

Town of Concord

Vision Statements with Consensus - 2006

PHYSICAL CONFIGURATION AND FUNCTION VISION STATEMENTS

A. Community Form, Design and Function

- a. Hope to see trails planned for non-vehicular traffic (bike, pedestrian, possibly equine)
- b. Hope that the “village area” would be contained and in a defined area (so that they are not springing up everywhere)
- c. Hope for the “village” to be proximate to the existing hamlet (have a more “urban” area that is distinct from the rural area)
- d. Hope that we have a “Mayberry” type community that remains friendly and welcoming (with a “small town” feel)
- e. Hope to keep the “Community Center” strong and as a “focal center” for community vitality
- f. Hope to build “community connections”, “people interaction opportunities” (don’t have to just consider buildings) and “park area interactions” (“interactions” means community gatherings, community events, festivals, etc.)
- g. The Town will, for now, hold on any commitment for sewer and water, but will leave open the identification of areas for providing sewer and water in the future (if it decides on an area for “light business”).
- h. Hope for an exploration about the possible benefits of a modest expansion to the Hamlet including the quadrants at I-94 and Hwy. F with a refined list of approved types of uses (with usage restrictions).
- i. The Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan (Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Plan) is reaffirmed, and for now, will not allow new subdivisions (except areas adjacent to Urban Service Areas).

B. Housing -- None

C. Rural Character/Sprawl

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- a. Hope to retain “rural character” and be more cohesive as a community
- b. Hope that everyone notices how complicated it is in “keeping it rural”

D. Agriculture

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- a. Hope for a community that is always “farm friendly” (support them to be profitable)

E. Commercial: Size

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- b. Hope that the “big/large business” is not part of the vision (i.e. avoid large employer; encourage smaller business)

F. Environment-- None

OPERATIONAL VISION AND OUTCOMES

G. Operational: Costs and Benefits of Growth -- None

H. Operational: Regulation

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- a. Hope that we get what we want as a community from this planning (i.e. hope we can be more restrictive than County plan if we so choose)

I. Operational: Process

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- a. Hope for a tight, precise idea for the plan (so we don't have surprises when people come in with a proposal, and it is clear whether it is consistent with our agreed-upon plan)
- b. Hope we can determine if we plan for the full Town or only apart
- c. Hope to articulate what does make Concord special and what we love about it
- d. Hope for careful documentation of community dialogue sessions
- e. Hope to approach this economically (i.e. using existing plans such as County's as much as possible)
- f. Hope to maximize citizen involvement in process
- g. Hope we allow ourselves enough time (1½ years) so we have even a “Citizen Volunteer Committee” to be directly involved with setting up workshops