

Comprehensive Community Plan Update

6.11.2009

Important Dates

June – 22nd Launch website www.laplataplan.com

June –24th Photo and logo contest **deadline**

June – 29th First of three trainings for facilitation, leadership, and public engagement.

July – 1st Kick-off meeting & community profile presentation

July – 25th Visioning open houses & outreach meetings

Photo & logo Contest

Community members are encouraged to participate in a **photo and logo contest** to name the planning initiative. The contest announcement marks the official kick-off of the La Plata County Comprehensive Plan Update. We know calling it a Comprehensive Plan Update is not very exciting, so we are recruiting community members to help name the project. The photos should illustrate your views of La Plata County, now and into the future. Attendees at the kick-off meeting will judge the entries and the winning submissions will receive up to \$75. The photo and logo contest will run through June 24, 2009. For more information, visit the La Plata County Web site and click on the [Comprehensive Plan Update](#) link.

Visioning

Visioning will be the first step toward identifying community values and desires for what the future of La Plata could look like. Visioning is a process upon which the foundation for community collaboration is built. A vision statement provides a statement of shared values to refer back to when consensus cannot be reached or conflict arises over specific strategies about how to move forward. A vision reminds us what we all have in common.

The Vision Statement is the clear articulation of those values. It can be challenging to define exactly what common values such as *protecting our rural character*, *good development*, and *protecting wildlife* actually mean in tangible policy terms. Thus gaining agreement on defining what

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Community, and
our Community
is you”***

Ignacio Principe,
DeKay

these values look like and mean is a critical first step in updating the Comprehensive Community Plan.

Successful visioning processes lead to broad agreement about a preferred future, which in turn will influence the development of plan elements, goals, and policies to inform the Comprehensive Community Plan Update.

This process will be initiated with a half day workshop held July 25th and followed up with two weeks of intensive community outreach. The workshop and open houses are open to citizens and stakeholders interested in being actively involved in discussions and exercises exploring alternative futures.

Building Community Capacity

A critical component to the long term success of any community is its residents ability to assume leadership roles and help determine the future of our community. Throughout the Comprehensive Community Plan update, there will be trainings offered to community members who are interested in assisting in the development of the comprehensive plan. The first training will be held on June 29th. For more information, please contact Jason Meininger (below)



Cyclists gathering at historic Helens Market

In the News

DCAT, 5.7.09 – [Community Matters](#), Interview with Chris Hall

Durango Herald, 5.28.09 – [Local Briefs](#)

Durango Herald, 5.30.09 – [County to use TV for latest master plan](#)

Durango Herald, 6.2.09 – [County seeking artists for contest](#)

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