



LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

QUARTERLY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

May 8, 2025
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Council Chamber
2nd Floor Government Center

AGENDA

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| I. | Legislative Update | [Gracie Kelley, KLC] | (p. 1 - 13) |
| II. | Lexington's Preservation & Growth Management Program | [Hal Ballie, LFUCG Division of Planning] | (p. 14 - 29) |



2025 Legislative Update



By The Numbers:

- **1,080 Bills Filed**
- **148 Bills Enacted**
- **10 KLC Initiatives**



House Bill 30

Rep. John Blanton (R-Salyersville)

Pension Spiking



- Expands the definition of 'bona fide promotion or career advancement,' which provides an exemption from pension spiking provisions applicable to members of the KERS, CERS or SPRS.
- The spiking exemption now applies to increases in creditable compensation for all employees in a specified class due to pay raises authorized or funded by the legislative or administrative body of an employer, or pay increases mandated by a collective bargaining agreement approved by the employer's legislative body.

House Bill 131

Rep. Michael Meredith (R-Oakland)

Alternate Firefighter Schedules

- Permits fire departments in former second-class cities and urban-county governments to adopt alternative firefighter schedules.
- Cities may adopt an alternate staffing schedule that requires each platoon in the fire department to be on duty for 48 consecutive hours and off duty for 96 consecutive hours. It would also allow for an on 24 off 72 hours, on 48 off 72-hour schedule known as a 1-3-2-3 schedule.
- Cities with collective bargaining agreements may adopt any type of alternative schedule that is agreed upon by the city and the collective bargaining unit.



House Bill 321

Rep. DJ Johnson (R-Owensboro)

Planning and Zoning



- Extends the time allowed for planning commission and board of adjustment members to complete their required orientation training, allowing the four hours of required training to be completed within one year of appointment
- Requires at least one hour of orientation training for members and staff to focus on the impact of planning and zoning policies and procedures on housing supply and accessibility.
- Allows members to complete their required eight hours of continuing education over a four-year period instead of two and requires one of those eight hours to be dedicated to housing. Staff requirements remain unchanged at 16 hours every two years but requires one of those hours be dedicated to housing.
- Includes language to limit who is authorized to appeal a final action concerning planning and zoning to only owners of real property within the zone where the property is located.

House Bill 369

Rep. Mark Hart (R-Falmouth)

Police Annual Leave

- Stipulates that the fifteen days of annual paid leave required to be provided to police officers in urban-county governments and former second- and third-class cities may be accrued over a year's time as established in the personnel policy applicable to the department.



House Bill 437 Rep. Tony Hampton (R-Georgetown)

ABC Police Powers



- Removes the power to make arrests from local Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) administrators and investigators unless the individual is certified under the Peace Officer Professional Standards (POPS).

House Bill 520

Rep. Chris Fugate (R-Chavies)

Open Record Exemption



- Provides that law enforcement records compiled in the process of detecting and investigating violation shall be exempt from disclosure under the Open Records Act if the disclosure of the information could pose an articulable risk of harm to the law enforcement agency or its investigation by revealing the identity of informants or witnesses not otherwise known or by the premature release of information to be used in a prospective law enforcement action or administrative adjudication.

House Bill 555

Rep. Chris Freeland (R-Benton)

Municipal Audits

- Changes the population threshold for cities that are authorized to conduct audits every other year to allow cities with populations of less than 3,000 based on the most recent decennial census to conduct audits only in odd-numbered fiscal years.
- Raises the annual audit exemption from \$150,000 to \$500,000.
- Clarifies that cities can contract with the Auditor of Public Accounts to perform the city's financial audit.
- Clarifies that the state cannot withhold nondiscretionary payments for use of city services solely because a city is delinquent in filing its audits, financial statements, UFIRS, or ethics ordinances.



Senate Bill 10

Sen. Robby Mills (R-Henderson)

CERS Health Insurance

- Increases CERS health insurance subsidies for members who began participating in the system on or after July 1, 2003.
- Raises the monthly health insurance contribution for non-hazardous positions who meet the "career threshold" to \$40 per month for each year of service for retirees not eligible for Medicare. Hazardous positions increase \$50 per month for each year of service for retirees not eligible for Medicare.
- Extends an existing employee contribution used to fund retiree health benefits to include members who began participating in the system on or after July 1, 2003, and increases the hazardous employee contribution rate to 2% of pay for those eligible for a fixed-dollar retiree health subsidy.
- Changes effective July 1, 2026, with subsidies payable beginning Jan. 1, 2026, and will apply to service earned prior to the effective date.



Senate Bill 237 Sen. Jason Howell (R-Murray)

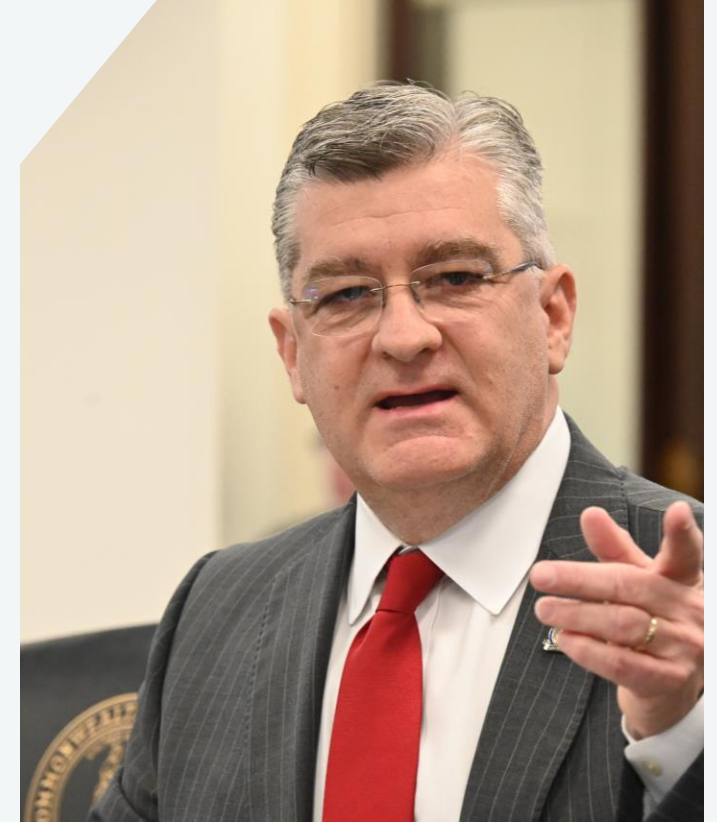
Peace Officer Certification



- Provides that if an individual is certified as a law enforcement officer in another state (or has been in the last 3 months), is in good standing with his or her certifying agency, has been continuously employed as a law enforcement officer within the state where he or she is certified for at least 10 years prior to application, and has passed a physical agility qualification as part of their certification in that state, they are not required to pass the physical agility qualification in Kentucky.
- Clarifies part-time telecommunicators are required to complete a 40-hour online training course and allows fully trained part-time telecommunicators credit toward the full-time academy if they successfully complete the 40-hour overview training within 12 months of hire date.

Oversight of Government Operations

- Expands the definition of industrial revenue bonds to include multifamily housing developments of 48 or more units and limits standing to appeal zoning decisions to property owners adjoining the affected property.
- Allows the creation of local appeal boards to appeal final orders of fire chiefs and state fire marshals. State fire marshals will still hear appeals in areas where no local appeals board has jurisdiction.





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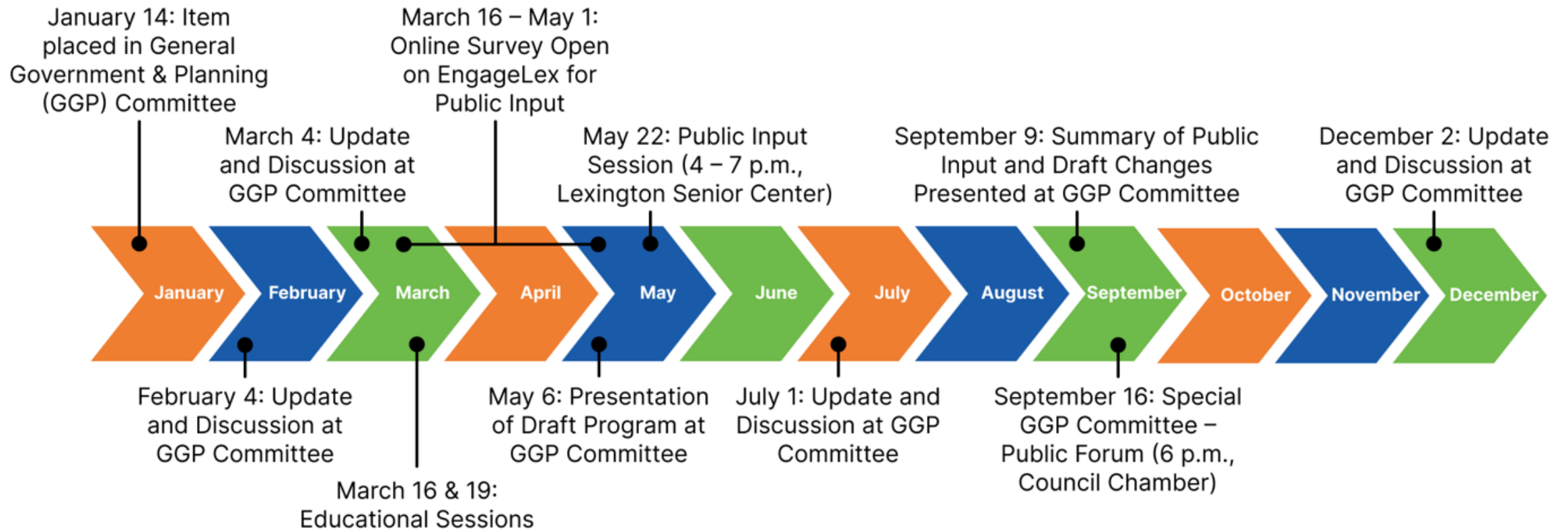
Lexington's Preservation & Growth Management Program

*Hal Baillie, Planning Manager
Division of Planning
General Government and Planning Committee
May 6, 2025*





Project Timeline





March Educational Events



Join us!

Council is hosting two educational events
to introduce **Lexington's Preservation &
Growth Management Program:**

Sunday, March 16, 2025

2 – 3 p.m.

Marksbury Family Branch Library
2197 Versailles Road, Lexington, KY

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

5 – 6 p.m.

Lexington Public Library, Eastside Branch
3000 Blake James Drive, Lexington, KY

Learn more on [Engage.LexingtonKY.gov](https://engage.lexingtonky.gov)





Planning Commission Updates

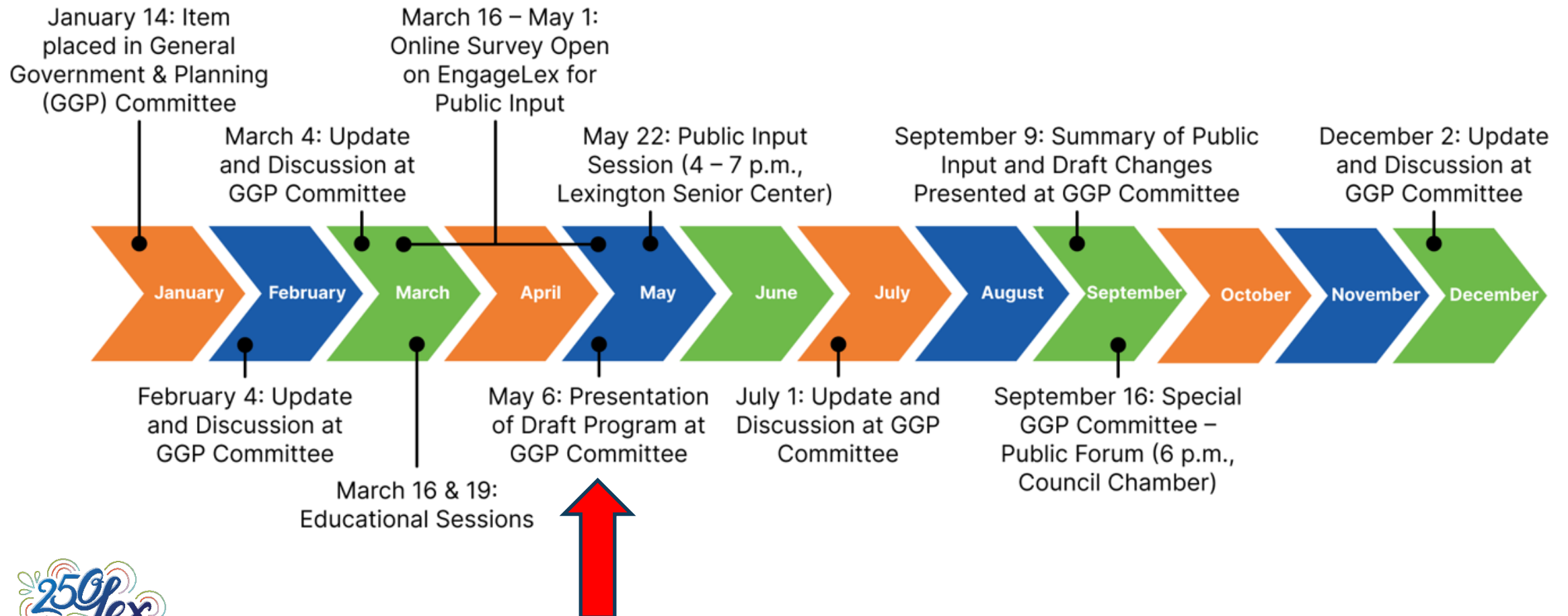


- PC Work Session Introduction
 - February 20, 2025
- PC Work Session Public Engagement Update
 - March 20, 2025
- Next PC Work Session Update
 - May 15, 2025





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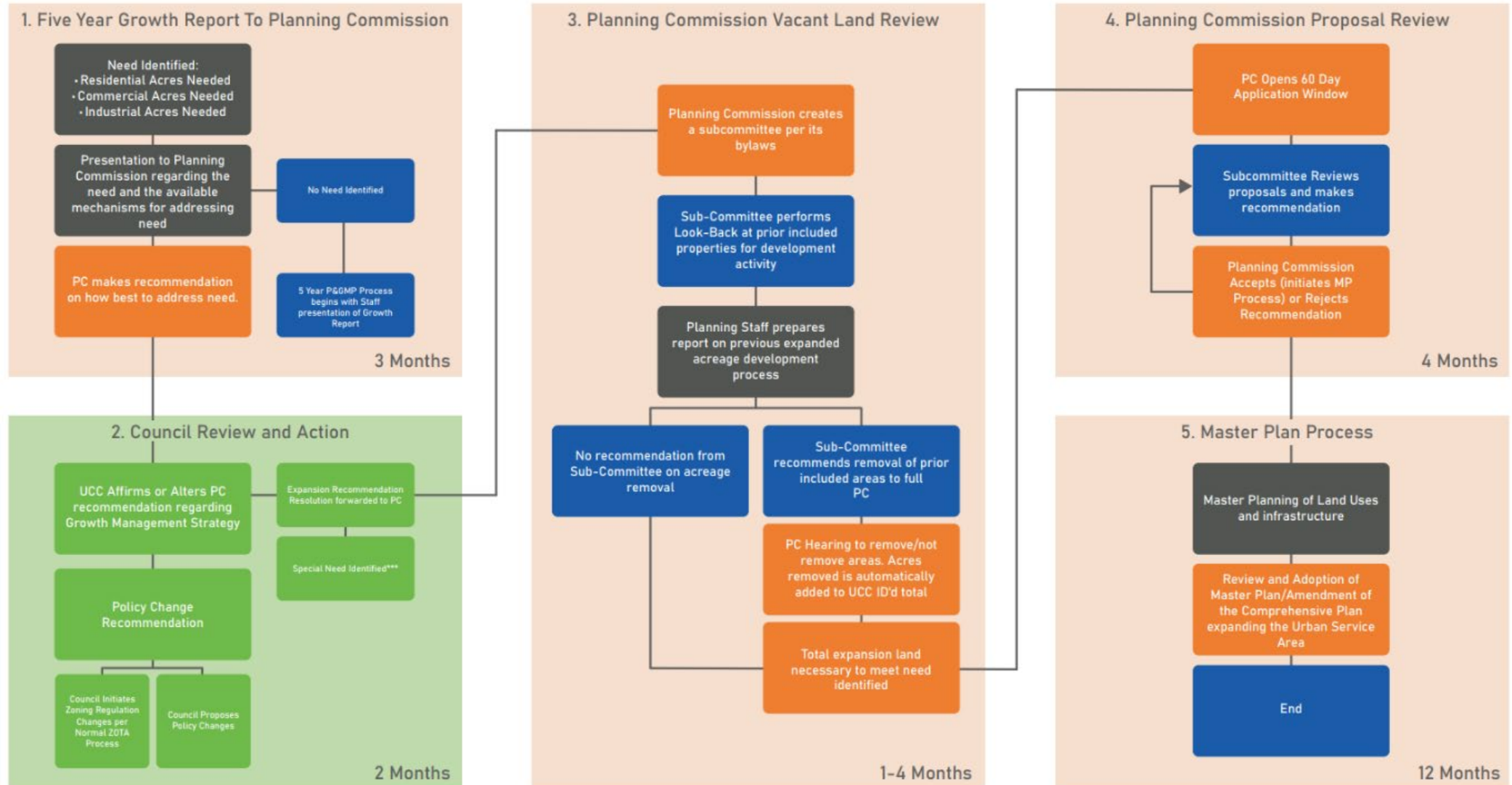
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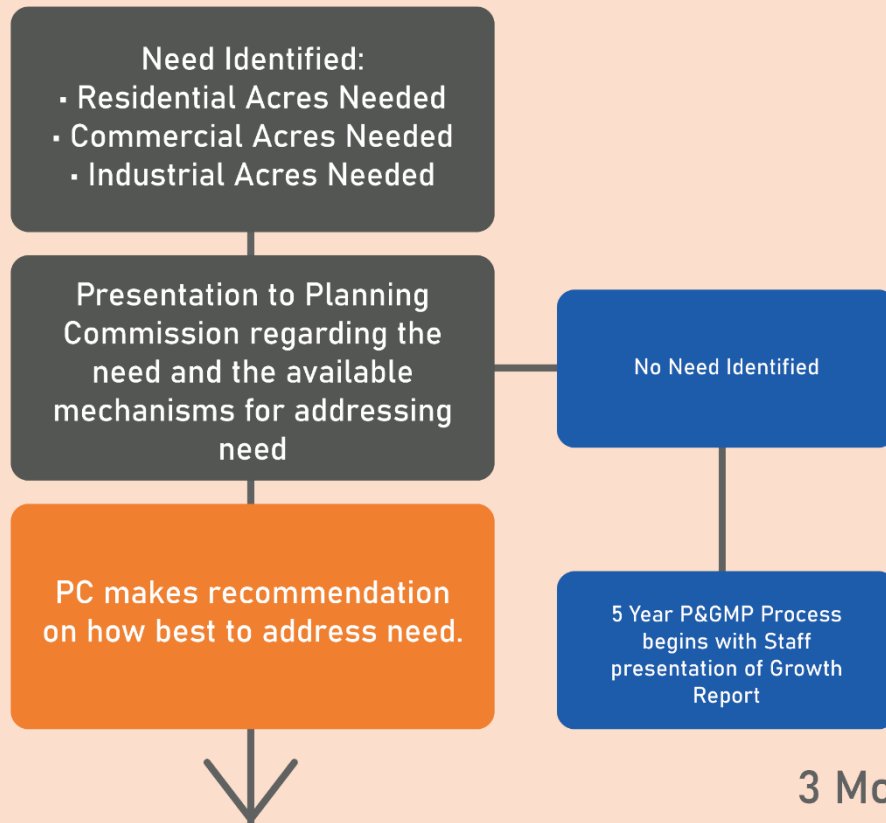
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Five Year Growth Report to Planning Commission

1. Five Year Growth Report To Planning Commission

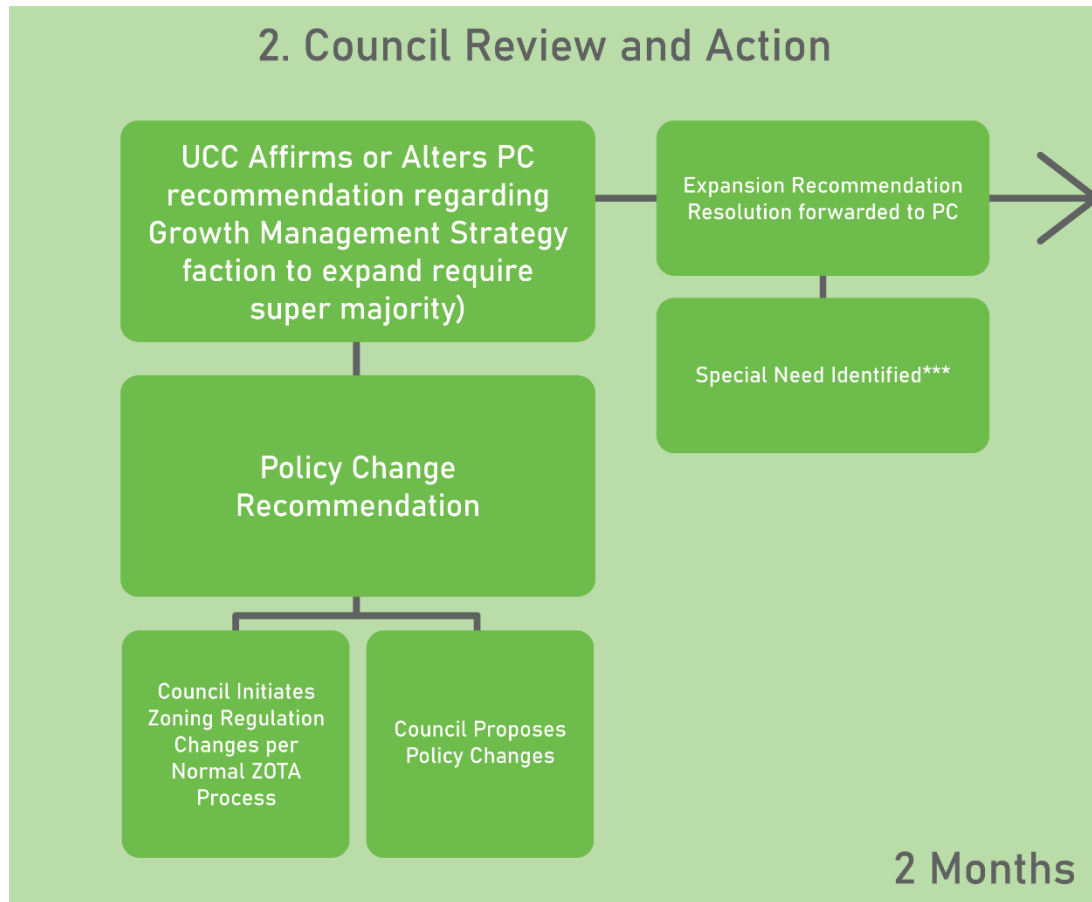


- An implementation item of the Comprehensive Plan each statutory cycle
- 5 Year Growth Trends Report
 - Identifies specific needs: Residential and Employment
 - 20-year projection
- When no need identified, no further action
- When need identified:
 - Potential Planning Commission recommendations:
 - Council initiated policy or budgetary changes
 - Zoning Ordinance regulation changes to meet need
 - Acreage need to meet 20-year projection





Council Review and Action

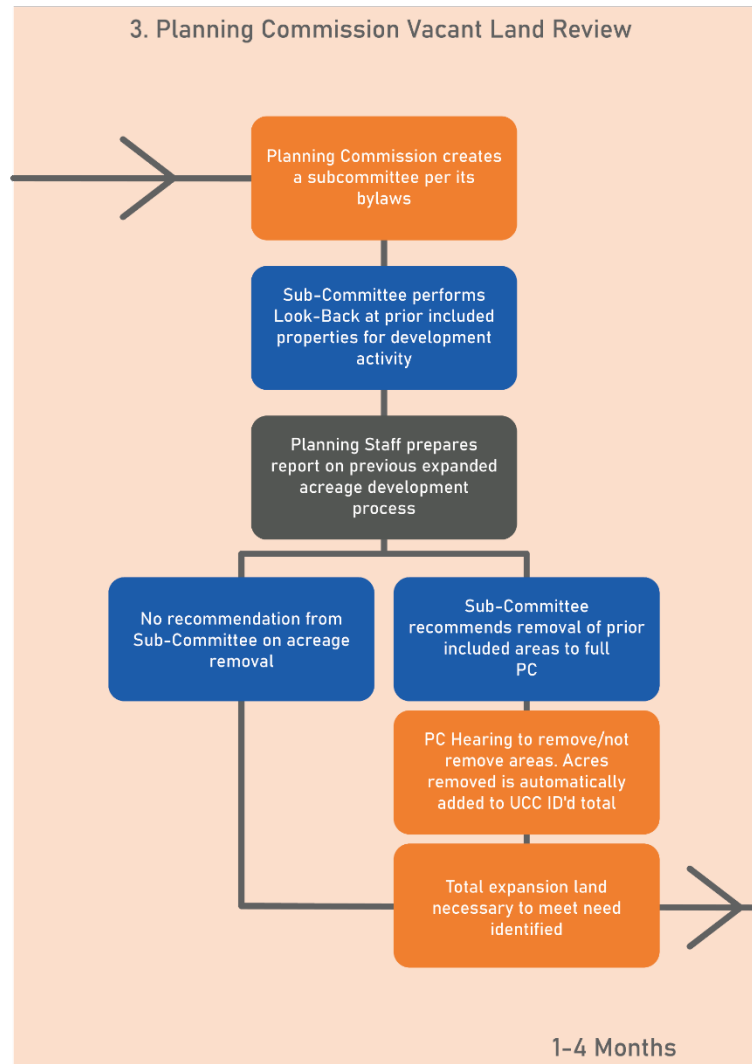


- Special need identification
 - May occur between the 5-Year Growth Reports
 - May identify specific acreage for a specific purpose
 - Supermajority of Urban County Council (2/3 vote of full body)





Planning Commission Vacant Land Review

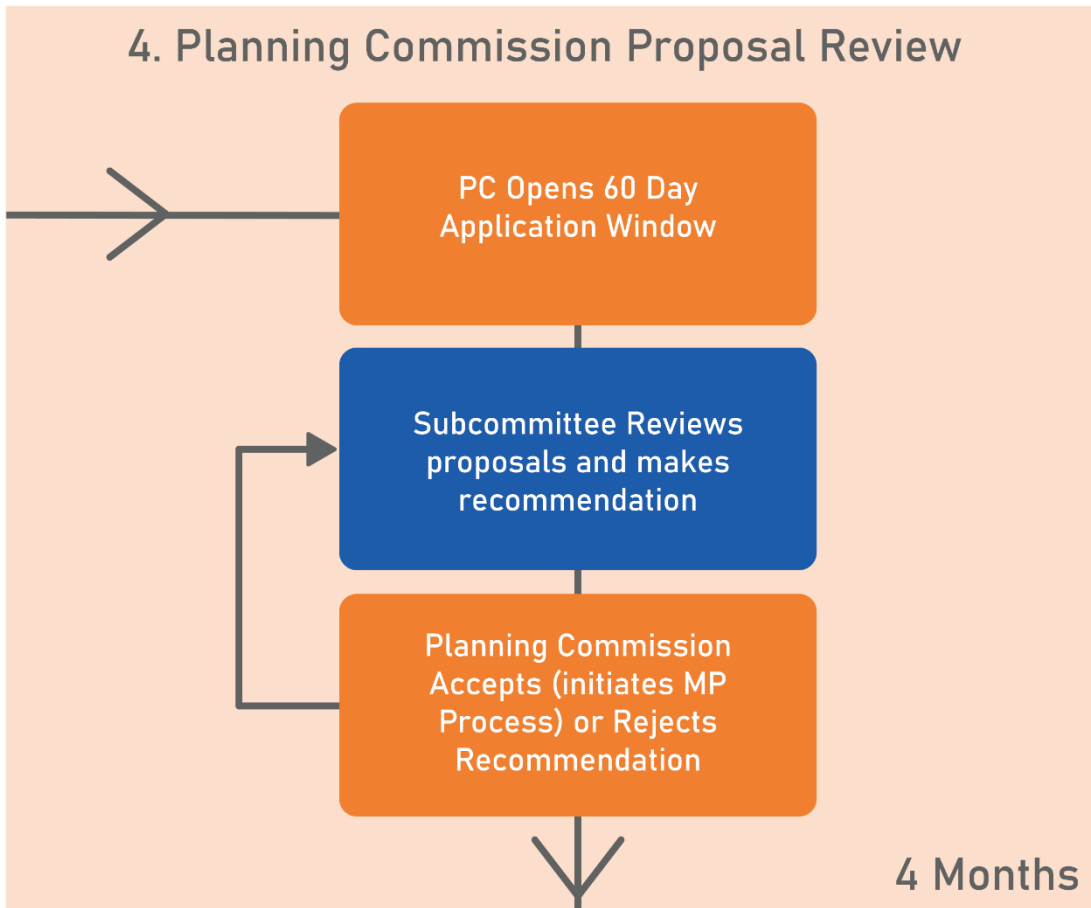


- Prior to proceeding to expansion:
 - Planning Commission review of existing vacant land from previous expansions
 - Recommend possible removal of undeveloped acreage
 - Hold public hearing to consider removal
 - If removed, add reduced total to the identified need





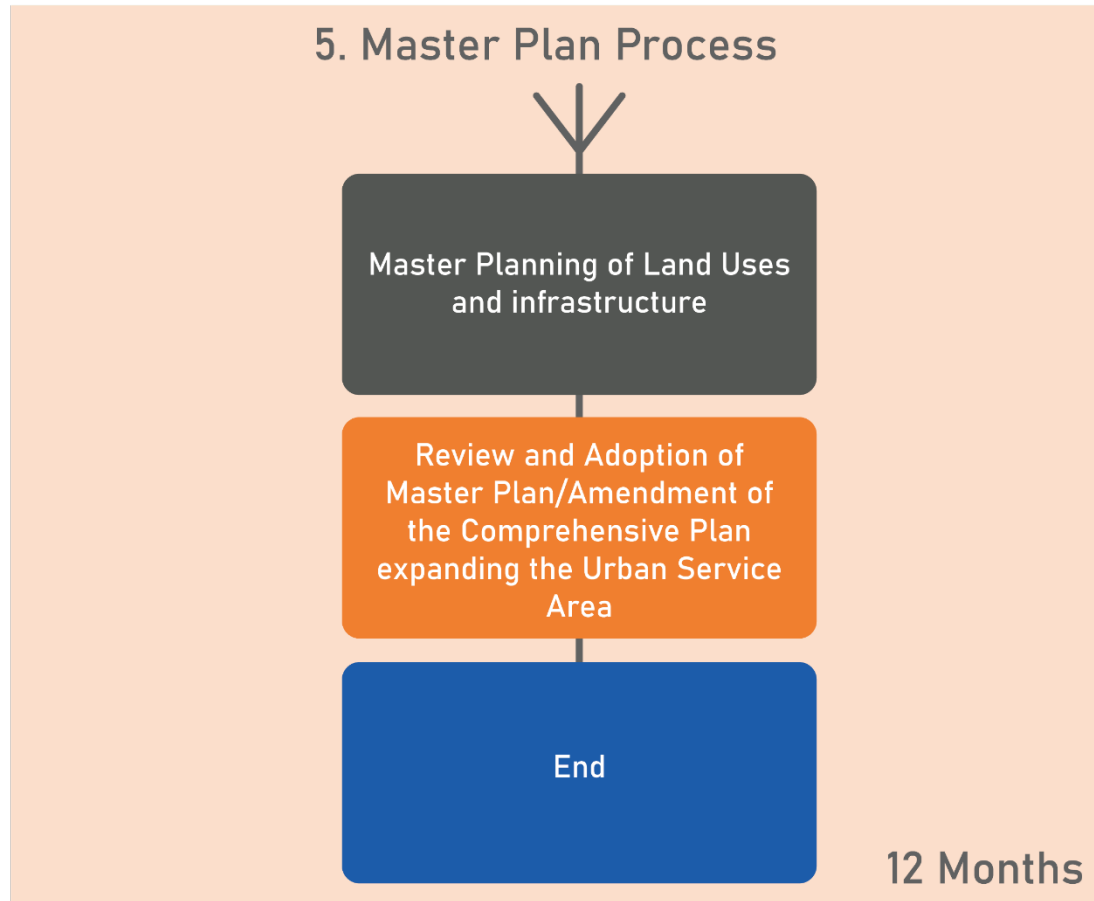
Planning Commission Proposal Review



- Planning Commission opens a 60-day window for proposals for added areas
 - Subcommittee will review all proposals and make recommendation to the Planning Commission
 - Planning Commission passes resolution identifying areas for Master Planning
 - Proposals subject to adopted locational criteria



Master Plan Process



- Pending approval of funding, Planning Commission will oversee master plan for identified areas
- Master plan adoption as an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan completes the expansion process.





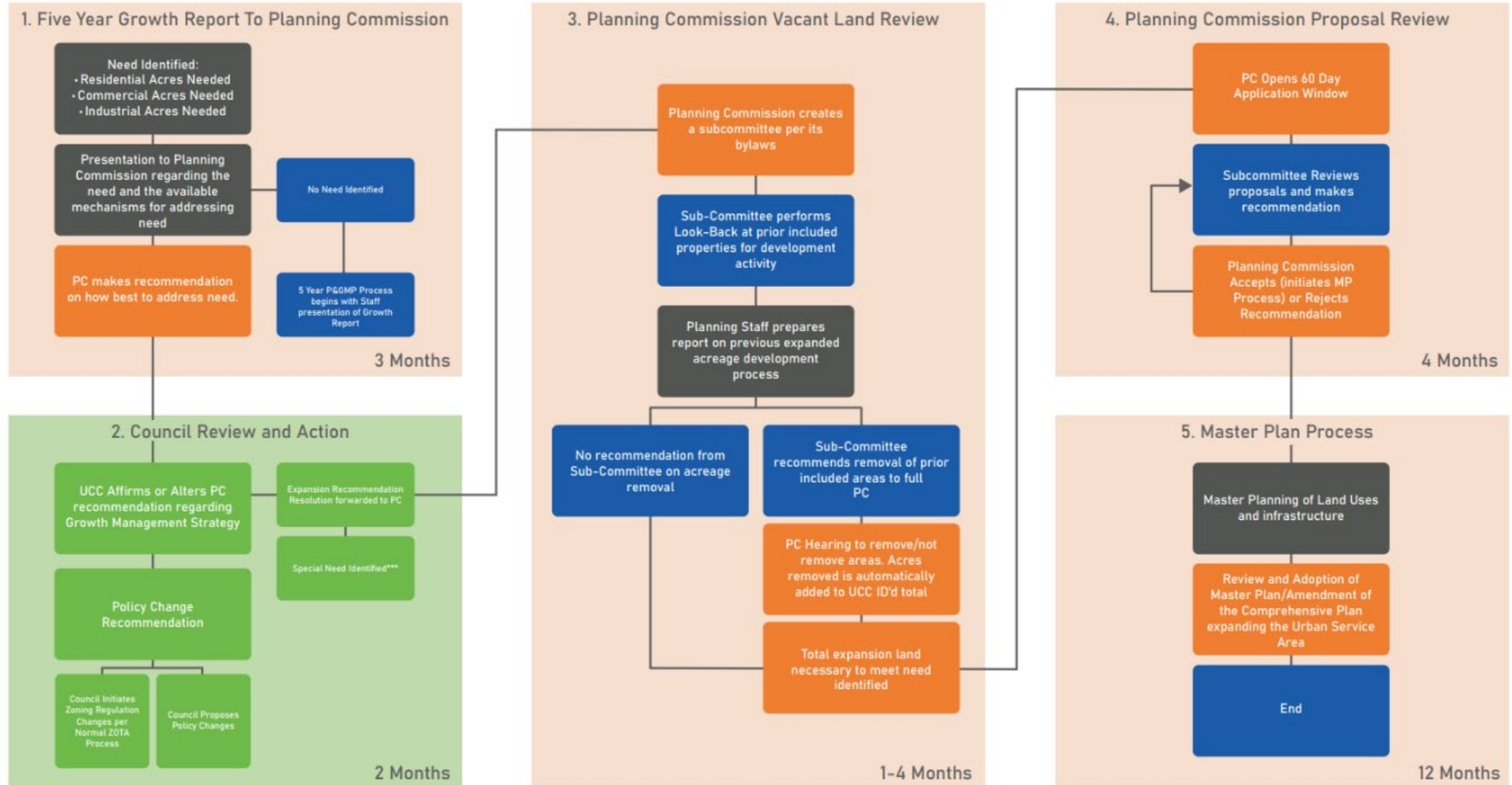
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Improvements to Lexington's Process

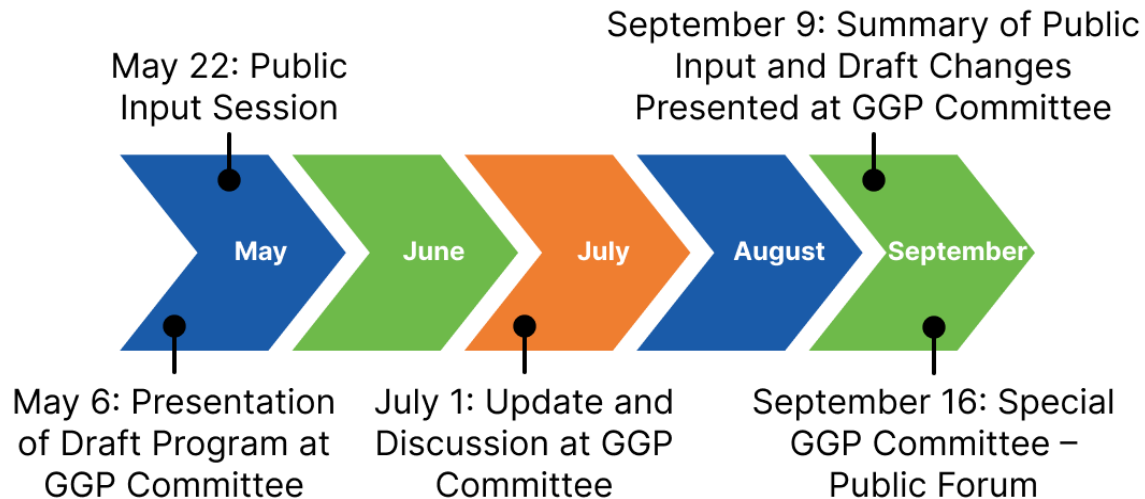


- Allows the Comprehensive Plan to have a broader focus
- Codifies long standing practices in a transparent way
- Establishes a transparent data driven approach
 - Imagine Lexington Data Research Center
- Provides for review by each level of decision makers





Items still in process



- Required content and format of 5-year Growth Report
- Determining the need
 - Residential Need Projection
 - Employment Need Projection
- Establishing makeup of PC Sub-Committee
- Specific locational criteria



Questions?



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