2012 ALAPA Awards

Outstanding Planning Award for a Plan

This award recognizes an outstanding plan other than a comprehensive plan.
2012 ALAPA Awards

City of Dothan

“Long Range Development Plan”
“A Sense of New Beginnings”

Nominated by Timothy W. Brown

Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association
Community Profile

- History of Dothan
- Most recent demographics
- Key findings from previous Plans
- Plan Organization and Plan Advisory Committee
- Highlights of the Existing Conditions Report
- Education Theme
Public Participation

- Provides the basis for the goals of the plan.
- Documents the results of a citizen survey.
- Documents five public forums held in the Spring of 2008 which included a
  - Visual Preference Survey and SWOT Analysis
- This process yielded additional thoughts on the issues raised in the survey and their prioritization.

Slide 52

Sprawl

- Does Dothan need more like this (Large Lots & Minimal Open Space)
  - A

- Or more like this (Clustered Smaller Lots with more Open Space)
  - B

Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association
Education

Understanding the Context of Our Future Decisions

• Review some of the urban forms common in urban areas and opportunities for application in Dothan.
• Discuss the boundaries of the decision making process.
• Identify the trends, issues and challenges unique in our community.
Education

Purpose of the Long Range Development Plan

- Roadmap for decision making
- Involves physical, social and economic environments
- Legal and logical foundations of planning
- Sustainable Development
- Role in the Development Process
- Standards and Guidelines
- Capital Improvements Planning
- Specific (topic) plans

Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association
We Envision Dothan

- Where the natural environment is protected.
- Where the level of City services consistently achieves high standards of quality and availability.
- Where a variety of recreational opportunities are available.
- Where citizens are true partners in their City government.
- Where a high quality of life is shared by all.
- Where opportunities for employment and business exist.
- Where the appearance of our City is attractive.
- Where the ground transportation system has balanced mobility options, with minimal congestion, good accessibility, and connections City-wide that is integrated into the regional road network.
- We envision, we aspire, and we hope that our community becomes a great place in which to live, work, own a business, play, educate and rear our children now and in the future.
2012 ALAPA Awards
Dothan Long Range Development Plan

Plan

Land Use and Community Appearance

• Detailed view of how existing and future land uses interact.
• Strong themes for community appearance and design translated into a Development Concept.
• Urban Growth Area
• Annexation Strategy
• Future Land Use Map

Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association
Plan

Transportation

• Discusses existing issues with the city transportation system.
• Issues that will likely impact the shape of the future transportation system including:
  • Complete Streets
  • Access and Mobility
  • Traffic Calming
  • The Urban Transportation Planning Process (MPO)
  • I-10 Connector
Plan

Implementation - The plan recommendations are organized by the preferences expressed by the public during the planning process.

Transportation improvements within the City.
- Sidewalks, pedestrian ways and bike trails.
- Communication improvements between the City and the public.
- Improvements to downtown.
- More downtown entertainment venues.
- More open space and parks in which to recreate.
- Prevent commercial encroachment.
- Protect the environment.