

Media Release

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Resident Input Needed on Comprehensive Plan

Nearly a year ago (February 2002) the Town of Center initiated a Smart Growth Planning program. Over the last year the Town Planning Commission has:

- Assessed Town strengths and weaknesses;
- Developed overall DRAFT visions for future housing, transportation, land use, agriculture, natural resources, community facilities, and economic development;
- Developed, distributed and analyzed a community-wide survey; and
- Completed 7 DRAFT Chapters of the plan.

During most of the rest of the year, the Planning Commission will be focusing on future land use. On **March 27, 2003** the planning program will reach its halfway point. To celebrate this special event, the Planning Commission will host a **Mid-Course Meeting at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall**. During the meeting, OMNNI Associates (the Town's Consultant) will summarize what has been done so far and provide information about upcoming events. All draft plan maps will be on display for resident feedback. In addition, OMNNI will facilitate a special mapping activity. Everyone in attendance will have the chance to develop his or her own *Future Land Use Map* of the Town. Interested residents are encouraged to attend.

To learn more about the planning program, visit the project web site at www.omnni.com (Click on PROJECTS and select the Town of Center). The web site includes meeting summaries and all draft chapters. The Planning Commission meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. All meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.