

DRAFT OUTLINE OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

CHAPTER 1 INTRODUCTION

General introductory material

CHAPTER 2 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OBJECTIVES

In accordance with West Virginia Statutes (§8A-3-4), Beckley's Comprehensive Plan has seven objectives. Restate objectives in a general way and discuss how this plan meets those objectives.

CHAPTER 3 PLANNING PAST AND PRESENT

Description of Past Plans and 2014 Planning Process. Highlight public engagement, meetings, surveys, visioning, workshops, etc.

CHAPTER 4 CITY OVERVIEW

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CHAPTER 5 TRENDS SHAPING THE FUTURE

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CHAPTER 6 LAND USE COMPONENT

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CHAPTER 8 TRANSPORTATION COMPONENT

This chapter is the Transportation Component of Beckley's Comprehensive Plan. It identifies the type, location, programs, goals and plans to meet the intermodal transportation needs of Beckley. It considers all modes of transportation, including parking issues and pedestrian and bicycle systems.

CHAPTER 8 INFRASTRUCTURE COMPONENT

This chapter provides the infrastructure component of the Beckley Comprehensive Plan. It provides the foundation for goals, and defines the proposed locations, capabilities and capacities of utilities, infrastructure and facilities necessary to meet the needs of current and future residents. It also considers environmental issues in terms of stormwater and wastewater management to promote a healthy environment.

CHAPTER 9 PUBLIC SERVICES COMPONENT

This Chapter describes how public services support community development in Beckley. It defines necessary steps to ensure public safety, and to meet the medical, cultural, historical, social, educational and disaster needs of the current and future residents. It also addresses public safety programs to educate and protect the public from disasters, both natural and manmade

CHAPTER 10 RURAL COMPONET

This Chapter represents the voice of rural development issues in Beckley. Although Beckley is an urban area, some rural development issues are present in the City and there are areas in the City that are not intended for urban growth. This component also addresses the need to protect wildlife, natural habitats, sensitive natural areas, green spaces and natural resource use in the urban area.

CHAPTER 11 RECREATION COMPONENT

Consistent with the land use component, this Chapter addresses the recreational needs of Beckley. It describes how land can be used and how facilities can be further developed to support the needs of residents. It also addresses related tourism issues, which are also touched on in the Economic Development Component, and considers needed efforts to promote tourism and heritage development in the area.

CHAPTER 12 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMPONENT

This Chapter defines economic development issues facing Beckley and future steps to take to support economic growth, job creation and to sustain a growing tax base. It considers opportunities, strengths and weaknesses of the local economy and workforce and identifies employment centers and industry sectors that are important for the area. It also considers a focus for economic development efforts, correlated to the present and projected employment needs of residents.

CHAPTER 13 COMMUNITY DESIGN COMPONENT

Consistent with the land use component, this Chapter defines the desired sense of community character and identity for the City of Beckley. It considers historic roots and unique “placemaking” elements that make Beckley unique and distinctive. It also considers how Beckley can promote an identity and sense of place that can help drive efforts to expand tourism and draw people to the area to experience this community.

CHAPTER 14 PREFERRED DEVELOPMENT AREA COMPONENT

Building on the essential elements of the land use component, this preferred development area component considers special target areas in the City where development and new investment is particularly important. Typically, these are places where development incentives may be used to encourage development, infill, or redevelopment.

CHAPTER 15 RENEWAL AND REDEVELOPMENT COMPONENT

This Chapter considers blighted areas and defines necessary steps to elimination such areas. It considers focused community revitalization and redevelopment needs in target areas of Beckley.

CHAPTER 16 FINANCING COMPONENT

This Chapter recommends short and long-term financing plans to meet the goals, objectives of this comprehensive plan. It considers both future capital expenditures, selected operational expenditures and potential grants from state, federal and private foundations

CHAPTER 17 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMPONENT

This Chapter identifies historical, scenic, archaeological, architectural, similar significant features. It also considers future steps to preserve features and community attributes that define Beckley as a unique place and contribute to community identity and historic roots.

CHAPTER 18 IMPLEMENTATION

Describes goals, action plans, coordination, timelines, financing and policies.