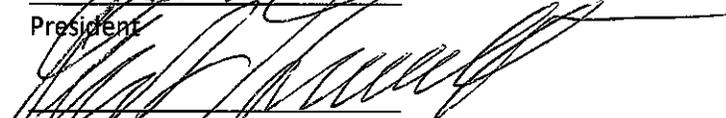
- (1) Prior to recommending a new or amended comprehensive plan, the Planning Commission will hold a public meeting on the new or amended comprehensive plan. The purpose of a public meeting is to gather input from the general public as to the County's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats as they pertain to matters in the comprehensive plan.
- (2) The Planning Commission will request input from other affected governing bodies and units of governments that may be affected by the adoption of the comprehensive plan.
- (3) Under W. Va. Code § 8A-3-11(b) and § 8A-3-6(b), once the Planning Commission has completed a draft of the comprehensive plan, and before submitting a plan to the County Commission for adoption, it must publicize and hold a public hearing on the draft of its plan.
 - a. More particularly, under W. Va. Code § 8A-3-6(b), at least thirty(30) days prior to the date set for the public hearing, the Planning Commission will publish a notice of the date, time and place of the public hearing as a Class I legal advertisement in compliance with the provisions of article three, chapter fifty-nine of the West Virginia Code. The notice shall run in a general circulating publication, the publication area will be the area that will be covered by the comprehensive plan.
 - b. In addition to the requirements at W. Va. Code § 8A-3-6(b), above, the Planning Commission will publish its draft of the comprehensive plan at least thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing. Specifically, the Planning Commission will post a draft of the plan on the County's website, and will post hardcopies for public review at the Hardy County Courthouse.
- (4) For purposes of this comprehensive planning process, the Planning Commission considers the "community" of the County of Hardy to be broader than just full-time residents within the county borders. For input into the comprehensive planning process, the Planning Commission will look to business owners who live outside the county borders, part-time residents, those who are employed in the County but live outside the county borders, visitors, and others.
- (5) Public notice of Planning Commission meetings will be given pursuant to the West Virginia Open Governmental Proceedings Act, where applicable.

(6) No provision herein shall be construed as limiting the Planning Commission's ability to engage in additional public participation efforts as the Planning Commission deems appropriate. No provision herein shall prohibit the Planning Commission from amending these procedures.

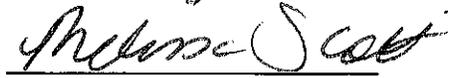
Adopted this 2nd day of July, 2013.



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