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Preface

With the adoption of this Hillside and Ridgetop Protection Plan, the first phase of the Joint City-County Task Force on Ridge, Slope and Hillside Development and Protection comes to an end. The Task Force has pursued a general policy of balancing conservation and development needs. The tone of that balance can be seen in Section 2, the plan section.

Before reading that section, take some time to review the background material, which provides an overview of hillside resources, and the shortcomings, as well as the positive aspects, of existing slope protection plans, codes and standards.

The plan includes new density and clearing policies, which serve as a refinement of the existing Knoxville-Knox County General Plan policies. As such, a primary means to implement the plan are new zoning and use-on-review cases. You will also see that several steps are recommended for plan implementation. Some of those will require further public review, like the adoption of new hillside road standards and hillside clearing codes. The Task Force is willing to work with MPC, City and County staff for a second phase of their work, including the drafting, review and refinement of new codes, standards and regulations. These would likely include a conservation subdivision ordinance, hillside road width standards, and stormwater regulation amendments regarding hillside land disturbance.

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