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A checklist for Comprehensive Plans that follow the WV Code WEST VIRGINIA CODE - Chapter 8A - LAND USE PLANNING.

§8A-3-4. Mandatory components of a comprehensive plan.

(c) The comprehensive plan shall have, but is not limited to the following components:

- (1) *Land use.* -- Designate the current, and set goals and programs for the proposed general distribution, location and suitable uses of land.....
- (2) *Housing.* -- Set goals, plans and programs to meet the housing needs for current and anticipated future residents.....
- (3) *Transportation.* -- Consistent with the land use component, identify the type, location, programs, goals and plans to meet the intermodal transportation needs.....
- (4) *Infrastructure.* -- Designate the current, and set goals, plans and programs for the proposed locations, capabilities and capacities of all utilities, essential utilities and equipment, infrastructure and facilities.....
- (5) *Public services.* -- Set goals, plans and programs, to ensure public safety, and meet the medical, cultural, historical, community, social, educational and disaster needs.....
- (6) *Rural.* -- Identify land that is not intended for urban growth and set goals, plans and programs for growth and/or decline management in the designated rural area.
- (7) *Recreation.* -- Identify land, and set goals, plans and programs for recreational and tourism use in the area.
- (8) *Economic development.* -- Establish goals, policies, objectives, provisions and guidelines for economic growth and vitality for current and anticipated future residents
- (9) *Community design.* -- Set goals, plans and programs to promote a sense of community, character and identity.
- (10) *Preferred development areas.* Identify areas where incentives may be used to encourage development, infill development or redevelopment in order to promote well designed and coordinated communities and prevent sprawl.
- (11) *Renewal and/or redevelopment.* -- Identify slums and other blighted areas and set goals, plans and programs for the elimination of such areas
- (12) *Financing.* -- Recommend to the governing body short and long-term financing plans
- (13) *Historic preservation.* -- Identify historical, scenic, archaeological, architectural or similar significant lands or buildings, and specify preservation plans and programs