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Subject: Resources: Information on Attain Dane!

Hello,

As a fundamental part of a basic inventory of countywide planning efforts, many Housing and Economic Development Work Group members expressed interest in receiving more information about Attain Dane! at the 2-25-04 work group meeting.

Attain Dane! is envisioned to protect and improve the long-term quality of life in Dane County by identifying areas that should be permanently protected (e.g., certain areas of open space and natural habitat and farmlands) while also identifying those areas most suitable for development over a long-term planning horizon of 50 years. In this framework, existing local plans and county plans would form the basis for identifying areas to be preserved and developed.

It is envisioned that implementation of Attain Dane! could involve tax base sharing and transfer of development rights and/or purchase of development rights in order to promote equity and reduce unnecessary competition among communities that often results in poor planning.

The desired outcome is multifold. Attain Dane! is intended to provide substantially greater protection of farmland and natural areas than will occur if current trends continue, while also reducing sprawl and promoting a higher quality of life. Furthermore, it is intended that Attain Dane! will help Dane County to continue to be a great place to live and do business, which would also promote economic development.

Attain Dane!, if adopted, could serve as one of the mechanisms to implement the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan. However, the Comprehensive Plan would be the legally defined and governing plan for the county, as required by state law.

More information on Attain Dane! is available on County Executive Kathleen Falk's webpage at: <http://www.co.dane.wi.us/exec/exechome.htm>

You may also want to review the "Overview of Attain Dane" in these documents, which is available at: http://www.countyofdane.com/danedept/press/pdf/attain_dane_overview.pdf

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