

## DPTF Area Plan Committee

June 23, 2022 Meeting

### Agenda Discussion Item II

#### Background.

Per the County's zoning ordinance, updates to area plans are considered either major or minor amendments to the Comprehensive Plan, based on zoning code **Section 5.13.C.2.B** (you can read that here [Coconino-County-Zoning-Ordinance---Final-Approved-June-9-2022 \(az.gov\)](#)). The criteria for approval state that updates to area plans are *minor amendments* to the Comprehensive Plan, unless the goals and policies conflict with a Comprehensive Plan goal and policy, in which case it is a *major amendment*. This is important because a *major amendment* means that the Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing must be delayed until October and, a major amendment requires a 4/5 majority vote of the Board of Supervisors.

#### Review for Discussion

There is one draft goal and policy that conflicts with the Comprehensive Plan. Here is the goal and policy in question:

The draft DPTF Area Plan contains this goal and policy:

- **GOAL:** All tax parcels located within the DPTF Planning Area whose development is subject to approval by the Coconino County Planning and Zoning Commission remain within said jurisdiction.
- **Policy LU.24:** If necessary, the Coconino County Board of Supervisors should appeal to the Governor of Arizona and the U.S. Secretary of the Interior in opposition to efforts to remove land from said jurisdiction.

The DPTF goal and policy conflicts with this Comprehensive Plan goal and policy:

- **Community Character Goal:** Promote coordination of land use planning with sovereign tribal nations related to development and resource protection.
- **Policy 13:** The County encourages expanding its collaboration with tribal governments on land use issues, development projects, infrastructure development, and cooperative maintenance through strategic planning efforts such as area plans

Alternative for discussion:

- **GOAL:** Parcels currently under the jurisdiction of Coconino County that are transferred to another authority should maintain consistency with area plan design, rural character, and desired land uses as identified throughout this plan.
- **POLICY:** The County and the DPTF community should be consulted with and should collaborate in any land transfer and planning processes initiated by sovereign tribal nations.