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MINUTES
OZAUKEE COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE -
AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES (ANR) WORK GROUP
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2007 @ 6:00 PM
OZAUKEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER – AUDITORIUM
(121 W. MAIN STREET, PORT WASHINGTON)

MEMBERS PRESENT

Claire Vanderslice, Jill Hapner, Mike Grisar, Pattie Galle, Roger Noll and Victor Pappas

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Cathy Stern, Dale Buser, Dan Kline, Joanne Kline, Ken Albinger, Sue Millin, Angie Tornes, Sharon Gayan and William Warwzyn

MEMBERS ABSENT

Angie Curtes, Coreen Ripp Fallat, Dale Katsma, Gail Epping Overholt, Ronald Stadler, Pat Marchese, Tim Kaul, John Pipkorn, Noel Cutright, and Shawn Graff
(Eric Rathke resigned from the WG)

STAFF PRESENT

Andrew Struck - Ozaukee County - Planning, Resources and Land Management Department
Andy Holschbach - Ozaukee County - Planning, Resources and Land Management Department
Nicole Sidoff - Ozaukee County - Planning, Resources and Land Management Department
Paul Roback - UW-Extension, Ozaukee County
Ben McKay - Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC)
Nancy Anderson - Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC)

GUESTS

Clyde Winter – Farmer and Resident

HANDOUTS

- PowerPoint Presentation entitled “Chapter VII: Agricultural and Natural Resources Portion of the Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Element.”
- Chapter III “Inventory of Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources” – Revised Draft 6/8/07

CALL TO ORDER AND MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson, Jill Hapner called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM. A quorum was not present. Each of the ANR Work Group members did self introductions.

ASSURANCE THAT THE MEETING WAS PROPERLY NOTICED / ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Andrew Struck assured that the meeting was properly noticed and posted. **A motion was made by Mike Grisar and seconded by Roger Noll to accept the agenda as written. The Work Group agreed to accept the agenda as written by unanimous consent.** (No quorum present for a formal action)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike Grisar and seconded by Pattie Galle to approve the minutes of Tuesday, May 15, 2007 Agricultural and Natural Resources Work Group meeting as written. The Work Group agreed to accept the minutes as written by unanimous consent. (No quorum present for a formal action)

UPDATE ON THE INVENTORY OF AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES (CHAPTER III)

Andrew Struck noted that the revised Chapter III, Inventory of Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources, was available as a handout. Andrew Struck and Ben McKay highlighted the work that staff has been conducting to address the suggestions and recommendations of the ANR Work Group. The ANR Work Group suggestions were incorporated into the inventory chapter whenever supporting data could be obtained. It was further noted that this revised Chapter III would be mailed to the ANR Work Group members that were not present tonight. Andrew Struck also noted that no action was required on Chapter III as this inventory chapter had been approved by the CAC and CPB; however, it does provide the background information for reviewing and approving Chapter VII, Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources Element Chapter. Andrew Struck further noted that there were a few additional maps that staff were still working on to complete Chapter III and these have been designated by a “placeholder” page. These additional maps were dependent upon finalizing some data collection and GIS work. The ANR Work Group members discussed some of the inventory findings and data.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE AGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES PORTIONS OF THE AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT CHAPTER (CHAPTER VII) FOR THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR OZAUKEE COUNTY: 2035

Andrew Struck reiterated that the inventory chapter was revised with the comments from this work group, the CAC and the CPB. General additions include information on invasive species, stream passage, bird areas, pre-settlement vegetation and DNR designated waters. Although the text is complete, the maps are not finished for Chapter III in all cases. The completed Chapter III with maps will be mailed out and posted to the website once it is approved by the CPB.

Andrew Struck then provided a brief summary of Chapter VII and asked the ANR Work Group members how they would prefer to proceed in reviewing and commenting on Chapter VII. Andrew Struck noted that staff could either give the summary PowerPoint (as provided in the handout) or the Work Group could review and provide comments page by page from the Chapter text that was mailed in the Work Group packets. The Work Group agreed to review Chapter VII using the PowerPoint presentation and staff also took comments on the draft chapter as provided in the Committee packets. The Work Group then proceeded to provide comments and suggestions as staff reviewed the PowerPoint of the draft Chapter VII document.

General ANR Work Group comments included the following as well as some typographic errors:

- Bureau of Land Management may have data on potential oil and gas deposits in the County
- Include statistics about the conversion of rural to urban land in development pressures section on page 5. Also, specifically cross-reference Chapter IV as it relates to and provides data on the historic development patterns and trends in the County.
- Clarify the difference between the programs for beginning farmers and for farm start-ups on page 8. Include references to infrastructure versus personnel development.
- Add a program to encourage health insurance for farmers, perhaps on a group rating.
- Include a statement/goal concerning the County’s desire to slow global warming and initiating or encouraging programs to attain specific reductions.
- Clearly define the term “flood storage area” and make reference to NR 116.
- Make sure to define the term “open space” in the glossary
- Identify how many parcels and/or total acres of farm parcels encompass environmental corridors and/or natural areas
- Expand text concerning invasive species, particularly identifying emerging species. Reference the WDNR listing of invasive species for the State.
- Emphasize importance of reducing the spread of invasive species along transportation corridors
- Encourage microhabitats and backyard conservation
- Educate developers about quality conservation subdivision and low impact building practices
- Distinguish between different layers of groundwater because there should be different goals for different aquifers

- Create a program to identify all existing abandoned wells and initiate a program to properly abandon them
- Include all surface water resources in the first program under the second policy concerning surface and groundwater resources and watersheds on page 15. Include vegetative buffers on all surface waters, not just those specifically targeted in the 5 year Land and Water Resource Management Plan.
- Revise the second program under the third policy, first objective on page 16 to read: “Work with the Ozaukee County Health Department on beach *water quality* monitoring.”
- Reference the current County/City of Port Washington pilot program that is identifying sources of water pollution by conducting a sanitary survey and attempting to address the identified sources.
- Support efforts to reduce mercury pollution
- Enact a program to keep pharmaceutical waste out of the water system
 - Sponsor a “clean sweep program,” explore the possibility of joining Sheboygan County’s efforts
- Encourage urban composting
- Implement the Potentially Restorable Wetlands project under the goal on page 18 to “Protect wetlands from destruction and degradation.”
- Reference the Land and Water Resource Management Plan at the bottom of page 18
- Recommend a program for the inventory and ranking of the quality of wetlands in Ozaukee County including wetlands with potential for fish spawning.
- Support WDNR programs intended to manage invasive species in Lake Michigan
- Create a local recommendation program specific to the Port Washington harbor concerning its responsibility in managing and educating on aquatic invasive species and other diseases effecting Lake Michigan (e.g. fish virus).
- Add a Program to educate the public about how to manage aquatic invasive species in Lake Michigan
 - Use brooms and bleach after docking
- Add a Program to explore the Green Tier program with the WDNR and non-metallic mining operators/owners
- Provide a model framework for a dispute resolution process concerning farmland that has non-metallic mining resources that are a high priority for extraction

Andrew Struck stated that Work Group members should email, mail, or phone in any further comments regarding Chapter VII by **July 5, 2007**. He also stated that all of the maps generated for Chapter VII will be available to the public in digital format and as a hard copy that can be requested from the Ozaukee County Planning, Resources, and Land Management Department. The maps will also be available on the Ozaukee County Comprehensive Planning website at: <http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/SmartGrowth/>

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE UPDATE TO THE APPROVED LAND EVALUATION AND SITE ASSESSMENT (LESA) ANALYSIS FOR THE AGRICULTURAL PORTION OF THE PRELIMINARY INVENTORY AND ELEMENT CHAPTERS OF AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES CHAPTERS (CHAPTER III AND VII) FOR THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR OZAUKEE COUNTY: 2035

Work Group members were provided tables in their packets comparing the weights of all LESA factors before the reduction of the weighting of SA-3 factors and after the change in the weighting of the SA-3 factors.

Andrew Struck reported that based on feedback from local communities and statistical analysis, staff re-ran the LESA Analysis with lowered weight for SA-3A and SA-3B factors. The corresponding weights were increased for the Land Evaluation (LE) portion of the analysis and for the SA-1C and SA-3B factors. The results of this complete analysis (e.g. parcels and acreage) were included in the Committee packet. The geographic distribution of higher LESA scores throughout the County didn’t change, but the number of parcels that received a higher LESA score did increase. The mean and median did increase with the new analysis from 6.0 and 6.0 to

6.3 and 6.4 respectively. Andrew Struck presented the original LESA map and also the revised LESA map for visual comparisons. Staff believes that the new analysis is a truer reflection and more realistic analysis of agricultural lands in Ozaukee County and this is also demonstrated by the statistical analysis that was conducted.

There was a consensus to approve the Land Evaluation Site Assessment (LESA) analysis results for the Agricultural portion of Chapters III and VII of the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035 using all the criteria included in the original analysis, but using the SA-3 factors with their newly assigned weights as reflected in the revised table. (No quorum was present for formal action)

DISCUSSION ON THE TIMELINE, MEETING SCHEDULE AND NEXT STEPS

Andrew Struck noted the timeline and meeting schedule provided in the Work Group meeting packet. The next step for the Agricultural and Natural Resources Work Group will be to submit any other comments regarding Chapter VII by July 5th. These comments will then be incorporated into the Chapter, which will then be recommended to the CAC for approval and recommendation to the CPB.

Work Group members can expect to receive a final evaluation form in July or early August regarding their participation on the Work Group. In addition, the final CPB approved Chapter VII will be mailed to all Work Group members sometime in October 2007.

PLANNING NEWS/EDUCATIONAL AND OUTREACH RESOURCES

Andrew Struck invited all Work Group members to attend the July 17th special meeting that will focus on water quality and water supply issues in the County. The meeting will be held at 6:00 PM in the Ozaukee County Administration Center – Auditorium.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There was no public comment and no written communications reported.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS AS ALLOWED BY LAW

There was nothing reported.

NEXT MEETING DATE(S)

The meeting scheduled for June 26th is cancelled because the Agricultural and Natural Resources Work Group has completed its work and will sunset after the current meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM. (No quorum was present for official action)

Respectfully recorded and submitted by Nicole Sidoff, Paul Roback, Ben McKay, Nancy Anderson, and Andrew Struck as proofed by Mike Grisar, Vice President.