US ROUTE 30 MASTER PLAN

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Community Workshop #3 March 15, 2007

Background

The US Route 30 Master Plan is a vital piece of the overall effort necessary to revitalize the US Route 30 corridor and enhance personal mobility and livability in Westmoreland County. This corridor is a significant thoroughfare and its functionality and appearance are critical to the continued vitality of the County. When complete, the Route 30 Master Plan will become a strategic blueprint for Westmoreland County's economic growth corridor.

The Smart Growth Partnership of Westmoreland County has initiated this planning process with local planners and community stakeholders. The plan will build upon numerous transportation and land use planning efforts conducted over the past several years and will pinpoint strategies to implement the US Route 30 Vision Statement developed by participants of the January 2006 SGPWC Summit. It will also examine the adequacy of the transportation network to support current and future redevelopment plans, as well as to enhance the safety and accessibility of the corridor for all modes and people of all ages and abilities.

The project is unique in that a non-profit entity is taking a proactive, collaborative approach to help shape communities along the corridor that will optimize their ability to reap the benefits of growth, while avoiding negative consequences, such as clogged roadways and vanishing open space.

The Route 30 Master Plan will utilize sound transportation and land use planning approaches to develop cost-conscious investment priorities, intelligent strategies for congestion management and multi-municipal development regulations and design guidelines.

Previous Workshops

Members of the community turned out for two Community Workshops, on October 18, 2006 at St. Joseph Center and January 18, 2007 at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg. Participants at the first workshop learned about smart growth planning principles. Citizens also marked up maps of the study area and made suggestions for improving the connectivity and character of development in communities along the US Route 30 corridor. At the second workshop, the community brainstormed possible growth scenarios, and talked about land use and transportation strategies that could help achieve the best blend of development and traffic flow in future.



vision for the future

By leveraging key capital investments with intelligent transportation systems and sound land use practices, the U.S. Route 30 corridor in Westmoreland County will be a national example of safe and efficient transportation corridor of economic opportunity.

Spearheading these actions is a coalition of business and municipal officials who work collaboratively with each other and with PennDOT to ensure that, the U.S. Route 30 of the future is characterized by:

- A consistent approach to land use regulation that enhances economic activities, balancing the historic character and rural beauty of the highway while respecting individual property rights;
- The use of the latest technology to intelligently move people and goods safely;
- An appropriate mix of commercial, industrial, residential, agriculture, open space and other vital land uses that underlie a great quality of life;
- A multi-modal approach, including transit, air, and rail freight to accommodate the movement of people and goods efficiently;
- A network of parallel road systems that provides choices for local residents and for the convenient flow of through traffic, including the tourist traveler: and
- Well-maintained surface, landscaping and traffic control systems that work together to enhance the motoring experience.

US Route 30 Master Plan: How the Scenarios Compare

| L | and Consumed | Base | Trend | Urban Centers | Suburban Centers | Rural Centers |
|---|---|--------|--------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | Total acres developed | 46,614 | 59,702 | 49,052 | 49,592 | 57,285 |
| | Total additional acres developed | 2222 | 13,088 | 2,438 | 2,978 | 10,671 |
| | Percent increase | | 28% | 5% | 6% | 23% |
| | Percent of redevelopable land consumed | 2222 | 4% | 9% | 1% | 2% |
| | Percent of agricultural/ open land consumed | | 15% | 2% | 3% | 12% |
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| Transportation | Percent Change Base Year - Forecast Year | | | | |
|--|--|------|------|------|------|
| Daily traffic volume | 5,700,000 | 12% | 12% | 14% | 16% |
| Daily vehicle miles traveled | 3,900,000 | 14% | 13% | 16% | 20% |
| Daily vehicle hours traveled | 105,000 | 12% | 11% | 13% | 17% |
| Corridor level of service | | -1% | 4% | 0% | -6% |
| Daily minutes of vehicle travel per person | 40 | 5% | 3% | 6% | 9% |
| Travel speed | 36 | 2.0% | 1.8% | 2.4% | 2.3% |
| Annual gallons of gasoline consumed | 72,000,000 | 14% | 13% | 16% | 20% |
| Annual per capita dollars spent on gasoline **** | \$1,120 | 7% | 5% | 8% | 12% |

| Land Use/ Urban Form | | P | Percent Change Base Year - Forecast Year | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|--|------|-----|-----|
| | New households in mixed-use, walkable communiites | | 14% | 99% | 58% | 30% |
| | New jobs in mixed-use, walkable communities | | 32% | 100% | 71% | 33% |
| | New households in existing urban centers ***** | | 17% | 61% | 0% | 0% |
| | New jobs in existing urban centers ***** | | 40% | 70% | 0% | 0% |
| | New households in existing water and sanitary districts | | 36% | 71% | 20% | 6% |
| | New jobs in existing water and sanitary districts | | 65% | 78% | 36% | 20% |

| Population, Employment, and Land Area | Land Area (all scenarios) | Base Year 2000 | Forecast Year 2030 | Numeric Increase | Percent Increase |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Number of persons | | 158,662 | 170,081 | 11,419 | 7% |
| Number of households | | 64,752 | 77,820 | 13,068 | 20% |
| Number of jobs | | 100,854 | 104,339 | 3,485 | 3% |
| Total acres | 189,338 | | | | |
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| | Total buildable acres ** | 100,810 | | | |
| | Buildable redevelopable acres *** | 9,046 | | | |
| | Buildable agricultural or vacant/ open acres | 85,593 | | | |
| Notes | | | | | |

Notes

- * Unbuildable or undevelopable land includes steep slopes, wetlands, water, primary road right-of-way, and existing residential areas
- ** Buildable land includes redevelopable areas, vacant/open space, and agricultural land
- *** Redevelopable land includes commercial and industrial areas (not residential areas)
- **** Assumes price of \$2.50 per gallon in current dollars for all scenarios
- ***** Existing urban centers include Jeanette, Irwin, Greensburg, and Latrobe

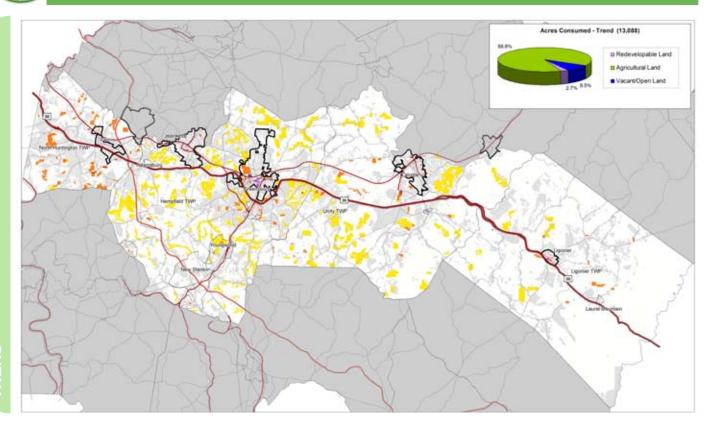
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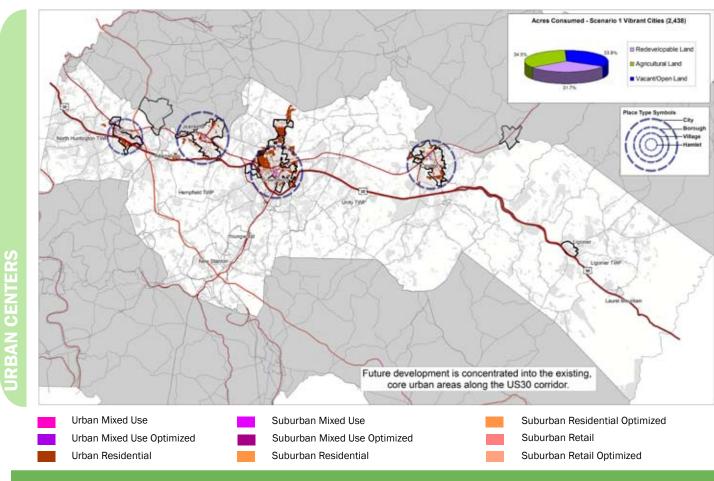
Using the public input gathered from the March Workshop, the Study Team will developing a preferred scenario. This scenario in combination with the overall vision statement and guiding principles will serve as a basis for a corridor-wide Visioning and Strategy Report to be completed in June 2007. Based upon the vision, the study team will work with municipalities to develop demonstration plans, more specific transportation recommendations, and an "implementation toolkit" that will help local, regional and state partners work together to realize the vision over the coming

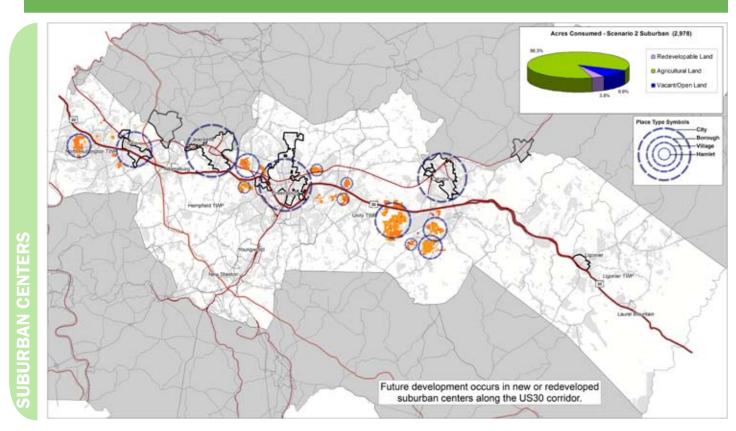


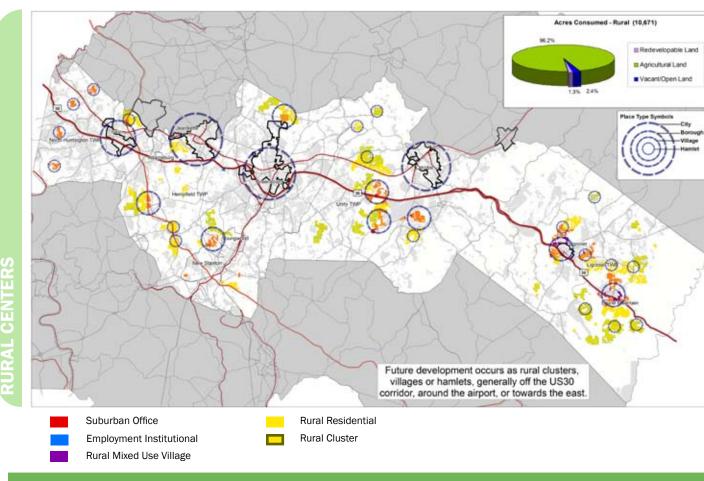
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Where Do We Want to Be?





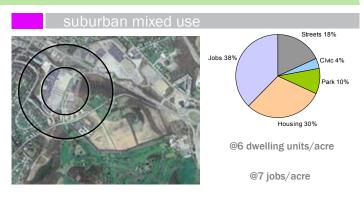


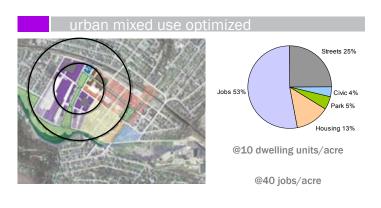


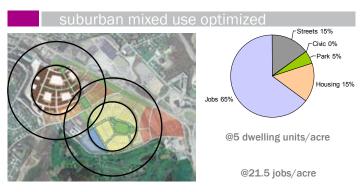


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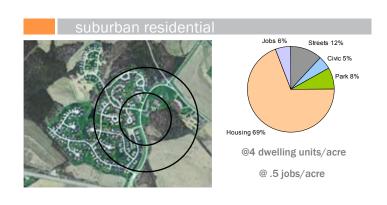




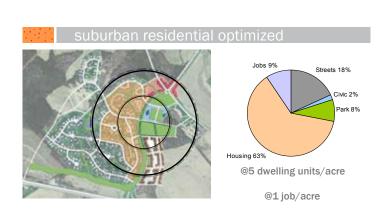










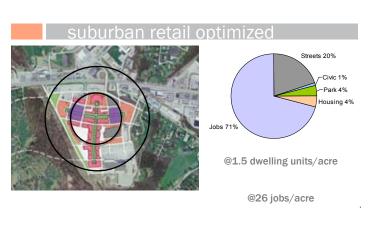


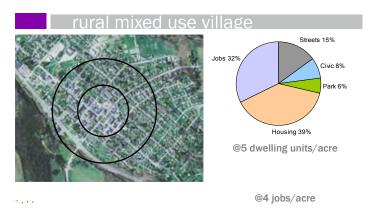


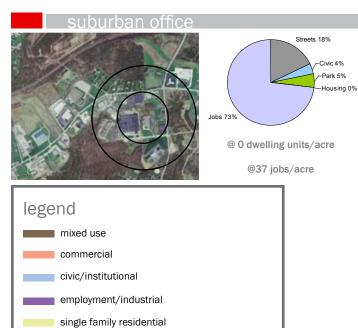
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Streets 15% Cimc 3% Park 4% Housin @ .5 dwelling units/acre @16.5 jobs/acre

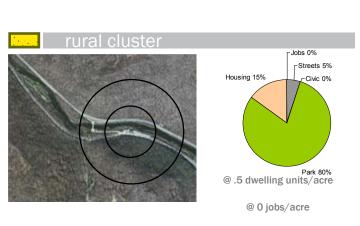












outer circle = 1/4 mile radius (5 min. walk)

multi-family residential

inner circle = 1/8 mile radius

park/open space

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