

STAFF REPORT  
August 13, 2008

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**No. 08CA006 - Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan adopting the Rapid City Future Land Use 2008 Plan Overview**      **ITEM 1**

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

PETITIONER	City of Rapid City
REQUEST	<b>No. 08CA006 - Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan adopting the Rapid City Future Land Use 2008 Plan Overview</b>
LOCATION	Generally includes land eight miles north of the City limits to Elk Creek, three miles east of the Airport to Caputa, bordered to the west by United States Forest Service lands, to the south by the Spring Creek and Landfill drainage basins
DATE OF APPLICATION	7/23/2008
REVIEWED BY	Patsy Horton

RECOMMENDATION: The Future Land Use Committee recommends approval of the Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan by adopting the Rapid City Future Land Use 2008 Plan Overview.

STAFF REVIEW:

The Future Land Use Plan for the City is comprised of 16 neighborhood plans. There are 413 square miles in the Future Land Use Study Area. Division of the Study Area into smaller planning areas promotes increased public participation as citizens are naturally more concerned about issues in their neighborhoods. The Future Land Use Plan Overview identifies the common goals that provide a broad community vision to link all neighborhood plans together.

The Future Land Use Plan Overview is an indispensable tool for all sectors of the community. Local government can invest public infrastructure dollars more wisely if the location and magnitude of anticipated growth is identified. Private sector businesses can use the Plan to make more accurate growth projections and better position themselves to meet the needs of the future population. The Plan will provide developers and landowners with a clear idea of the location and type of development desired by the community, thus saving time and money in assembling development plans. The Plan will enable individual citizens to be more aware of how the community and their specific neighborhoods will develop, assisting them in making more informed decisions about where to live and work.

The proposed Future Land Use 2008 Plan Overview will update the previous 1999 adoption of the Rapid City Area Future Land Use Plan Overview. The Overview is the framework for ensuring orderly and efficient growth of the community. The proposed Plan will provide developers and landowners with a clear idea of the location and type of development desired by the community, thus saving time and money in assembling development plans.

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The proposed Plan will also enable individual citizens to be more aware of how the community and their specific neighborhoods will develop, assisting them in making more informed decisions about where to live and work.

The Future Land Use Committee recommends approval of the proposed Rapid City Future Land Use 2008 Plan Overview.

**NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT:**

Chapter 12.60.160 of the Rapid City Municipal Code regulates the City's Comprehensive Plan. A public hearing is required for a comprehensive plan amendment and notice of the public hearing was published 10 days in advance of the hearing in the legal newspaper of the community.