



## Record of Meeting

### **Township Listening Session**

Stearns County held a Township Listening Session on March 5, 2020 to better understand the Township Officials' needs, issues and opportunities as it relates to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update. The meeting was facilitated by the planning consultant and held at Albany City Hall from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A formal presentation (see Attachment A) was given at 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The meeting was open to Township staff and elected officials. Attendance recorders can be found in Attachment B.

### **Meeting Recap**

Lance Bernard from HKGi (planning consultant) provided an overview of the work that has been completed to date. This included a summary of public engagement events, draft materials, and next steps.

The presentation focused on a new approach (see Attachment A) that is being integrated into the comprehensive plan to create greater flexibility in future land use decisions. This approach suggests the County should move away from a Future Land Use Plan that guides land uses at a parcel-by-parcel basis. Instead, land use decision should be determined by using stronger design standards and criteria. This approach is documented in the meeting materials (see Attachment C).

### **Next Steps**

Township officials were encouraged to review the meeting materials with their Town Board as a whole, and provide feedback by April 17, 2020. Feedback can be submitted in one of the following ways:

- Filling out an online questioner: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5KZ6LVJ>
- Email response to Angie Berg at [Angie.Berg@co.stearns.mn.us](mailto:Angie.Berg@co.stearns.mn.us)
- Mail comments to Angie Berg at 705 Courthouse Square, Rm 343, St. Cloud, MN 56303.

# Attachment A - Presentation

# Attachment B - Sign In Sheets

# Attachment C - Meeting Materials