

What is the RPGA Planning District?

The **RPGA Planning District** is a joint effort between the Rural Municipality of Rhineland and the Towns of Plum Coulee, Gretna and Altona.

The RPGA Planning District was officially created by the Province of Manitoba on January 1st, 2010.

The RPGA Board is creating a **Development Plan** to meet the needs of the District. The RPGA Development Plan will describe policies that will guide development in this district.

What is a Development Plan?

A **Development Plan** is an “umbrella” document that sets the direction for future growth and change in our communities. It includes information like where certain kinds of development should be allowed. Where will new residents live? Where will they farm or start a business or go to work? Where will the roads and trails be? A Plan is a governing document and each member municipality must ensure that their zoning, by-laws and development decisions comply with the Plan. Only then can we collectively make the Plan real.

When the new **Development Plan** is complete, each community’s **Zoning By-law** will also be reviewed and amended to ensure that they comply with the RPGA Development Plan.

What is a Zoning By-law?

A **Zoning By-law** is a tool a municipality can use to describe the rules of development on properties. It includes the details about what future development should look like and it is simply one of many efforts that will be used to implement the Development Plan. Sometimes, zoning can separate the different activities like residences and industries. In other cases, zoning will describe how big your front yard should be or how high a sign can be on main street.