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City of Wheeling Comprehensive Plan Ready for Public Review

Wheeling, WV – The City of Wheeling and Compass Point Planning are ready to present the draft comprehensive plan update for community input.

The steering committee has scheduled public meetings on Monday, August 25, 2014, at 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the West Virginia Northern Community College B&O Building in Downtown Wheeling. The community is invited to these preliminary presentations of the draft plan, where the consultant will highlight key recommendations and allow time for further review and feedback. Later this year, the Planning Commission and City Council will host public hearings to formally review and adopt the plan.

A complete copy of the draft plan can be downloaded beginning Wednesday, August 20, from the City's website (www.WheelingWV.gov/EnvisionWheeling). A hard copy will also be available in the Economic and Community Development office (1500 Chapline Street, Suite 308).

For more information, contact Assistant Director of Economic and Community Development, Tom Connelly (304-234-3701 or tconnelly@wheelingwv.gov) or visit www.EnvisionWheeling.com.

About the City of Wheeling Comprehensive Plan:

West Virginia Code requires a city's planning commission to review and update its comprehensive plan at least every 10 years. Upon reviewing the current plan in fall 2012, the City of Wheeling Planning Commission recommended a full update be completed by a subset of the group. The Comprehensive Plan Committee, which includes four Planning Commission members and four citizens, has been working with consultant Compass Point Planning to gather ideas and feedback for the city's plan.

Aptly named "Envision Wheeling," the adopted plan will serve as a policy document and outline of strategies that will direct the city and its growth for the next decade. Community leaders, city



officials, and interested residents have contributed to the plan's development through public meetings and an interactive MindMixer site. Work on the new plan began in fall 2013, with a completed document required by the end of 2014.

Additional information on comprehensive plans can be found in Chapter 8A, Article 3 of the West Virginia Code.

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