

**Memorandum**

**TO: The La Plata County Planning and Zoning Commission and Board of County Commissioners**

**FROM: The Comprehensive Community Plan Working Group**

**DATE: April 18, 2011**

The La Plata County Working Group is pleased to present the April 7<sup>th</sup> Draft of the Comprehensive Community Plan to the County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners. The Working Group, in conjunction with the Planning staff and consultants, has been meeting twice a month since July, 2009 and held its final meeting (#37) on April 18<sup>th</sup>. This memo summarizes the Working Group's discussion at this meeting and is to be used by the County officials to help clarify the intent of the Working Group's final comments.

The Working Group believes the planning process was thorough, fair and balanced. There was an extensive community outreach process that provided residents and committee members ample opportunity to voice their opinions, concerns, and engage in discussion. It was not an expectation that people would give up deeply held values or change their minds on critical issues during this process; rather, participants emerged with a better understanding of the diversity of opinions and interests within the County, and worked towards solutions that addressed these issues.

The Working Group also believes the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan will send the County in a new and better direction and with a carefully crafted revised Land Use Map and Development Code will achieve many of the goals outlined in the Plan.

In general, the Working Group supports the plan. However, as a result of the diversity of the representatives on the Working Group, full consensus on all components of the plan was not possible as the task was to synthesize community input. While the Working Group would like these areas which lacked agreement noted, individual members do not want to block the plan's progress and will defer to the Planning Commission and BoCC for final resolution. Overall, as a result of this productive process, the Working Group supports moving the April 7<sup>th</sup> draft Plan to the Planning Commission for their consideration.

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