

14 State Goals

1. Promotion of the redevelopment of lands with existing infrastructure and public services and the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing residential, commercial and industrial structures.
2. Encouragement of neighborhood designs that support a range of transportation choices.
3. Protection of natural areas, including wetlands, wildlife habitats, lakes, woodland, open spaces and groundwater resources.
4. Protection of economically productive areas.
5. Encouragement of land uses, densities and regulations that promote efficient development patterns and relatively low municipal, state government and utility costs.
6. Preservation of cultural, historic and archeological sites.
7. Encouragement of coordination and cooperation among nearby units of government.
8. Building of community identity by revitalizing mainstreets and enforcing design standards.
9. Providing an adequate supply of affordable housing for individuals of all income levels throughout each community.
10. Providing adequate infrastructure and public services and an adequate supply of developable land to meet existing and future market demand for residential, commercial and industrial areas.
11. Promoting the expansion or stabilization of the current economic base and the creation of a range of employment opportunities at the state, regional and local levels.
12. Balancing individual property rights with community interests and goals.
13. Planning and development of land uses that create or preserve varied and unique urban and rural communities.
14. Providing an integrated, efficient and economical transportation system that affords mobility, convenience and safety and that meets the needs of all citizens, including transit-dependent and disabled citizens.

Vision 2020

1. Promote the development of balanced communities throughout the county with sufficient commercial, industrial, residential, and open space land to meet the needs of existing and future residents.
2. Promote compact urban development in new areas adjacent to existing urban areas and in the redevelopment or infill development of existing neighborhoods.
3. Promote the development of functional and visually distinct communities encouraging compact, mixed-use neighborhoods and the efficient provision of a full range of services.
4. Provide a full range of safe and affordable housing opportunities and choices for all residents throughout the county.
5. Provide an integrated, all-mode transportation system which offers the efficient, effective and safe movement of people and goods, and provides mode choice wherever possible while enhancing and, where relevant, preserving the character and livability of the neighborhoods and residential areas where transportation facilities are located.
6. Encourage concentration of employment and activity centers at nodes and along transit corridors to maximize the efficiency of the existing and future transportation system.
7. Support and maintain downtown Madison as the region's major activity center and seek greater diversity and vitality in that area.
8. Promote an economic development strategy that will provide suitable employment opportunities and a stable and diversified economic base.
9. Protect agricultural lands and limit non-farm developments in order to maintain the county as one of the nation's most productive agricultural areas.
10. Promote planning and design that preserves environmental functions and protects important environmental, cultural and historic resources.
11. Develop and promote a countywide system of open space corridors as a framework to protect the natural environment and scenic values, and provide outdoor recreation opportunities.