

Highlights of . . .

**WASHINGTON COUNTY
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN**

Adopted August/September 2004

Prepared by . . .



**PLANNING DIVISION, WASHINGTON COUNTY
PLANNING AND PARKS DEPARTMENT and
PARTNERING MUNICIPALITIES**



UW-EXTENSION, WASHINGTON COUNTY



**SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION**

Implemented by . . .

**MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

and STAFF of agencies listed above

The Public Participation Plan Seeks To:

- **Enhance public awareness of the planning effort and its importance**
- **Educate citizens about trends**
- **Provide opportunities for citizens to help identify key community issues**
- **Develop a vision for the future of Washington County**
- **Detail specific Countywide public outreach efforts**



The Public Participation Plan Seeks To:

- Describe the local outreach efforts that will take place to learn about the needs and desires of local communities
- Outline the responsibilities and costs to each partner
- Provide a description of the public participation methods
- Meet all of the requirements as outlined in § 66.1001(4)(a) of the Wis. Stats



The Comprehensive Planning Law requires public participation at every stage of the comprehensive planning process.

The Washington County Multi-Jurisdictional Public Participation Plan includes 7 main activities:



- 1. Countywide random telephone survey. (Sept. 2005 - Mar. 2006)**
- 2. Kickoff/SWOT analysis meetings at county and local levels. (Oct. - Dec. 2005)**
- 3. Focus Groups at county and local levels. (Apr. - May 2006)**
- 4. Public Open House/Info/Input to display countywide and town/village survey and focus group results, along with Visioning sessions. (Aug. - Sept. 2006)**
- 5. Prepare and distribute fact sheets outlining resulting vision, goals and objectives for each municipality. (Feb. - Mar. 2007)**
- 6. Public Open House/Info/Input at county and local levels to obtain feedback on draft plans. (Feb. - Mar. 2008)**
- 7. Public hearings prior to plan adoption at county and local levels. (Mar. 2008)**

Additional public participation opportunities and activities include:

- **Newsletter.**
- **Press releases.**
- **Website.**
- **Public comment opportunity at all meetings.**
- **Draft plans available for review at County Planning and Parks Department, County UW-Extension office, public libraries throughout Washington County, partnering town/village halls, and online.**
- **Periodic intergovernmental meetings.**



Public Input + Key Stakeholder Input = Strong Plan Support
(citizens) (Workgroups)

A winning combination!