

**Why is the Town preparing a Comprehensive Plan?**

In 1999 the Wisconsin Legislature mandated that every municipality in the state complete and adopt a Comprehensive Plan prior to January 1, 2010. The Town is planning a 25 year vision for the community.

**Funding & Cooperative Planning Agreement**

The Town of Eagle and the Village of Eagle submitted a multi-jurisdictional Smart-Growth grant request to have the state help with the costs of funding. This grant was approved and is a matching fund grant. Coordinated planning will be a very cost-efficient method to accomplish this Comprehensive Planning effort.

**Comprehensive Planning Benefits**

- Inter-governmental cooperation to ensure good communication and integrated planning for the good of the communities, and the county.
- An opportunity for the public to be involved in every stage of planning
- A plan that is consistent with all ordinances
- An assurance that the plan will be applied consistently in all decisions relating to land use

**The Law Requirements**

All Comprehensive Plans must address the following 9 elements:

1. Issues and Opportunities ( inventory, demographics and trends)
2. Housing
3. Transportation
4. Utilities and Community Facilities
5. Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources
6. Economic Development
7. Intergovernmental Cooperation
8. Land Use
9. Implementation

Resources Utilized:
Southeast WI Regional Planning Commission Demographic and Transportation Data and Plans
Waukesha County Economic Development Corporation
2000 Federal Census
Town of Eagle 2008 Land Use Map Town Engineer
Wisconsin Historical Society
Waukesha County Park & Open Space Plan
USDA Soil Surveys
Waukesha County Comprehensive Plan

**The Process**

The Eagle Comprehensive Development Plan Advisory Committee is charged with completing the draft plan. The Advisory Committee created a public participation plan that was adopted by the Town Board on September 25, 2007. Public awareness, education and participation occurred through a series of open meetings, vision sessions, news releases, website information, fact sheets and open houses. In addition, the services of Brian Pionke, Town Planner, IMOC, and Ruckert/Mielke, planning consultant, are being utilized to prepare the Comprehensive Plan. The Waukesha County Comprehensive Plan was given consideration while establishing the Town’s objectives, principles and standards.

The final plan adoption will occur after adjacent municipalities, the county and citizens are given a period of time to review and comment on the plan, and copies of the Plan are placed in public libraries. A Public Hearing will be held prior to the Town adopting the Comprehensive Plan. Annual reviews of the plan will provide an opportunity to reflect upon changing conditions or local development objectives. All plan amendment requests will be presented in a formal public hearing.

## **Key Issues Facing the Town**

Based on the results of a random survey of Town citizens and public information meetings, the Advisory Committee identified a series of key issues facing the Town.

- Coordination of land use planning with school district planning
- Groundwater Supply
- Cost of Community Services
- Public Participation
- Transportation: analysis of highway corridors
- Use of Regional Storm-water Facilities
- Infrastructure for Commercial Locations
- Coordination of Public Interest (community service and utilities)
- Defining Rural Character and Development Design options to preserve Rural Character
- Needs of the Business Community-New Technology Businesses
- Business Retention, Expansion, and New Start-Ups
- Land Use Development Patterns and Transportation Impacts
- State Input and Legislation Effecting Land Use (DNR Stewardship program)
- Tax Structure
- Timely relationship between land use and transportation
- Government Role/Relationship between Communities and Land Use
- Future of Agriculture in the Township
- Impacts of Annexations
- Revenue Sharing Options
- Review of Urban Growth Areas
- Identification of Existing Housing and Affordable Housing Needs