

# Compass Points

## Kenosha County's Comprehensive Planning Newsletter

### County and Local Communities Adopt Comprehensive Plan

On April 20, 2010, the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors adopted the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Kenosha County: 2035. This unanimous vote was the culmination of several years of intergovernmental, cooperative planning, and marks the conclusion of the county's four-year comprehensive planning process.

Of the ten communities which participated in the multi-jurisdictional planning process, six adopted the multi-jurisdictional plan as their local plan: the Villages of Bristol and Silver Lake and the Towns of Brighton, Bristol, Paris, and Somers. The City of Kenosha, Village of Pleasant Prairie and Towns of Salem and Wheatland each adopted a separate comprehensive plan based on the multi-jurisdictional plan.

As required by State law, prior to plan adoption, each community and the County Land Use Committee held a public hearing for residents, businesses, and other stakeholders to review and provide comments on their comprehensive plan. Plan adoption dates were as follows:

Community	Date of Adoption
Kenosha County	April 20, 2010
City of Kenosha	April 19, 2010
Village of Bristol	March 2, 2010
Village of Pleasant Prairie	December 21, 2009
Village of Silver Lake	March 3, 2010
Town of Brighton	March 8, 2010
Town of Bristol	March 2, 2010
Town of Paris	March 1, 2010
Town of Salem	March 8, 2010
Town of Somers	March 9, 2010
Town of Wheatland	March 16, 2010



Complete copies and summaries of all the comprehensive plans for Kenosha County communities are available either on or through the Smart Growth website:

[http://www.co.kenosha.wi.us/plandev/smart\\_growth/](http://www.co.kenosha.wi.us/plandev/smart_growth/)

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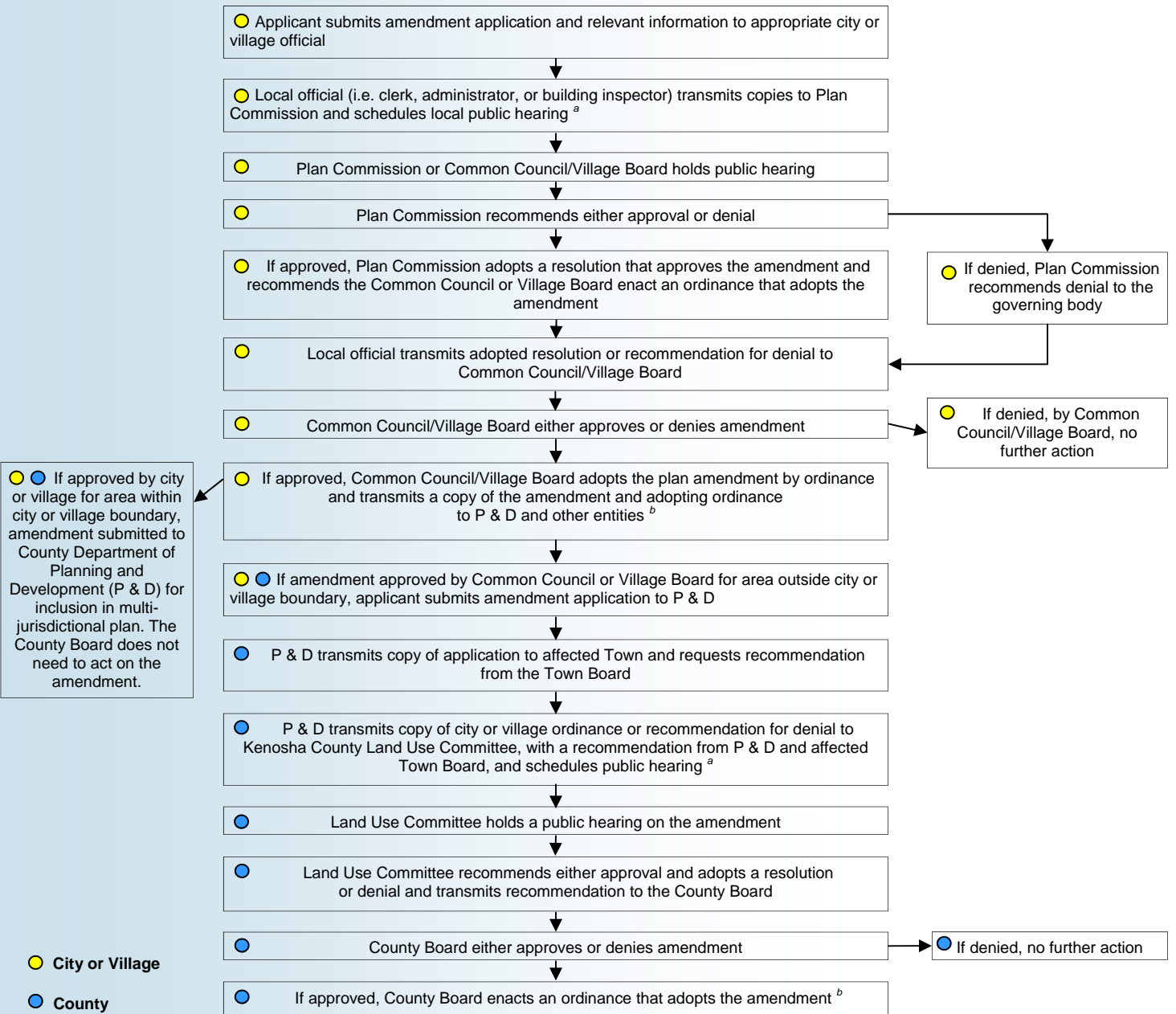


## Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process

The comprehensive plan is a living document, and therefore, Wisconsin's comprehensive planning law requires that plans be updated at least once every ten years, but plans may be amended or updated 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.

Kenosha County intends to consider text amendments to the multi-jurisdictional plan once a year. Map amendments will be considered at any time, and will be coordinated with rezoning applications to the extent possible. Amendment procedures for cities and villages and for towns are shown in the two flowcharts.

### KENOSHA COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR CITIES AND VILLAGES



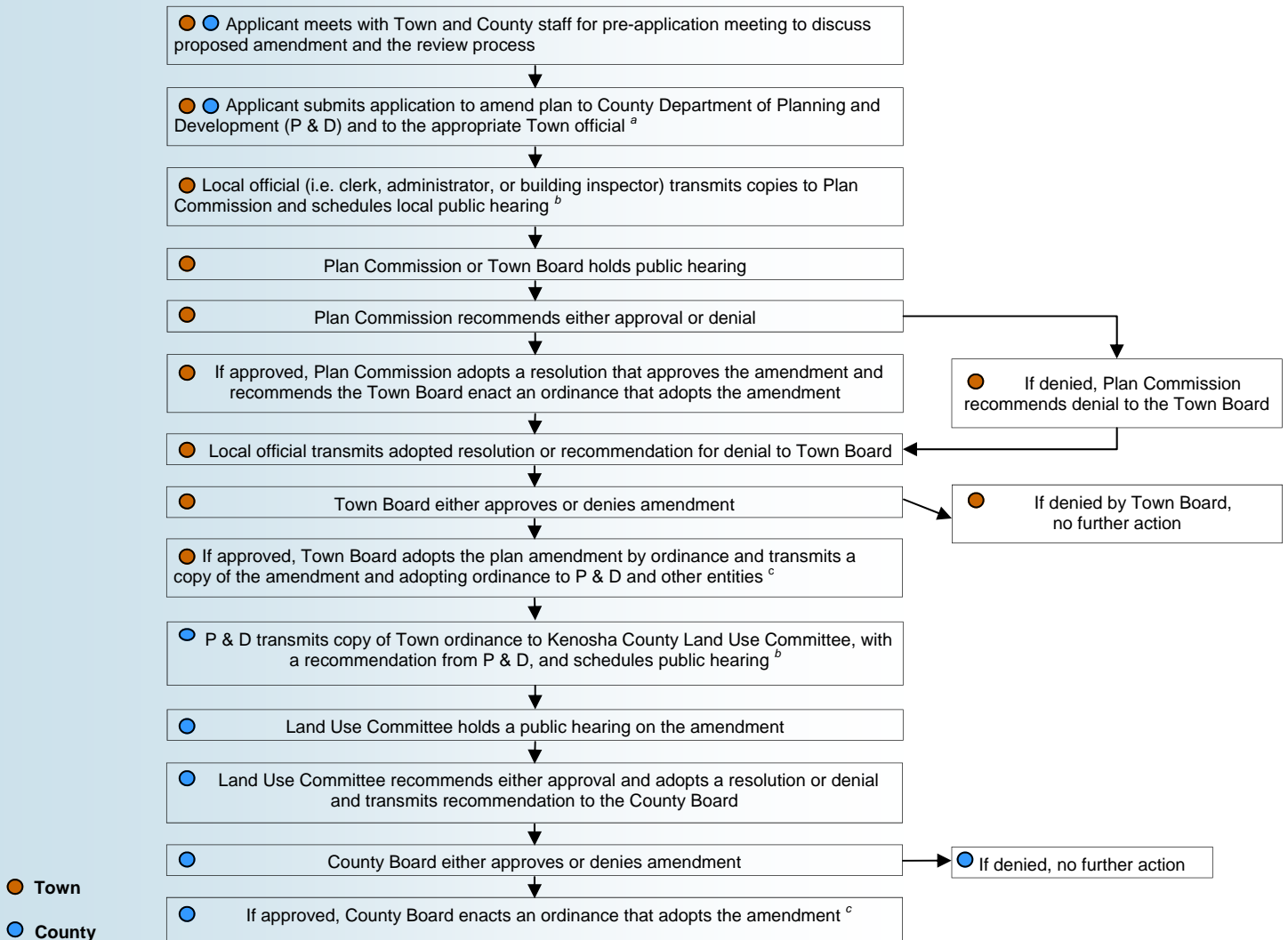
<sup>a</sup> A notice of public hearing must be published and distributed in accordance with Section 66.1001(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes and the community or County public participation plan.

<sup>b</sup> A copy of the amendment and adopting ordinance must be distributed in accordance with Section 66.1001(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes and the community or County public participation plan.

County Planning & Development Department will review proposed amendments in unincorporated (town) areas and prepare a recommendation for consideration by the Kenosha County Land Use Committee. Amendments will be reviewed based on the following criteria and other factors that the Department determines to be relevant.

- ◆ Is the proposed amendment consistent with the goals, objectives, policies, and programs of this plan?
- ◆ Is the proposed amendment compatible land uses?
- ◆ Will the proposed amendment have any detrimental environmental effects?
- ◆ Has a substantial public benefit been demonstrated by the proposed plan amendment?
- ◆ Are public roads, services, and utilities available, or planned to be available in the near future, to serve the proposed development?
- ◆ Are existing or planned facilities and services adequate to serve the type of development associated with the amendment?

### KENOSHA COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR TOWNS



<sup>a</sup> If Town has adopted a separate Town comprehensive plan, applicant files an application to amend the Town plan. If Town has adopted the multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan, applicant files application for Town Board approval of amendment to the multi-jurisdictional plan.

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## “Compass Points” to continue, evolve

The multi-jurisdictional comprehensive planning process may be complete, but the Kenosha County Department of Planning & Development has numerous ongoing and upcoming projects, programs, and services that can benefit residents, business owners, local elected officials, and other community stakeholders.

Starting this summer, the Kenosha County Department of Planning & Development will take over *Compass Points*, with the goal of bringing interested parties up to date on numerous planning activities, programs and services, as well as highlighting upcoming events in the County.

Some topics we intend to address include: land and water conservation practices you can implement, bicycle trail planning and development, farm land preservation, updates to the county floodplain maps, GIS and other mapping services, and what planning and development services are provided online and how to access them.

If you have ideas for issues you would like to see addressed in future Planning & Development newsletters, we want to hear from you! Suggestions should be sent to: Kristen Lie, UW-Extension Community Planning Educator, at [kristen.lie@ces.uwex.edu](mailto:kristen.lie@ces.uwex.edu).



*Members of Jim Kreuser's Blue Ribbon Committee on Countywide Bicycle Facilities Planning and Development participating in small group discussion of strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities for cycling in Kenosha County*