

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be conducted by the Waukesha County Park and Planning Commission on Thursday, December 11, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p.m., in the Arena Building of the Waukesha County Exposition Center, 1000 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI 53188, to consider adoption of the updated Waukesha County Development Plan, which was originally adopted by the Waukesha County Board of Supervisors in November 1996. The update includes amendments to the 1996 plan in order to bring the Waukesha County Development Plan into conformance with Wisconsin's Comprehensive Planning ("Smart Growth") Law, adopted in 1999 by the Wisconsin State Legislature.

The amendment and update process has evolved since the year 2004, when a Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee was formed, consisting of individuals representing the various communities who agreed to participate in the planning effort to formulate a revised plan. Twenty-nine (29) communities plus the County participated in that planning effort and each community was individually represented on the Advisory Committee. This participatory and cooperative process between the twenty nine (29) of the thirty seven (37) communities in Waukesha County has contributed to many benefits including updated demographic and growth information and how that relates to economic forecasting and development trends and is more cost effective, thereby reducing the need for each community to duplicate the information. All of the participating entities had an active role in the planning process, which allowed for greater public participation. The coordinated effort also made efficient use of professional planning resources available to the committee from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and the University of Wisconsin-Extension. The cooperative effort considered many, if not all, of the impacts future land use decisions may have on adjoining communities, provided the planners with an opportunity to evaluate the many aspects of future use and development activities, and provided the local officials with the means to make informed decisions. Lastly, the coordinated effort provided a very substantial opportunity for input from various municipalities, which builds inter-municipal cooperation. The planning effort and final draft plan have addressed all of the nine elements that are required to be incorporated into a Comprehensive Plan as envisioned under the State Legislature's requirements for the Smart Growth Plan Law and includes goals and objectives for each of the elements and identification of key issues facing the County and the municipalities within Waukesha County. It should be noted the Waukesha County Board of Supervisors adopted a public participation plan in April 2005, which is another requirement of the Smart Growth law.

Four sub-committees of the Comprehensive Advisory Committee were also formed, which included a Utilities and Community Facilities sub-committee, an Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources sub-committee, an Economic Development sub-committee and a Land Use, Housing and Transportation sub-committee. Those various sub-committees met during the planning process and reviewed and created the detailed draft plan elements, which were then incorporated into the draft Comprehensive Development Plan under consideration at this hearing. Subsequently, the Waukesha County Board of Supervisors will be asked to consider the Plan's adoption by Ordinance.

Beginning at 5:00 p.m., there will be an Open House with detailed maps, copies of the draft Plan and other information. Staff will be available to assist those in attendance. There will be no formal presentation during the Open House Session. The Open House will terminate at 6:45 p.m.

The formal public hearing is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. The public will have the opportunity to speak on the plan. At the public hearing, there will be registration cards available for participants to identify themselves and register to speak. Written comments on the draft plan may be submitted to the Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use until the close of business (4:30 p.m.) on January 15, 2009.

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It should also be noted that copies of the draft Waukesha County Development Plan are available for public viewing on the Waukesha County website at www.waukeshacounty.gov/landandparks . In addition, you may call the office of the Waukesha County Department of Parks and Land Use at (262) 548-7790 to receive information or to view a printed copy of the draft plan.

Please note that members of the Waukesha County Board of Supervisors and the Waukesha County Land Use, Parks and Environment Committee may also be present and in attendance at the above-stated public hearing, but no formal action will be taken by the Waukesha County Board of Supervisors, the Waukesha County Land Use, Parks and Environment Committee or the Waukesha County Park and Planning Commission at this hearing.

Also, note that, upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of individuals with a disability through appropriate aids and services. For additional information or to request this service, contact Kathy Brady at 515 W. Moreland Blvd., Room AC 230, Waukesha, WI 53188 or (262) 548-7790.

All interested parties will be heard.

WAUKESHA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND LAND USE

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