



## Executive Summary – Planning Commission

**Issue Title:** Department of Community Development: Year of the Rural Implementation

**Meeting Date:** April 7, 2026

**Time Required:** 20 Minutes

**Attendees:** Heather Cleveland, Senior Long Range Planner

**Action Requested at this Meeting:** Information only.

### **Background:**

The 2024 Comprehensive Plan was adopted in December 2024 with a major focus on growth in Urban Growth Areas. To allow for focus on the rural communities and lands and specific topics impacting rural areas, the county created the Year of the Rural program for 2025.

The three deliverables for the Year of the Rural included:

- Rural and Resource Lands Chapter Update
- Code Updates: Child Care and Agriculture
- Rural Reclassifications

The Year of the Rural Ordinance was adopted December 8, 2025.

### **Next Steps:**

- NA

### **Attachments:**

- Presentation

### **Reference:**

- [Ordinance 643-2025](#) Year of the Rural Ordinance - Signed
- [Year of the Rural](#) Project Webpage