

IMPLEMENTATION ELEMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this section is to explain how this plan will be utilized to guide future growth and development in the Village of Arena. The plan is to serve as the blueprint for the future. As change is inevitable, the plan may need to be amended to appropriately reflect major changes. This element reviews how each of the elements of the comprehensive plan interrelate, and how the plan will be monitored and evaluated. Finally the Section includes a discussion on how the plan will be updated at a minimum of once every ten years.

**Wisconsin State Statute 66.1001(2)(i)****(i) Implementation.**

A compilation of programs and specific actions to be completed in a stated sequence, including proposed changes to any applicable zoning ordinances, official maps, sign regulations, erosion and storm water control ordinances, historic preservation ordinances, site plan regulations, design review ordinances, building codes, mechanical codes, housing codes, sanitary codes or subdivision ordinances, to implement the objectives, policies, plans and programs contained in pars. (a) to (h). The element shall describe how each of the elements of the comprehensive plan will be integrated and made consistent with the other elements of the comprehensive plan, and shall include a mechanism to measure the local governmental unit's progress toward achieving all aspects of the comprehensive plan. The element shall include a process for updating the comprehensive plan. A comprehensive plan under this subsection shall be updated no less than once every 10 years.

IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES

- **Enforce local ordinances to maintain the character of existing and future land uses within the Village of Arena.**

Local ordinances must be enforced consistently to maintain the character of Arena. The keyword is enforcement.

- **Update this comprehensive plan at a minimum of every ten years as required by Wisconsin State Statute 66.1001.**

This plan needs to be updated at least once every ten years. Depending on development or other changes, the plan may need to be updated on a more frequent basis.

- **Amend the local comprehensive plan and ordinances only after careful evaluation of existing conditions and potential impacts.**

Depending on what takes place in Arena in the next twenty years, this comprehensive plan and enforcement ordinances may need to be amended. This should be done with extreme caution. Amendments should not be made simply to avoid local planning pressure.

CONSISTENCY AMONG PLAN ELEMENTS

As required by Wisconsin State Statute 66.1001, all elements included in this plan are consistent with one another and no known conflicts exist. All nine elements included in this plan work to achieve the desired future for the Village of Arena.

PLAN ADOPTION

The first official action required to implement the comprehensive plan is official adoption of the plan by the local Plan Commission. Once the local Plan Commission adopts the plan by resolution, the Village Board must adopt the comprehensive plan by ordinance as required by State Statute 66.1001. After the plan is adopted by ordinance, it then becomes the official tool for future development in the next 20 years. The plan will guide development in a consistent manner.

VILLAGE OF ARENA ZONING ORDINANCE

The Village of Arena Zoning Ordinance will be the primary implementation tool for the Village of Arena Comprehensive Plan. The intent of the zoning ordinance is to control the development of land within the Village. By carefully applying these local ordinances and regulations Arena will be accomplishing the policies of the comprehensive plan.

PLAN AMENDMENTS

The Village of Arena Board can amend the Comprehensive Plan at any time. Amendments would consist of any changes to plan maps or text. Amendments may be necessary due to changes in local policies, programs, or services, as well as changes in state or federal laws. An amendment may also be needed due to unique proposals presented to the Village of Arena. Proposed amendments should be channeled through the local planning commission and then final action should occur at the Village Board level.

PLAN UPDATES

As required by Wisconsin State Statute the comprehensive plan needs to be updated at least once every ten years. An update is different than an amendment, as an update is a major revision of multiple plan sections including maps. The plan was originally written based on variables that are ever changing and future direction might be inaccurately predicted. A plan update should include public involvement, as well as an official public hearing.

IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES

Tables I.1 through I.9 below provide a summary of the Village of Arena's Comprehensive Plan policies.

Table I.1 – Issues and Opportunities Policies

GOAL: ESTABLISH COMMUNITY STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, ISSUES, AND OPPORTUNITIES
Protect and improve the health, safety, and welfare of residents in the Village of Arena.
Preserve and enhance the quality of life for the residents of the Village of Arena.
Protect and preserve the small community character of the Village of Arena.

Table I.2 – Housing Policies

GOAL: ADEQUATE RANGE OF HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE VARIED NEEDS OF EXISTING AND FUTURE RESIDENTS.
Provide choices of owner and renter type-housing units to serve the current and future needs of all residents. There is a need for the provision of an adequate supply of single-family homes, apartments, duplexes, and manufactured homes.
Promote the preservation and rehabilitation of the existing housing stock in the Village of Arena.
Enforce the Village of Arena Zoning Ordinance to maintain the character of existing and future residential neighborhoods.
In the R-3 Zoning District, encourage Zero Lot Line Homes as a means of providing affordable housing in Arena.
Promote and utilize federal and state housing assistance programs.
Discourage residential development from areas where soils, slope, or other topographical limitations prove to be unsuitable.
Work with surrounding jurisdictions to identify future residential development areas, as well as addressing the need and number of new homes.
Identify areas and designate land for future housing developments.
Encourage contiguous development patterns that preserve and expand upon existing neighborhoods.
Review new housing proposals and support those proposals and programs that meet the Village's housing needs and are consistent with the policies outlined in the comprehensive plan.

Table I.3 – Transportation Policies

GOAL: SAFE AND EFFICIENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, WHICH ACCOMMODATE THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND GOODS.
Local Transportation Infrastructure and Issues: Work with the Town of Arena and WisDOT to create and promote a "Park & Pool" ride lot to support and increase carpooling; The Village of Arena supports including sidewalks in new and/or existing developments.
Street Design Standards: Follow specific street design requirements detailed in the Village zoning ordinance, encompassing street width, intersections, blocks, and surfacing.
Local Economic Development: Work with the Town of Arena on bicycle improvements to targeted streets/town roads to improve safety, connectivity, and support tourism as a part of economic development; Increase the transportation system's ability to support manufacturing and tourism as a part of economic development.
Transit, Accessibility, and Special Needs Users: Support having the bus service that passes through on USH 14 make designated stops in the Village as a services for local residents; Maintain and improve transportation services for the elderly and disabled.
Efficiency and Safety: Village of Arena Plan Commission respondents noted that there are regular traffic delays entering USH 14. Their recommendation for addressing safety issues on USH through the Village is to lower the speed limit.
Cost: Explore and possibly establish a Capital Improvements Program for major projects; Maintenance & Improvement Funding Source.

Table I.4 – Utilities and Community Facilities Policies

GOAL: MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE FACILITIES AND SERVICES, WHICH CONTRIBUTE TO THE OVERALL WELL-BEING OF A COMMUNITY.
Ensure that new development bears a fair share of capital improvement costs necessitated by the development.
Maintain, operate, and reconstruct the existing utility systems so that they can support existing development and redevelopment.
Where possible, when making utility system improvements, relocate water and sewer lines from private to public property.
Land divisions in the Village of Arena shall be served by public sewer facilities and public water service.

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All future land development in the Village of Arena must provide stormwater drainage facilities, including curb-and-gutter, catch basins and inlets, storm sewers, road ditches, and open channels as may be required.
Locate development that requires urban services within Village limits, while discouraging utility extensions into areas environmentally unsuitable for urban development due to soils, flooding, topography, etc.
Evaluate public utility alternatives and services to reduce capital facility and operating costs.
Develop a process that informs, notifies, and allows for public participation in all capital facility planning projects and proposals.

Table I.5 – Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Policies

GOAL: PROTECT, CONSERVE, AND MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY.
Routinely remind residents of the importance of their agricultural, natural, and cultural resources and the need for continued protection of local open spaces to provide recreational opportunities.
Build partnerships with local clubs and organizations in order to protect important natural areas.
Encourage and support prairie and savanna restoration.
Enforce noxious weed control ordinances.
Support tree planting in new developments, tree preservation, municipal tree-planting programs, and sustainable forestry practices in the Village of Arena.
Maintain proper separation distances between urban and rural land uses to avoid conflicts.
Continue to protect the Village's well recharge area and compile an inventory of potential contaminant sources.
Restrict development from major drainage areas in order to aid in stormwater runoff and prevent flooding.
Each land divider of a major subdivision shall be required to dedicate land or fees in lieu of land for parks or other public uses so that adequate open spaces and sites for public uses are provided.
Promote tourism opportunities and continue to pursue efforts to capitalize on local resources in conjunction with programs like walking tours, the Wisconsin Historical Markers Program, distributing ATV or bike trail maps, maintaining trails, and preserving the natural beauty of the area.
Utilize County, State, and Federal programs to conserve, maintain, and protect agricultural, natural, and cultural resources.

Table I.6 – Economic Development Policies

GOAL: PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THAT PROVIDES FOR A HEALTHY, DIVERSIFIED, AND GROWING ECONOMY.
The various interested communities, county representatives, and other parties including businesses and business organizations, should meet to discuss the creation of a countywide economic development corporation.
All incorporated jurisdictions, as well as the county, should provide for annual funding of economic development needs, including, but not limited to membership dues in organizations that promote economic development beneficial to the county.
Each community should create a community fund through the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, especially if there is not an alternative vehicle for encouraging local charitable contributions that go toward overall community betterment.
Utilize the availability of training programs to enhance local capacity building for purposes of community and economic development.
Develop necessary information to market the community and the available business sites and available buildings within the community on the Internet.
Work on tourism potential as tourism is one of the fundamental assets of Iowa County.
Make historic preservation and tourism a fundamental economic development strategy of community and county efforts.
Conduct a housing needs assessment in all areas interested in housing development, and make housing development a fundamental economic development strategy in areas where this is desired, but evaluate proposals by doing a feasibility analysis.
Become familiar with new Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and the Tourism, Agriculture, Forestry (TAF) laws. This is pertinent for any jurisdiction, even towns, as there may be considerable opportunities for economic development.

Table I.7 – Intergovernmental Cooperation Policies

GOAL: PROMOTE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH ADJACENT AND OVERLAPPING JURISDICTIONS.
Maintain established intergovernmental relationships.
Explore new opportunities to cooperate with other local units of government.
Establish written intergovernmental cooperation agreements.

Table I.8 – Land Use Policies

GOAL: IMPLEMENT THE POLICIES OF THIS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.
Follow a current, long-range comprehensive plan, which serves as a guide for future land-use and zoning decisions.
Maintain the small-town character of the jurisdiction by avoiding developments that would alter its character.
Restrict non-residential development from residential neighborhoods.
Encourage commercial activities to develop in existing commercial locations where public roads/facilities and services have capacity to accommodate high volumes of traffic, parking, and other public needs.
Encourage development in areas where adequate utilities and community services exist or can be provided in a cost efficient manner.
Restrict development from areas shown to be unsafe or unsuitable for development due to natural hazards, contamination, access, or incompatibility problems.
Ensure to the greatest extent possible that all future development proposals or redevelopment enhances the overall quality of life in the community.
Protect active agricultural lands that exist in, or border on the jurisdiction from encroachment by incompatible uses.

Table I.9 – Implementation Policies

GOAL: IMPLEMENT THE POLICIES OF THIS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.
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