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- (c) (1) In preparing a plan, a planning commission shall carefully and comprehensively survey and study:
 - (i) Present conditions;
 - (ii) Projections of future growth of the local jurisdiction; and
- (iii) The relation of the local jurisdiction to neighboring jurisdictions.
- (2) The planning commission shall make the plan with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing the coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the local jurisdiction and its environs.
 - (3) A plan shall promote, in accordance with present and future needs:
- (i) The health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity, and the general welfare of the local jurisdiction; and
 - (ii) Efficiency and economy in the development process.
 - (4) A plan shall provide for:
 - (i) Transportation needs;
 - (ii) The promotion of public safety;
 - (iii) Light and air;
 - (iv) The conservation of natural resources;
 - (v) The prevention of environmental pollution;
- (vi) The promotion of a healthful and convenient distribution of population;
 - (vii) The promotion of good civic design and arrangement;
 - (viii) The wise and efficient expenditure of public funds;
 - (ix) Adequate public utilities; and
 - (x) An adequate supply of other public requirements.
- (d) (1) The commission shall have power to promote public interest in and understanding of the plan.
- (2) The commission shall consult with public officials and agencies, public utility companies, civic, educational, professional, and other organizations, and citizens about protecting or executing the plan.
- (E) (1) A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION THAT EXERCISES ZONING AUTHORITY SHALL INCLUDE A MUNICIPAL GROWTH ELEMENT IN A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.