

Compass Points

Kenosha County's Comprehensive Planning Newsletter

Comprehensive Planning Update

- ◆ Seven of the nine State-required plan elements have been completed; of these, five have received final approval from the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee (MJAC).
- ◆ Kenosha County requested and received an extension through December 2009 from the Wisconsin Department of Administration to prepare the plan.
- ◆ Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) continues work with local governments to prepare local 2035 land use plan maps; to be completed by the end of summer 2009.
- ◆ The MJAC welcomed some new members.

Voting members include:

| Community | Member | Alternate |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Town of Brighton | Jerry Helmert | David DeVito |
| Town of Bristol | Rich Gossling | Randy Kerkman |
| Town of Paris | John Holloway | Virgil Gentz |
| Town of Salem | Dennis Faber | Brad Zautcke |
| Town of Somers | Bill Morris | James Smith |
| Town of Wheatland | William Glembocki, Jr. | Sheila Siegler |
| Village of Pleasant Prairie | Jean Werbie | Peggy Herrick |
| Village of Silver Lake | Joanne Maggio | Roger Johnson |
| City of Kenosha | Jeff Labahn | Rich Schroeder |
| Kenosha County Land Use | Fred Ekornaas | John Roth |

Non-voting members include:

| Community/Interest Group | Member |
|---------------------------|--|
| Town of Randall | Rose Nolan |
| Village of Paddock Lake | Marlene Goodson |
| Village of Twin Lakes | Lon Wienke |
| East Side School District | Pat Finnemore, Kenosha Unified School District |
| West Side School District | Dr. Scott Pierce, Westosha School District |
| Economic Development | Todd Battle, Kenosha Area Business Alliance, Inc. |
| Environmental | Colleen Fisch and Wally Ott, Kenosha/Racine Land Trust |
| Farming | Mark Edquist |
| Builders | Nancy Washburn, MasterCraft |
| Realtors | Lena Schlater and Fred Schlater |
| Highways | Gary Sipsma, Kenosha County Dept. of Public Works |
| Transit | Len Brandrup, City of Kenosha Transportation Dept. |
| Citizen | Sandie Hansen |

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Revisions to Draft Plan Elements

Throughout the comprehensive planning process, the comprehensive plan chapters are revised to address the comments and concerns of local communities and to incorporate updated information and plans as they become available. Complete revised chapters are available on the County's Smart Growth website.

Chapter XIII, "Economic Development Element"

The revised economic development element was reviewed in June 2009. Some additions to this element include:

- ♦ **2035 Employment Projections:** Community-selected employment projections are set forth in the table to the right. The table includes projections selected by the Village of Silver Lake and the Town of Randall after the revised chapter was distributed.
- ♦ **Entrepreneurialism:** An objective was added to encourage entrepreneurialism (i.e., small businesses and home-based businesses). To assist with this objective, County and local governments are recommended to consider supporting the development of "live-work units" and business condominiums, where appropriate, to accommodate new small businesses.
- ♦ **Environmentally Contaminated Sites:** Local governments reviewed sites identified as environmentally contaminated in the previous draft Chapter XIII. The City of Kenosha identified 14 sites that have already been redeveloped, are currently being redeveloped, or that are planned to be redeveloped. The Village of Pleasant Prairie determined that all sites identified in the Village have been redeveloped, are currently being redeveloped, or are planned for redevelopment.

SELECTED EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS FOR COMMUNITIES IN KENOSHA COUNTY: 2035

| COMMUNITY | ACTUAL 2000 | PROJECTED 2035 | 2000-2035 CHANGE | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|
| | | | NUMBER | PERCENT |
| CITY | | | | |
| Kenosha | 43,330 | 58,160 | 14,830 | 34.2 |
| VILLAGES | | | | |
| Paddock Lake | 826 | 1,641 | 815 | 98.7 |
| Pleasant Prairie | 10,996 | 28,871 | 17,875 | 162.6 |
| Silver Lake | 523 | 1,044 | 521 | 99.6 |
| Twin Lakes | 1,557 | 1,884 | 327 | 21.0 |
| TOWNS | | | | |
| Brighton | 308 | 360 | 52 | 16.9 |
| Bristol | 3,526 ^b | 3,834 | 308 | 8.7 |
| Paris | 1,006 | 1,006 ^a | — | — |
| Randall | 670 | 875 | 205 | 30.6 |
| Salem | 2,195 ^c | 3,566 | 1,371 | 62.5 |
| Somers | 3,107 | 7,764 | 4,657 | 149.9 |
| Wheatland | 610 | 799 | 189 | 31.0 |
| KENOSHA COUNTY | 68,654 | 109,804 | 41,150 | 59.9 |

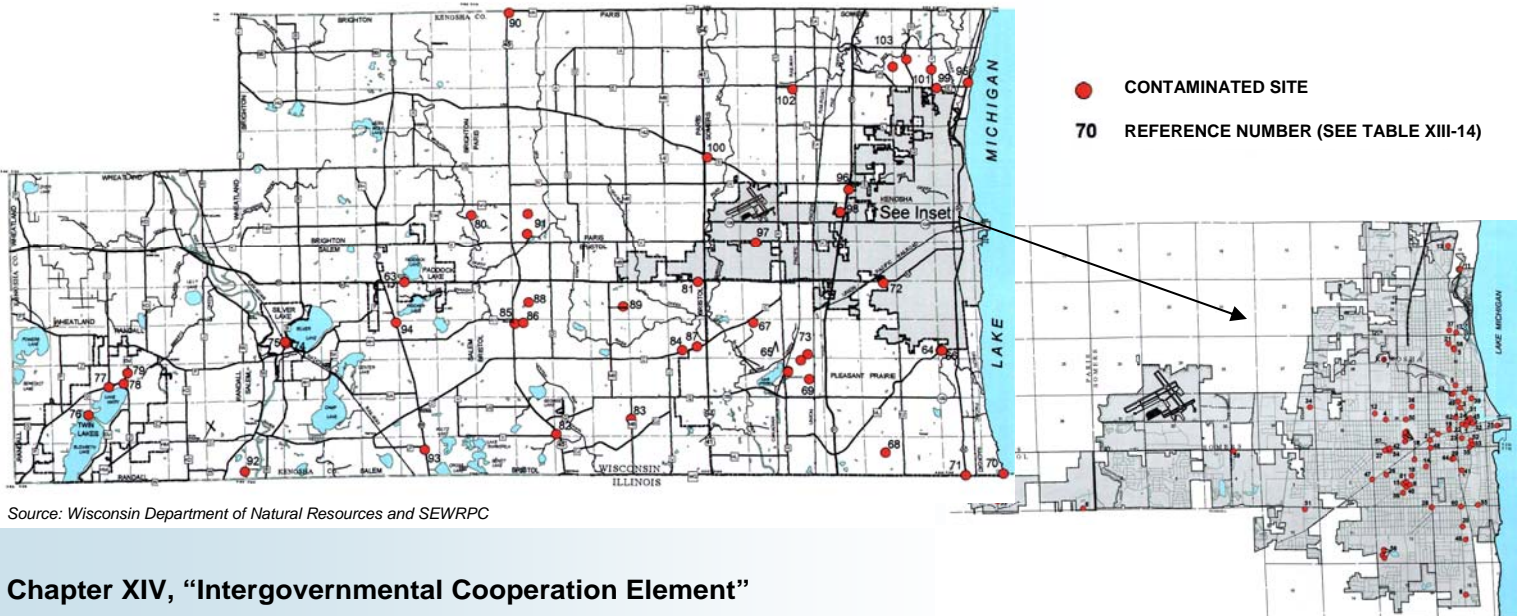
^a The Town of Paris has not yet selected a 2035 employment projection. The number listed above reflects the employment projection under the regional land use plan, which may be modified by the Town.

^b Includes jobs in areas that were subsequently annexed by the City of Kenosha (683 jobs) or the Village of Pleasant Prairie (171 jobs) per boundary agreements.

^c Includes jobs in areas that have been or may be annexed by the Village of Paddock Lake (146 jobs) per boundary agreement.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, local governments, and SEWRPC.

KNOWN CONTAMINATED SITES IN KENOSHA COUNTY: 2007



Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and SEWRPC

Chapter XIV, "Intergovernmental Cooperation Element"

A revised draft of the intergovernmental cooperation element was also reviewed in June 2009. Changes mainly emphasized the recommendation that local governments evaluate intergovernmental consolidation and coordination of services only when such action will lead to cost-savings while not reducing the level or quality of services currently provided to residents.

Chapter IV, “Inventory of Existing Land Uses and Transportation Facilities and Services”

This inventory chapter describing the existing land uses and transportation facilities and services in Kenosha County was first prepared in January 2007, then updated in March 2009 with corrected information on residential subdivisions in Kenosha County and other recent developments in the Village of Pleasant Prairie. Information in the chapter was utilized for the development of Chapters IX, “Land Use Element,” which is currently under preparation, and XI, “Transportation Element.”

Land Use: 2000

In 2000, about 140,200 acres (79% of Kenosha County) were in agricultural or other nonurban land uses. About 38,100 acres (21% of the County) were developed with urban uses, including residential, commercial, industrial, transportation, and governmental and institutional uses.

Agricultural land was the main land use in the County in 2000, encompassing about 94,700 acres (approximately 53% of all land). Natural resource areas—i.e., woodlands, wetlands, and surface water—encompassed about 30,400 acres, or about 17% of the County. Residential land was the largest urban land use, covering approximately 10% of the County (about 18,600 acres, or roughly half of all urban land).

Between 1975 and 2000, the amount of land in urban uses increased about 10,100 acres, or 36%. In the same time period, the percentage of nonurban land decreased by about 7%, with the amount of agricultural land decreasing by about 13% (14,066 acres).

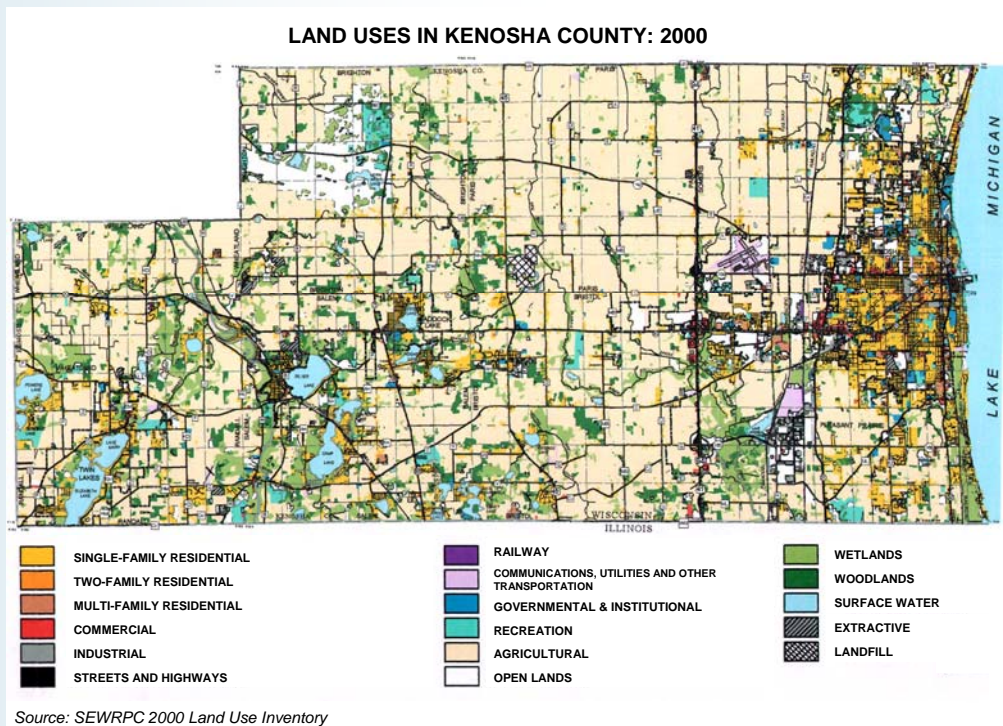
Each community's inventory of land uses in 2000 was updated for the plan's appendices.

Transportation Facilities and Services

This section provides an inventory of the existing transportation system in Kenosha County, including information from the 2035 regional transportation plan to address public transit, systems management, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and arterial streets and highways. Information on rail, harbors, and airport services is also provided.

Public transit services in Kenosha County include:

- ◆ Intercity and/or interregional: Amtrak railway passenger service, Metra commuter rail service, interregional bus services and commercial air travel.
- ◆ Urban public transit: Kenosha Area Transit System and Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee Commuter Bus.
- ◆ In 2007, the Kenosha County Department of Human Services initiated public transit services in western Kenosha County, including fixed route bus service for the Twin Lakes, Silver Lake, and Paddock Lake areas.



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Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning

SEWRPC is currently working on two regional plans which may, if adopted by Kenosha County, impact future development and preservation efforts. These plans are ongoing, and there will continue to be opportunities for community members to learn more and provide input.

- ◆ **Regional Natural Area Plan Update:** SEWRPC is updating the Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan to reflect physical changes and new findings in the Region that have occurred since September 1997, when the plan was first prepared. The update includes: information on the status of implementation of the original plan recommendations; a description of the natural areas and critical species habitat sites that have been recently identified; changes to the original sites; changes in the status of endangered, threatened, and special concern species in the Region; changes to laws and policies affecting natural areas and critical species; and preliminary recommendations for changes to the plan.

Three of the 44 additional natural area sites that have been identified in the Region are located in Kenosha County, including one in the Village of Pleasant Prairie (First Avenue Prairie, encompassing 12 acres), and two in the Town of Salem (Center Lake Woods and Wetlands, 72 acres; and Silver Lake Wetlands, 101 acres).

- ◆ **Regional Housing Plan:** SEWRPC has recently begun efforts to update a regional housing plan to identify housing trends and current needs in Southeastern Wisconsin. This plan will include inventories and analyses of existing housing, including the relationship between jobs and affordable housing; the development of a vision for housing in the Region; and the preparation of housing recommendations intended to achieve that vision. The recommendations will address affordable, market-based housing; the Region's subsidized housing stock; housing discrimination; and accessible housing units for persons with disabilities.

For more information and future updates regarding Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Plans, please visit the SEWRPC website: <http://www.sewrpc.org/>

