

**BOONE COUNTY MASTER PLAN
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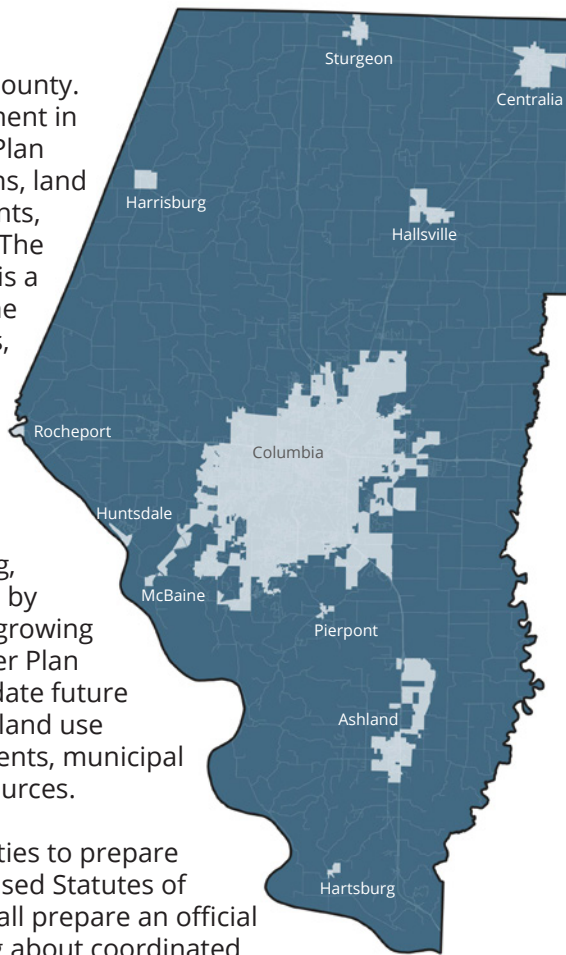
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OVERVIEW

Boone County is creating a new Master Plan for the County. The Master Plan will help guide growth and development in the County over the next 10 to 20 years. The Master Plan serves as a guide for the County for rezoning decisions, land development regulations, transportation improvements, budgeting, coordination of infrastructure, and more. The Master Plan is not a regulatory document. Instead, it is a guide that reflects the values and aspirations of Boone County, crafted with input from residents, businesses, and service providers.

The current Boone County Master Plan was adopted in 1996, so it has been over twenty-five years since the last Master Plan. Since then, the County has experienced significant population and employment growth. That growth has spurred demand for housing, services, and infrastructure improvements. As shown by the 2020 Census, Boone County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri. This update of the County Master Plan will be an opportunity to consider ways to accommodate future population and employment growth by coordinating land use policies, transportation and infrastructure improvements, municipal and county services, and preservation of natural resources.

The State of Missouri provides the authority for counties to prepare countywide master plans. Chapter 64.815 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri states, "The county planning commission shall prepare an official master plan of the county for the purpose of bringing about coordinated physical development in accordance with the present and future needs."



Unincorporated Boone County

BENEFITS OF AN UPDATED MASTER PLAN

Logical Land Use Decision Making

The current Boone County Master Plan is over 25 years old. An updated Master Plan will be a guide for the Planning Commission when reviewing rezoning requests, conditional use permits, subdivision plats, and other land use decisions.

Strategic Guide for Future Growth and Change

While the future cannot be predicted, the County can plan and manage for growth and change. The planning team will examine trends in demographics, workforce, mobility, housing, and economic development to best position the County to coordinate with communities, agencies, utilities, and organizations on future growth in the County.

Shared Community Vision

Master Plans are an opportunity to develop consensus on a community vision and countywide priorities that will help shape growth in the county for the next 10-20 years. The planning team will engage residents in multiple ways to ensure that residents are included in the planning process.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community engagement will be an essential part of updating the Master Plan. An Advisory Committee and Technical Committee will help guide the planning. A countywide survey will help shape plan goals and priorities. There will be numerous opportunities for resident input, including multiple in-person and online open houses, a countywide survey, small group meetings, a website, and social media. In addition to extensive community engagement, the final Master Plan will go through a formal adoption process, including a public review period and approval by the Planning Commission and County Commission.

COMMON QUESTIONS REGARDING THE BOONE COUNTY MASTER PLAN

What is a County Master Plan?

A master plan helps guide growth and development over the next 10 to 20 years. The plan serves as a policy guide for future land-use decisions, transportation, protection of the natural environment, community services, and coordination of infrastructure.

Why is Boone County updating its Master Plan?

The current Boone County Master Plan was adopted in 1996, so it has been over twenty-five years since the last plan. Boone County has seen significant growth since 1996. The county has added over 60,000 residents since 1996, a percentage increase of approximately 50%. Boone County was one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri over the last decade, based on the 2020 Census.

What will the Master Plan include?

Plan components are expected to include community vision and goals, existing conditions, growth analysis, future land use, economic development, housing, transportation and mobility, natural resources, utilities, and community facilities. While the plan will cover many topics, key aspects will be the future land use plan and transportation recommendations for areas of unincorporated Boone County.

Who is leading the Master Plan planning process?

An Advisory Committee and Technical Committee will help guide the process. The Advisory Committee has representatives from the Planning Commission, communities, businesses, organizations, and county residents.

The Technical Committee has representatives from County departments, utilities that service Boone County, fire districts, MoDOT, and other agencies.

The planning team is led by the i5Group, along with Community and Economic Development Solutions, SLU Community Planning Lab, Lochmueller Group, and BioHabitats.

The public will have multiple opportunities to provide input as the plan is developed. The Planning Commission will provide a recommendation to the County Commission to adopt the final Master Plan.

Will the Master Plan cover all of the County?

The jurisdiction of the plan will be the unincorporated areas of the County. However, cities in the County will also be involved in the planning process as it will be important to consider their future growth. In addition, the plan will concentrate more closely on areas of the County with current or expected growth.

How long will the planning process last?

The planning process began in the Spring of 2023 and will continue through the end of 2024. The adoption of the master plan is expected to take place in the Fall of 2024.

How can I be involved in the process?

Great question! Public involvement is an essential part of this process. There will be multiple in-person and online open houses for the public to attend. A countywide survey will take place in 2023. In addition, the planning team will be meeting with numerous community stakeholders and organizations. Visit www.OurBoone.com to stay up to date.

How will you ensure that residents throughout the County are part of the planning process?

Engagement activities such as the open houses and the online survey will be open to all residents in the County. In addition, a paper version of the survey will be mailed to 2,000 households, chosen randomly, in unincorporated areas of the County. The mailed survey will be especially helpful in ensuring that residents from throughout the County are part of the planning process.

How do I learn more about the Master Plan or review materials?

Visit www.OurBoone.com to stay up to date on the plan. The website will include updates about the process, schedule, and materials to review as they become available. You can also contact the Boone County Resource Management office at 573-886-4330.

BOONE COUNTY MASTER PLAN SCHEDULE

EXISTING CONDITIONS AND DISCOVERY PHASE

SPRING-FALL 2023

Review of existing conditions, data, and trends in the County, including:

- Market and Economic Analysis
- Demographics
- Land Use, Housing, and Development
- Transportation and Mobility
- Natural Resources
- Parks and Recreation
- Community Facilities and Services

Community Engagement

- Advisory Committee and Technical Committee Meetings
- Small Group and Stakeholder Meetings
- **Open House #1 (in-person and online)**
- Countywide Survey

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GROWTH ANALYSIS AND SCENARIO PLANNING

FALL 2023-SPRING 2024

- Analyze the advantages and disadvantages of different growth scenarios for Boone County
- Advisory Committee and Technical Committee Meetings
- **Open House #2 (online only)**

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DRAFT MASTER PLAN

SPRING 2024-SUMMER 2024

- Draft plan components and recommendations
- Draft future land use plan
- Follow-up stakeholder meetings
- **Open House #3 (in-person and online)**

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PLAN REFINEMENT AND ADOPTION

FALL 2024

- Draft Master Plan for review
- Public Hearings on Final Master Plan
- Approval and Adoption by Planning Commission and County Commission

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Thank you for your interest! For more information about the Boone County Master Plan, visit:

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