

## **Ozaukee County Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Planning Update March 12, 2007**

The following is a summary of activities related to the Ozaukee County multi-jurisdictional comprehensive planning process that occurred between November 10, 2006 and March 12, 2007. Updates will be provided quarterly for the remainder of the planning process.

- **Upcoming Meetings**

- The next meeting of the Comprehensive Planning Board (CPB) of the County Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 118 of the County Administration Center. The main agenda item will be a review and possible action on Chapter XII, *Economic Development Element*, of the County comprehensive plan.
- The next meeting of the Housing, Economic Development, and Cultural Resources (HEDCR) Workgroup is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, at 5:30 p.m. in the County Administration Room 118. The main agenda item will be a review of the preliminary draft cultural resources goals, objectives, policies, and programs portion of Chapter VII, *Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Element*, of the County comprehensive plan.
- The first meeting of the Agricultural and Natural Resources (ANR) Workgroup was held on February 20. The next meeting will be held on March 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 118 of the County Administration Center. Main agenda items will include a review of the LESA system for prioritizing agricultural lands to be preserved and a brainstorming session for the *Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Element* (Chapter VII) goals, objectives, policies, and programs.
- The next meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10, at 5:30 p.m. in the County Administration Center Auditorium. The main agenda items will include brainstorming for the *Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Element* goals, objectives, policies, and programs.

- **Local Government Comprehensive Planning Design Workshops with Plan Commissions, Governing Bodies, and Citizen Advisory Committees**

Local comprehensive planning design workshops were held with each participating local government between July 2006 and January 2007, with the exception of the City of Mequon, which met on February 19, 2007. The meetings were open to the public and topics discussed included:

- Local government population projections for 2035
- Introduction and discussion/brainstorming on vision statements and goals and objectives for the issues and opportunities element of local comprehensive plans

As a result of these meetings, work has begun on the issues and opportunities element of each local government's comprehensive plan. Preliminary local population projections have been received from the City of Port Washington; the Villages of Belgium, Fredonia, Grafton, Newburg, Saukville, and Thiensville; and the Towns of Belgium, Cedarburg, Fredonia, Grafton, and Saukville. Preliminary draft issues and opportunities elements have been completed by the City of Port Washington; the Villages of Grafton, Newburg, and Thiensville; and the Towns of Fredonia, Grafton, and Port Washington. Please contact Ben McKay at SEWRPC at (262) 547-6721 or [bmckay@sewrpc.org](mailto:bmckay@sewrpc.org) as soon as possible if your community is not listed and has completed a population projection or an issues and opportunities element, or if your community needs additional assistance with either matter.

- **Preparation of the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan Report**

The inventory chapters of the County plan report have been completed and approved by the CAC and CPB. The chapters include:

- Chapter I, *Introduction and Background*
- Chapter II, *Population, Household, and Employment Trends and Projections*
- Chapter III, *Inventory of Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources*
- Chapter IV, *Inventory of Existing Land Uses, Transportation Facilities and Services, and Utilities and Community Facilities*
- Chapter V, *Existing Plans and Ordinances*

Chapters I, II, III IV, and V and PowerPoint summaries of each chapter have been posted on the County website. ([www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/SmartGrowth/DraftPlanSummary.htm](http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/SmartGrowth/DraftPlanSummary.htm)).

Two of the nine required elements of the County plan have been completed and approved by the CAC and CPB:

- Chapter VI, *Issues and Opportunities Element*
- Chapter IX, *Housing Element*

Chapters VI and IX and a PowerPoint summary of Chapter IX have been posted on the County website.

Although the Housing Element has been approved by the CAC and CPB, community housing unit condition data has not been provided by the Villages of Belgium and Saukville. Please provide this data to Ben McKay as soon as possible.

A draft of Chapter XII, *Economic Development Element*, of the County comprehensive plan was approved the HEDCR Workgroup on February 13, 2007, and by the CAC on March 6. The chapter will be reviewed by the CPB at its March 20, 2007, meeting. A model economic development element will be prepared by SEWRPC staff and distributed to local governments by the end of March to assist in the preparation of goals, objectives, policies, and programs for the economic development element of local comprehensive plans.

- **Preparation of Local Government Comprehensive Plan Reports**

Ozaukee County staff is preparing inventory chapters for participating local governments that have requested the County to compile their local comprehensive plan reports. The County is currently preparing the inventory portion of the housing element for local government comprehensive plans. Please contact Andrew Struck at the Ozaukee County Planning, Resources, and Land Management Department at (262) 284-8270, or at [astruck@co.ozaukee.wi.us](mailto:astruck@co.ozaukee.wi.us) if you have questions regarding your community's inventory chapters. Ozaukee County is compiling the local plan draft reports as specified in the three party cooperative agreements for the following local governments:

- City of Mequon
- City of Port Washington
- Village of Belgium
- Village of Newburg
- Village of Saukville
- Village of Thiensville
- Town of Belgium
- Town of Fredonia
- Town of Port Washington

The following local governments are compiling their own local plan reports as specified in the three party cooperative agreements:

- Town of Grafton
- Town of Saukville

The following local governments have not specified in their three-party agreement whether they will be compiling their own local plan report, or if they will ask the County to compile the report:

- Village of Fredonia
- Village of Grafton
- Town of Cedarburg

These three local governments should contact Andrew Struck at the Ozaukee County Planning, Resources, and Land Management Department at (262) 284-8270, or at [astruck@co.ozaukee.wi.us](mailto:astruck@co.ozaukee.wi.us), as soon as possible if they would like the County to compile their local comprehensive plan report.

- **Local Government Element Chapters**

Participating local governments will receive model element chapters that coincide with the County comprehensive plan element chapters to aid in local comprehensive plan preparation. The second of these model element chapters, a model housing element, was mailed to each participating local government on February 9, together with a copy of the County Housing Element chapter. (A model Issues and Opportunities element chapter was sent to local governments in August 2006). Additional model elements will be developed by SEWRPC and provided to local governments throughout the planning process. County and SEWRPC staff request that local governments prepare the goals, objectives, policies, and programs for each of the local element chapters within **SIX WEEKS** of receiving each model element chapter. Please contact Andrew Struck or Ben McKay if you have any questions concerning this procedure, or if your community would like additional copies of the model element or the corresponding County chapter.

- **Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) Analysis for Ozaukee County**

LESA is a numeric system for rating potential farmland preservation areas by evaluating soil quality (land evaluation) and geographic variables (site assessment). A LESA analysis is being conducted as part of Chapter VII, *Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Element*, of the County comprehensive plan. The land evaluation component of the LESA rating system has been completed and mapped by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The site assessment portion of the rating system is based on geographic variables. The purpose of these variables is to determine the level of development pressure on farm parcels and incorporate this information into the analysis of which farm parcels should be given priority for farmland preservation programs.

A LESA workgroup, largely consisting of individuals who served on the County's Land and Water Resources Management Plan Advisory Committee, was formed to develop recommended site assessment criteria. The LESA workgroup met on September 28, 2006, November 1, 2006, February 7, 2007, and March 7, 2007. The LESA analysis has been completed and was approved by the LESA workgroup on March 7. The analysis will be presented to the ANR workgroup on March 20.

The work of the LESA workgroup has now been completed.

- **Next Steps**

A County economic development inventory (including inventory items for each participating local government) and a model local government economic development element chapter will be provided to each participating local government in March 2007.