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Knox County Unveils Proposed Land Use Plan

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County officially unveiled its draft Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Plan, which is available online at advanceknox.org.

Knox County began working on the plan almost two years ago, collecting data and seeking feedback from stakeholders and the public.

The process – dubbed “Advance Knox” – is data driven to create a plan that guides growth, land use, transportation, economic prosperity, and quality of life for years to come. A project team analyzed population growth projections, land availability, and infrastructure conditions to identify areas of Knox County that should be preserved and areas that are appropriate for new growth.

The resulting plan defines new types of places for future development, provides an updated land use map and transportation recommendations, identifies priority investment areas for new park facilities, and outlines policy recommendations.

“I am excited to see Advance Knox move into the adoption phase,” said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. “This process has helped us create a plan that prioritizes smart growth and infrastructure maintenance so that we can maintain our quality of life and unique identity while continuing to welcome new residents.”

The next step is for the Growth Policy Coordinating Committee to update the county’s Growth Policy Plan, which will begin during the public meeting on Oct. 24. From there, the plan will go to the Knox County Commission, Knoxville City Council, and Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen for adoption.

After the updated Growth Policy Plan is adopted, the draft Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Plan will be considered by the Planning Commission. Knox County Commission will have the final vote, which is expected to happen in early 2024.

For more information about Advance Knox, including the draft Comprehensive Land Use and Transportation Plan, resources from the planning process, and information about the Growth Policy Plan, please visit advanceknox.org or contact the project team at contact@advanceknox.org.

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