

Comparison of 2001 Freedom Community Comprehensive Plan and 2017 Freedom Community Comprehensive Plan

Topic	2001 Plan	2017 Plan	Changes
Geographic Location, History, Government Structure and Finances	Chapter 2 (pages 12 through 15)	Element 1 (pages 1 through 16)	Addition in 2017 of Rationale for Updating the 2001 Plan, Summary of Recommendations, and Changes in the Freedom Community Since 1990 and since the 2001 Plan.
Plan Definition and Purpose, State Enabling Legislation and Authority	Chapter 1 (pages 6 through 11)	Element 2 (pages 17 through 25)	Addition of state legislation enacted since 2001, including: 2006 legislation requiring four new Plan Elements; three 2009 bills replacing eight visions with twelve new visions, enhancing implementation, requiring the designation of tiers to determine the amount and location of septic systems, and increasing the comprehensive planning cycle from six to ten years; 2015 legislation allowing the county to amend a comprehensive plan submitted by the planning commission. The 2017 Plan also includes an explanation of how the state visions are met through the Plan and a detailed summary of the planning process, which was not included in the 2001 Plan.
Public Input, Plan Vision, Goals and Structure	Chapter 4 (pages 25 through 32)	Element 3 (pages 26 through 33)	<p><u>2001 Vision</u> – <i>To create a community that is functional and aesthetically pleasing, modern and sensitive to the environment, welcoming people of all ages and income levels as well as businesses and industries that want to locate in our community of neighborhoods.</i></p> <p><u>2017 Vision</u> – <i>Freedom is a safe, close-knit community where open spaces, natural preserves and heritage characterize and connect neighborhoods, and support a vibrant central business and commercial core which resonates with the community identity, sense of place and quality of life.</i></p>

Topic	2001 Plan	2017 Plan	Changes
			Seven general goals were replaced by eleven more detailed goals addressing the newly required Elements of the Plan.
Demographic Trends	Chapter 3 (pages 16 through 24)	Element 4 (pages 34 through 47)	The 2001 Plan used 1990 Census data for population, race, age, housing type, housing occupancy, housing value, household income, and educational attainment. The 2017 Plan used 2010 Census and 2015 American Community Survey (ACS) data for the same categories.
Land Use	Chapter 5 (pages 33 through 41)	Element 7 (pages 80 through 101)	The 2001 Plan focused on growth management as its primary goal, since rapid growth had been occurring over the past decade. The 2017 Plan did not have to address this issue, since growth had slowed considerably over the 16 year span, and fell far short of the 2001 projections. The 2001 Plan recommended two new land use designations, Employment Campus and the Boulevard District (Floating Zone). The Employment Campus was adopted in the Zoning Code but never applied. The Boulevard District was never implemented, and was removed from the 2017 Plan. The 2017 Plan includes a Buildable Land Inventory (BLI) that shows the potential dwelling units and employment-related acres at buildout, which was not available in 2001. The 2001 Plan did not provide a listing or justification of individual land use changes; the 2017 Plan included five concepts on which the recommended land use designation changes are made. Each recommended FLU change is based on one or more of these concepts.
Transportation	Chapter 6 (pages 42 through 54)	Element 11 (pages 170 through 205)	The 2017 Plan includes more extensive review of the roadways in Freedom, including a numeric prioritization of new roadway construction and connections in the area. The Planned Major Street (PMS) map was amended to recognize completed roads, delete MacBeth Way extension, Johnsville Road extension, and Lee Lane due to the infeasibility of its completion, the deletion

Topic	2001 Plan	2017 Plan	Changes
			of Conan Doyle Way, and the addition of a new PMS in the vicinity of the new proposed employment campus.
Public Facilities and Services	Chapter 7 (pages 55 through 74)	Element 10 (pages 131 through 169)	The 2017 Plan adopts the 2010 Water Resources Element (WRE) by reference. The 2001 Plan recommended the construction of new personnel and facilities for fire & rescue, police, elementary and middle schools, library and senior center. These recommendations were not carried over to the 2017 Plan since the recommendations were implemented with new or leased space, increased personnel, or were no longer necessary (decreasing school enrollment). The 2017 Plan does not include a section regarding Technology Infrastructure, since the County fiber backbone was completed.
Environmental Resources	Chapter 8 (pages 75 through 79)	Element 9 (pages 117 through 130)	The 2017 Plan provides more detailed descriptions of environmental features and sensitive areas, as well as conservation measures, and includes a recommendation to reduce the boundaries of the Freedom DGA to remove environmentally sensitive areas.
Cultural, Historical and Tourism Amenities	Chapter 9 (pages 80 through 82)	Element 8 (pages 102 through 116)	The 2017 Plan includes sections on Creative Placemaking, Tourism Opportunities, Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area and Journey Through Hallowed Ground.
Community Involvement	Chapter 10 (pages 83 through 86)		Recommendations for encouraging greater participation in the process and for a County government branch in Freedom at an estimated cost of \$750,000, possibly paid for by the creation of a special taxing district
Economic Development	Chapter 11 (pages 87 through 89)	Element 6 (pages 65 through 79)	The 2001 Plan recommended expansion of industrial lands. The 2017 Plan analyzes the area's economic development assets and major employers, workforce, earnings, worker destinations, and land use changes as a result of rezonings and conditional uses. It also incorporated the recommendations of the 2007 EDLENS study. The 2017 Plan includes a realistic

Topic	2001 Plan	2017 Plan	Changes
			assessment of the 2001 Plan's recommendation for more industrial land, as numerous industrial properties have since been developed commercially. The recommendations are also tied to recommendations for improved state roads and local connections.
Housing	No Housing Element	Element 5 (pages 48 through 64)	The 2017 Plan includes an analysis of existing housing types and cost in Freedom and surrounding jurisdictions. Discussion and recommendations focus on the need for a variety of housing in the future for the aging population and young families, with an emphasis on the Lifelong Communities concept, because of the demographic trends in the Freedom area.