

Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee

Housing & Economic Development Work Group



The Housing & Economic Development Work Group approved the following draft housing goals and objectives at its October 20, 2004 meeting. The approved draft goals and objectives were slightly modified from 'housing' subgroup recommendations developed over a series of meetings from August to October of 2004. The subgroup review and refinement for recommendations was based on draft housing goals and objectives reported at the July 2004 Milestone meeting, which were developed by the full work group over a series of meetings in the fall of 2003 and in June and July of 2004.

Goal 1: Provide a full range and adequate supply of housing choices throughout the county that meets the needs of persons of all income levels, age groups, household sizes, and persons with special needs.

1.a. Objective: Promote the development of housing to meet forecasted needs.

1.b. Objective: Promote an adequate supply of accessible and special needs owner and rental housing at a range of all income levels.

1.c. Objective: Encourage the leveraging of housing monies to maximize the private sector use of those funds.

1.d. Objective: Promote the development and preservation of long-term, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents throughout Dane County.

1.e. Objective: Improve opportunities for homeownership, targeting specific groups including minorities, immigrants, low-income people, and people with disabilities.

1.f. Objective: Promote the availability of land for the development or redevelopment of low-income and moderate-income housing.

1.g. Objective: Promote the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing housing stock in Dane County.

1.h. Objective: Encourage coordination and cooperation among nearby units of government.

1.i. Objective: Promote an adequate supply of land to meet existing and future needs for housing. (Not Approved: "needs work.")

Goal 2: Promote the efficient use of land for housing.

2.a. Objective: Encourage compact communities and neighborhoods.

2.b. Objective: Promote the location of higher density residential development close to infrastructure and services.

2.c. Objective: Encourage the infilling of housing in urban areas that make more efficient use of existing infrastructure.

2.d. Objective: Provide housing development alternatives to minimize the conversion of agricultural land, reduce scattered site nonfarm development, and provide more housing options.

Goal 3: Promote housing that maintains and improves the quality of life for all.

3.a. Objective: Encourage mixed-use communities and neighborhoods.

3.b. Objective: Encourage communities and neighborhoods close to jobs, mass transit, and pedestrian and bicycle friendly transit options.

3.c. Objective: Promote economically diverse housing in communities and neighborhoods.

3.d. Objective: Promote socially diverse communities and neighborhoods.

3.e. Objective: Promote a balance of employment and housing opportunities within communities.

3.f. Objective: Promote housing development that protects environmental corridors and promotes open space.

3.g. Objective: Encourage housing development that has the least impact on or enhances existing and local regional facilities.

3.h. Objective: Support the enhancement and preservation of the character and livability of neighborhoods.

3.i. Objective: Support the maintenance and rehabilitation of historic buildings and structures.

3.j. Objective: Promote and enhance community identity and create a sense of place.

3.k. Objective Needed to address problem of 'competition between communities' for tax base in order to promote a 'balance of employment and housing opportunities' amongst communities in Dane County. (Wording of objective statement needs work, but consensus on need for new objective.)