

CJERP Regional Plan

Regional Planning Committee Meeting #1

April 24, 2025

Agenda Today

Introductions

Review Schedule, Scope, and Roles

SWOT Activity

Stakeholder Interviews

Community Survey

Outreach Efforts

Resource Review

Next Steps

Meet Our Team



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What is a...

Regional Comprehensive Plan: a long-range policy document created collaboratively by multiple local governments. It outlines, over a 10-year horizon, a unified vision for:



Land use



Development



Housing



Transportation



Environment



Public services

Municipal Planning Code (MPC)

- **Municipalities Planning Code (MPC)** (Act 247 of 1968, as reenacted and amended) governs the requirements for comprehensive plans.
- **Joint Planning Authorization:** Municipalities may collaboratively adopt a regional comprehensive plan through formal agreements (§301.3).
- **Required Plan Elements:** Must include land use, housing, transportation, community facilities, interrelationships, and implementation strategies (§301).
- **Growth & Resource Areas:** Regional plans must identify designated growth areas (with infrastructure) and rural resource areas (to preserve natural resources).
- **Consistency & Updates:** Plans should align with county comprehensive plans and be reviewed at least every 10 years (§301.4).
- **Public Involvement:** Requires public hearings and community input before adoption (§302).

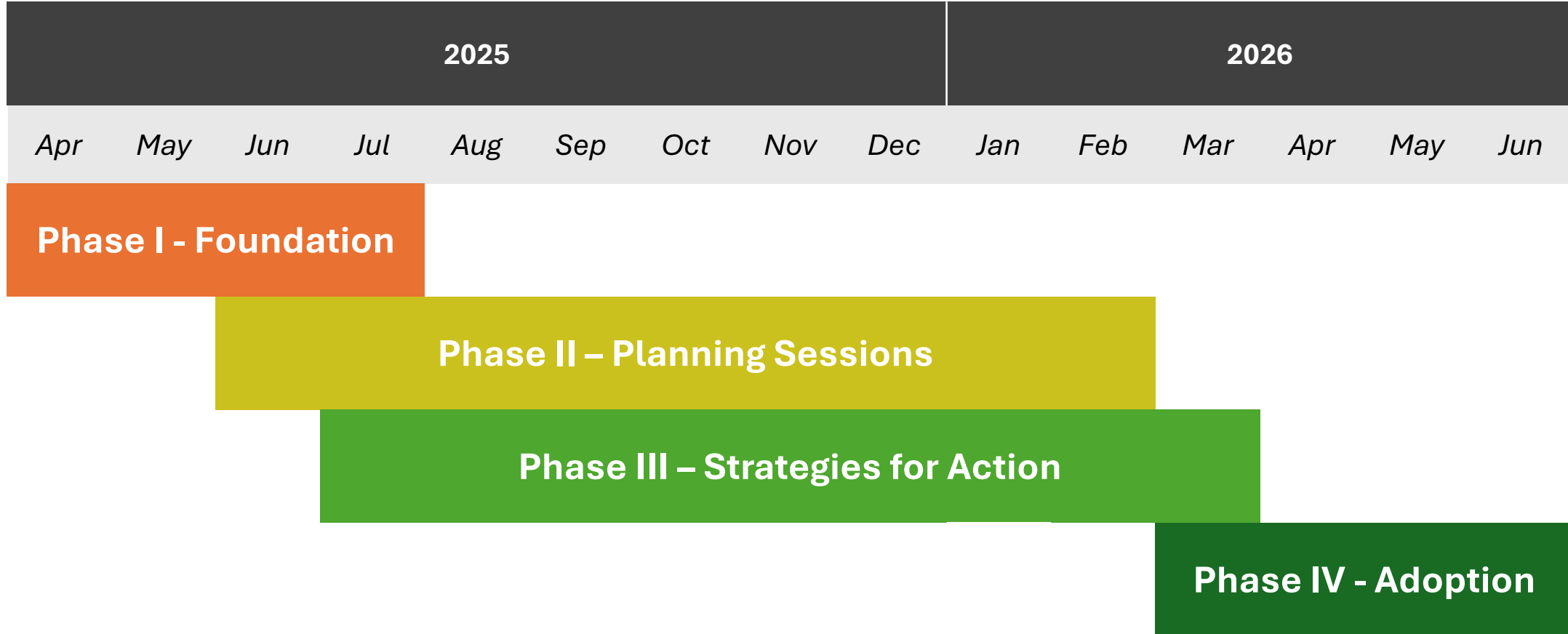
Project Purpose

- **Coordinate Planning Across Jurisdictions:** Ensures consistency and cooperation between neighboring governments.
- **Balance Growth and Development:** Provides a roadmap for managing population growth, infrastructure needs, and land use changes.
- **Promote Livable Communities:** Supports quality of life, sustainability, and economic vitality.
- **Inform Policy and Investment Decisions:** Helps shape zoning, transportation, housing, and public service priorities.

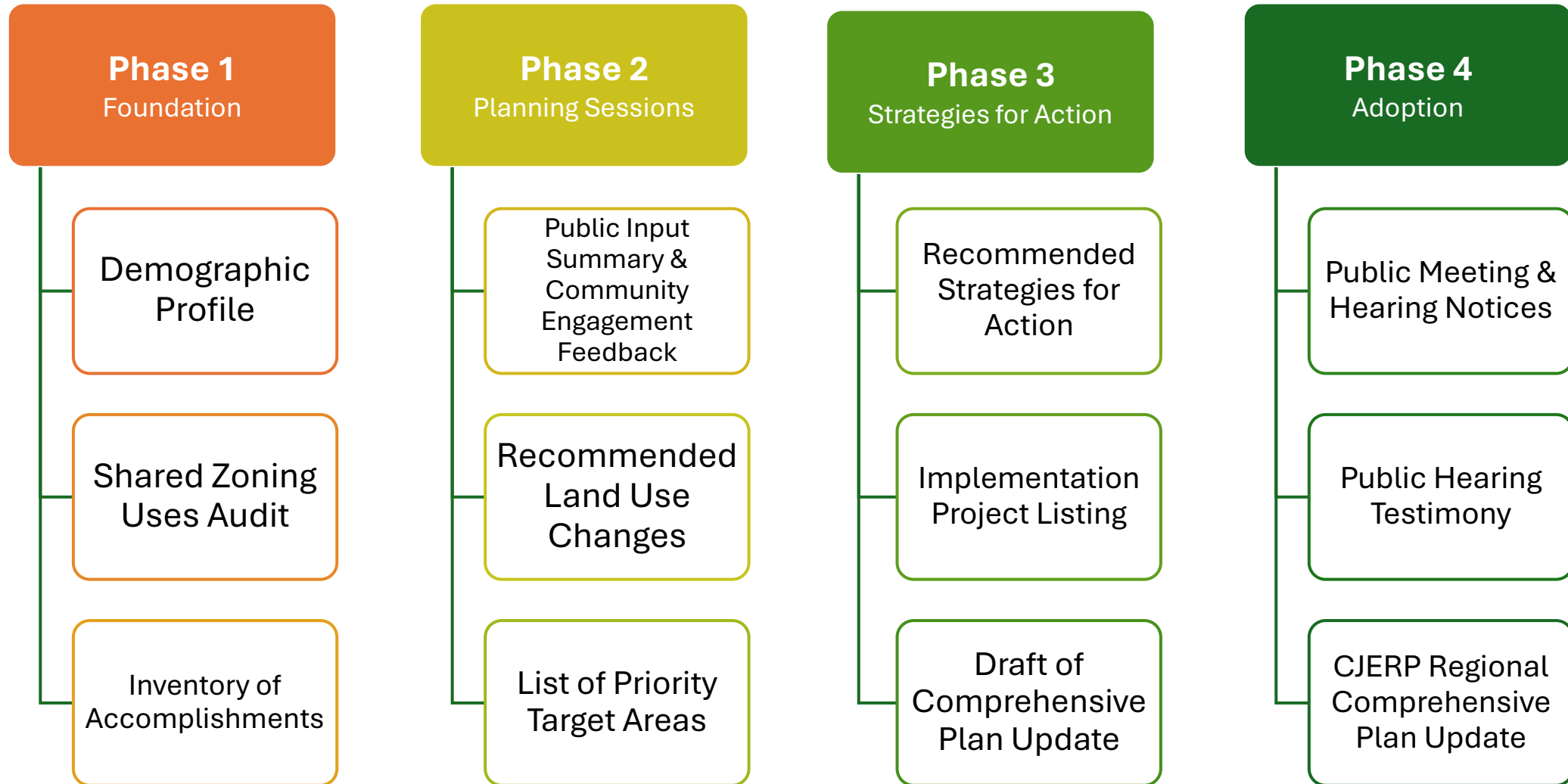
Steering Committee Purpose

- **Stakeholder Representation:** Comprised of community members and elected/appointed officials to provide diverse perspectives.
- **Guidance & Consensus-Building:** Help shape key elements of the plans by analyzing information and providing insights.
- **Public Engagement Support:** Act as a bridge between the government and community, ensuring broad participation and awareness.
- **Strategy Identification:** Help identify major challenges and strategies for tackling those challenges.

Project Phases



Project Deliverables



Upcoming Schedule - Tentative

Meeting/Event	Date/Time
Regional Committee #1 (Project Kick-off)	April 24, 2025 (7:00 – 8:15 PM)
Stakeholder Interviews	May 2025
Regional Committee #2 (Demographics & Land Use)	July 24, 2025 (7:00 – 8:15 PM)
Community Survey	July - August 2025

SWOT Activity

Strengths

What are the area's positive attributes, resources, and capabilities?

Weaknesses

What are the area's limitations, challenges, and areas for improvement?

Opportunities

What are the favorable conditions, trends, and potential advantages of the area?

Threats

What are the challenges, risks, and potential obstacles the area may face?

Community Engagement

Stakeholder Interview

- **Purpose:** Understand vision and opportunity areas for community through different stakeholder's perspectives.
- May 2025
- 15 interviews

Who should we meet with?

Community Survey

- **Purpose:** To engage the community on how they envision the future of the region and needs and wishes related to land use, housing, economy, infrastructure, and environment.
- July - August 2025
- 10-15 questions
- Draft survey will be shared at next meeting

Outreach Efforts

What are the best ways to notify the community of this project and to disseminate the survey and information about the community workshop (e.g. social media, local newspaper, municipal websites)?

Resources

What we have already.

- Zoning Ordinances and Maps
- Regional Comprehensive Plan
- Monroe County Comprehensive Plan
- Regional Park Master Plan
- GIS Data – Monroe County

Any other plans or resources we should have?

Next Steps

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- Create demographic profile
- Review existing plans and zoning land uses
- Schedule stakeholder interviews
- Next meeting: July 24th