

Town of Sennett Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting **June 18, 2007**

Copies of the resident survey results were available at the meeting, and the steering committee took the time to review and comment on the results. A central theme to community sentiments in the survey was that the Town values its natural surroundings, rural lifestyle, and agricultural ties.

The primary goal of this meeting was to develop a formal vision for the Town Comprehensive Plan. As a result of the two visioning sessions on May 8th and May 15th, Thoma drafted the following vision statement for the Steering Committee to work with, edit, and make it unique to the Town of Sennett. The statement should be a reflection of a mental image of the Town's future in the minds of the public body.



The Town of Sennett's future will embody a progressive community striving to support a healthy mix of planned green development and open space preservation. Sensitivity to the natural environment and pleasant rural atmosphere guide the location, density, and style of the built physical environment. These diverse features will contribute to a people-friendly, residential community in an environment that is aesthetically pleasing. The quality of life for our Town's diverse population is enhanced by a well-maintained infrastructure of multi-modal transportation systems, cost effective utility infrastructure placement, and the presence of recreational facilities.

The steering committee broke up into two groups and generated their own ideas for a vision statement using the one provided above as fuel for thought. The results are as follows:

The vision of the Town of Sennett is to provide a community of residential housing, agriculture, and greenspace, complimented by supportive commercial activities regulated through strong town government processes.

The second statement:

The Town of Sennett future:

Will embody a progressive community striving to support a healthy mix of planned green development and open space preservation. Sensitivity to the natural environment and pleasant rural atmosphere guide the location, density, and style of the built physical environment (yadda, yadda, yadda). Keeping all in mind we support the promotion of agriculture, controlled planned growth, business co-existence with rural lifestyle, people-friendly community in an environment that is aesthetically pleasing. In conclusion (summary), the Town looks to work across the community to enhance the future of Sennett. ☺

The Town will need to blend all of this together to form one vision for the plan. Community participation including the survey, visioning sessions, and vision statement, will help us as consultants identify and share what strategies and tools the Town can use to create your community of choice. In an attempt to join common themes identified in the above vision statements, we have expressed the Town's vision below.

The Town of Sennett's future will embody a progressive community and a responsive, forward thinking local government. Both community and government strive to support a healthy mix of well-planned, environmentally friendly development and open space preservation. Sensitivity to the natural environment and pleasant rural atmosphere guide the location, density, and style of the built physical environment. These diverse features will contribute to a people-friendly, residential community that supports agriculture and accommodates aesthetically pleasing businesses development. The quality of life for our future is enhanced by a well-maintained infrastructure of multi-modal transportation systems, cost effective utility infrastructure placement, and the presence of recreational facilities.