

Compass Points

Kenosha County's Comprehensive Planning Newsletter

Local Open House and Public Hearing Meetings

Starting in February, most local communities participating in the multi-jurisdictional planning process will conduct an open house and public hearing meeting for residents and businesses to review and comment on their community's draft comprehensive plan. Six communities (Villages of Bristol and Silver Lake, and the Towns of Brighton, Bristol, Paris, and Somers) are adopting the multi-jurisdictional plan as their local comprehensive plan, while the others (City of Kenosha, Village of Pleasant Prairie, and the Towns of Salem and Wheatland) are adopting their own separate local comprehensive plan based on the multi-jurisdictional plan. The Village of Pleasant Prairie conducted their open house and public hearing in early December, and adopted the Village comprehensive plan on December 21, 2009. Kenosha County will adopt the multi-jurisdictional plan as the County comprehensive plan.

Maps and other materials will be available at the local meetings, and staff will be on hand to answer questions. Each governing body will consider adoption of its comprehensive plan by ordinance subsequent to these meetings. A schedule of all local and County meetings is available on the Kenosha County Smart Growth website.

A copy of your community's draft comprehensive plan will be available at your municipal hall at least two weeks prior to the open house. The multi-jurisdictional plan may be viewed at all Kenosha Public Libraries and on the Smart Growth website: http://www.co.kenosha.wi.us/plandev/smart_growth/.

Units of Government Adopting the Multi-Jurisdictional Plan

COMMUNITY	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
KENOSHA COUNTY	MARCH 17, 2010 Open House: 4 - 5:30pm Public Hearing: 6pm	KENOSHA COUNTY CENTER 19600 75th St, Bristol Public Hearing Room
VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE	FEBRUARY 24, 2010 Open House: 6pm Public Hearing: 6:30pm	SILVER LAKE VILLAGE HALL 113 S. First St, Silver Lake
TOWN OF BRIGHTON	MARCH 3, 2010 Open House: 4:30pm Public Hearing: 5:30pm	BRIGHTON TOWN HALL 25000 Burlington Rd, Kansasville
TOWN AND VILLAGE OF BRISTOL	MARCH 2, 2010 Open House: 6pm Public Hearing: 7pm	BRISTOL MUNICIPAL BUILDING 19801 83rd St, Bristol
TOWN OF PARIS	FEBRUARY 25, 2010 Open House: 5pm Public Hearing: 7pm	PARIS SAFETY BUILDING 16607 Burlington Rd, Union Grove
TOWN OF SOMERS	MARCH 4, 2010 Open House: 4:30pm Public Hearing: 5:30pm	SOMERS TOWN HALL 7511 12th St, Somers

Units of Government Adopting a Separate Comprehensive Plan Based on the Multi-Jurisdictional Plan

COMMUNITY	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
CITY OF KENOSHA	Date Pending	KENOSHA CITY HALL 625 52nd St, Kenosha
VILLAGE OF PLEASANT PRAIRIE	DECEMBER 2009 (ADOPTED)	
TOWN OF SALEM	FEBRUARY 22, 2010 Open House: 6pm Public Hearing: 7pm	SALEM TOWN HALL 9814 Antioch Rd, Salem
TOWN OF WHEATLAND	MARCH 1, 2010 Open House: 6:30pm Public Hearing: 7:30pm	WHEATLAND TOWN HALL 34315 Geneva Rd, New Munster

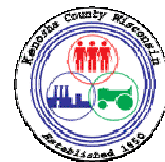
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Summary of Chapter XV, “Implementation Element”

One of the required nine elements of a comprehensive plan, the implementation element, outlines the action policies and programs, including high priority programs, that should be undertaken by various agencies and units of government 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 ordinance actions.

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 and a public hearing to involve community members in the plan preparation or plan amendments prior to adoption; plan review and recommendation by the local plan commission; and review and adoption of the plan or amendment by ordinance by the County and local governing body. The element contains flowcharts outlining the steps required for an amendment to the comprehensive plan for towns, villages, and cities.

By law, adopted comprehensive plans must be reviewed and updated at least once every ten years, but 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 comprehensive plan also apply to plan amendments.

Consistency Requirement

Section 66.1001(3) of the *Wisconsin Statutes* requires that if a County or local government engages in any of the following actions, those actions shall be consistent with that government’s comprehensive plan:

- ◆ 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).
- ◆ Town zoning ordinances enacted or amended under Section 60.61 or 60.62.
- ◆ Zoning of shorelands or wetlands in shorelands under Section 59.692 (for counties), 61.351 (for villages), or 62.231 (for cities).

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.

Progress in Plan Implementation

Every year, the Kenosha County Department of Planning and Development will prepare a draft report on plan implementation for review by County and local governments. This report will provide information on map amendments made to the plan during the year; major changes to County or local ordinances made to implement the plan (e.g., adoption of new zoning districts); new or updated plans related to the comprehensive plan (e.g., farmland preservation or park and open space plans); proposed text amendments; a list of updated inventory information; and other information identified by local or County officials.

The plan recommends that the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee reconvene annually to consider all requested text amendments to the multi-jurisdictional plan and make a recommendation to the Land Use Committee to approve, deny, or modify the requested amendment. The amendment and the recommendation will then be forwarded as part of the annual report to the Land Use Committee and County Board for consideration. Amendments to the County land use plan map (Map IX-2) will be considered at any time during the year.



IMPLEMENTATION GOAL & OBJECTIVES

Overall Goal

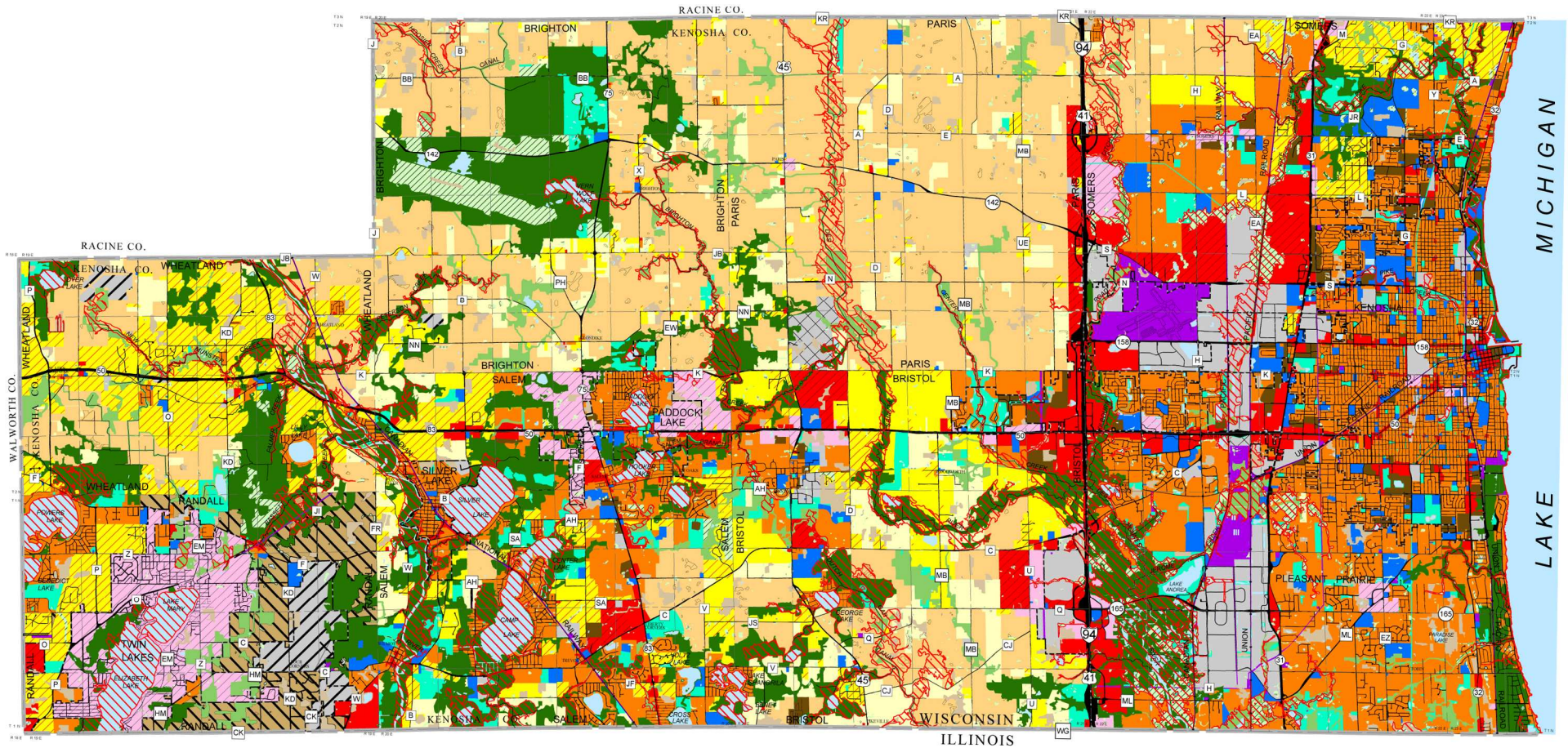
- Ensure the Kenosha County Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan is a “living document.”

Overall Objectives

- Routinely consult the comprehensive plan when carrying out County and local government functions and when developing annual budgets.
- Review progress made towards the achievement of comprehensive plan goals annually, and update the plan as needed.
- Review and update the comprehensive plan report at least every ten years, following the release of U.S. Census data and regional plan updates.



REVISED PRELIMINARY LAND USE PLAN MAP FOR KENOSHA COUNTY: 2035



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| FARMLAND PROTECTION | GOVERNMENTAL AND INSTITUTIONAL | SURFACE WATER |
| GENERAL AGRICULTURAL AND OPEN LAND | PARK AND RECREATIONAL | FARMED WETLAND (OVERLAY) |
| RURAL-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL | STREET AND HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY | 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN (OVERLAY) |
| AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL | OTHER TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, AND UTILITY | |
| SUBURBAN-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL | EXTRACTIVE | |
| MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL | LANDFILL | |
| HIGH-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL | PRIMARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR | |
| MIXED USE | SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR | |
| COMMERCIAL | ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREA | |
| OFFICE/PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | OTHER CONSERVANCY LAND TO BE PRESERVED | |
| INDUSTRIAL | NONFARMED WETLAND OUTSIDE ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDOR, ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREA, AND OTHER CONSERVANCY LAND TO BE PRESERVED | |
| BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL PARK | | |



Revisions to 2035 Land Use Plan Map

Some recent changes affecting the land use element and the County and local land use plan maps include:

- ◆ In December 2009, a 5,913-acre portion of the Town of Bristol was incorporated into the Village of Bristol. The Village boundary is shown in the Town/Village land use plan map.
- ◆ On December 22, 2009, the Village of Twin Lakes adopted an updated land use plan map for the Village planning area. The update recommends a mix of urban-density residential uses to be served by compatible commercial, recreational, governmental and institutional uses within most of the Village's existing corporate limits.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Local Governments, Kenosha County, and SEWRPC



Thank you!

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