

## Thinking About our Region and Planning for the Region

### Introduction / Context

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- What is the region ?
- Growth Trends
- Dane County Land Use and Transportation Plan (1997)
- Future Urban Development Area Planning (called for in CARPC model resolution)
- A framework for regional planning and local planning ?

### Questions for Discussion

1. What is the region ?
2. What are the regional issues and opportunities ?
3. Which issues and opportunities should the Commission study ? What plans or plan elements should the Commission prepare ?
4. How should the regional view and local planning be *coordinated*? How can it be *integrated*?
5. What do the answers to the above questions suggest about a regional plan ? and the role / mission of the new commission ?

The following is an excerpt from the model resolution adopted by Dane County communities and submitted to the governor requesting the creation of the Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC). The complete resolution is available upon request ([chrisg@danecorpc.org](mailto:chrisg@danecorpc.org) or 266-4137).

7. The CARPC shall work with communities to update the Dane County Water Quality Plan. In addition to the elements required by NR 121 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, the Water Quality Plan shall also define areas that should be protected from development based on provisions to protect water quality as contained in NR 121 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code. The Plan shall also define areas that can be developed with measures to protect, restore or minimize degradation of water quality.

The Plan shall also define a 25-year Future Urban Development Area with 5-year updates. The Plan shall be developed in cooperation with area communities, including towns, and shall consider adopted comprehensive plans and intergovernmental agreements. The Plan shall be developed as follows:

- a. CARPC staff shall provide communities with environmental condition reports consisting of maps, text, and information identifying environmental issues that should be addressed.
- b. The CARPC shall give priority to areas of the highest environmental sensitivity and growth pressure. These areas are: all communities within the Central Urban Service Area; all communities within the Northern Urban Service Area; all urban service areas with a year 2000 Census population of 3,000 or more; and the Black Earth Urban Service Area. The CARPC should, in general, provide assistance with planning for the Future Urban Development Area of other urban service areas after assisting the priority communities. The CARPC's Executive Director shall provide to the CARPC a 3-year work plan with points of reference and an annual progress report with recommendations.
- c. The Plan, which will identify the 25 Future Urban Development Area, shall be based on the requirements of NR 121 and shall also consider other factors including the impacts on natural and built systems, the efficient use of land including urban densities, and the ability to efficiently provide services to support the development and farmland preservation planning.
- d. There shall be separate rules and policies for limited service areas.
- e. The CARPC shall adopt policies and procedures for the considerations of amendments to the Water Quality Plan between five-year updates of the Water Quality Plan.
- f. The CARPC shall provide the information described in Item a. to areas with the highest environmental sensitivity and growth pressure within three years of the date the CARPC commences operations.
- g. Communities shall submit their proposed Future Urban Development Area within 24 months of the date they receive the data from the CARPC. If a community does not meet this timeline, the CARPC shall not act on any individual USA expansion requests until the proposed plan is submitted. CARPC may grant one six-month extension to this timeline.
- h. The CARPC shall act on the proposed Future Urban Development Area plan within a year of the plan's submission. If CARPC fails to do so, the plan shall be acted upon by the Budget and Personnel Panel.
- i. The CARPC may not shift its staff work and analysis responsibilities to the local communities.