



Visioning Workshops

Pinal County Comprehensive Plan

August 2007

Today's Agenda

- **Visioning and the Comprehensive Plan Presentation**
(20 min.)
- **Small Group Discussions**
(90 min.)
- **Small Group Reports**
(15 min.)
- **Discussion of Next Steps**
(5 min.)





What is a Comprehensive Plan?

- Statement of County policy & expression vision
- Document adopted by the County that includes:
 - Vision for Pinal County
 - Plan to manage growth, development, resources and transportation
 - Goals/policies for economic development, housing, infrastructure and environment
 - Strategies to create employment/activity centers
 - Implementation plan to achieve the vision
- Comprehensive Plans are mandated by Arizona State Statute



Where are we in the process?

- This process will update Pinal's Comprehensive Plan created in 2001
- Process will take over one year to complete
- An updated Comprehensive Plan will be adopted by the County in Fall of 2008
- Public involvement is critical to a successful Plan!



Where are we in the process?

Task 1: Project Initiation

Task 2: Framing Pinal County Comprehensive Plan Issues

Task 3: Pinal County Comprehensive Plan Compendium

Task 4: Setting the Vision

Task 5: Policy Framework

Task 6: Alternatives Development and Analysis

Task 7: Preferred Plan Alternative

Task 8: Draft Comprehensive Plan (60-Day Review Draft)

Task 9: Agency Review

Task 10: Implementation Plan

Task 11: Public Hearing Comprehensive Plan

Task 12: Produce Final Pinal County Comprehensive Plan

Road Shows

An introduction to the project...

Over 300 people attended Road Shows at these Pinal County Locations:

- San Manuel
- Maricopa
- Casa Grande
- Florence
- Superior
- Gold Canyon
- Red Rock
- Coolidge
- Saddlebrook

What We Heard at Road Shows

What **ONE** thing do you value most about Pinal County?

- Open space
- Rural atmosphere/environment
- Natural beauty
- History and heritage
- Night sky and clean air
- Diversity

What We Heard at Road Shows

What **ONE** thing do you **not** want to lose in Pinal County?

- Open Space
- Diversity
- Sense of Community
- Agriculture
- Uniqueness
- Clean air/water/environment
- Water Resources
- Wildlife

What We Heard at Road Shows

What ONE major change have you seen in Pinal County?

- Rooftops/homes/growth
- Loss of agriculture
- Increase in traffic
- A positive synergy between residents and governmental officials



Some realities...

- In 1910, 28% of the population lived in metropolitan areas; today, that percentage is over 80%
- The mean center of population has shifted 324 miles to the west and 101 miles to the south, from Bartholomew County, Indiana, to Phelps County, Missouri
- In 1900, the most common household contained seven or more people; in 2000 it contained 2 people
- From 1980 to 2000 the Hispanic population doubled.
- Prior to 1950, over half of all homes were rented; in 2000, 66% owned their own homes.

Some realities...

- **Aging population** – average age of death in 1900 was 47; today it is nearly 80.
- **Generations** – the 76 M baby boomers will start retiring in 2011.
- **Immigration** – first generation immigrants are significantly populated in the west and south; 54% living in 9 metro areas with populations of at least 5 M.
- **24/7 City** – upcoming generations favor living in central cities with work and recreational opportunities.
- **Population** – the US population, over 300 M, will likely peak in the next 50 or so years.



What is community visioning?

- A process through which any community can create a shared vision for their future – and begin to make the vision a reality
- A framework for planning, policy and decision-making



Visioning's core qualities

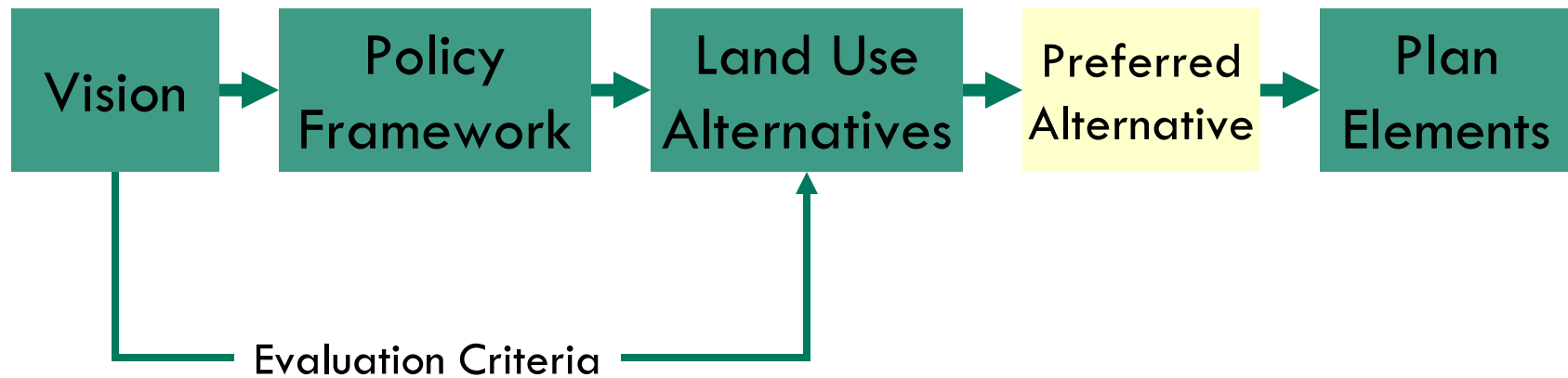
- Engages the whole of community
- Reflects core community values
- Addresses emerging trends & issues
- Envisions a preferred future
- Focuses on local action



What is a vision statement?

- A community's preferred future 'destination'.
- A shared image of 'where' the community would like to be at a given point in the future.

Where does the Vision fit?





Small Group Discussions

1. What do you think about the emerging vision themes?
 - Open Spaces and Places
 - Sense of Community
 - Economic Sustainability
 - Quality Education Opportunities
 - Mobility and Connectivity
 - Environmental Stewardship
2. If we do everything right, how would you describe a successful Pinal County in the future. What would be the outcome of our efforts? What would we have achieved?

Thank you!

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