

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED

### 1. Visit [www.daneplan.org](http://www.daneplan.org):

Citizens can join the Dane County Comprehensive Planning process and access information and resources by visiting the project website. In addition, an email list serv offering online discussion forums will soon be available.

### 2. Contact Dane County Staff:

Contact us to find out how to get involved, or for information about the project. Just email or call with questions or comments.

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### 3. Participate at meetings:

Take part in discussions, meet work group members, learn more about the process, and sign-up to stay informed and become involved at one of the regularly scheduled work group or steering committee meetings. Meeting information is provided to all local units of government and is posted on the website, and in the County Clerk's Office.

## PLEASE JOIN US!

Comprehensive planning provides a blueprint for the future. Your talents, energy, ideas, and participation are needed to help craft a plan for Dane County's future that maintains its high standard of living, conserves its agricultural and natural resources, and ensures the vitality of our diverse, distinct, and prosperous communities.



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## Introduction to the

# DANE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS

**2003-2006**



## WHAT IS THE DANE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN?

In 1999, the state legislature enacted the most complete comprehensive planning legislation in Wisconsin's history. Often referred to as "Smart Growth", the law requires all Wisconsin communities that exercise land use authority to adopt a comprehensive plan by ordinance by 2010, and for land use decisions to be consistent with the adopted plan. The basic framework of the comprehensive plan is comprised of nine required elements referring to the following issue areas that significantly affect all communities: *1) issues and opportunities; 2) housing 3) transportation; 4) utilities and community facilities; 5) agriculture, natural and cultural resources; 6) economic development; 7) intergovernmental cooperation; 8) land use, and 9) implementation.*

In 2002, Dane County, along with 14 local municipalities, applied for and received a state grant to complete a comprehensive plan. As a condition of the grant, Dane County and the participating communities must create plans by 2006 that address the nine required elements and 14 additional planning goals (see Dane County Comprehensive Plan Fact Sheet 4 for more information). Ultimately, all of Dane County's 61 municipalities must each adopt a comprehensive plan. Ensuring there is a degree of consistency among all of these plans will be a major challenge for Dane County communities.

## HOW DOES THE PLANNING PROCESS WORK?

**1. Steering Committee** - In accordance with state planning legislation and county ordinance, the Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee (CPSC) was established as a sub-committee of the county Zoning and Natural Resources (ZNR) and Strategic Growth Management (SGM) Committees. The CPSC is composed of 12 members representing a diverse range of Dane County stakeholder groups and individuals.

**2. 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 guidelines for varying levels of participation.

**3. 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.

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

## PLANNING PHASES 2002-2006

THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS		
<i>Status</i>	<i>Phase</i>	<i>Sub-Step</i>
<b>100%</b>	I. Pre Planning	Develop planning structure and procedures
<b>40%</b>	II. Generate Baseline Data & Goals	Review and analyze information, goals & objectives generated from previous planning efforts and identify information gaps.
<b>0%</b>	III. Develop Plan Alternatives	<NONE>
<b>0%</b>	IV. Plan Review, Adoption & Implementation	<NONE>

2002  
 2003  
 2004  
 2005  
 2006

Current Phase

## WHAT'S NEXT?

The Steering Committee will meet with all three work groups at a "milestone meeting" in **July of 2004** to consider the draft data, goals, and objectives generated for each plan element. The success of the Dane County Comprehensive Plan depends upon the inclusion and active involvement of a diverse range of Dane County voices and opinions. Help shape Dane County's future!