

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Chapter 66.1001 of Wisconsin Statutes, an update has occurred to the Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan. A summary of the updates is included with this public notice.

The Lincoln County Zoning Committee will hold a public hearing to take testimony regarding the update of the Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan and the proposed ordinance to adopt the plan.

TIME and DATE: 8:30 a.m., Thursday, January 12, 2012

LOCATION: Lincoln County Service Center, Room 156, 801 N. Sales St., Merrill, WI 54452

For additional information on the updated Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan, contact any of the following individuals:

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Copies of the updated plan may be examined at the:

Lincoln County Zoning Department, 801 N. Sales Street, Suite 103, Merrill, WI 54452

Lincoln County University Extension Office, 801 N. Sales Street, Suite 101, Merrill, WI 54452

Or on the Lincoln County Website at www.co.lincoln.wi.us.

Copies of the updated plan may be purchased from the Lincoln County Zoning Department for a fee of \$35.00. This includes over 190 pages with color maps.

SUMMARY OF DRAFT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Purpose of Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan Update: Pursuant to Chapter 66.1001 of Wisconsin Statutes, the Lincoln County Comprehensive Plan was updated including reviewing the plan document and updating demographic statistics, maps and other pertinent data. In addition, this update provided the County with an opportunity to focus on required Chapters such as Economic Development, Transportation, Agriculture and Natural Resources and Intergovernmental Cooperation. The County worked with citizen advisory groups specifically for the above mentioned chapters to gather input and recommendations.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMPONENTS

- **ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:** This component of the plan outlines background information, maps and existing conditions/projected trends of Lincoln County. It is meant to help guide the policy making of the County over the next 20 years.

- **AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT:** This component of the plan outlines background information, maps, policies, goals and programs to provide for the conservation and effective management of Lincoln County's diverse natural resources. This chapter coordinates with other state required natural resource plans and outlines goals and objectives to sustainably manage and develop the agricultural, natural and cultural resources within Lincoln County.
- **HOUSING ELEMENT:** This component of the plan outlines background information, maps, policies, goals and programs to provide adequate housing supply that meets existing and future housing demand in Lincoln County. The chapter outlines collaboration amongst housing agencies, improving older homes, providing affordable housing for the aging population, and providing options for housing for the aging population.
- **TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT:** This component of the plan outlines background information, maps, policies and goals to guide the future development of the various modes of transportation including but not limited to all-terrain vehicles, utility terrain vehicles, railroad, bikes, horseback riding, snowmobiles, automobiles, trucks, planes and walking. A central theme of the discussions revolved around how to connect these modes into a rural transportation network that enhances quality of life and promotes responsible business growth.
- **UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES ELEMENT:** This component of the plan outlines background information, maps, policies and goals to guide future development of utilities and community facilities within the County. This Chapter outlines the need for the effective delivery of community utilities, public facilities and services.
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT:** This component of the plan outlines background information, maps, policies and goals to promote the stabilization, retention or expansion of the economic base and employment opportunities within the County. This chapter discusses opportunities to promote educational opportunities for businesses, infrastructure investments needed, adaption for a changing regulatory environment, accessing financial tools for businesses and ensuring that Lincoln County promotes a positive atmosphere and attitude for economic development.
- **LAND USE ELEMENT:** This component of the plan outlines background information, maps, policies and goals to guide development of property within the County. This chapter outlines current land use patterns and possible future land uses. Land uses were categorized by the following designations: rural/environmental, residential, and non-residential. In addition, Town approved land use plans were incorporated into this Chapter.
- **INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION ELEMENT:** This component of the plan outlines background information, policies and goals to guide joint planning and decision making with other governmental entities. This Chapter discusses the current issues and opportunities being faced by government entities and describes a policy of establishing mutually beneficial relations with other governmental entities within the county and region.
- **IMPLEMENTATION ELEMENT:** This component of the plan outlines specific actions necessary to implement the Comprehensive Plan.