

2040 Comprehensive Plan Overview

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Community Development Committee



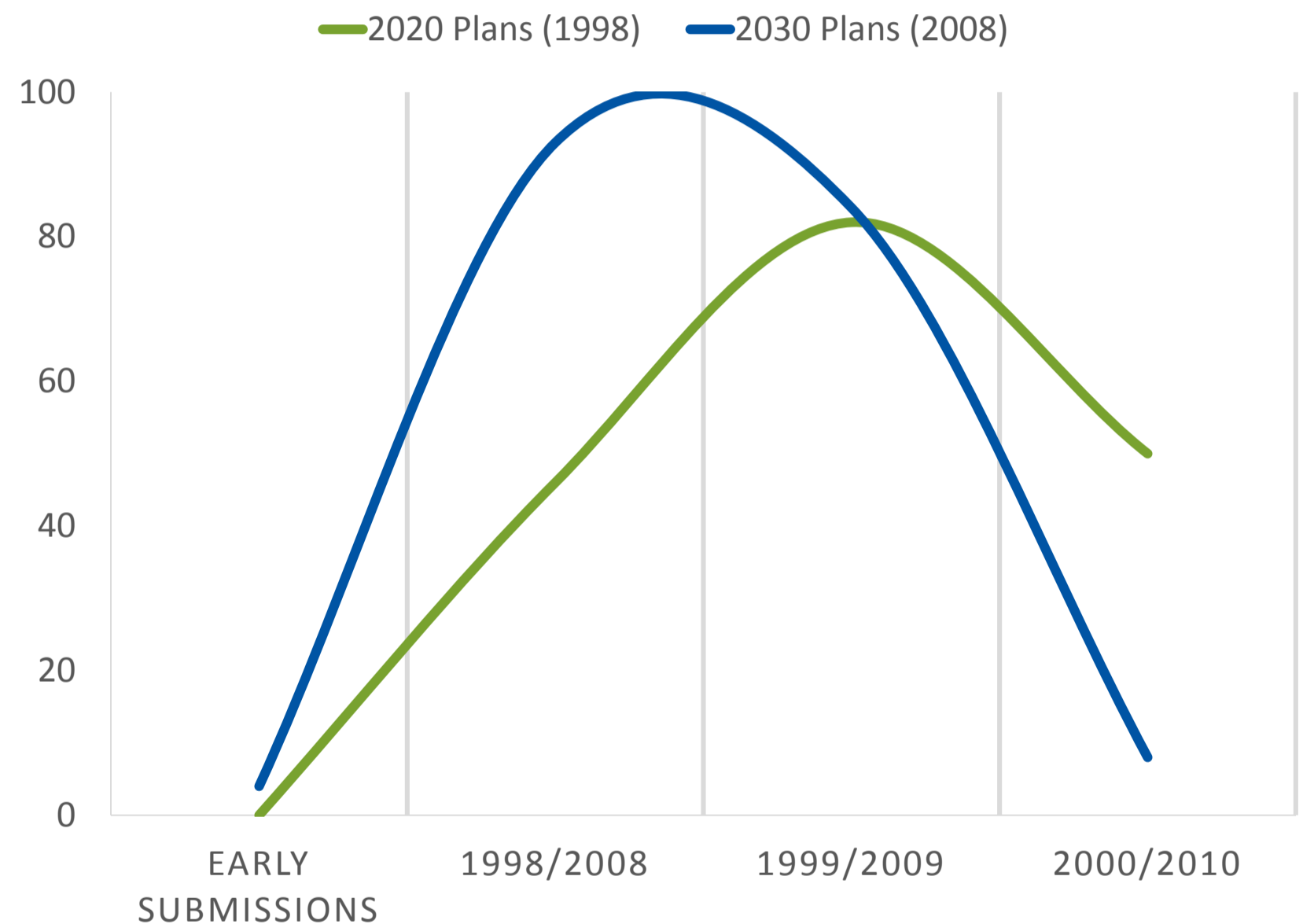
Today's Discussion

- Timelines for Plan Submittal
- Comprehensive Plan Review Timelines
- Review Standards

Plans will start coming in this year

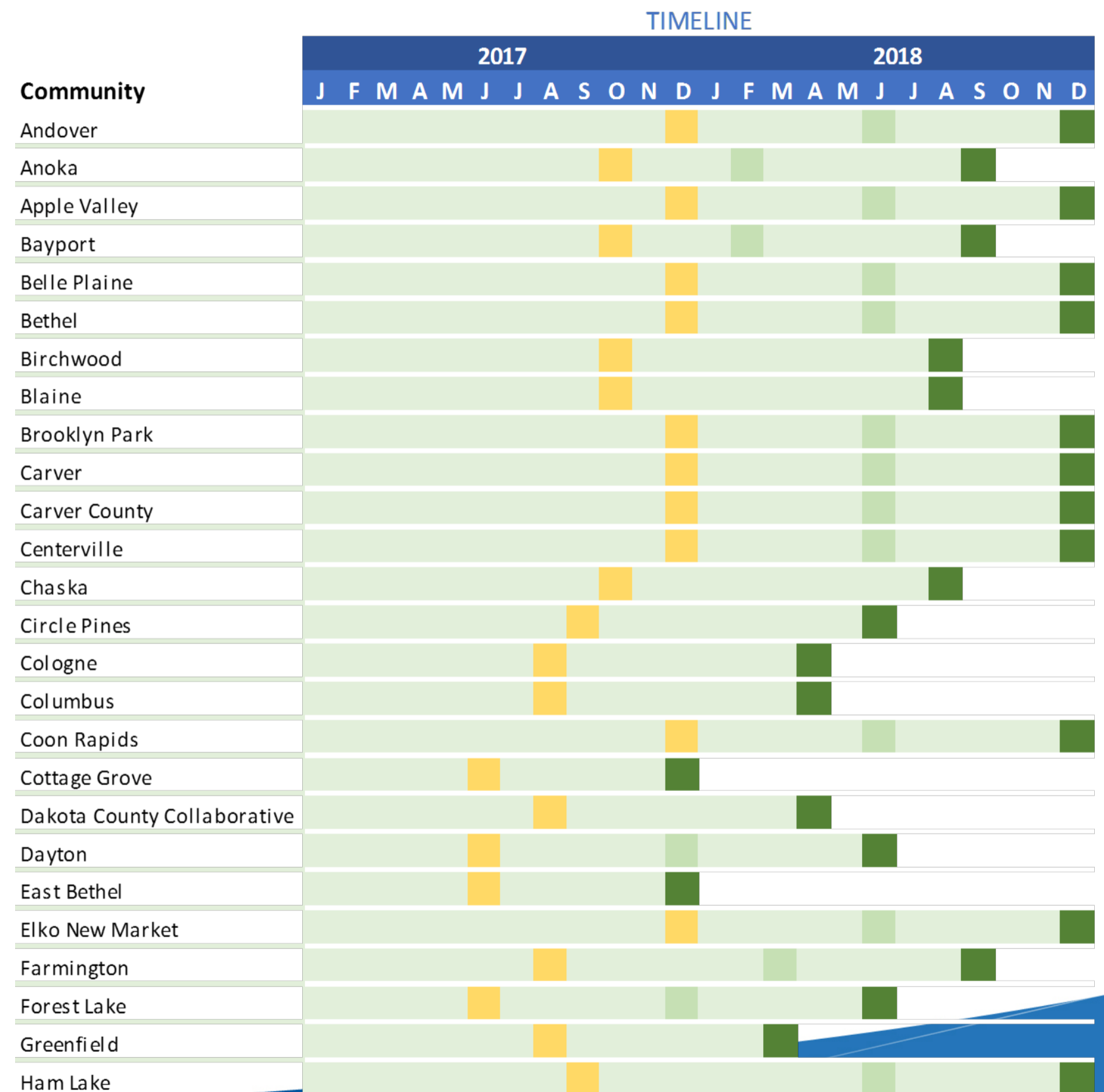
- Deadline December 31, 2018
- 188 jurisdictions
 - Carver & Scott Counties cover 21 townships
 - 167 Plans will be submitted for Review
- Preliminary and Official Reviews

NUMBER OF PLANS SUBMITTED EACH YEAR



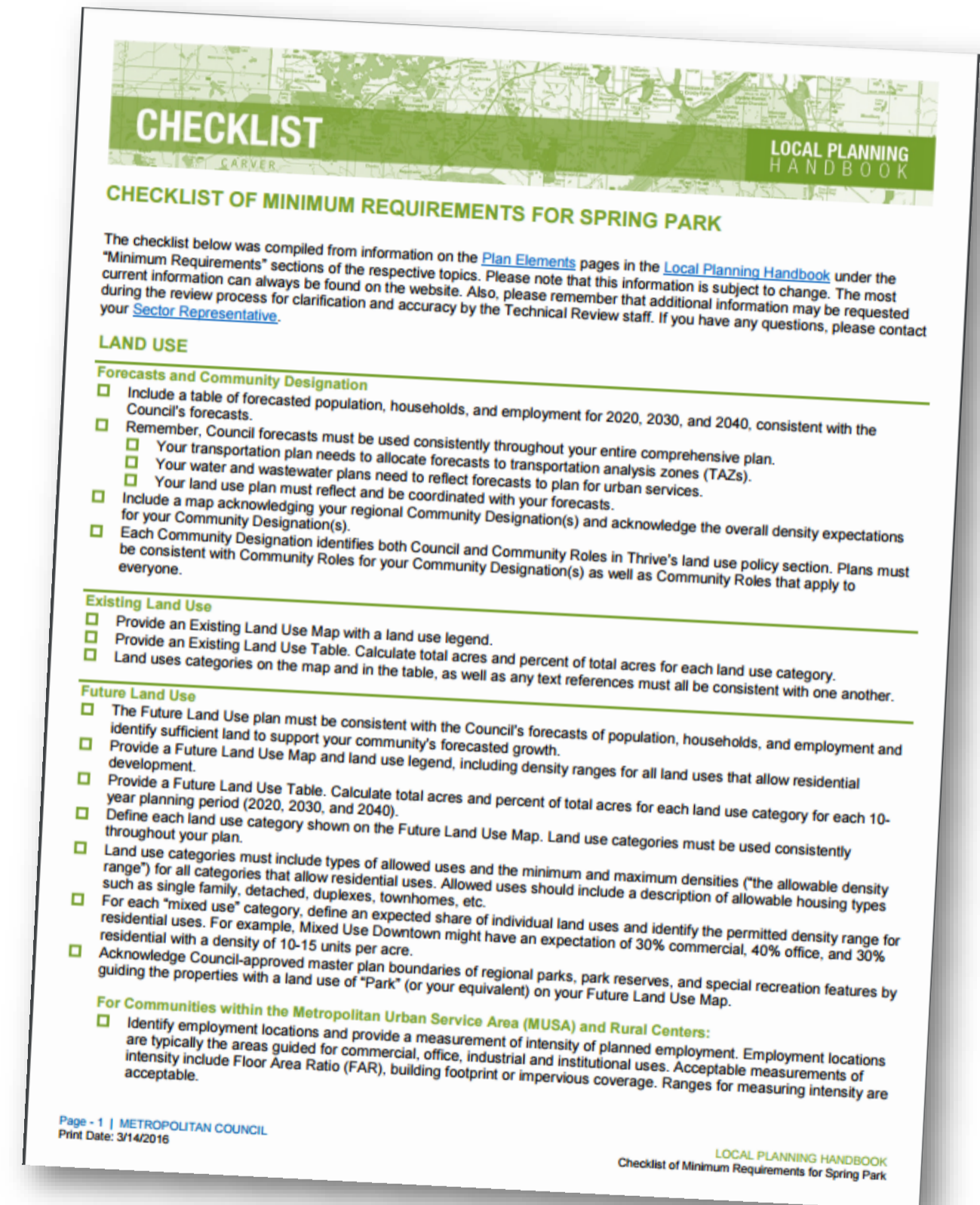
What We Know About Current Plan Status

- 70 Grant communities
 - Nearly all are planning for plan submittal Q4 2018
- Handful of non-grant communities planning for submitting plans this year
- A couple as early as spring 2017



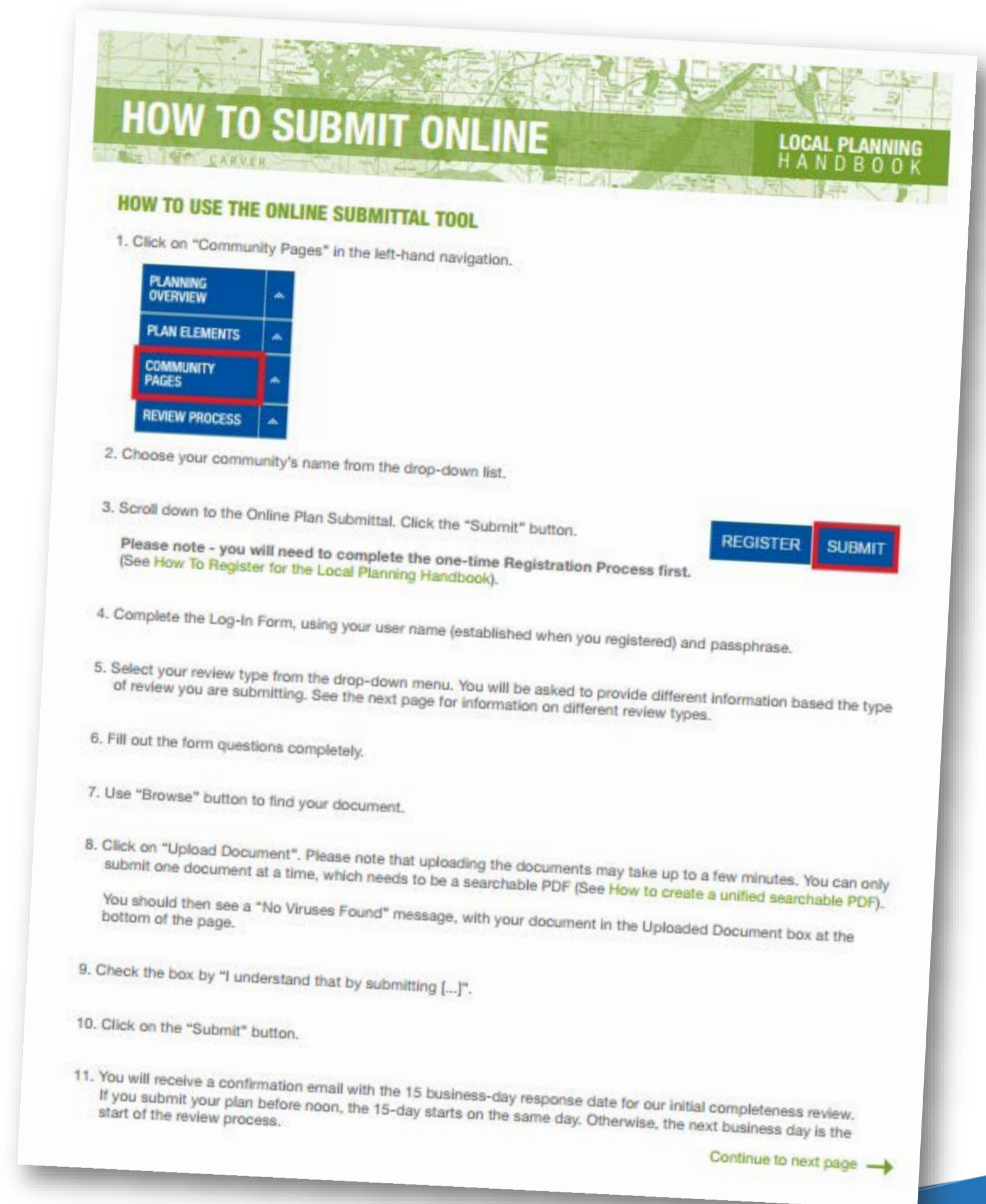
Preliminary Review Process

- Communities can submit draft versions of whole or part of the plan
- MC staff provide feedback on:
 - Completeness of information
 - Conformance issues
 - Any policy inconsistencies

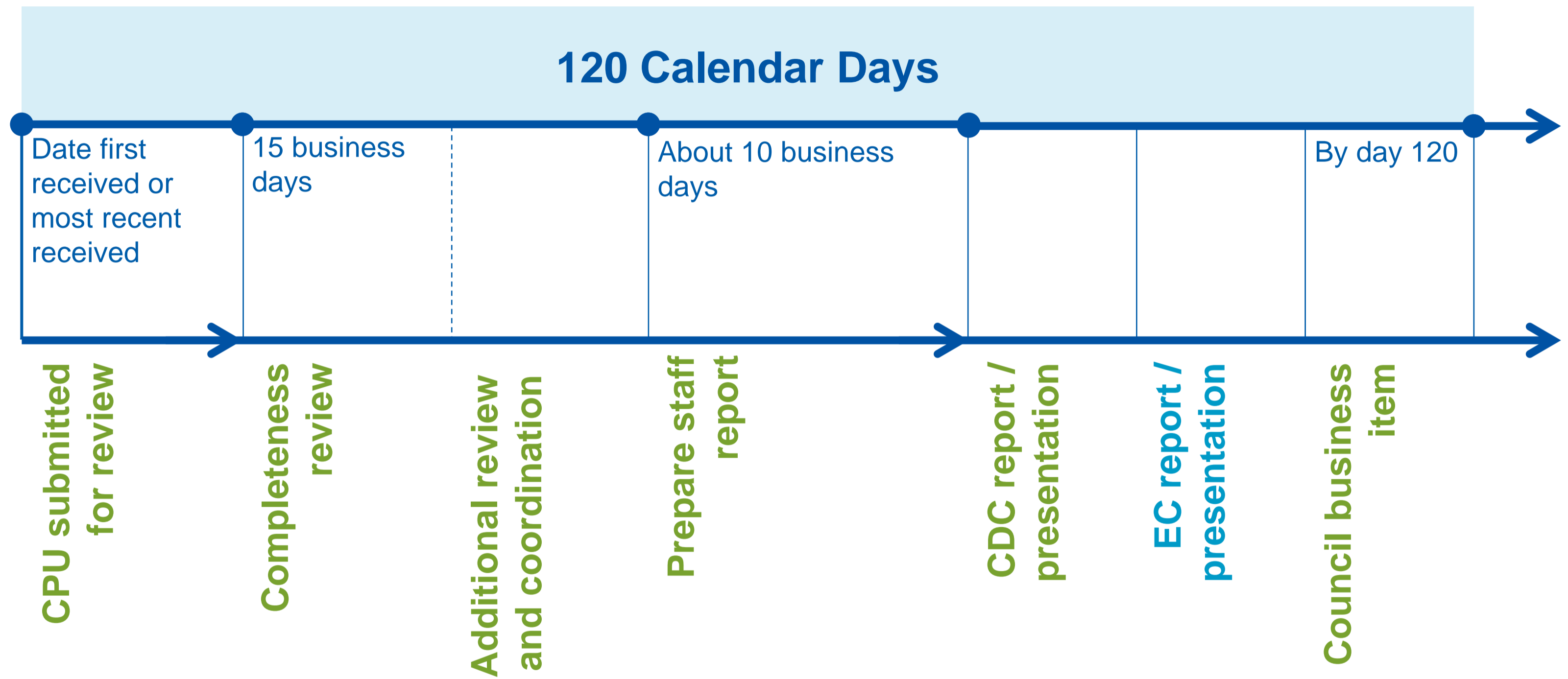


Official Review

- New Online Submittal Tool Available
- Directly linked to:
 - Electronic content system
 - Workload management system
 - Official record database

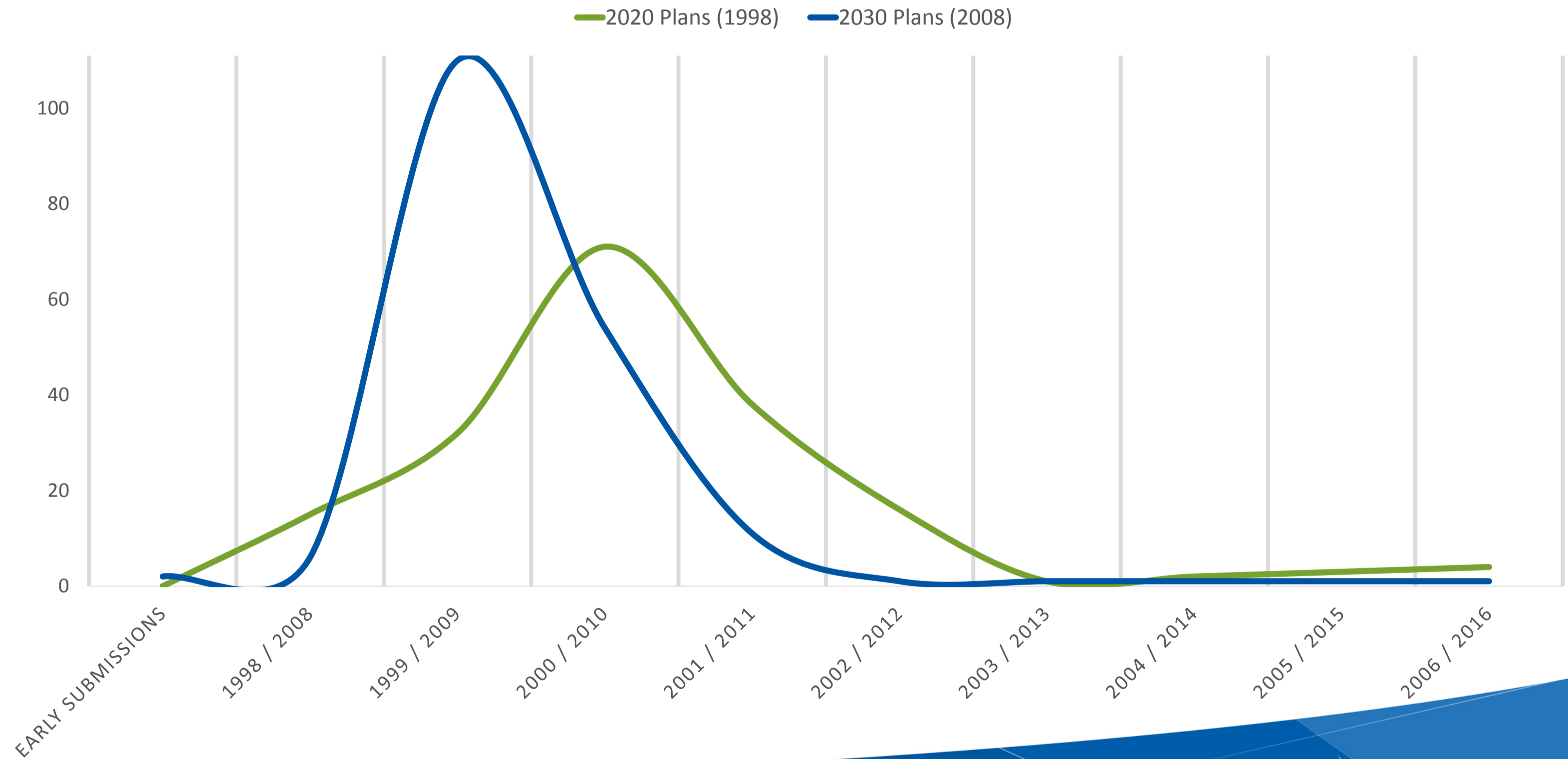


Official Review Process

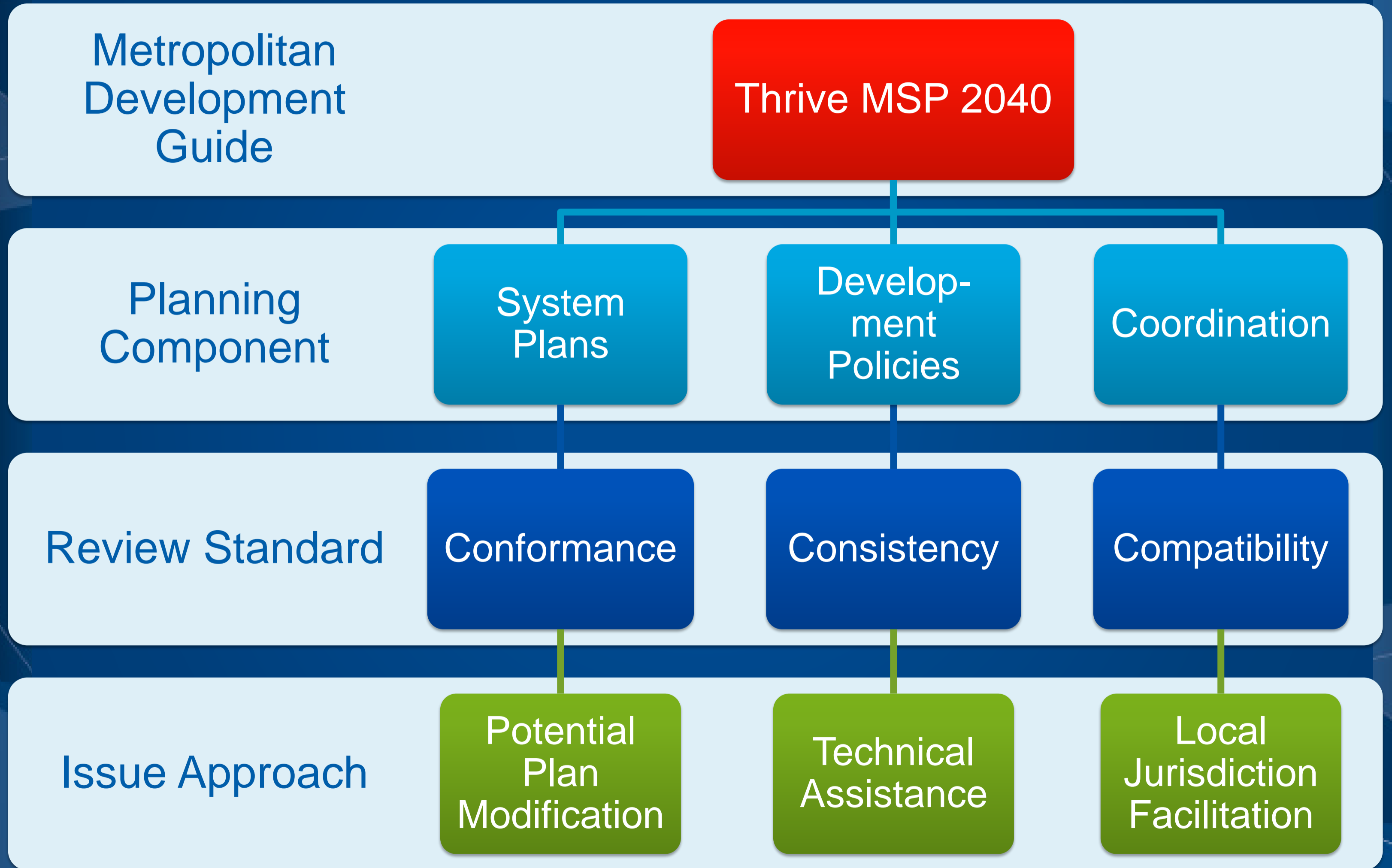


Overall Review Process Can Take Several Years

NUMBER OF PLANS AUTHORIZED EACH YEAR



How does the Council Review Plans?



Review
Standard

Conformance

- Minn. Stat. 473.175, subd. 1:
“The council shall review the comprehensive plans of local governmental units...to determine their...conformity with metropolitan system plans.”
- Review standard: “more likely than not to have a substantial impact on or contain a substantial departure from metropolitan system plans”
- Steps:
 - Immediately work toward issue resolution
 - Last step: plan modification procedures

Review
Standard

Conformance

- Each of the System Plans identifies what constitutes a conformance issue in a local comprehensive plans
- Examples of Potential Conformance Issues:
 - Not meeting the minimum density standard for community-wide planned densities
 - Inappropriately guiding land that is part of a Regional Park
 - Inappropriately guiding land that is a regional aviation facility
 - Not planning for the minimum densities to support the transitway station area within the community

Review Standard

Consistency

- Minn. Stat. 473.175, subd. 1:
“The council shall review and comment on the apparent consistency of the comprehensive plans with adopted plans of the council.”
- Steps:
 - Technical assistance to resolve inconsistency
 - Advisory comments recommending changes, offering assistance
 - Housing: affects eligibility for LCA programs

- Policies in Thrive and each of the Policy Plans
 - Identified policies as they apply to local comprehensive plans
- Examples of Potential Policy Inconsistencies:
 - Recent amendments identified **policy inconsistency** with the Thrive's Natural Resource Policy
 - Guiding insufficient land to support the community's share of the region's affordable housing need

- Minn. Stat. 473.175, subd. 1:
“The council shall review the comprehensive plans of local governmental units...to determine their compatibility with each other...”
- Ensure coordination among local jurisdictions
- Incompatibilities are rare
- Steps:
 - Identify the incompatibilities, offer suggested solutions
 - Support to facilitate conversations among local jurisdictions

Questions?

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