

BOARD APPROVES NEW GUIDE TO COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN (CLUP) PREPARATION

As part of HLURB's continuing efforts to respond to national policy issuances and feedback from LGUs and other stakeholders, *the Board approved the VOLUME I, A GUIDE TO COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN PREPARATION through the Resolution No. 789 on 16 February 2006.* The new GUIDE is the result of the review of the 10-volume Guidelines on the Formulation and Revision of CLUPs and Planning Strategically, with the intention of integrating the same and to come up with a more user-friendly guidebook.

HOW THE GUIDEBOOK WAS DEVELOPED

This Guide was developed for LGUs and was formulated with their genuine participation, through the various consultative meetings/workshops and surveys conducted nationwide. It is structured to provide the users with detailed and logical planning procedures aimed at ensuring a balanced and harmonious development of resources towards achieving an improved quality of life as defined in the vision.

The guidebook is not prescriptive but is designed to allow flexibility, creativity and analytical thinking on the part of the user. It is a handy document with easy-to-follow instructions that put emphasis on achieving improvement of quality of life through community participation and strategic approach. Issues on population and development were also included through collaborative efforts with United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the Commission on Population (POPCOM)-UNFPA.

The Board takes great confidence and pride in disseminating the Guidebook given the concerted efforts of the HLURB regional and central offices, the support of various stakeholders and the "ownership" developed in the process of preparing it.

ONE OF FIVE-VOLUME GUIDEBOOK ON CLUP PREPARATION

The Guidebook is Volume 1 of the set of guidelines in Comprehensive Land Use Plan Preparation comprising five (5) separate but complementary volumes, namely:

- **Volume 1 A Guide to Comprehensive Land Use Plan Preparation**
This provides the basic steps in the CLUP process, from getting started (Step 1) through monitoring and evaluation (Step 12). It prescribes a participatory approach throughout the process, to arrive at a plan owned and supported by the community thereby ensure its sustained implementation. (Printed copies available at P400 per copy)
- **Volume 2 A Guide to Sectoral Studies in the CLUP Preparation**
This provides the basic guidelines for demographic and sectoral studies needed for the formulation of the CLUP. The guidelines include those for social, economic and infrastructure sectors in addition to the integrating frameworks, analytical tools,

methods, standards and other tools necessary in undertaking the sectoral studies. (Editing on-going)

- **Volume 3 A Guide to Data Management in the CLUP Preparation**
This provides the basic elements for a GIS and other information systems needed in plan preparation process often referred to as “GIS Cookbook”. (2nd draft consultation in February 2007)
- **Volume 4 Planning Strategically:**
Guidelines for the Application of the Strategic Planning Process in the Preparation of the CLUP and to Important Urban Area Issues and Problems including guides for community consultation. (Copies available at P200 per copy)
- **Volume 5 Model Zoning Ordinance**
This provides the basic elements of a Zoning Ordinance, which is an implementing tool of the CLUP, among others. (Copies available at P150 per copy)

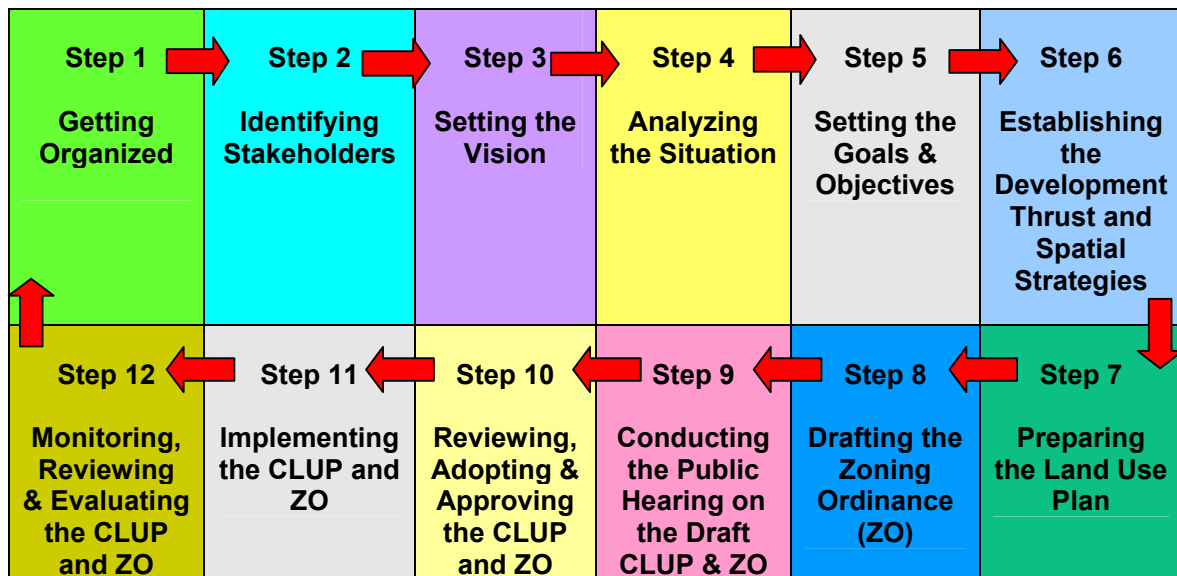
THE 12-STEP PROCESS IN THE NEW GUIDE TO CLUP PREPARATION

This new guide suggests a 12-step process that is strategic/proactive in approach and is aimed at ensuring maximum participation at all steps in the planning process. Hopefully, the process will result to a more realistic/responsive plan, owned and supported by the community, that is geared towards improving quality of life as defined by the VISION of the LGU.

The process is dynamic and cyclic in many ways and at many times. This is an extremely important characteristic that the users/planners should continuously bear in mind. Every step involves a cycle of brain storming/idea building/data gathering; consensus building and decision-making; and presentation/validation of results/decisions. The cycle is continuous until the planning team attains some level of confidence on the output of particular step. The process therefore gives the users some flexibility and requires resourcefulness on the part of the planner/user.

It is worth noting however, that involvement of community/stakeholders varies at different stages of the planning process for reasons of budget, timelessness and its value to a particular step. This highly participative process views the role of planners/consultants to be of facilitator consistent with the objective of “planning for and with the people”.

The following 12-step process shows the general procedures from which the planning team, with or without a formal training in planning, can proceed with the CLUP and ZO preparation.



FEEDBACK ON THE NEW GUIDEBOOK (VOL.1)

The following are some feedback on the new CLUP guidelines:

DILG Region 10

“ The revised CLUP Guide are logically presented and can be easily understood. This will be surely utilized by the LGUs who will be updating their CLUPs”.



LGU Region 8

“ The draft guidelines is now “municipal friendly” unlike previous guide with overwhelming technical data requirements”.

NCR, Reg8, Reg 10, Reg 6 participants....

“The steps provided allow for flexibility and creativity hence generally acceptable”

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- “It helps LGU to be fully aware of the importance/relevance of the CLUP;
- The establishment of operational plan for CLUP shall surely help LGU in its diligent observance of the guidelines;
- Critical issues has been given emphasis especially in the protection and management of the environment;
- It envisions transparency and accountability in the implementation of CLUP/ZO;
- Feasibility study requirement to all projects included is very laudable;
- If this updated guideline be implemented by each LGU to the fullest, there is no reason why poverty in the country shall not be reduced”.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ENHANCING THE GUIDELINES FOR COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANNING

Below are some common recommendations of the City/Municipal Planning and Development Officers on how to enhance the Guidelines for the formulation/revision of the CLUP, gathered during the focus group discussions:

1. Provide guide to:
 - cross-sectoral integration
 - visioning/periodic consultation
 - criteria for review/updating of CLUP other than the 5 yr basis
 - heritage conservation
 - traffic/transport management
2. Less technical terminology and translate guidelines to local dialect
3. One volume for all standards and requirements
4. Clear process of CLUP preparation
5. Provide regular training on mapping and on application of guidelines
6. Provide IEC for CLUP implementation and monitoring
7. Streamline/merge/simplify the 10-volume guidelines
8. Provide standard format/outline CLUP
9. Improve lay-out, presentation, packaging
10. Integrate environmental management system/control
11. Make pro forma CLUP
12. Include development indicators
13. Incorporate planning and environmental laws, rules, policies and other issuances
14. Introduce barangay level planning
15. Prepare 3 model ZOs: City, 1st to 3rd class, LGUs, 4th to 6th class municipalities



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