Keeping Your Plan Commission and BZA Effective

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My Background...in brief

- Operated a consulting firm for 8 years – Environmental Planning Solutions, Inc.
- Worked for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for 13 years:
  - Strategic Planner & Lead on Smart Growth Initiatives – both out of the Governor’s office.
  - Manager of the Division of Impact Assessment
  - Endangered Species Program Manager
- PhD in Urban & Regional Planning from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

My View on Planning...

"A vision without a task is but a dream; a task without vision is drudgery; a vision with a task is the hope of the world."
(Inscription on a church in Sussex, England, 1730)

A vision with a task is planning – the opportunity to envision the future of your community or region.
Second view on planning...

*Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work.*

Daniel Hudson Burnham (1846-1912)

Focus of the Program is Sustainable Land Use

- Leading the Land Use Team
- Providing education opportunities for County Extension Educators
- Continuing with a focus on water resources
- Assisting in the redevelopment of the Local Decision Maker
- Engagement with NIRPC, Chicago Wilderness, and other regional planning efforts.
- Other...as needed

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