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Public information meeting for the La Porte County Land Use Plan

Citizens of La Porte County will have an opportunity to learn about the proposed County Land Use Plan. A meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 5 at Rolling Prairie Volunteer Fire Department 6:30 to 8:00 pm.** The meeting is being sponsored by Leadership La Porte County and the Purdue Extension Service of La Porte County. The presenter will be Eric Kelly from Duncan Associates, the consulting firm that was hired by Michigan City, La Porte City, and La Porte County to study and prepare a long-term land use plan for the county. A steering committee composed of local citizens and area officials worked for about 2 years on the plan.

Recently the steering committee approved sending the final draft of the plan on to the public implementation process. The document suggests guidelines and ideas for local governments to use in their planning, zoning, and future development. The proposed plan must now go through a rigorous public implementation process.

The educational meeting will consist of a PowerPoint presentation showing county growth and development demographics, rationale for the new plan, an overview of the plan, and an explanation of the adoption and implementation process. There will also be time for questions and answers and ideas from the public, but this will not include a debate on the plan. That will come later at the official governmental meetings. The public is urged to become familiar with the plan by attending. Official copies of the plan are also available at all the public library sights in La Porte County and at the Court House in La Porte.

For more information about the meetings, contact Jim Jessup at 325-8223 or Walt Sell at 324-9407.