

12-3-03 Housing & Economic Development Work Group
Identified Policies for Consideration during Step 3
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12-3-03 POTENTIAL POLICIES FOR CONSIDERATION DURING STEP 3

1) Assist communities in planning and developing well designed commercial and industrial areas by creating a database of economic development activities, policies, standards, tools and best practices from other communities.
2) Use County funds to leverage other resources in order to attract, grow, expand, and retain desirable business and industry.
3) The County will provide customer-friendly permitting processes to efficiently assist business and industry without reducing standards, and also encouraging local governments to do so as well.
4) The County will encourage communities to provide adequate public infrastructure to enable businesses to operate successfully.
5) Designate economic development assistance priority to companies that pay above average wages and/or are locally owned.
6) Provide incentives for businesses to locate in areas served by existing or future regional transit to make jobs more accessible to workers.
7) Support environmentally friendly and community oriented markets for agricultural products through policies that compliment and leverage state and federal efforts in order to promote and preserve the county's agricultural industry.
8) Promote environmentally friendly agricultural economic development by developing programs and campaigns.
9) Create measures to evaluate economic development incentives to ensure that policies promote economic stability, increased employment, and improved incomes.
10) Create a sensible growth fund to invest in infill development.
11) Bolster the Dane County Development Fund by promoting private/public partnerships at the micro and macro level.
12) Provide revitalization planning and organizational development assistance to local communities.
13) Explore state and county mechanisms for tax-base sharing of manufacturing and mercantile tax base to reduce competition between communities for tax-base.

