

Town Kicks-Off Comprehensive Planning Program

May 16, 2005. After sending an invitation to every landowner in the Town, nearly **50 residents** attended the kick-off meeting held at the **Kimberly High School Commons**. During the meeting, **Amy Emery of OMNNI Associates**, presented a summary of the planning program and highlighted some important statistics from the 2000 U.S. Census related to growth trends and patterns. To review the census information presented and more, review the **Community Profile** is available on this web site in the Draft Plan Chapters Section.



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The **purpose of the meeting was to get resident ideas and input** about what the community should look like in twenty years. Those in attendance had the opportunity to participate in two activities. During the first, residents gave their ideas about what makes Buchanan special/what they value about the Town. In the second exercise, residents listed what they feel are the Town's strengths and weaknesses, as well as, opportunities and threats facing the Town over the next twenty years.

At the conclusion of each exercise, participants discussed their answers with others seated at their same table. Each table worked to rank everyone's ideas by identifying the most important Town values, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. A summary of the results will appear in the Introduction and Issues and Opportunities Chapters (to be posted on the web site in the near future).



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All residents are welcome to attend any planning meeting. The next meeting will be held on June 13, 2005 at the Town Hall. During the meeting, a vision for 2025 will be discussed.