



9 IMPLEMENTATION

Overview

The overall planning process has resulted in the review of information and background data relating to the past, present, and future of Taylor County. Key statistical data and other trends have been reviewed and discussed pertaining to future impacts on all aspects of the county. As a result of this review and discussion, the Implementation Chapter sets forth identified actions and policies intended to advance methodologies to address issues and opportunities throughout the county. The action statements alone point towards a desired direction, but with the included identification of key groups for implementation and timeframe for execution of the actions, each action statement truly has direction as which to begin its overall implementation.

Throughout the life of the comprehensive plan, key action statements contained within this plan will be completed. In addition, as change is inevitable, new action statements not prioritized for inclusion in this plan will be identified and may need to be considered as it (action) relates to new circumstances.

9.1 PLAN CONSISTENCY

Wisconsin's comprehensive planning law (Wisconsin Statutes, Section 66.1001) states that beginning on January 1, 2010, if a local governmental unit engages in any of the following actions (see list below), those actions shall be consistent with that local governmental unit's comprehensive plan.

- ◆ Official mapping established or amended under s.62.23(6)
- ◆ Local subdivision regulation under s.236.45 or 236.46
- ◆ County zoning ordinances enacted or amended under s.59.69
- ◆ City or village zoning ordinances enacted or amended under s.62.23(7)
- ◆ Town zoning ordinances enacted or amended under s.60.61 or 60.62
- ◆ Zoning of shorelands or wetlands in shorelands under s.59.692, 61.351 or 62.2131

Taylor County has adopted, by ordinance, both shoreland zoning and land subdivision regulations. As a result, by January 1, 2010 actions resulting from those ordinances must be consistent with the county's adopted comprehensive plan. The overall development of the county comprehensive plan is one of the first steps in the process of reviewing, modifying and developing, where necessary, changes to ordinances where potential inconsistencies may exist.

Development of the comprehensive plan was done so in a way in which integration of information and data was reviewed within and between plan chapters. In so much, this integration was intended to make the chapters consistent with one another. Key to this integration and consistency was also the review of other known county, state, federal, and other organizations plans that may be applicable to Taylor County.



9.2 MECHANISM TO MEASURE PLAN PROGRESS

Implementation progress made in relation to Taylor County’s Comprehensive Plan will be measured based on progress towards achieving its goals and objectives and implementing the identified actions. The overall measurement will be focused on accomplishing the specified actions within the documented timeframes. The listed actions identify what is to be completed, who the key groups are for implementing the action statement, and when action is to be completed. It is possible that some actions may not have a specific end target date, but rather a continuous or ongoing work element. It is recommended that the Zoning Department and/or other appropriate committee review the plan’s objectives and actions annually, in an effort to realize its accomplishments and identify where modifications may be needed.

9.3 FUTURE UPDATES

From time-to-time Taylor County may need to make revisions and amendments to individual or multiple chapters of the comprehensive plan. When making necessary revisions or amendments, it is recommended the process follow the adopted Public Participation Plan and 66.1001(4).

At a minimum, the comprehensive plan shall be updated no less than once every 10 years. As opposed to an amendment, an update is often a substantial re-write of the plan document and maps. An update shall also follow the Public Participation Plan and requirements set forth within 66.1001(4).

9.4 PLAN ACTIONS

While the overall comprehensive plan provides detailed information regarding Taylor County, the Land Use Advisory Committee and public participants established a set of goals and objectives for which key strategies or recommendations (actions) have been made. Implementation of these actions is important to advancing particular recommendations participants of the planning process saw as important to the county.



<u>HOUSING</u>		
Goal:		
Promote a range of safe and affordable housing units to meet the diverse needs of existing and future County residents, while maintaining a predominately rural/agricultural atmosphere.		
Objectives:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the development of rural subdivisions that fit within the character of Taylor County. 2. Promote single-family housing on land other than prime farmland and conservation lands. 3. Promote multi-family housing where community utilities are readily available. 		
Actions:	Key Groups for Implementation	Timeframe
A. Recommend a minimum of 2 acres in non-developed areas.	Zoning, County, Towns	Within two years of plan approval
B. Develop a pamphlet showing current areas of development and describe subdivision regulations.	Zoning, UWEX, County, Towns, Realtors	Within two years of plan approval
C. Look at different areas for development, i.e.: forested, agriculture fringe areas, etc.	Zoning, Land Conservation, County, Town, Realtors, Ag agent	Ongoing
D. Identify which areas that already have community facilities. (Westboro & Chelsea)	Zoning, UWEX, County, Town, Realtors, appropriate municipalities	After plan completion



<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>		
Goal:		
Promote a safe and adequate transportation system for multiple users that advances and supports the economy of the County.		
Objectives:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage the development of more main corridor highways. 2. Promote and encourage more public transportation in Taylor County. 		
Actions:	Key Groups for Implementation	Timeframe
A. Work with Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) and the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC) to ensure that Taylor County transportation system is coordinated with surrounding regional systems and that the County’s interests are well served when major transportation facilities or programs are proposed.	County Hwy Commission, NWRPC, WisDOT, County, Towns, City	Ongoing as needed
B. Plan for the extension of County highways and other major arterial streets as necessary to complete connections, provide for appropriate routes for trucks and emergency vehicles, and serve planned development areas.	Hwy, Zoning, WisDOT, County, Towns, City, emergency govt.	Ongoing as needed
C. Working with towns and cities, plan for a network of interconnected new roads in planned development areas to control highway access, preserve rural character, and improve access to these areas.	Hwy, Zoning, WisDOT, County, Towns, City, municipalities	Plan as much prior to development
D. Continue to aggressively search for State & Federal funds to complete transportation projects.	Hwy, WisDOT, County, Towns,	Ongoing
E. Investigate, evaluate, select and support viable options for those without access to an automobile, including the elderly, disabled, and children.	Commission on Aging, Human Services, Hwy, Zoning, County, Black River Industry	Ongoing



<u>UTILITIES & COMMUNITY FACILITIES</u>		
Goal:		
Promote the development of area utilities and community facilities that serve residents of Taylor County.		
Objectives:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote future development towards communities with existing municipal sewer and water systems. 2. Promote development of alternate fuels for operation of local utilities. 3. Work with utility companies to plan for future development or expansion. 4. Plan future utility lines on edge of road right-of-ways. 5. Ensure all households in Taylor County have access to recycling services. 		
Actions:	Key Groups for Implementation	Timeframe
A. Encourage municipalities with sewer and water to maintain up-to-date sewer/water maps and Taylor County Zoning Department to have available copies of sewer/water maps. This should also include other utilities, i.e. fiber optics, electric and telephone.	Zoning, Towns, Villages, County, affected municipalities	Ongoing
B. Continue to support and participate in County and local programs for hazardous waste, tire collections, recycling and other programs.	Zoning, UWEX, Towns, Villages, County, Solid Waste, LCD	Ongoing
C. Encourage appropriate placement and locations of towers for cell phones.	Zoning, Towns, County	Work with providers as required
D. Encourage affordability and development of high speed internet.	UWEX, development foundation, Utilities, County, phone companies	Within next 5 years



E. Acquire usage for tower locations with businesses.	Zoning, UWEX, Wis. Dept of Commerce	Ongoing
F. Search for funding to help support development of alternative energy production and its use, i.e. wind farms, ethanol, bio-diesel.	UWEX, LCD, State, Electric Coops	Ongoing
G. Encourage annual reports to County and affected municipalities of utilities expansion and regulation changes.	Zoning, UWEX, Utility, all effected parties	Annually



<u>NATURAL, AGRICULTURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES</u>		
Goal 1:		
Protect, preserve, and efficiently utilize natural resources in Taylor County, while still providing employment and recreational opportunities.		
Goal 2:		
Protect and promote the preservation of productive agricultural lands in Taylor County.		
Goal 3:		
Identify, promote and preserve the ethnic, rural and historic character of Taylor County.		
Objectives:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Protect lakes, rivers and shorelands from pollution, degradation and over-development. 2. Promote the wise use of Taylor County’s mineral resources. 3. Encourage proper timber management on Federal, State and Managed Forest Lands. 4. Take steps to protect our groundwater resources. 5. Promote continued use of prime farmland for agricultural purposes. 6. Encourage use of small, specialized agricultural activities. 7. Protect farm operators from incompatible farm uses and activities that adversely affect agricultural lands. 8. Seek educational opportunities for people to learn more about our local culture. 9. Continue to support and encourage community functions within Taylor County. 		
Actions:	Key Groups for Implementation	Timeframe
A. Study and prepare groundwater and surface water protection strategies and to preserve water quality.	Zoning, UWEX, Sports & Enviro Groups, DNR, LCD	Ongoing
B. Promote development and agricultural practices which protect surface and groundwater quality, including proper erosion control, manure management, and stormwater management strategies.	UWEX, Zoning, Ag, Manufacturing, LCD, DNR	Ongoing
C. Conserve productive forest land and farmland as key parts of the County’s economy, rural character and lifestyle, recreational resource base, and wildlife habitat.	Zoning, State, Local owners, County, Towns, Forestry, DNR, LCD	Ongoing



<p>D. Implement recommendations of the Taylor County 15 Year Forestry Management Plan and 5 Year Land Conservation Department plans and programs.</p>	<p>Forestry, County, LCD</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>E. Promote the continuation of the “family farm” by supporting the introduction and operation of agricultural support-based businesses, and by allowing opportunities for small non-farm businesses to supplement farm income.</p>	<p>UWEX, Zoning, County (like Marathon Co), local farm supply businesses</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>F. Support efforts to regulate large-scale livestock operations and to mitigate their impacts so they do not degrade community and environmental sustainability.</p>	<p>Zoning, County, Towns, State, DATCP, LCD</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>G. Work with County/State/Federal and private forest owners in providing education and information to the public on management plans for local resources.</p>	<p>County Forester, DNR, private conservation, LCD, WOVA conservation clubs</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>H. Develop policies and procedures for the review of non-metallic and metallic mineral extraction operation requests.</p>	<p>Zoning, Mining Com, LCD, DNR</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>I. Work with the Taylor County Historical Society regarding local history and cultural heritage.</p>	<p>UWEX, Historical Society</p>	<p>As needed</p>
<p>J. Work with local Chambers, County Tourism and private sector to promote ethnic events.</p>	<p>UWEX, Tourism Committee, local munic, local groups</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>K. Explore potential innovative tools for protecting environmentally sensitive areas, such as purchase or transfer of development rights, land trusts, and conservation easements in planned developments.</p>	<p>Zoning, UWEX, County Board, Local gov, Towns association, LCD</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>



<u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>		
Goal:		
Promote, attract and maintain the expansion and development of the economic base in Taylor County.		
Objectives:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage more, high paying skilled jobs in Taylor County. 2. Promote and encourage manufacturing related business and industry where infrastructure is readily available. 3. Promote the education and skilled training of the work force. 		
Actions:	Key Groups for Implementation	Timeframe
A. Adequate and dispersed supply of land for development.	Developers, Land owners, County, City, Village	Ongoing
B. Inventory available commercial and industrial areas suitable for related land use activities.	UWEX, Dev Foundations, County, City, Zoning	Within two years of implementation of plan
C. Balance the need for economic development with the desire for quality of life issues including odor, noise, pollution, and property rights.	Zoning, County, Town, Village, County, local gov, Chamber	Ongoing
D. Work with local educational institutions to help provide for education and training to prepare local workers for current and future job opportunities.	UWEX, Local industry, local schools, NTC	Ongoing
E. Support and investigate Federal, State, regional and local economic development programs to provide revolving loan funds, small-business loans, and tax credits to local businesses.	UWEX, local govt, State, area development foundation	Ongoing
F. Promote retention and expansion of existing business and labor force.	Local industry, govt, Dev Foundations, Chamber, UWEX	Ongoing



<u>INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION</u>		
Goal:		
Encourage and promote new and existing avenues of intergovernmental cooperation both within and outside Taylor County.		
Objectives:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inform public of current policies and practices. 2. Try to influence State and Federal agencies to stop unfunded mandates. 3. Promote the opening of new avenues of communication with governmental agencies. 4. Discourage duplication of services by municipalities in Taylor County. 		
Actions:	Key Groups for Implementation	Timeframe
A. Encourage local governments to consider joint service agreements where consolidating, coordinating, or sharing services will result in better services or cost savings.	All levels of local govt, Hwy Dept, Tourism Committee, UWEX	Ongoing
B. Work with other government agencies to implement the objectives, policies, and recommendations included in other chapters of the Plan that are dependent upon intergovernmental cooperation for success.	Zoning, County & local govts, UWEX, Tourism Committee	Ongoing
C. Work to resolve current and potential conflicts between County and local plans through discussions, cooperative initiatives, and amendments to this Comprehensive Plan where appropriate.	Zoning, UWEX, Local govts, Tourism Committee	Ongoing
D. Continue to work with the UW-Extension on educational forums and ongoing communication designed to inform local officials and residents of opportunities related to land use, growth management and intergovernmental relationships.	UWEX, Zoning & public, County, LCD	Ongoing



<u>LAND USE</u>		
Goal:		
Work cooperatively with towns, villages and city governments to promote an economically efficient, environmentally sustainable and compatible development pattern that also respects private property rights.		
Objectives:		
Continue to educate public on what Comprehensive Planning is and is not. Strive to uphold the principle of not taking private property without due process of law. Review existing County and Town regulations related to land use to ensure they are consistent with adopted County and Town plans. Promote the communication between private and government agencies.		
Actions:	Key Groups for Implementation	Timeframe
A. Periodically review the need for County ordinances and other land use tools.	Zoning, UWEX, Local Govt, LCD	As needed
B. Periodically review the need for and update current Shoreland Zoning ordinance, Subdivision Control ordinance, etc.	Zoning, County Board, Towns, Local Developers	Ongoing
C. Update existing county ordinances to accommodate changing conditions.	All County Agencies in Coop in Towns, Zoning, Local Developers	As needed
D. Plan for a sufficient supply of developable land for a range of different uses, in areas, types, and densities consistent with local town wishes and service requirements.	Zoning, Local Govt, Local Dev Agencies,	Updated annually
E. Work with towns and cities to resolve remaining incompatibilities between local land use plans.	County, Cities, Villages, Towns, Local Gov, Local Dev Assoc, Zoning	Ongoing
F. Continue to have the Taylor County Zoning Committee monitor the County’s performance against the Taylor County Comprehensive Plan and work with other entities to resolve conflict.	Zoning, Local Govt	Ongoing
G. Continue to work with the UW-Extension on educational forums and ongoing communication designed to inform local officials and residents of opportunities related to land use, growth management and intergovernmental relationships.	Zoning, all level of govts, UWEX, LCD	Ongoing



9.5 TOWARDS THE FUTURE

It is important to realize that planning is not just a one-time event. The landscape and environment in which we live changes almost daily. We know things change by noting visual alterations to the landscape or comparing tabular changes in the form of data and research. Looking back on change is often easier than forecasting or predicting future change.

The future of our landscape, transportation network, housing development and other components identified in this comprehensive plan largely takes the shape and direction upon which we provide guidance. Taylor County's Comprehensive Plan has been developed to assist the county in moving forward, based on past experiences and projected change. It is important to remember that this comprehensive plan is not the end all of plans. As the future unfolds in front of us, it is important to realize that the Taylor County Comprehensive Plan should be reviewed periodically, and updated or amended to reflect changes that will occur in the future.