

**Municipalities Planning Code ▶**

**Municipality ▶**

**Zoning ▶**

**Sprawl ▶**

**Planning ▶**

**The Comprehensive Plan ▶**

**Environmental Advisory Council ▶**

**Greenways ▶**

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<p>Legislation that empowers municipalities within the state to enact regulations for the development and preservation of land. It has three main sections: (1) The Comprehensive Plan, (2) Zoning, and (3) Subdivision and Land Development.</p>
<p>A unit of local government, a political subdivision of a state where a corporation has been established to govern the population concentrated in a defined area such as a county, city, township or borough. The officers make policy decisions, levy taxes, spend money and make decisions on local planning and zoning.</p>
<p>It is the act of designating specific types of land use in specific areas within a municipality. Each zone or district allows for a designated type of land use such as residential, agriculture, commercial, industrial or mixed uses. A map is used to indicate the location of the zones.</p>
<p>A condition of development which conjures up a vision of continuous patterns of strip malls, parking lots, traffic and unconnected styles of development creating a need to drive everywhere and leaving a community without character or a sense of place.</p>
<p>A dynamic process of deciding how best to provide a proper arrangement of land uses, transportation patterns, development, agricultural lands and desirable environmental features for the future.</p>
<p>It is a document developed by either a county or municipality that provides recommendations for the growth and changes that are anticipated in the future. A county comprehensive plan provides recommendations for communities within the county but it is not enforceable. It is a document that outlines community or countywide vision, goals and objectives. It includes a land use plan, housing plan, transportation plan, community facilities plan, natural and historic resources plan and water supply plan.</p>
<p>An officially constituted municipal board created to advise local governments on environmental issues and policies including recommendations on open space.</p>
<p>Corridors of open space that can be land or water-based whose purpose is protecting natural, cultural, and/or scenic resources. Its defining function is its connectivity to other places.</p>