

Item Title: Wake County Comprehensive Plan Update

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners receives an update on the Wake County Comprehensive Plan.

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners directed staff to develop a comprehensive plan for Wake County. The update provides an opportunity to share information and project status on PLANWake.

Background: PLANWake is a process to assess the big community questions related to land use, transportation and growth; renew the community's vision and goals on a range of issues; and outline a path to success for the coming decade. This effort will include updating our current land use plan and development policies while incorporating other master planning efforts by the County including parks & recreation, open space, greenways, affordable housing, transit/transportation, economic development, farmland preservation and community health. The total timeline for PLANWake is almost two years, with a draft final plan scheduled to be presented to the Board of Commissioners in Winter 2019/2020.

Board Goal: The Comprehensive Plan will support a broad range of Board goals including Growth & Sustainability, Community Health, Economic Strength, and Social and Economic Vitality.

Fiscal Impact: This action has no financial impact.

Additional Information:

Resident responses to critical community questions will be the foundation for PLANWake, and the project is currently wrapping up the first phase of community outreach dubbed *Reflect on Wake*. During this phase, Wake County residents were asked to identify and discuss the opportunities and challenges facing the county. *Reflect on Wake* accomplishments include a community wide survey that has over 3,600 participants, 45 public intercept events and over 20 stakeholder group meetings. In addition, the project team held a workshop with the Advisory Committee that will guide the plan. The update to the Board of Commissioners will include a summary of themes and trends from the public outreach.

Input from *Reflect on Wake* will guide the next phase of the project - *Envision Wake* - which will focus on community choices and tradeoffs. *Envision Wake* will utilize a second public survey and more stakeholder discussions to explore how community values may translate into potential policies.

Attachments:

1. Presentation