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Limit Expansion

Tomorrow, Feb. 18, planning commissioners will begin reviewing a rewritten chapter of the draft Comprehensive Plan called “Managing Growth Responsibly.” This revised chapter reflects a major shift from the original draft that was presented to the community in April 2009. While there’s still room for improvement, the chapter now clearly acknowledges that both the amount as well as the location of development matter.

For instance, the chapter’s statement of ideal has been changed from “Meet the human needs of the community in locations identified for development” to “Limit growth to established development allowances while encouraging preservation of existing neighborhoods and open spaces.”

Why is this a good thing? Limiting expansion is fundamental to protecting Jackson Hole’s most important assets – our town and rural landscapes that are home to irreplaceable wildlife, amazing scenic vistas and a high quality of life and experience for residents and visitors alike.

Excessive growth and its direct and cumulative impacts would put our community’s stated priorities – wildlife, open spaces, scenery and small town character – at unacceptable risk. And limiting growth is not going to halt future expansion because extensive residential and commercial development is already in the pipeline.

Tomorrow and throughout the Comp Plan process, we encourage you to voice your support to elected and appointed officials for a plan that states that additive growth is not appropriate for Jackson Hole, and that unpredictable density increases should not occur in the future.

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