

First Substantive Draft: 60%

Rural Planning and Economic Development | PLAC 5500-001 / LPPP 5559-001 | Fall 2026

Draft requirements and revision plan

DUE: October 21, 2026, by 12:00 p.m. to Canvas

COURSE WEIGHT: 10%

Purpose

Put the substantive argument on the table. The draft may still be text-first and visually rough, but it must expose the reasoning for review.

Required package

- ☐ Most narrative or equivalent substantive content.
- ☐ Credible alternatives, tradeoffs, and preferred direction.
- ☐ An appropriate economic-development or feasibility screen.
- ☐ Draft maps, graphics, tables, code language, diagrams, or engagement materials as relevant.
- ☐ Current source and assumptions records.
- ☐ Revision log showing missing evidence, unresolved choices, and remaining graphics.

Build the submission

Substantive argument: State the diagnosis, what it means, and the sequence of decisions or actions.

Alternatives and tradeoffs: What options were considered? What differs in benefit, cost, risk, timing, capacity, or equity?

Economic or feasibility reasoning: Which transparent screen fits this project, and what can it establish or not establish?

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Draft graphics: List each needed map, figure, table, code excerpt, diagram, or engagement product; mark complete, draft, or missing.

Revision plan: What evidence, choices, reviews, and graphics remain, and who owns each action?

Before submission

- ☐ The preferred direction follows from evidence and comparison, not taste alone.
- ☐ Alternatives are genuinely comparable and include a plausible counterargument or condition.
- ☐ The economic or feasibility method is proportionate and its limits are stated.
- ☐ Draft graphics make claims inspectable instead of merely decorating pages.
- ☐ Every unresolved issue has a next action, owner, and review point.

Submission: One member of the team submits the package to Canvas by the listed deadline. Every student remains responsible for the work, sources, disclosed material AI assistance, and any required contribution record.