



## What are Recommendations and Policies?

Recommendations, Policies, and Implementation are the steps following goals and objectives.

- Recommendations** Opinion about what could or should be done about a situation or problem; counsel. Possible courses of action that either the county or others could take to help achieve an objective.
- Policy** A course of action, guiding principle, or procedure considered expedient, prudent, or advantageous. Specific actions that the county should take that are within its authority or purview.

The following example illustrates the distinction between an objective and an implementation policy:

Objective	Implementation
Keep lawn height less than 5 inches	-Mow grass every 1-2 weeks, or as needed to maintain height. <i>(Policy)</i> -Used controlled burning on a regular basis, or as needed. <i>(Policy)</i> - Graze it with livestock. <i>(Policy)</i> - Talk to local representative about regular grass pick-up and disposal. <i>(Recommendation)</i>
Complete projects identified in 1995-2000 Dane County Parks and Open Space Plan by 2020.	-Provide a funding source (referendum) to the Parks department to acquire lands and complete projects. <i>(Policy)</i> - Encourage DNR to use the Dane County Parks plan as a guide for investment and resource conservation. <i>(Recommendation).</i>

Dane County residents have identified numerous goals and objectives as part of previous planning efforts, such as the *Land Use and Transportation Plan* and the *Parks and Open Space Plan*.

Many of these existing goals and objectives will be integrated into the Dane County comprehensive plan and are currently being reviewed by the three comprehensive work groups. Lists of these existing goals and objectives are available through the Dane County comprehensive planning website, or upon request from county staff.