



RACINE COUNTY TOMORROW

Racine County's Smart Growth Newsletter

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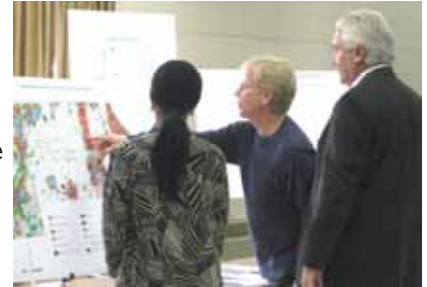
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Local Community Open Houses/Public Hearings

In accordance with State law, every city, village and town in Racine County will conduct an open house/public hearing for their community to hear about and comment on the complete draft of the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Racine County: 2035. Maps and a summary of the plan will be available, and staff and advisory committee members will be on hand to answer questions. All comments provided at these meetings will be included in the plan document. Following these meetings, a County public hearing will be held for the plan to be considered by the Economic Development & Land Use Committee, prior to adoption by the Racine County Board. If you would like to review the comprehensive plan document, please contact your municipal hall; it may also be viewed at County libraries and on the Smart Growth website.



COMMUNITY	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
City of Burlington	300 N. Pine St., Burlington	Tuesday, July 21	5:30 pm
City of Racine	730 Washington Ave, Racine, Rm 205	Open House: Wed, August 12	4:30 pm
<i>(Please note: the City of Racine plans to conduct its open house and public hearing as separate meetings)</i>		Public Hearing: Tues, August 18	7:00 pm
Village of Caledonia	Caledonia Eastside Community Center, 6156 Douglas Ave, Racine	Wednesday, July 29	6:00 pm
Village of Elmwood Park	3131 Taylor Ave., Building #4, Racine	Thursday, July 9	6:00 pm
Village of Mount Pleasant	6126 Durand Ave., Racine	Tuesday, June 16	6:00 pm
Village of North Bay	3615 Hennepin Place, Racine	Tuesday, June 30	5:00 pm
Village of Rochester	203 W. Main St., Rochester	Wednesday, June 17	6:00 pm
Village of Sturtevant	2801 89th St., Sturtevant	Tuesday, June 2	5:00 pm
Village of Union Grove	925 15th Ave., Union Grove	Monday, June 22	5:00 pm
Village of Waterford	123 N. River St., Waterford	Monday, June 8	5:30 pm
Village of Wind Point	215 E. Four Mile Rd, Wind Point	Monday, July 6	5:30 pm
Town of Burlington	32288 Bushnell Rd., Burlington	Thursday, July 23	5:30 pm
Town of Dover	4110 S Beaumont Ave., Kansasville	Wednesday, June 10	6:00 pm
Town of Norway	6419 Heg Park Rd., Wind Lake	Wednesday, June 24	6:00 pm
Town of Raymond	2255 S. 76th St., Franksville	Monday, July 20	7:00 pm
Town of Waterford	415 N. Milwaukee St., Waterford	Monday, June 1	5:00 pm
Town of Yorkville	925 15th Ave., Union Grove	Monday, June 22	5:00 pm

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 WEBSITE:**
<http://racine.uwex.edu/cnred/SmartGrowth.html>

Chapter XV, “Implementation Element”

One of the required nine elements, the implementation element outlines the action policies and programs that should be undertaken by various agencies and units of government in efforts to implement the comprehensive plan. It also describes the procedures by which the comprehensive plan will be reviewed and adopted by County and local governments, procedures for plan amendments in the future, and how consistency may be achieved between the comprehensive plan and County and local ordinances.

Comprehensive Plan Adoption and Amendment Procedures

This element outlines a recommended procedure for cities, villages, towns and the County to adopt and amend the comprehensive plan. This includes a public participation plan to educate and involve community members regarding the recommended plan or amendments prior to adoption, plan review and recommendation by the local plan commission, and review and adoption of the plan by ordinance by the local governing body.

Adopted comprehensive plans must be reviewed and updated at least once every ten years. County and local governments may choose to update the plan more frequently. Although there is no limit on the number or frequency of amendments that may be made to a comprehensive plan, the public participation, plan review, and plan adoption procedures required for a full comprehensive plan also apply to plan amendments.

Consistency

Section 66.1001 (3) of the *Wisconsin Statutes* requires that following ordinances be consistent with a unit of government’s comprehensive plan by January 1, 2010:

- Official mapping established or amended under Section 62.23 (6) of the *Statutes*.
- County or local subdivision regulations under Section 236.45 or 236.46.
- County zoning ordinances enacted or amended under Section 59.69.
- City or village zoning ordinances enacted or amended under Section 62.23 (7).
- Zoning of shorelands or wetlands in shorelands under Section 59.692 (for counties), 61.351 (for villages), or 62.231 (for cities) of the *Statutes*.

Beginning on January 1, 2010, County and local governments must use their comprehensive plan to ensure that implementation of zoning, subdivision and official mapping ordinances does not conflict with the recommendations of the comprehensive plan. If a conflict is found or would arise from a proposed action, the County or local government may consider the option of amending the plan.

Annual Progress Report

The Racine County Department of Planning & Development will prepare and distribute an annual report for the Racine County Board and local governing bodies including information on plan implementation activities and progress in implementing the plan during the previous year. The report will summarize any amendments made to the comprehensive plan, how the comprehensive plan was used to direct policy decisions by County and local officials and staff, and recommendations for changes to plan goals, objectives, policies, and programs or other information in the plan.

The implementation element also includes a list of the policies and programs for each plan element that should be considered to have the highest priority in implementing the comprehensive plan.



SOME IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES & PROGRAMS

- Racine County should work cooperatively with local units of government, as appropriate, to make necessary revisions and updates to zoning, land division, and official mapping ordinances to implement the recommendations of the comprehensive plan.
- Racine County and its communities should work to develop Purchase of Development Rights and Transfer of Development Rights programs and to utilize Farmland Preservation/ Working Lands Initiative Programs.
- The Racine County Planning & Development Department will post and maintain the inventory data compiled as part of the comprehensive planning process on the County website in an accessible format. County staff, in cooperation with SEWRPC, will update inventory data on a periodic basis.
- The Racine County Planning & Development Department will update the land use plan map on a quarterly basis and post the plan map on the County website. The plan map file will also be provided to Racine County communities if requested.

Chapter XVI, “Intergovernmental Cooperation Element”

One of the nine elements required by the State, the intergovernmental cooperation element encourages joint planning and decision making between Racine County and its local governments—along with school districts, drainage districts, and adjacent County and local governments—for the siting and building of public facilities and for sharing public services. Building cooperation between neighboring and overlapping units of government is a key goal of Wisconsin’s comprehensive planning law. Some benefits of intergovernmental cooperation include:

- *Cost savings:* Cooperation between local communities can save money by increasing efficiency and avoiding unnecessary duplication. It may also enable communities to provide services and facilities that would otherwise be too costly. Some examples of cost-saving projects are: shared library services, police and fire protection, and shared village and town halls.
- *Builds understanding and trust:* Increased communication and collaborative efforts between communities can lead to more awareness and a better understanding of one another’s needs and priorities. Over time, if positive, these experiences can build trust and good working relationships between communities.
- *Reduces litigation:* Communities that work together may be able to resolve issues before they become mired in litigation; avoidance of legal proceedings would also save communities money.
- *Addresses Regional Issues:* By communicating and coordinating their actions, and working with regional and State agencies, County and local governments have the capacity to address and resolve issues that are regional in nature. Examples include the construction and maintenance of highways and the provision of transit service.

Boundary agreements offer the best means of resolving conflicts between local governments, particularly when disputes are based on conflicting recommendations for future land uses or residential densities within a city or village’s extraterritorial area and/or sewer service area. For the comprehensive planning process, each community in Racine County developed a land use plan map. When compiled, these maps show conflicts in land use plans in only two areas: between the City and Town of Burlington and between the Village and Town of Waterford.

A couple examples of intergovernmental cooperation, including cooperative plans and agreements, in Racine County include:

- The Racine County Sheriff’s Department provides police protection throughout the County, and contracts with some communities to provide additional police protection. It also operates the County Communications Center, which provides police dispatch services not only for the Sheriff’s Department, but also for the police departments of the Villages of Waterford and Wind Point, and the Towns of Burlington, Norway, and Waterford.
- Under a municipal revenue sharing agreement between the City of Racine and the Villages of Caledonia and Mt. Pleasant (both towns at the time of the agreement), the City of Racine receives shared revenue payments for use in renovating older residential areas, redeveloping brownfield sites, and supporting regional facilities like the City zoo, fine arts museum, and library. In return, the City of Racine agreed to: support the incorporation of both towns, refrain from annexations without consent from the towns, refrain from extraterritorial and plat review powers, and move ahead with sewerage system improvements to accommodate growth in the towns.



SOME INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION OBJECTIVES

- Ensure that sanitary sewer and water systems are planned with adequate capacity and minimal disruption to the natural environment.
- Encourage reinvestment in existing developed areas, including the promotion of green building and green infrastructure components.
- Work to ensure adequate police, fire, and rescue services and solid waste and recycling programs are provided to Racine County residents. When applicable, identify opportunities and develop strategies to coordinate and/or consolidate services.
- Provide a comprehensive system of parks and outdoor recreation sites and facilities to allow County residents adequate opportunities to participate in outdoor recreation activities, including water-based activities.
- Provide an integrated and accessible system of trails that will provide County residents with a transportation alternative to motor vehicles.



All completed draft chapters of the comprehensive plan can be found on the Racine County Smart Growth website.

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Thank you!

The Racine County Comprehensive Planning Team wishes to thank all current and past representatives and alternate members of the Multi-Jurisdictional Advisory Committee for their time and efforts over the past three years in helping to develop the Racine County Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan.

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