

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION ELEMENT

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BACKGROUND

In November of 2001, the Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC) prepared and submitted a Comprehensive Planning Grant Application on behalf of Iowa County and 22 local jurisdictions. In April of 2002, the Comprehensive Planning Grant from the Office of Land Information Services (OLIS) was awarded. The following jurisdictions were included in the grant application:

TOWNS	VILLAGES	CITIES	COUNTY
Arena	Arena	Dodgeville	Iowa
Clyde	Avoca	Mineral Point	
Dodgeville	Blanchardville		
Eden	Highland		
Highland	Hollandale		
Linden	Linden		
Mifflin	Ridgeway		
Mineral Point			
Moscow			
Pulaski			
Ridgeway			
Waldwick			
Wyoming			

As part of the comprehensive planning program, each jurisdiction is required to formally adopt a public participation plan. Each jurisdiction identified above as well as the County, will be adopting their own public participation plan. The public participation plans will share commonalities, but allows each jurisdiction to utilize specific public participation tools that may be best for their particular jurisdiction.

INTENT/PURPOSE

Pursuant to Sec. 66.1001(4)(a), Wisconsin Statutes

“The governing body of local governmental unit shall adopt written procedures that are designed to foster public participation, including open discussion, communication programs, information services, and public meetings for which advance notice has been provided, in every state of the preparation of a comprehensive plan. The written procedures shall be provide for wide distribution of proposed, alternative or amended elements of a comprehensive plan and shall provide an opportunity for written comments on the plan to be submitted by members of the public to the governing body and for the governing body to respond to such written comments.”

ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Public participation efforts will be a combined effort between the local jurisdictions, SWWRPC, and UW-Extension. SWWRPC will be focusing on public participation efforts that serve the entire county as well as the cluster groups that have been established as part of the Iowa County Comprehensive Planning Process. For example, SWWRPC will be coordinating and distributing the county-wide survey, press releases and meeting notices for the cluster groups, holding county wide open houses, cluster group visioning sessions, etc. Local jurisdictions will be responsible for coordinating specific efforts on their individual local level. For example, each local jurisdiction is responsible for generating and posting local plan commission notices, posting cluster meeting notices, posting and conducting of at least one public hearing, etc.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

The table below outlines a number of ways the public can be involved in the Town of Wyoming's comprehensive planning process*.

	PUBLIC AWARENESS	PUBLIC EDUCATION (Increasing)	PUBLIC INPUT Level of Involvement)	PUBLIC INTERACTION	PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP
PURPOSE	To increase the overall awareness of the comprehensive planning process.	To provide the public with information to assist in understanding the problems, alternatives, and solutions.	To obtain feedback on issues, alternatives, and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public to ensure that concerns are consistently understood and considered.	To place decision making in the hands of the public.
METHODS OF INVOLVEMENT	<p>1. Newspaper Articles Articles covering comprehensive planning in the "Town of Wyoming News" for the years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002. Sent to all property owners w/tax bills and renters.</p> <p>Publication of information of future editions of the "Town of Wyoming News".</p> <p>2. Meeting Notices Posting of cluster group and plan commission meetings.</p>	<p>1. Displays / Exhibits Planning information display set up at Town Solid Waste and Recycling Facility that is utilized by most residents and non-resident property owners regularly.</p> <p>2. Public Education & Information Meetings "A Study by the Residents of Wyoming Township of Their Community, Way of Life, and Land" report done in 1984, serving as basis for the town's Land Use Policy Plan and related ordinances.</p> <p>Plan Commission will have regularly scheduled monthly meetings that will be posted. Comprehensive Planning to be included on agenda at the Annual Town Meeting, April 2003 and Budget Town Meeting, Nov. 2003. (Will continue until plan completion - late 2004.)</p>	<p>1. Opinion Surveys Smart Growth survey sent to all property owners with tax bills as well as renters in Dec. 2001, with results compiled by Plan Commission. Participation of residents in the Iowa County Smart Growth Opinion Survey, late 2002.</p> <p>2. Public Hearing Provide opportunity for citizens to speak and react to a proposal in a public setting before elected officials. (Note: A public hearing is the minimal requirement for public participation under the Wisconsin "Smart Growth" Law.)</p> <p>3. Visioning Participation in visioning exercise in Jan. 2003, along with residents from Towns of Arena and Clyde and the Village of Arena.</p>	<p>1. Open House SWWRPC hopes to host at least two countywide open houses. The City of Dodgeville will host one specific open house.</p> <p>2. Focus Groups Develop a Citizen Volunteer Sign Up form as an aid to track people who are interested in getting involved in a citizen advisory group. Set up ongoing Citizen Advisory/Focus groups for any and all elements.</p> <p>3. Community Workshops A visual preference survey may be conducted at a City visioning session and/or open house or community workshop.</p>	

*Note: The Town of Wyoming reserves the right to modify the steps above and to utilize additional steps, means, and/or methods in order to gain additional public participation or understanding throughout the comprehensive planning process.