

LAND USE COMMITTEE

NIRPC role regarding land use is to place local choices in a broader regional framework and to influence decision makers for the high-quality of the region as a whole. NIRPC seeks to provide the regional framework in which local decisions should be made. Within this framework, local governments' authority must remain the privileges of local governments.

The purpose of this committee is to concentrate on regional land use planning that is predicated on a growing concern of regional sustainability by stakeholders and the need to focus on development from a regional perspective. The committee facilitates planning processes and partnerships that build links between jurisdictional boundaries.

LAND USE COMMITTEE VISION

The Land Use Vision is to:

- Outline a strategy for regional land use planning and address issues and opportunities and a regional vision.
- Plan for protecting the region's natural assets for the purpose of creating a desirable and worthwhile living condition and the merging of these objectives.
- Support regional collaboration and partnerships that benefits all stakeholders and demonstrates a set of best practices.
- Plan for a sustainable future.
- Help to integrate land use with other planning elements - economic development, transportation, and environment.
- Promote a green plan for smarter use of energy.

Integrate existing plans, i.e., Marquette, Blueways & Greenways, etc.