

CHAPTER SEVEN:

Implementation

The writing, research, analysis, discussions, meetings, and public input all collectively formed the foundation for the update of Cass County's Comprehensive Plan. However, the effort, time, and money spent developing this Plan will all be meaningless if the Plan is not actually employed to implement the vision developed in the Plan and the Plans goals, objectives, and policies. The following chapter will develop a general work plan outlining the necessary steps to direct the basic activities to implement the Plan.

Step One

Review the Comprehensive Plan and identify the goals, objectives, and polices outlined in the Plan requiring specific activities, actions, or initiatives to update, change, or modify the current ordinances, regulations, or general planning policies. This will require the identification of the proper individual or group to carry out the task as well as the outline the possible actions for each task.

Step Two

Review the county's subdivision ordinances and regulations and identify those areas currently not implementing the goals, objectives, and policies outlined in the Plan. These goals, objectives, and policies should be reflected in the county's subdivision ordinances and the necessary changes made to these ordinances to reflect the changes in the Comprehensive Plan. Also review the subdivision ordinances and modify, replace, update, or remove any regulations contradicting the Plan's goals, objectives, and policies.

Step Three

Hold regular Planning Commission meetings to keep the commissioners informed of all proposed development as well any emerging issues or topics. Maintain open lines of

communication with County Commissioners, citizens, local municipalities, and state and local agencies so issues and ideas can flow freely between these groups.

Step Four

Review and address any concerns or comments the Road Advisory Group has in regards to the impact of development and new development on the county's road network. Also review any updates or changes made to the County's Transportation Plan and make the necessary adjustments to reflect the updates.

Step Five

Review the Comprehensive Plan every year to ensure the Plans goals, objectives, and policies are being implemented. The examination should also include an inventory, review, and analysis of all new or emerging issues.

Step Six

Revise the Plan every five years to reflect any change with the current and emerging issues and any modifications or additions to the goals, objectives, and policies.

Step Seven

Rewrite the Plan every 15 to 20 years or as needed. This complete rewrite should include a complete profile and analysis of the county and a limited review of all townships and incorporated areas, identification of the current and emerging issues, an outline of the goals, objectives, and policies, and the necessary steps and activities to implement the Plan.