

Introductions Day 2 – George’s group – Land Use

What gifts do you bring?

- tie county to military
- Amy – committed to cause, brings energy
- Janet – has 18 years experience with endangered species, botanist, private sector
- 30 years of land use design, planning and landscape architect with Will Dennings
- Ron Webster – retired Army, 30 years, from Texas, considers himself a catalyst, environmentalist, sustainability experience
- Mike with DOT – brings experience of long range planning
- BJ – military spouse and sustainability, other parts of the country, unique perspectives
- Omega Weeks – experience with land use planning – 10 years + other
- Been around world, aquired skills related to environment, health, has home in area
- Greg Flynn – with DENR Forest and also architech, native of Ireland; has home in NC, green design
- Jason Epley – committed to area in so much as making it a premiere place in NC, skills in all phases of planning, GIS, masters in planning
- Pete Campbell – brings expertise in ecosystem management, 6 years experience in this type partnership, familiar with stakeholders involved
- County manager – wrestling with encroachment issue with county against military base
- Curt – Army veteran, GIS coordinator for regional land use advisory commission and others, topographic mapping, worked at county level for 4 years so understands what they need to do their job

Common theme - Bring understanding of organizations, relationships
Want to leverage limited resources

Describe Desired Results – Land Use, Day 2, May 6, 2003

In a Sustainable Sandhills, land use:

Is the intentional harmonious integration of the natural and built environment ensuring environmental integrity and supporting a flourishing economy, vibrant communities and a high quality of life.

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Intentionally and harmoniously integrates the natural and built environment that nutures ...

Is the intentional development of balance ...

Is maintaining the balance and integrity of the natural and built environment through intentional

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planned and managed such that the **natural and built environments** are harmonious, producing a healthy, beautiful, and equitable community with a flourishing economy.

Sustainable development that supports the highest **quality of life** while considering the long-term health and continuity of natural systems.

Intentional, flourishing, harmonious communities with the **environmental integrity** and adaptive long-term vision.

Properly balanced between the **natural and built environment** that not only provides for today's needs, but also plans for the future through growth management and reuse of products.

The preservation of our natural resources through controlled growth management that maintains the **scenic** beauty, biodiversity and **flourishing economy**.

Supported by long-term land development vision that supports the economic vitality of the region and promotes the health and integrity of the **natural and man-made environment**.

(add in Abundance of natural resources)

(triple-bottom line – inclusion of social goals in addition to economy and environment?)

Land Use Group – May 6, 2003, Day 2

Qualities of a Sustainable Sandhills

- Quality of Life
- Ecosystem Integrity

Sustainability Success in Land Use Means:

- Balance
- Organized
- Matrix Integrity
- Harmonious
- Healthy
- Patterns that Sustain Each Other
- Ecological Continuity
- Beautiful
- Scenic
- Diverse
- Progressive
- Accessible
- Growth Management (where we want to wind up; this may not describe an end-state, part of process)
- Flourishing (including the economy)
- Support (cooperation of those that live in that environment)
- Water management (balance between flood and drought)
- Redevelopment/Reuse

- Adaptive
- Long-term focus/commitment; vision; thinking many steps ahead

DESIRED END STATE

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CURRENT STATE

Uneven distribution and lack of adequate resources for regional planning and local implementation

- No cohesive vision for region, lack of regional plans that integrate protection of land, air, water (floodplains, public open space, stormwater, wetlands, soil, groundwater)
- No centrally coordinated region-wide framework for decision-making
- Wasteful land use practices
- Limited Redevelopment and too much new development -- “urban sprawl”
- Too much dependency on vehicles that leads to poor air quality, lack of alternatives
- Increasing degradation, fragmentation, or destruction of quality habitat (Loss of farmland, Forests, wetlands)
- Lack of a regionally coordinated infrastructure plan - implementation, maintenance and replacement of phone, cable, electric, sewer, septage, water, natural gas, transportation system
- Lack of public awareness and appreciation for land use options and sustainability (to include cultural values)

HOW DO WE GET THERE? – STRATEGIES