

# Lake Ozark launches Comp Plan update

It’s been a long time coming, but the City of Lake Ozark is moving forward with updating its Comprehensive Plan.

The city’s economic base and infrastructure have evolved in the last decade, while the city’s development plan has remained unchanged since 2006.

The board of aldermen recently passed a resolution to proceed with updating the 14-year-old document with the Lake of the Ozarks Council of Local Governments taking the lead at no cost to the city.

“Lake Ozark is a vibrant and growing community requiring a city government capable of responding to changes in economic conditions, and capable of expanding public safety, utility and transportation infrastructure in a planned and coordinated way while taking into account and allocating limited resources” the resolution stated.”

LOCLC Executive Director Linda Connor told the board that City Administrator Dave Van Dee has wanted a Comp Plan update for several years, but the cost has been prohibitive. With funding through the Economic Development Administration, the LOCLC is able to offer the plan update at no cost to the city.

“The plan gives the city a vision as to how it wants development in the future,” Connor explained. “We want to make sure we put in the plan what the city wants to look like in the next 10-15 years.”

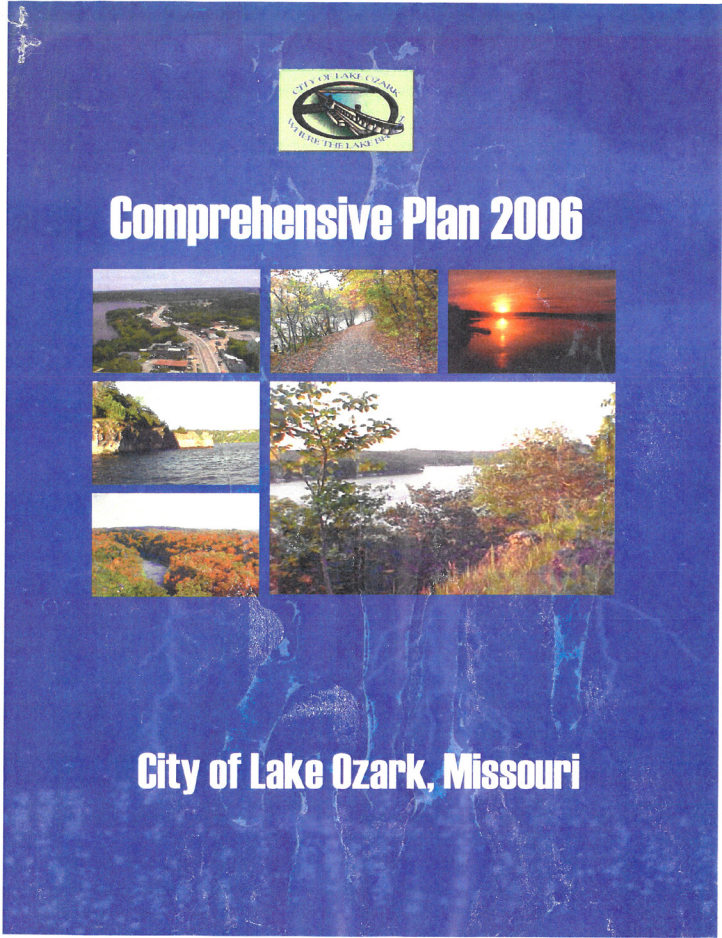
She said the Comp Plan identifies what the city’s needs are regarding economic growth and development.

“It’s extremely important if you want to go after state and federal funds,” she said.

## Proposal

The LOCLC’s 12-month proposal is as follows:

- Months 1-2 – Organization and Information Gathering. The LOCLG staff will work with city staff and other local organizations to gather information pertinent to the planning effort. Staff will collect demographic and socioeconomic data through public sources such as the Census Bureau. A Planning Committee composed of community volunteers will be established during this phase.
- Month 2 – Orientation Meeting & Survey. This public meeting of the Planning Committee will inform the community of the general purpose and process of planning. Staff will present relevant data collected to date and finalize a public survey to be distributed to residents of the community. Staff will create base maps to use throughout the planning process.
- Months 3-4 – Survey Results and SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis to identify what the community’s strengths and weaknesses are in order to begin identifying community goals.
- Months 4-5 – Land Use Planning & Goals Meeting. Staff will facilitate this meeting to discuss possible future land use scenarios and build consensus among the committee to develop a future land use map. This meeting will also begin the process of setting simple and concise goals for the community based on the survey results and gathered information.



- Months 5-6 – Objectives and Strategies Meeting No. 1. The LOCLG staff will provide suggestions to the committee for establishing objectives and strategies for each goal building off the previous meeting.
- Months 6-7 – Objectives and Strategies Meeting No. 2. This will provide an opportunity to continue discussion of any remaining topics not covered in the previous meeting and fine tune all of the objectives and strategies.
- Month 7- -- Writing the Plan. The LOCLG staff will write the full and complete document. City staff will review and make comments and suggest edits as needed.
- Month 8 – Public Open House – Draft Plan Review. Comments will be received at the meeting and revisions made to the document based on public input.
- Months 9-10 – Final Plan Presentation. The plan will be presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission for their comments and endorsements.
- Adoption of the Plan will be at the meeting following the final plan presentation.