

Committee Focuses on Agricultural and Natural Resources

Tuesday, October 1, 2002. The Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources Element was the topic of discussion at the October Coordinated Plan Committee meeting. According to the Smart Growth Law, the purpose of the Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources Element is to *promote conservation and effective management of natural resources, agricultural areas and historic/cultural resources.*



OMNNI Associates developed a DRAFT Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources Element for the committee to consider. (The draft presented to the committee is available on this web page under DRAFT PLAN CHAPTERS). Prior to the meeting, all members of the Coordinated Plan Committee were mailed a copy of the DRAFT.

To begin the meeting, OMNNI spent some time reviewing the planning schedule through the end of the program. The October meeting begins a period in the planning process when the meetings will shift from every other month to each month. The coordinated portion of the planning effort will be completed in early 2003.

After reviewing the schedule, OMNNI Associates led the discussion as the Coordinated Plan Committee reviewed each section of the DRAFT document. The committee offered several excellent suggestions about potential programs, priorities, and expectations for the future. All committee suggestions will be posted on this web page in a revised draft.

The next meeting of the Coordinated Plan Committee will be on Thursday, November 7, 2002. The DRAFT Housing Element will be the focus of that meeting.

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