

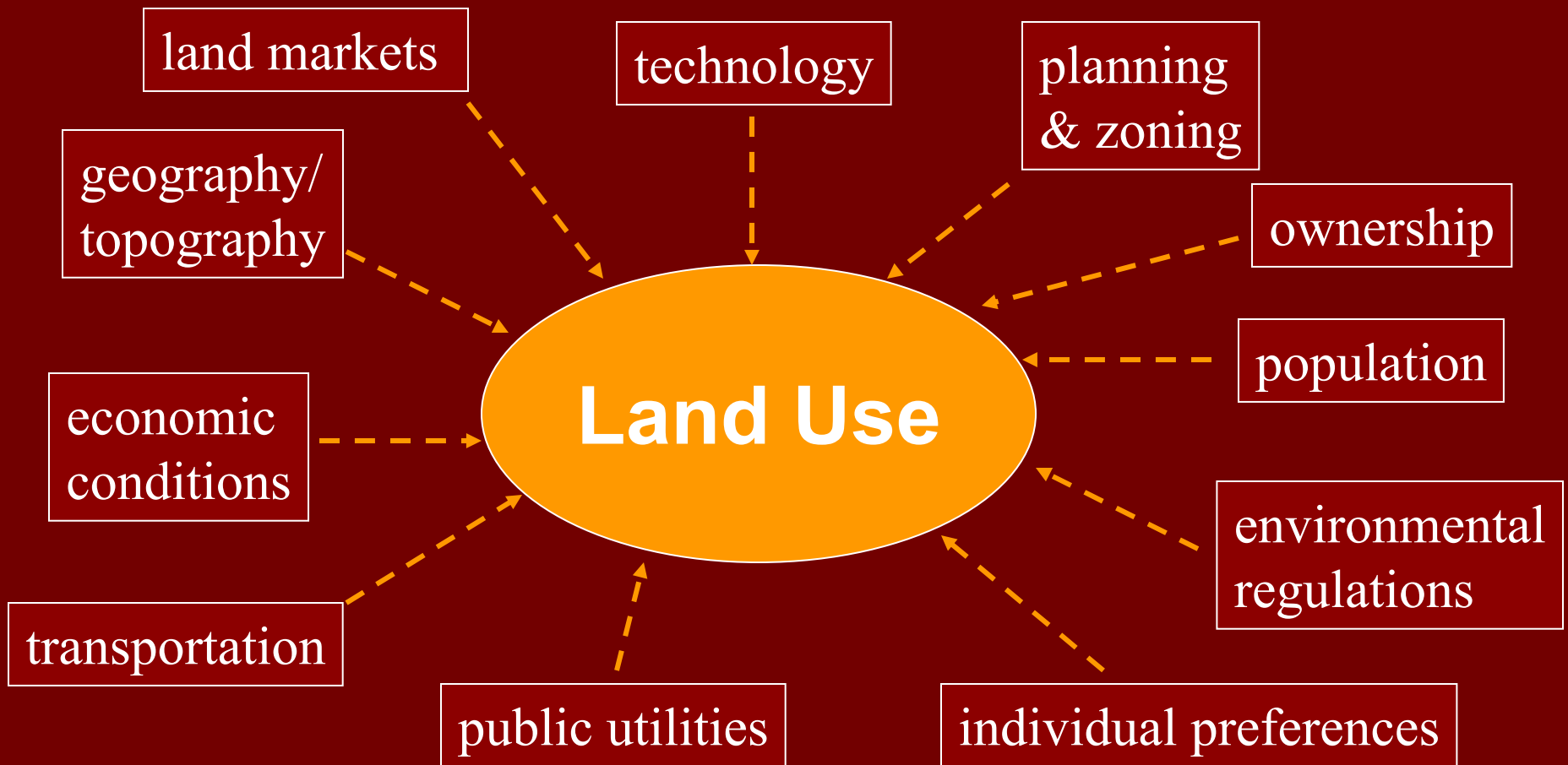
Comprehensive Planning Elements

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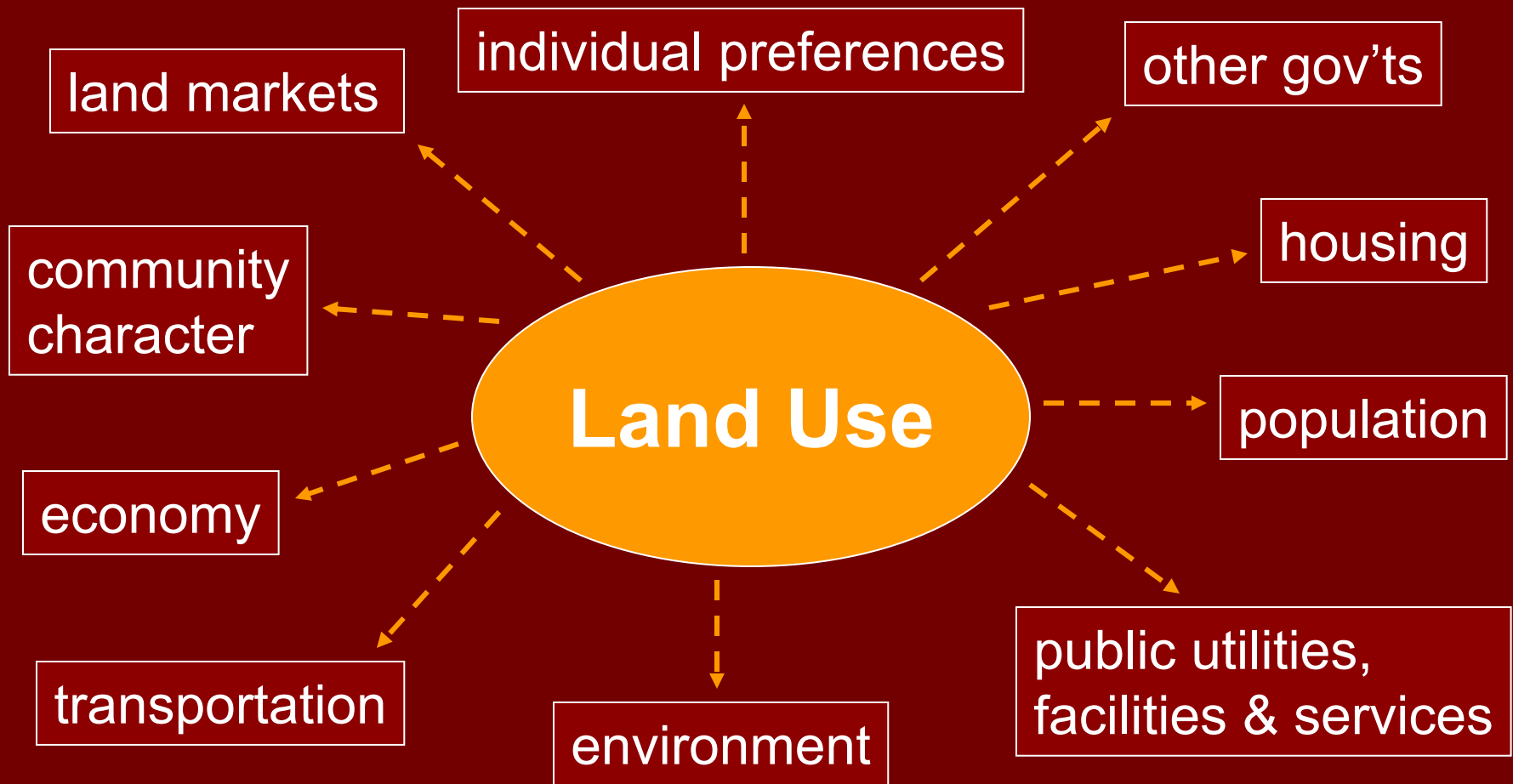
Nine Elements

- Issues and Opportunities
- Housing
- Transportation
- Utilities & Community Facilities
- Agricultural, Natural, & Cultural Resources
- Economic Development
- Intergovernmental Cooperation
- Land Use
- Implementation

Element Interrelation



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Housing

- **Compile** objectives, policies, goals, maps, and programs to provide adequate housing supply to meet current and future housing demand
- **Assess** housing stock
 - Age
 - Structural characteristics
 - Value
 - Occupancy
- **Develop** Policies/Programs
 - Provide range of housing choices
 - Maintain/redevelop existing housing stock

Utilities & Community Facilities

- **Compile** objectives, policies, goals, maps, and programs to guide future development of utilities and community facilities
- **Describe** the location, use, and capacity of existing utilities and community facilities
- **Create** approximate timetables for expansion or rehabilitation of existing utilities and community facilities or creation of new ones
- **Assess** future needs for governmental services

Utilities & Community Facilities

- Examples include:
 - Sanitary sewer service
 - Storm water management
 - Water supply
 - Telecommunications
 - Power plants/transmission lines
 - Cemeteries
 - Health and child care facilities
 - Police and Fire services
 - Libraries and schools

Economic Development

- **Compile** objectives, policies, goals, maps, and programs that promote stabilization, retention, expansion of the economic base
- **Analyze** labor force & economic base
- **Assess** types of desirable new businesses & industries
- **Assess** strengths and weaknesses in attracting/retaining business/industry
- **Identify** areas for business/industry
- **Evaluate/promote** the use of contaminated sites for business/industry uses
- **Identify** county, regional, state economic plans that apply to local governmental unit

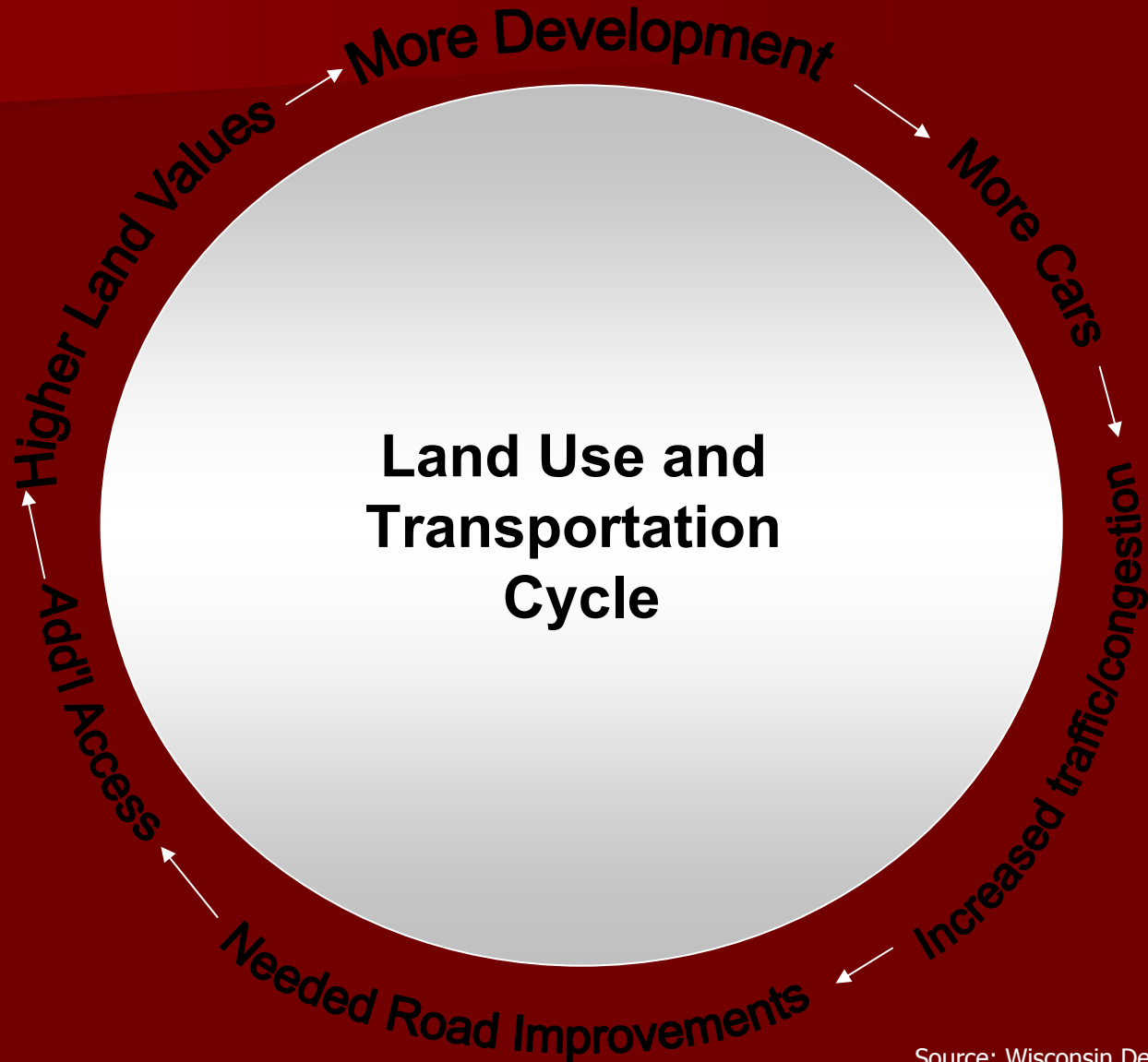
Transportation

- **Compile** objectives, policies, goals, maps and programs to guide the future development of the various modes of transportation
 - Highways, transit, transportation systems for persons with disabilities
 - Bicycles
 - Walking
 - Railroads
 - Air transportation
 - Trucking and water transportation
- **Compare** the local governmental unit's objectives, policies, goals and programs to state and regional transportation plans

Transportation

- **Identify** highways within the local governmental unit by function
- **Incorporate** state, regional and other applicable transportation plans
 - Transportation corridor plans
 - County highway functional and jurisdictional studies
 - Urban area and rural area transportation plans
 - Airport master plans and rail plans that apply in the local governmental unit

Transportation



Land Use

- Compile objectives, policies, goals, maps, and programs to guide future development and redevelopment
- **Identify** existing land uses
 - The amount, type, intensity, and net density of existing land uses
- **Analyze** land use trends
 - The supply, demand, and price of land
 - Opportunities for redevelopment
 - Existing and potential land use conflicts
- **Predict** land uses in 5-year increments
 - What future residential, commercial, industrial land uses will be needed?
 - How much land will be needed?
 - Where should the land uses be located?

Land Use

- Maps indicating current and future land uses:
 - Productive agricultural soils
 - Natural limitations to building site development
 - Floodplains
 - Wetlands, and other environmentally sensitive lands
 - Boundaries of public utilities and community facilities that will be provided
 - General location of future land uses by net density or other classifications

Agricultural, Natural, & Cultural Resources

- Compile objectives, policies, goals, maps, and programs that preserve/promote effective resource management
- Resource examples include:
 - Groundwater
 - Forests
 - Productive agricultural areas
 - Stream corridors
 - Surface waters
 - Floodplains, wetlands
 - Wildlife habitat
 - Metallic/Nonmetallic mineral resources
 - Open Space
 - Recreational resource

Issues and Opportunities

- **Compile** background information over the next 30 years
 - Population, household, employment forecasts
 - Demographic trends
 - Economic trends
- **Develop** an overall vision
 - Objectives
 - Goals
 - Policies
- **Conduct** S.W.O.T. Analysis

Intergovernmental Cooperation

- **Compile** objectives, policies, goals, maps, and programs for joint planning and decision making
- **Analyze** relationships among local governments, school districts, region, state and other governmental entities
- **Incorporate** existing or potential conflicts between local governmental units
- **Describe** processes to resolve such conflicts

Implementation

- **Compile** programs and specific actions to be completed to implement objectives, policies, goals, and programs regarding the planning elements
- **Describe** how elements will be integrated and be made consistent with other elements
- **Create** a mechanism(s) to measure progress
- **Develop** a process for updating the plan