

A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

In 1999, the Wisconsin Legislature enacted a comprehensive planning law, set forth in Section 66.1001 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*. The requirements supplement earlier provisions in the *Statutes* for the preparation of county development plans (Section 59.69(3) of the *Statutes*) and local master plans (Section 62.23 of the *Statutes*). The requirements, which are often referred to as the “Smart Growth” law, provide a new framework for the development, adoption, and implementation of comprehensive plans in Wisconsin. The law includes a “consistency” requirement, whereby zoning, subdivision, and official mapping ordinances adopted and enforced by the City of Port Washington must be consistent with the comprehensive plan adopted by the Common Council.

To address the State comprehensive planning requirements, a multi-jurisdictional comprehensive planning process was undertaken by Ozaukee County; 14 local government partners, including the City; UW-Extension; and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC). A comprehensive plan that satisfies the planning requirements and is in compliance with Section 66.1001 of the *Statutes* has been developed for the City as a result of the multi-jurisdictional process. The plan is documented in this report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A public participation plan was developed for the City to ensure opportunities for public involvement in the planning process. Section 66.1001(4) of the *Statutes* requires that the Common Council adopt written procedures that are “designed to foster public participation, including open discussion, communication programs, information services, and public meetings for which advance notice has been provided, in every stage of the preparation of a comprehensive plan.” Proposed plan elements must be widely distributed, and opportunities must be provided for written comments to be submitted by the public to the governing body. A procedure for the governing body to respond to those comments must also be identified. A public informational meeting and a visioning workshop for the City, as well as a countywide public opinion survey, and City public opinion survey were conducted as part of the public participation plan.

The multi-jurisdictional comprehensive planning Public Participation Planning Workgroup, with assistance from County, UW-Extension, and SEWRPC staff, developed a public participation plan for the County multi-jurisdictional plan. The City Citizen Advisory Committee then developed a companion public participation plan for the City. The City public participation plan was adopted by resolution of the Common Council on March 1, 2005.

VISION STATEMENT 2035

Visioning Process

The City’s Citizen Advisory Committee developed a vision statement on March 23, 2006 for the City Comprehensive Plan Issues and Opportunities Element. The Plan Commission examined public comments generated during the City comprehensive planning process along with the City’s existing planning and zoning documents to develop a vision statement for the comprehensive plan.

Vision Statement

We are sailing into the future while preserving our heritage. A City where people come first; where their creativity, diversity, and innovation are encouraged; a growing community where people can live, work, and play in an eco-friendly environment.

INVENTORY INFORMATION AND PLAN ELEMENTS

The Introduction; Population, Household, and Employment Trends and Projections; Inventory of Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources; Inventory of Existing Land Uses, Transportation Facilities and Services, and Utilities and Community Facilities; and Existing Plans and Ordinances chapters of the City comprehensive plan are included in the City plan as Chapters I, II, III, IV, and V, respectively.

The element chapters of the City comprehensive plan include inventory information and recommendations, identifying future needs and containing a compilation of goals, objectives, policies, and programs for each of the nine required elements of a comprehensive plan. The element chapters include:

- Issues and Opportunities Element – Chapter VI
- Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Element – Chapter VII
- Land Use Element – Chapter VIII
- Housing Element – Chapter IX
- Transportation Element – Chapter X
- Utilities and Community Facilities Element – Chapter XI
- Economic Development Element – Chapter XII
- Intergovernmental Cooperation Element – Chapter XIII
- Implementation Element – Chapter XIV

LAND USE PLAN

This City of Port Washington Comprehensive Plan is intended to serve the City to the year 2035. The City Land Use Plan Map is shown on Map VIII-8 in Chapter VIII (Land Use Element). Use of the land use plan map, when implementing the City plan, is described in the Implementation Element (Chapter XIV).

PLAN ADOPTION

The City of Port Washington held a public hearing on December 2, 2008 to review the draft City comprehensive plan. The Plan Commission approved the plan on November 16, 2008 and the Common Council adopted the plan by ordinance on December 16, 2008. A copy of the adopting ordinance is included in Appendix _.

PLAN UPDATES AND AMENDMENTS

The comprehensive planning law requires that the adopted City comprehensive plan be reviewed and updated at least once every ten years. While 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. The Implementation Element (Chapter XIV) recommends a procedure for amending the plan.