

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the 2032 Yavapai County Comprehensive Plan Update

Q: What is the Plan and why should I be interested?

A: The Comprehensive Plan is used by Yavapai County to guide its decision making around managing growth across the County. Decisions the County makes can affect many future aspects of the lives of its residents such as quality of lifestyle, property taxes required to fund growth and projects, costs for many types of construction, what they can and cannot do with their property, use of lands adjacent to their property, and many other considerations. Residents in Williamson Valley should be interested in the Comprehensive Plan as several areas in Williamson Valley are being considered as Growth Areas for other communities such as southern Williamson Valley near Prescott and the Williamson Valley and Loop Road area as a possible Growth Area for Chino Valley. Growth Areas are those targeted for higher growth by Yavapai County.

Q: Why haven't I heard about this before?

A: This is a difficult question to address. The County commissioned the Plan Update work in 2021. The County began documenting on its Development Services website the meeting schedules and agendas of the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee as it does its other Planning and Zoning meetings. In September of 2022, Development Services opened a 60 day public comment period distributing copies of the Plan to various agencies for comment, requesting public input to the plan, and holding a series of public hearings reviewing the Plan and allowing public comment at the meetings. Work on the Plan was also covered by local media publications at various times. Conversely, concerns by residents have been expressed to the Planning and Zoning Board that the process used to update the Plan was poorly developed and managed causing inadequate awareness of the public along with questionable representation on the Plan Advisory Committee.

Q: What should I, as a Williamson Valley (WV) resident, be most interested in about this plan?

A: Since this is a county-wide plan, much of what's included in the plan may not have a direct impact on WV residents. However, there are many aspects of the plan that may be of concern to the residents of Williamson Valley, such as:

- Chapter 2, Land Use – Addresses existing and future uses, including examining the use of both public and privately-owned lands.
- Chapter 5, Water Resources - Provisions for water availability, use, and conservation. WV residents should urge the County Board of Supervisors to adopt county-wide requirements for developers to demonstrate adequate water supplies prior to granting construction permits. Increasing development and water use in WV is impacting residents in certain areas.
- Chapter 6, Growth Areas - Provisions for Growth Areas and their locations. WV residents should understand the designation of Growth Areas which may impact the area surrounding WV. Specific areas of interest include the areas around Iron Springs Road up to and beyond Pioneer Parkway and the area around WV Road and Loop Road.

Q: What can I, as a Williamson Valley resident, do to get involved?

A: Spend a little time getting familiar with the Plan itself. The WVCO has published links and articles about the plan and its progress. If you don't have time to read the full 100 page County Plan, read the "Overview and Summary Provisions" document published by WVCO to gain familiarity with the Plan and what areas may be of interest to the reader.

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