

# Grassland Village Special Area Plan

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Public Involvement Meeting  
January 31, 2013

# Meeting Outline

- I. Introduction of Williamson County Planning Staff and the Grassland Citizen's Advisory Committee;
- II. Brief presentation on the Grassland Special Area Plan process;
- III. Working Group Assignment; and
- IV. Reporting of Results and Discussion

# Meeting Objective

To provide:

- I. A background about the current planning efforts;
- II. An opportunity to tell Staff what is important about the Grassland Village; and
- III. An opportunity for Staff to learn about community values.

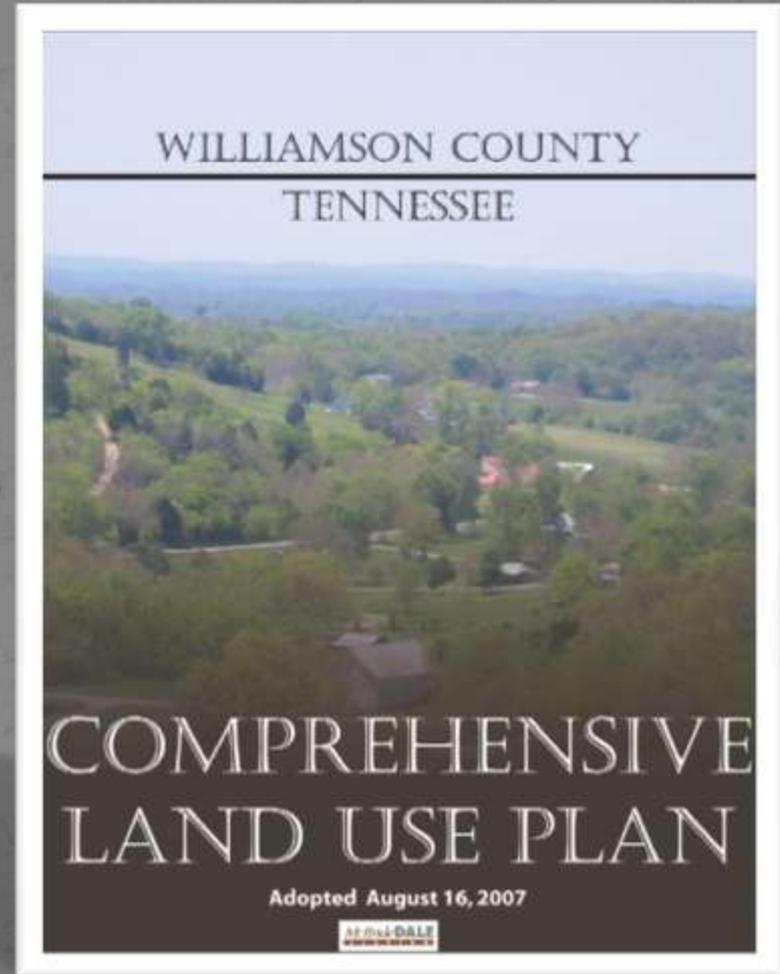
# How did we get here?

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Reviewing the basics of the Special Area Plan process

# Comprehensive Land Use Plan

- Approved in 2007;
- Guides public decisions about land use and public facilities;
- Creates twenty-year vision for the County; and
- Forms the basis for implementation tools to make the plan a reality.



# Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Comprehensive Plan identified 5 land use categories:

- Rural Preservation/Rural Development
- Hamlet
- Village 
- 840 Center
- Suburban Infill and Conservation

# Comprehensive Land Use Plan

## What characterizes a Village?

- Crossroad community of historical significance;
- Limited infrastructure;
- Located in areas with increased growth pressure;
- Compact development pattern; and
- Broader mix of uses than other areas.

# Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Four Villages were identified:

- College Grove
- Leiper's Fork
- Grassland 
- Triune

What does a Special Area Plan  
mean for Grassland?

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# The Special Area Plan

The Special Area Plan will:

- Articulate a shared vision for the community;
- Focus on community values;
- Outline specific goals and strategies;
- Define the Grassland Village as a unique area; and
- Identify appropriate land uses and infrastructure needs.

# The Special Area Plan

The Special Area Plan will not:

- Rename local schools, streets, or communities;
- Incorporate Grassland Village as it's own city or town; and
- Annex Grassland Village into the neighboring cities of Franklin or Brentwood.

# Grassland Village

The red outline will be the study area for the Special Area Plan.

Areas in pink are currently zoned as Village.

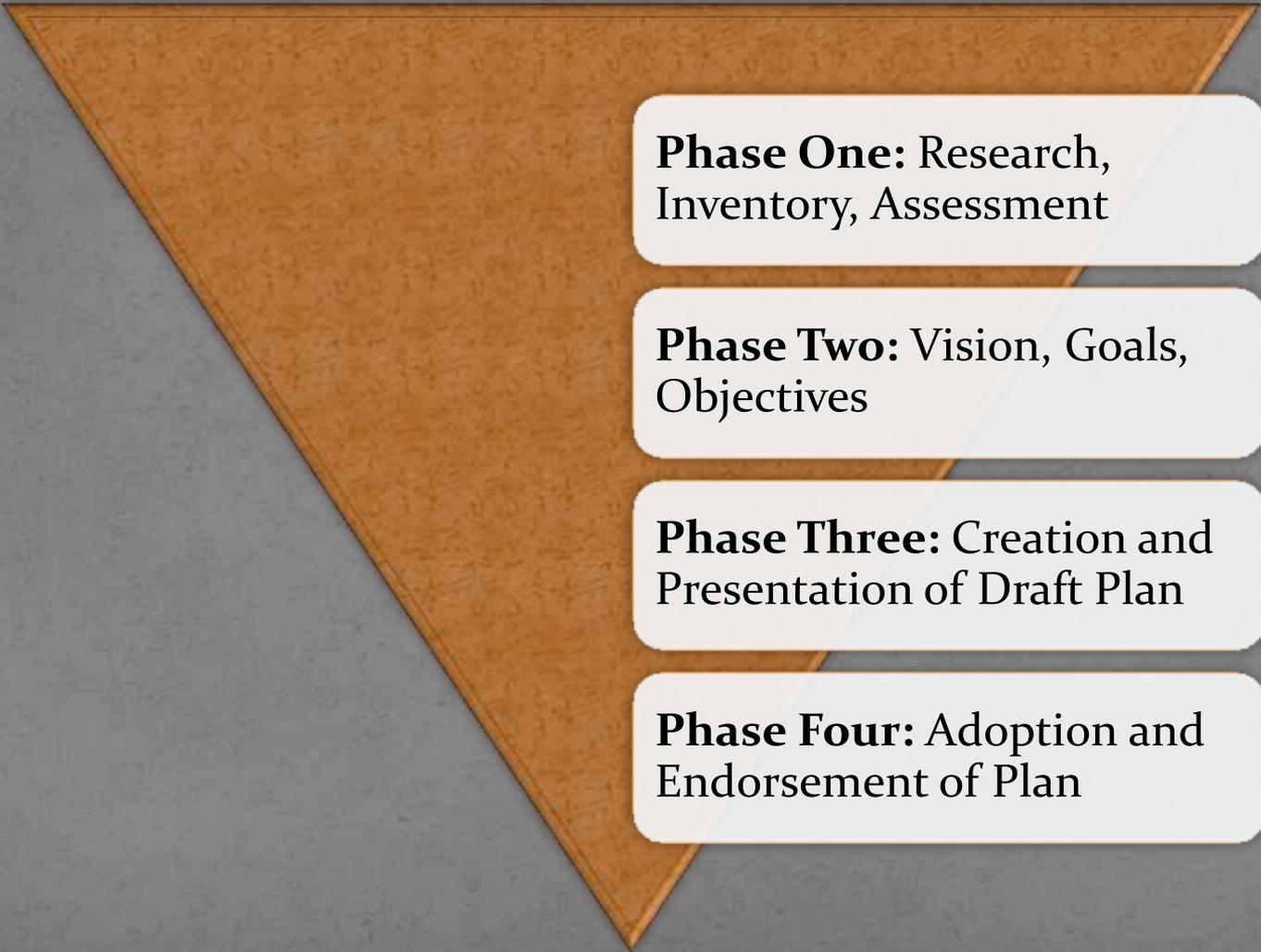
*Maps are available on the wall for closer inspection at your convenience.*



What is the Special Area Plan  
process?

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# Special Area Plan Process



**Phase One:** Research, Inventory, Assessment

**Phase Two:** Vision, Goals, Objectives

**Phase Three:** Creation and Presentation of Draft Plan

**Phase Four:** Adoption and Endorsement of Plan

# Phase One

- Data Gathering
  - Land Use Inventory
  - Photo Inventory
  - Historical Research
- Citizen's Advisory Committee
  - Call for applications
  - Selection of Committee
  - Endorsement
- First Advisory Committee Meeting
  - Project Background
  - Role of the Committee
  - Planning for Initial Open House



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August 31, 2012

As we begin the process of creating a Special Area Plan for the Grassland Village, the Williamson County Planning Department Staff is seeking a group of residents of the Grassland area to take part in the Grassland Village Citizen's Advisory Committee. A call for applications has been extended to ensure residential representation on the Committee.

The role of the Citizen's Advisory Committee will be to:

- Serve as a sounding board for both Planning Staff and the public;
- Act as a liaison between the public and Staff;
- To work with Staff on making recommendations for the Special Area Plan; and
- To provide input that will help ensure the community's vision, goals and objectives are properly articulated in the Plan.

If you would like to be considered for membership on the Citizen's Advisory Committee, please contact Katy Rucker by phone or email at the contact information listed below for an application. Interested parties must respond no later than September 14, 2012.

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# Phase Two

## Establishing a Vision, Goals, and Objectives

- Public Open House (December 10, 2012)
- Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting
- **1<sup>st</sup> Public Involvement Meeting (today!)**
  - Staff Presentation
  - Community Exercise to Identify Issues
- Categorization of Community Issues

# Phase Two

## Establishing a Vision, Goals, and Objectives

- Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Involvement Meeting
  - Ranking of Community Issues by Importance
  - Community Exercise to Identify Goals
- Creation of a Draft Vision Statement for Grassland
- Creation of a Draft Set of Goals for Grassland

# Phase Two

## Establishing a Vision, Goals, and Objectives

- Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Public Involvement Meeting
  - Discussion on Draft Vision Statement and Goals
  - Community Exercise to Identify Objectives

# Phase Three

## Creation and Presentation of a Draft Plan

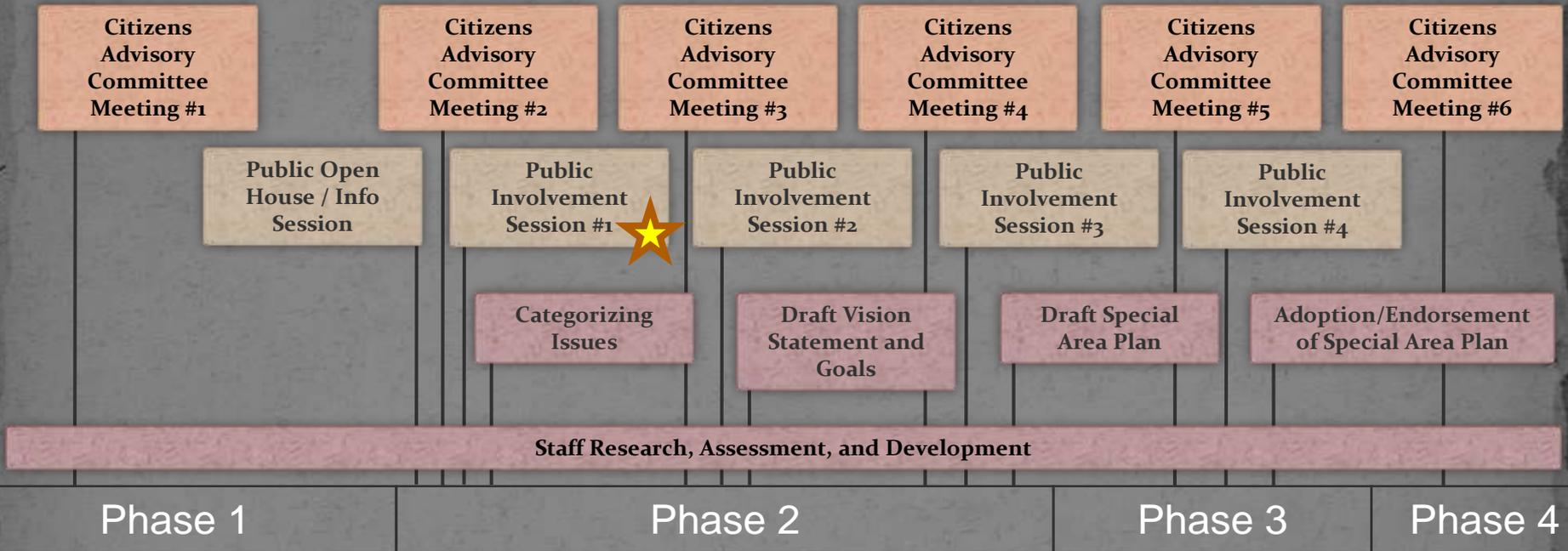
- Development of a Draft Special Area Plan
- Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting
- 4<sup>th</sup> Public Involvement Meeting
  - Presentation of Draft Plan
  - Public Feedback regarding Draft Plan
- Revisions to Draft Plan Made

# Phase Four

## Adoption and Endorsement of Special Area Plan

- Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting
- Presentation to Williamson County Regional Planning Commission for adoption
- Presentation to Williamson County Board of Commissioners for endorsement

# Timeline



**Grassland Village Special Area Plan**

# How can I help?

- I. Ask questions;
- II. Be respectful of everyone;
- III. Talk to the Citizen's Advisory Committee members;
- IV. Attend meetings and participate in workshops;
- V. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you;
- VI. Envision the Grassland Village long-term; and
- VII. Think of what we can do, not what we can't do.**

# Working Group Assignment

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# Workshop Logistics

**If you have not already done so, please:**

- Break into groups of 5-7 people; and
- Designate a spokesperson and recorder for your group.

# Please answer the following:

1. In your opinion, what are the most important **Planning, Preservation, and Development** issues facing the Grassland Village?
2. What is your vision for Grassland over the next 20 years?

Please let a staff member know when your group is finished with both questions.

# Results

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# Next Steps

**County Staff will organize and post the meeting notes online.**

## **Public Involvement Meeting #2**

**Date and Time: TBD**

**Objective 1: Ranking issues facing the  
Grassland Village**

**Objective 2: Discuss goals for the Village**

# Stay Connected



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*[www.williamson-tn.org/planning](http://www.williamson-tn.org/planning)*



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# Questions?

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