Over the next 2 years, Washington County will be updating the Comprehensive Plan. Public participation has become an important part of the government decision making process. By actively engaging residents, business owners and interest groups throughout this Plan update, we can work together to help direct a great future for the our County.

How can I participate in the planning process?

**Ongoing, broad-based public participation activities** are available to anyone with an interest in Washington County and will take place throughout the comprehensive planning process:

- Review and provide feedback on draft chapters and related materials (for review at Washington County Planning & Parks Department and www.co.washington.wi.us/CP2050)
- Fact sheets and newsletters
- Press releases
- Participate in the public open house/informational meeting
- Attending public committee meetings
- Provide comment at the public hearing
- Written comments may be provided to the County or submitted to deb.sielski@co.washington.wi.us

**Comprehensive Plan**

The comprehensive planning law effectively requires that comprehensive plans be completed as outlined in §66.1001, and adopted by governing bodies in order for a County or local municipality to engage in zoning, subdivision control, or official mapping after January 1, 2010.

Comprehensive plans provide a vision and general idea of how land should be used to assure public health, safety, and welfare.

Comprehensive plans contain these 9 elements:

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

**County Population**

From 1990 to 2010, Washington County’s population grew by 38%. During the same period, the State of Wisconsin’s population grew by 16%.

Population projections indicate that Washington County’s population will increase 37% between the years 2010 and 2050.

Washington County’s households increased from 43,843 in 2000 to 51,605 in 2010.

**Participating Municipalities and Agencies**
We invite you to participate in planning for the future of Washington County, providing many opportunities to get involved:

March 2017 - May 2018
Multi-Jurisdictional Advisory Committee Meetings

The Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (MCPAC), made up of twenty-three members, including two County Board supervisors, one representative from each partnering community, and community organizations, is responsible for the implementation of the work program, public participation plan and draft plan review. These meetings are open and the public is welcome to attend. Every meeting will provide an opportunity for public comment.

March 2017 - June 2018
Fact Sheets, Newsletters, Press Releases

Fact sheets, newsletters, press releases and other informational materials will be prepared and distributed throughout the planning process.

November/December 2017
Intergovernmental Workshop

This workshop will discuss intergovernmental cooperation opportunities for plan recommendation formation with governmental entities within and adjacent to Washington County.

April 2018
Public Open House / Informational Meeting

An open house will be held to review the draft recommendations. A presentation of the draft recommendations will be given as part of this event followed by opportunities for public comment.

May 2018
Public Hearing

A public hearing regarding the recommended Multi-Jurisdictional County Plan will be held by the Washington County Public Works Committee prior to County Board adoption. A class one notice will be published in the official County newspaper at least 30 days prior to the public hearing. The class one notice will specify the date, time, and location of the public hearing. A summary of the plan will also be included. A news release regarding the hearing will be provided to all newspapers serving the County.

This is a summary document.
For a copy of the complete Washington County Multi-Jurisdictional Public Participation Plan, please visit:

www.co.washington.wi.us/CP2050

Wisconsin Statute Section 66.1001(4)(f) requires that county and local governments maintain a list of people who want to be informed of comprehensive plan changes. If you would like to be added to this list, please sign up at www.co.washington.wi.us/cp2050