

Amended Public Participation Plan: Town of Dunn 2019 Comprehensive Plan Update

The Town of Dunn is initiating a process to update the Town's Comprehensive Plan, which was initially adopted in 2006 and most recently updated in 2017. This process will be guided and overseen by the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee, whose members are Jim Molloy, Lorraine Gardner, and Jim Cisler, with alternate member, Walt Jackson. The Town's Comprehensive Plan represents our community's goals, and hearing from community members at all stages of the plan is essential for success. Section 66.1001(4)(a) of Wisconsin Statutes requires the governing body of the local governmental unit to "adopt written procedures that are designed to foster public participation, including open discussion, communication programs, information services and public meetings for which advance notice has been provided, in every stage of the preparation of a comprehensive plan". The following written procedures contained within this public participation plan satisfy this requirement. This plan will guide public participation throughout the Town of Dunn's comprehensive planning process.

This public participation program offers residents, farm and non-farm business owners, and members of various interest groups a diverse set of opportunities to participate through the planning process. Our updated Comprehensive Plan will represent a shared vision for our town. Community input and ownership of the plan is essential to its success. The plan will be used by our community as a guidepost in critical decision making about the future of the Town.

Our participation program is designed to capture the unique views of a range of our community members. Our goal is to bring together key stakeholders to help shape the plan that will in turn shape our community for years to come.

Our public participation process will:

- Provide an opportunity to connect with community members who staff might not hear from regularly
- Bring together diverse stakeholders to weigh priorities
- Give community members the opportunity to consider what they would like their community to look like in years to come
- Develop and strengthen relationships between community members and decision makers
- Add accountability to our planning process
- Support creating a shared vision for the future of the Town of Dunn.

Public Participation Opportunities:

The Town of Dunn established the following list of public participation after evaluating the success of the public participation options offered when the Plan was initially adopted. These techniques are designed with the goal of maximizing public participation throughout the planning process, while also satisfying Wisconsin's Comprehensive Planning Legislation requirements.

1. Website:

The Town will post information on the Town's website about Dunn's comprehensive plan and planning process information. This information will include project timeline, meeting dates, agendas, and minutes, draft plan elements and reports, and maps. The Town's website will be used to publicize and promote the planning process, provide information on upcoming meetings, and supply the minutes of meetings and notify community members of other participation techniques. The page will also include an opportunity to submit comments at any time.

2. Newsletter:

The Town's newsletter will provide updates on the planning process. Also, articles explaining the Town's planning process and public participation procedures will be published.

3. Meeting Notices:

Notices of meetings regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update will be posted at the Town Hall and on the Town's website.

4. Comprehensive Plan Update Committee Meetings:

The Comprehensive Plan elements will be discussed and updated at meetings of the Comprehensive Plan Update Committee. The meetings will be open to the public and allow opportunities for public comments. The meeting will focus on the development of plans, policies, and programs to implement the Town's vision.

5. Opportunity for written comment:

Notice of the opportunity for written comment on the draft plan will be announced at public meetings and posted on the webpage. Response to written public comments will be as follows:

- Forward of comments to Comprehensive Plan Update Committee for review and recommendation to Plan Commission
- Forward of comments to Plan Commission for review and recommend Town Board action
- Town Board sends written comments in response

6. Public Hearing on Final Plan Adoption:

The Town will hold a public hearing on the ordinance to adopt the Comprehensive Plan. All members of the public will have the opportunity to comment on the plan. The public hearing will be noticed (class 1 notice under ch. 985) in three places (Christy's Landing, Quick Stop and Town Hall).

[Final formal opportunity for public comment before the ordinance is adopted]