

VIII. CONCLUSION

This chapter of the Plan will briefly discuss the recommendations for future study and will summarize and conclude the comprehensive planning process.

A. Recommendations for Future Study

In spite of the wide scope of the Comprehensive Plan, certain items were identified that were too detailed to include in the Comprehensive Plan or would simply benefit from additional, more focused study. These items are listed in the paragraphs below.

1. The North Subdivision

A detailed neighborhood plan for the North Subdivision is recommended in order to develop more specific guidelines for setbacks, pedestrian access, housing, street lighting, etc. The Neighborhood Plan could also be used to pursue grant funding to implement any recommended projects.

2. Design Review

The subject of design review for the Resort Area was discussed at different points during the planning process. If the County decides that design review is appropriate for the Resort Area (or anywhere else in the County), a set of specific guidelines will have to be developed. A Design Review Commission will have to be established to review architecture and landscaping of development proposals.

3. Parks and Recreation

The development of a Park Master Plan is recommended. The Master Plan would build on the data and recommendations from Comprehensive Plan and would develop specific size and type criteria for future park development. The Master Parks Plan could identify potential locations for future parks, coordinate with tourism efforts for larger parks and explore opportunities to develop a greenway system to connect parks and community facilities.

4. Housing

The 1996 study (summarized in Chapter II) is now six (6) years old and should probably be revisited, particularly in light of the goals and objectives for residential development that were identified during the planning process (and listed in Chapter III).

5. Flood Hazard Areas

Floodplain and flood hazard issues are so prevalent in Tunica County and played a significant role in the development of the Future Land Use Plan. The existing data on flooding in Tunica County is outdated, inaccurate and incomplete. Allocating funds for a County-wide flood study is highly recommended by the project team.

B. Conclusion

The Tunica County Comprehensive Plan was developed over an eighteen (18) month period in a joint effort by Allen & Hoshall, Dalhoff Thomas Daws, Nichols Gilstrap, Tunica County Government and the citizens, business

owners and property owners of Tunica County. The planning team examined and made recommendations on a wide range of issues, such as land use, economic development, transportation, community facilities, infrastructure, housing and aesthetics. The Tunica County Comprehensive Plan is an inclusive document that is intended to serve as a guide for decision making and policy development in the years to come.