

LAND USE CONSENSUS

1. Is there a need for a comprehensive land use policy for Illinois? Yes
a. What should be the goals of such a policy?

Evolve and promote development policies and programs taking into account both people's and nature's needs for the purpose of minimizing areas of conflicts and discovering and enhancing areas of harmony.

Environmental preservation and conservation.

2. What should be the responsibility, if any, of State, Regional, County, and Municipal authorities in setting policies for land use decisions?

State: general State policy on land use, resources, conservation, with State having enforcement powers. An urbanization policy and plan covering areas of State investment and grants-in-aid.

Regional: Favor regionalization with ability to control area in land use.

Local: Should be able to enforce stricter controls than the minimum ones set up at the State level.

Each level of government should have responsibility of planning for the area closest to them.

Method of review and coordination of local and regional plans to insure they relate to goals of the State.

3. What methods of implementation would you use to achieve the above goals and policies?

Favor regional planning and review under jurisdiction of a State Agency.

Mandatory compliance procedure set up for enforcements.

Definite appeal system that is not costly so senior citizens and low income people can appeal as well as private developers.

Suggest a department similar to that of the Environmental Protection Agency with enforcement powers.

Interdisciplinary agency to work with all State agencies relating to Land Use. i.e.: Transportation, Conservation, E.P.A. , Mining, Utilities, etc.

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PHASE II

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comprehensive planning; quota system in zoning - taxation; assesment on land, ~~and~~ tax exemptions.

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All planning agencies must consider and balance all 3 of above in planning and implementation

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State agency supervise regional plan agencies with equalization of funds for less developed districts.

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tax exemptions; tax rebate on circuit-breaker principle funded by State; taxes used to penalize ill-use of land,

Note: The above consensus was reached by 7 members, the committee was 1 person & we felt the background material was inadequate. We suggest this consensus could be used as background material for future use.

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Please refer to the October, 1972 Illinois Voter to review the League consensus on Land Use taken last year