125.104 Development plans; purpose and contents of county plan; duties of commission; coordinating agency; deliberation with other governmental planning commissions.

Sec. 4. (1) The county planning commission shall make and approve a plan for the development of the county. The county plan may include planning in cooperation with the constituted authorities for incorporated areas in whole or to the extent to which, in the planning commission’s judgment, they are related to the planning of the unincorporated territory or of the county as a whole. The plan with accompanying maps, plats, charts, and all pertinent and descriptive explanatory matter shall show the planning commission’s recommendations for the development of the county. In the preparation of a county development plan, the planning commission shall make careful and comprehensive studies of the existing conditions and probable growth of the territory within its jurisdiction. The plan shall be made with the purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the county that will be in accordance with present and future needs for best promoting the health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare of the residents, as well as for efficiency and economy in the process of development.

(2) The county plan shall address land use issues and may project 20 years or more into the future. The plan shall include maps, plats, charts, and descriptive, explanatory, and other related matter and shall show the planning commission’s recommendations for the physical development of the county. The plan shall also include those of the following subjects which reasonably can be considered as pertinent to the future development of the county:

(a) A land use plan and program. If the county has adopted a zoning ordinance under the county zoning act, 1943 PA 183, MCL 125.201 to 125.240, the land use plan and program shall consist in part of a classification and allocation of land for agriculture, residences, commerce, industry, recreation, ways and grounds, public buildings, schools, soil conservation, forests, woodlots, open space, wildlife refuges, and other uses and purposes. If the county has not adopted a zoning ordinance under the county zoning act, 1943 PA 183, MCL 125.201 to 125.240, the land use plan and program may be a general plan with generalized future land use maps.

(b) The general location, character, and extent of streets, railroads, airports, bicycle paths, pedestrian ways, bridges, waterways, and water front developments; flood prevention works, drainage, sanitary sewers and water supply systems, public works for preventing pollution, and works for maintaining water levels; and public utilities and structures.

(c) Recommendations as to the general character, extent, and layout for the redevelopment or rehabilitation of blighted areas; and the removal, relocation, widening, narrowing, vacating, abandonment, or changes or use or extension of ways, grounds, open spaces, buildings, utilities, or other facilities.

(d) Recommendations for implementing any of its proposals.

(3) The county planning commission shall do all of the following:

(a) Conduct studies, investigations, and surveys relative to the economic, social, and physical development of the county.

(b) Formulate plans and make recommendations for the most effective economic, social, and physical development of the county.

(c) Cooperate with all departments of the state and federal governments and other public agencies concerned with programs for the economic, social, and physical development of the county and seek the maximum coordination of the county programs of these agencies.

(d) Consult with representatives of adjacent counties in respect to their planning so that conflicts in overall county plans may be avoided.

(4) The county planning commission may serve as a coordinating agency for all planning committees and commissions within the county.

(5) The county planning commission may meet with other governmental planning commissions to deliberate.