



Winter 2003-2004

Accomplishments to date

- **PLANNING GRANT RECEIVED**
Dane County received a State of Wisconsin comprehensive planning grant in 2002; the project is scheduled for completion in May of 2006.
- **PROCESS AND STRUCTURE ESTABLISHED**
 - **Steering Committee** – The Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee guides the planning process and is comprised of a diverse range of Dane County stakeholder groups and individuals. The Steering Committee meets regularly to manage the project and provide oversight for three work groups.
 - **Public Participation Plan** – With the help of UW-Extension staff, the Steering Committee developed and adopted a public participation plan that provides numerous opportunities for public involvement throughout the planning process. The plan outlines 4 broad phases of the overall process and provides guidelines for varying levels of participation. The County Board adopted this plan in January of 2003. It is available upon request or online at: <http://www.daneplan.org/pdf/publicparticipation.pdf>
 - **Work Groups** – To develop the plan, the Steering Committee created 3 work groups each comprised of 11 appointed and numerous volunteer advisory and resource members representing a broad cross-section of Dane County citizens and organizations. The work groups are organized to address each of the nine required comprehensive planning elements and meet regularly.

The Three Work Groups Are:

- **Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resource**
- **Housing and Economic Development**
- **Transportation, Utilities, and Community Facilities**

- **“MILESTONE MEETINGS” CONVENED**
 - Project Kickoff Meeting – February 2003
 - Work Group Kickoff Meeting – June 2003

Current work

- **PHASE 2 – DEVELOP GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**
The three work groups are currently developing draft goals and objectives for required elements of the plan. The groups are also assembling data and identifying issues that will be used to refine the draft goals and objectives.
 - **Over 20 work group meetings held**
Since the work group kickoff meeting in June 2003, over 20 work group meetings have been held at various locations throughout the county to conduct informational and educational sessions on various topics. Some meetings involve presentations by local experts; others focus on work group discussion. All meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend. The 2004 meeting schedule and contact information are at the end of this update.
- **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ENHANCEMENTS**
The Steering Committee has earmarked limited funding to enhance public involvement in the project by reaching out to more Dane County’s citizens. The Committee will identify specific tools and outreach methods in the months ahead. These efforts will be ongoing throughout the remainder of the project.

What’s next?

- **MILESTONE MEETING**
In July of 2004 the three work groups will meet jointly with the Steering Committee to discuss and review draft goals and objectives and all other work from Phase 2.
- **PHASE 3 – DEVELOP PLAN ALTERNATIVES**
The next phase (2004-2005) will involve development of alternative options to achieve the goals and objectives established in Phase 2. A preferred alternative or alternatives will be selected at the end of Phase 3 and reviewed, adopted, and implemented during Phase 4.

Upcoming Work Group Meetings

Ag, Natural, and Cultural Resources

January 28, 2004 – Recap & Review (Agricultural Resources), **Town of Verona Hall, 6:30 PM**

February 11, 2004 – Recap & Review, Location TBA

March 10, 2004 – Wildlife resources trends & previous goals, Location TBA

April 14, 2004 – Extractive resources trends & previous goals, Location TBA

May 15, 2004 (Saturday day) – Recap & Review, Location TBA

June 9, 2004 – Evaluate, revise & approve goals, Location TBA

Housing & Economic Development

January 26, 2004 – (Base Housing & Economic Development Information & Brainstorming)
Lussier Family Heritage Center, 7:00 PM

February 11, 2004 – Topic & Location TBA

February 25, 2004 – Topic & Location TBA

March 10, 2004 – Topic & Location TBA

March 31, 2004 – Topic & Location TBA

Transportation, Utilities, & Community Facilities

January 21, 2004 – Sanitary Sewer Service, on-site wastewater treatment technology, water supply and storm water management – **Warner Park Community Center, 7:00 PM**

February 18, 2004 – Solid waste disposal and recycling facilities, Location TBA

March 17, 2004 – Police, fire and rescue (including discussion of 911 system), Location TBA

April 21, 2004 – Libraries, schools and other governmental facilities, Location TBA

May 19, 2004 – Transit, transportation facilities for disabled, bicycles and walking, Location TBA

June 16, 2004 – Railroads, air transportation, water transportation, trucking and highways. Location TBA

Steering Committee Meetings

February 12, 2004, City-County Building (Room TBA), 12:00 PM

Milestone Meeting Completion of Phase 2 – July 2004 (Exact date, time & location TBA)

How to get involved:

1. Visit the project web page:
www.daneplan.org
2. Email daneplan@co.dane.wi.us
3. Call Dane County Planning and Development Staff – 608.266.4183