

Comprehensive Planning Goals

Each planning goal will be addressed throughout the chapters of the Washington County multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan as required by the Wisconsin Department of Administration grant program . Many of these goals overlap and will be discussed and incorporated into several elements of the plan. The plan chapters will identify how these goals relate to recommendations created in the multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan.

Promoting redevelopment of lands with existing infrastructure and public services and the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing residential, commercial and industrial structures.

Encouraging neighborhood designs that support a range of transportation choices.

Protecting natural areas, including wetlands, wildlife habitats, lakes and woodlands, open spaces and groundwater resources.

Protecting economically productive areas, including farmland and forests.

Encouraging land uses, densities and regulations that promote efficient development patterns and relatively low municipal, state government and utility costs.

Preserving cultural, historic, and archaeological sites.

Encouraging coordination and cooperation among nearby units of government.

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The “Smart Growth” legislation establishes 14 local comprehensive planning goals to guide local planning efforts.

Planning and development of land uses that create or preserve varied and unique urban and rural communities.

Promoting the expansion or stabilization of the current economic base and the creation of a range of employment opportunities at the state, regional, and local levels.

Providing an adequate supply of affordable housing for all income levels throughout each community.

Building community identity by revitalizing main streets and enforcing design standards.

Providing adequate infrastructure and public services and a supply of developable land to meet existing and future market demand for residential, commercial and industrial uses.

Providing an integrated, efficient, and economical transportation system that provides mobility, convenience and safety and that meets the needs of all citizens, including transit-dependent and disabled.

Balancing individual property rights with community interests and goals.