

Visioning and Comprehensive Plan Update

We Create Our Future!

THE PINAL COUNTY VISIONING PROJECT
AZ Department of Commerce Growing Smarter Planning Grant Recipient

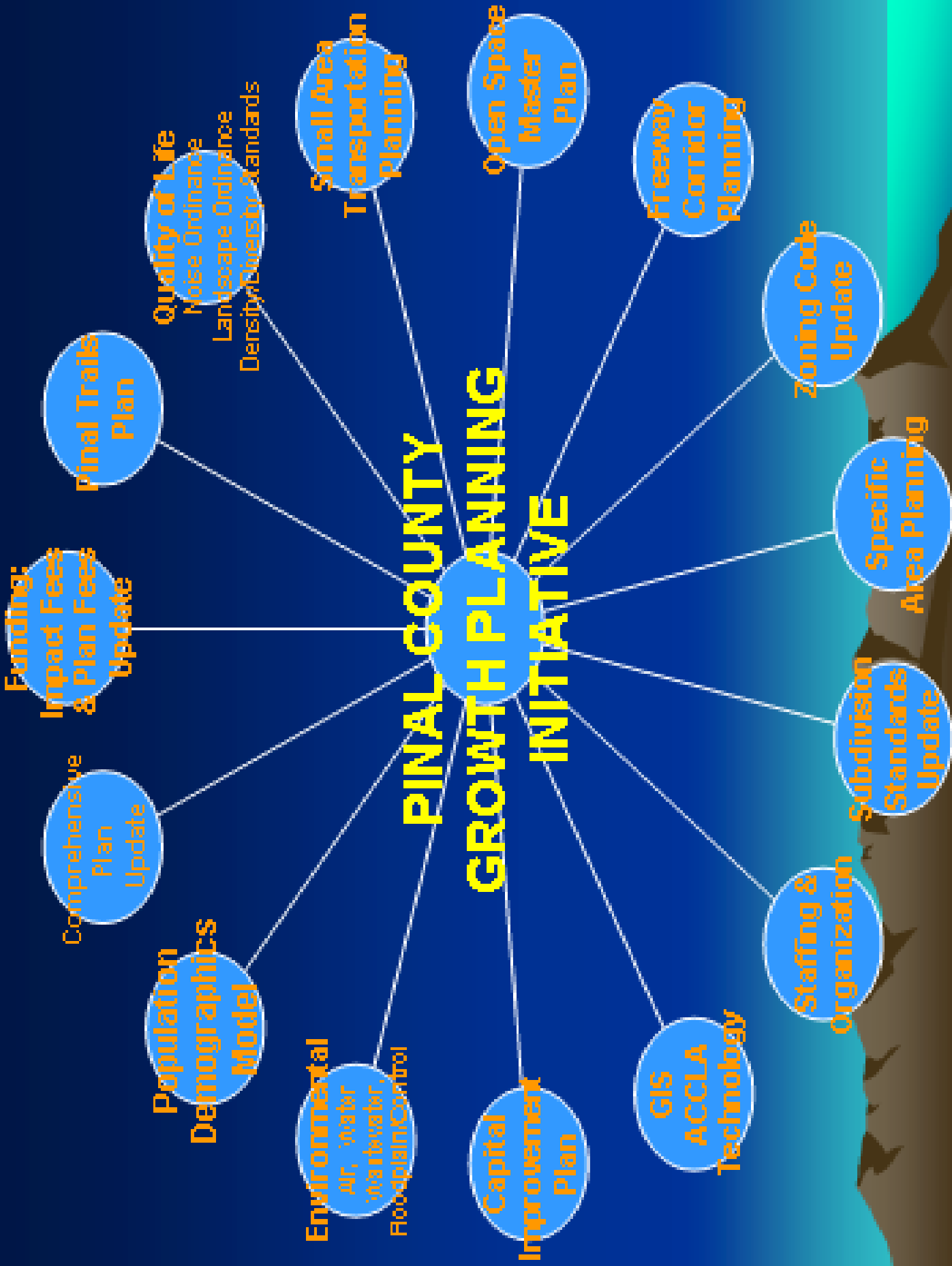
County Supervisor's Direction

Pinal County will provide leadership
in the areas of:

- Economic Development
- State-of-the-Art Technology
- Growth Management



PINAL COUNTY GROWTH PLANNING INITIATIVE




What is Visioning?

- Process to help all to determine what we want the future of our County to be
- Our chance to stake out who we are and where we want to go
- November 2006: The Board approved an agreement to have the Morrison Institute develop Visioning Scenarios (Part One)



Visioning Goals

- Create Consensus on Land Use
 - Develop Employment Areas
 - Create Population Centers
 - Link Development with Transportation
 - Improve Our Quality of Life!
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Goal #1:

Create Consensus on Land Use

- Employ Strong Public Involvement
- Work Closely with Municipalities
- Create a Shared Vision
- Develop Land Use Plan Based on Vision



Goal #2:


Develop Employment Areas

- Understand Tomorrow's Job Markets
- Work off of our Unique Situation
- Identify Employment Areas




Goal #3:

Create Population Centers

- Greater Density to allow Walkable Areas
 - Housing Choices for Young and Mature People
 - Efficient Provision of Services
 - Create Densities to Support Cultural Amenities
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Goal #4:

Link Development with Transportation

- Have Proposed Land Uses Work with Existing and Proposed Transportation Plans. Show Transportation Changes if Needed
 - Incorporate All Modes of Transportation
 - Address Need for Airports and Protection of Surrounding Land
 - Methods to Set Aside Land for Transportation
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Goal #5:

Improve Our Quality of Life!


- Learn from the Mistakes of Others
- Provide Jobs
- Provide Amenities



What is a Comp Plan Update?

- Larger than the yearly Major Amendments
 - Initiated by the County
 - Countywide
 - Address Issues that have arisen since the first Plan was approved
 - Work towards a Regional Plan, which all can support
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Need for an Update

- Extraordinary Growth
 - Many Landowner Driven Amendments to the Plan
 - Meet Upcoming State Requirements
 - Lack of Consensus on what the Plan should be
 - Tie into Visioning
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New Plan Elements

- Required by State (200,000 Population)
 - Open Space Acquisition and Preservation
 - Growth Areas
 - Environmental Planning
 - Cost of Development
- Other Possible Elements
 - Economic Development
 - Housing



Economic Development Element

- Implement the Vision
- Local Economic Development Efforts
 - Such as: Central Arizona Regional Economic Development Foundation, Copper Corridor Economic Development Coalition, NEPEP
 - Focused on Specific Areas
- Proposed Regional Approach
 - Not meant to interfere with their work

Consultant Setup

- **Part One (Morrison Institute)**
 - **Craft Visioning Scenarios**
- **Part Two (Partners for Strategic Action)**
 - **Development of the Shared Vision**
 - **Creation of Comprehensive Plan Alternatives**
 - **Development of the Draft Plan**
 - **Approval of a new Comprehensive Plan**



General Timing

- **Craft Visioning Scenarios:** (Morrison Institute) Starting November 2006, lasting approximately 8 months.
- **Development of the Shared Vision:** Starting February 2007, lasting approximately 8 months.
- **Creation of Comprehensive Plan Alternatives:** Starting July 2007, lasting approximately 6 months.
- **Development of the Draft Plan:** Starting December 2007, lasting approximately 5 months.
- **Approval of a new Comprehensive Plan:** Starting May 2008, lasting approximately 6 months.