

Land is a finite natural resource

**that provides habitat for
much of the living world—
including humans.**

If land is used for one purpose, its use for other purposes is limited.

Each use has its consequences.

People have different attitudes and values about land use.

Those differences may cause conflicts. Resolution requires cooperation, compromise and careful consideration of all information.

Land use planning is a dynamic process

**that involves local citizens,
community leaders and special
interest groups, each having an
impact on the future decisions of the
community as well as the region.
“Not to plan” is a decision just as
“planning” is a decision.**

It is a civic responsibility

**for citizens to be involved in
community decisions that
impact the character, values and
resources that are important
now and for the future.**

Ownership of land means you accept responsibility

**for the care of that land and
follow the laws and regulations,
making responsible decisions
about the use of the land.**