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## **Regional Plan Sparks Discussion on Property Rights and Water Resources Flagstaff Regional Plan 2030 Available For Review and Comment through May 31**

**FLAGSTAFF, May 2** – Understanding future trends takes good numbers and smart advisors – like you, the community! Planning for our future is just plain good business. Flagstaff’s Regional Plan has been in development for more than four years, led by the City of Flagstaff, Coconino County, and a 23-member Citizen Advisory Committee that has dedicated hundreds of hours to examine every detail of Flagstaff’s future and develop a plan that will help guide the community in the way it wants to evolve.

The Plan is available online at [www.flagstaffmatters.com](http://www.flagstaffmatters.com) and is accompanied by a short online survey. Since the March 28 call for public comment, City and County staff have made more than 30 public appearances to talk with citizens about the Plan, and over 30 more are planned. Kimberly Sharp, City of Flagstaff’s Comprehensive Planning Manager, said that so far, citizens have expressed the most concern over the protection of private property rights and the availability of water to support anticipated population growth.

“Cities develop plans to guide growth, not to control property,” said Sharp. “It is an important function of the City to make sure that development makes sense for us as a community and protects our quality of life.” As for water availability, the City cannot control people moving to this location, and the region needs job growth. This may seem contradictory, and is why community involvement in government business is so critical.

The City Council and County Board of Supervisors are required by state law to adopt a comprehensive plan and to involve the community. Outreach events, board and commission presentations and hearings, all open to the public, are opportunities for your voice to be heard. A comprehensive public outreach schedule is available at [www.flagstaffmatters.com](http://www.flagstaffmatters.com).

The Flagstaff Regional Plan represents the community’s vision of how the region could and should be for the next generation. It serves the 525-square-miles of the City and in the County areas works in conjunction with the Coconino County Comprehensive Plan. The Plan is available for review online at [www.flagstaffmatters.com](http://www.flagstaffmatters.com), at both libraries, and at City and County Community Development counters. The public is encouraged to review the plan and take a brief survey online to provide input. All public comments through the survey are due by May 31, 2013.

Additional public comment opportunities will occur in July and August prior to City Council adoption of the plan in December, and a special general plan election will take place on May 20, 2014.

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