

Discretionary Project Schedule / Work Plan

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About Planning Department Resource Allocation:

The primary task of the Planning Department is the review of development applications, including rezonings, annexations, site plans, subdivisions, etc. These first priority tasks typically require the majority of Planning Department resources (primarily staff time) annually. Second priority is given to state and/or federal mandates and third priority is given to specific assignments from elected officials. Fourth (last) priority is given to long-range planning and special projects that are discretionary on the part of the Planning Department staff and/or Plan Commissions.

Only those mandated, second priority tasks that do not reoccur annually and require significant resource allocation are shown. Regular mandated tasks, such as community floodplain management program recertification and CAMPO two-year work program development, are not shown.

Planning Department Resource Allocation Priorities:

Task	Priority	Work Plan Representation			Staff Assignment (Name (Time Split if Applicable))
Development Review	1st	Not Shown			Melissa, Ashley, Kyra, Andres, Noah, Janie, Chelsea (1/2), Jeff (1/3)
State / Federal Mandates	2nd	Active	Scheduled		Laura (MPO), Chelsea (Floodplain - 1/2), Jeff (1/3)
Elected Official Assignments	3rd	Active	Committed		Jessie, Jeff (1/3), Others as Available
Discretionary Projects	4th	Active	Proposed	Conceptual	

Project Title	Planning Department Role	Staff Lead	Staff Support	2023												2024												2025											
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1 Zoning Ordinance Flood Hazard Area Standards Update	A complete revision of the zoning ordinance's requirements necessitated by an updated IDNR model ordinance and replacement FEMA Haw Creek mapping. Must be adopted by Feb. 23, 2023	Jeff	Chelsea	Active (Red)																																			
2 Plan Commission Jurisdiction Change	Revision of the Columbus and Bartholomew County planning jurisdictions resulting from the disannexation of Otter Creek golf course. Includes comprehensive plan and zoning map changes for the County.	Jeff		Active (Red)																																			
3 Columbus Thoroughfare Plan & Subdivision Ordinance Revisions	Updates to the Columbus Thoroughfare Plan and Subdivision Control Ordinance to better reflect the recommendations of the 2022 Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan.	Jeff	Ashley	Active (Green)																																			
4 Columbus CRH / City View Small Area Plan	Development and adoption of a new element of the Columbus Comprehensive Plan addressing the future development of the Columbus Regional Health / Garden City Farms property.	Jeff	Melissa	Active (Green)																																			
5 Columbus Zoning Ordinance Revisions	Revision of the Columbus zoning regulations to include standards for commercial solar energy facilities as well as other topics such as accessory dwellings, RE living area, electric vehicle charging, etc.	Jeff	Jessie	Active (Green)																																			
6 Columbus Open Space Study / Subdivision Ordinance Updates	A review of options for providing and sustaining open space in new developments.	Ashley		Active (Green)												Active (Green)																							
7 Columbus Zoning Ordinance Revisions - Front Door Overlay	Completion of a focused revision to potentially replace the current Columbus Crossing PUD with an overlay of similar requirements of the entire "Front Door" commercial area.	Jessie		Active (Green)												Active (Green)																							
8 Columbus Right-of-Way Annexation	A review of right-of-way annexation over time around Columbus and the identification of additional annexations where the City boundary is along a street centerline, etc.	Ashley		Active (Green)												Active (Green)																							
9 Columbus Housing Study	Support for the Columbus Housing Study, including gaps, barriers, and recommended zoning revisions. Includes the identification of areas where housing is limited by private covenants, collection of building permit data, etc.	Jessie	Jeff	Active (Orange)												Active (Orange)																							
10 Columbus Zoning Ordinance Revisions - Housing Provisions	A comprehensive examination and revision of the zoning regulations with regard to housing, including broadening allowed housing types and responding to the Housing Study recommendations.	Jessie	Jeff	Active (Green)												Active (Green)												Active (Green)											
11 Strategic Growth Study Update / Industrial Sites Analysis	An update of the Columbus Strategic Growth Study, analyzing barriers and identifying most promising locations for future residential, commercial, and industrial growth.	Jessie	Jeff													Active (Orange)												Active (Orange)											
12 Columbus Comprehensive Plan Goals & Policies Update	A review and update of the 1999 Comprehensive Plan Goals & Policies Element.	Jeff	Jessie													Active (Green)												Active (Green)											
13 Columbus Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Update	An update of the 2002 Future Land Use Map based on since-completed small area plans, the updated Strategic Growth Study, and updated Goals & Policies.	Jessie	Jeff																									Active (Green)											
14 Subdivision Ordinance Updates - Septic Systems, Etc.	Development of Columbus and Bartholomew County Subdivision Ordinance updates regarding septic systems, access easements, commercial & industrial subdivisions, etc.	Ashley	Jeff																									Active (Green)											

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Suggested / Future Projects:

Hartsville Contract Update / Adoption of City-County Zoning Ordinance

200 West / Indianapolis Road Small Area Plan

Edinburgh / Bartholomew / Columbus Joint District Comprehensive Plan

Zoning Ordinance Study - Industrial Fencing Requirements (see Meadowlawn at 250 West, interested participants include Jason Hester and Harold Force)

Zoning Enforcement - Focused reviews of landscaping at Columbus Crossing, buffering at Woodside Northwest, etc.

Columbus Near-Downtown Neighborhoods Plan

Zoning Ordinance Study - Parking Requirements at Strip Malls (and other large multi-tenant facilities)

Solar Energy Compatible Housing Requirements / Guidelines (proper roof exposures for future solar panel installation, etc.)

Exterior Lighting Regulation Update (to include lumens/ brightness, time of day/night restrictions, etc.)