

Introduction

In 1999, the Wisconsin Legislature enacted a new Comprehensive Planning law, set forth in Section 66.1001 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The requirements provide a framework for the development, adoption, and implementation of Comprehensive Plans in Wisconsin. The Comprehensive Plans were to be completed and adopted by the governing bodies of counties, cities, villages, and towns prior to January 1, 2010 and updated no less than every 10 years.

In 2019 the Town of Round Lake's Comprehensive Plan was updated and modified. Designed to be used in conjunction with the original 2009 Plan, this Update features updated statistics and projections but does not include a reprints of information that has remained the same. That information continues to be available in the 2009 Plan.

This Update is organized into nine elements (chapters). Each element coordinates with the others:

1. Issues and Opportunities
2. Housing
3. Transportation
4. Utilities and Community Facilities
5. Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources
6. Economic Development
7. Intergovernmental Cooperation
8. Land Use
9. Implementation

This Update takes into consideration fourteen planning goals that support the elements as set forth in Section 16.965 (4) of the Wisconsin Statute. They are:

1. Promotion of the redevelopment of lands with existing infrastructure and public services and the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing residential, commercial, and industrial structures.
2. Encouragement of neighborhood designs that support a range of transportation choices.
3. Protection of natural areas including wetlands, wildlife habitats, lakes, woodlands, open spaces, and groundwater resources.
4. Protection of economically productive areas, including farmland and forests.
5. Encouragement of land uses, densities and regulations that promote efficient development patterns and relatively low municipal, state government, and utility costs.
6. Preservation of cultural, historic, and archeological sites.
7. Encouragement of coordination and cooperation among nearby units of government.

8. Building of community identity by revitalizing main streets and enforcing design standards.
9. Providing an adequate supply of affordable housing for individuals of all income levels throughout each community.
10. Providing adequate infrastructure and public services and an adequate supply of developable land to meet existing and future market demand for residential, commercial, and industrial uses.
11. Promoting the expansion or stabilization of the current economic base and the creation of a range of employment opportunities at the state, regional, and local level.
12. Balancing individual property rights with community interests and goals.
13. Planning and development of land uses that create or preserve varied and unique urban and rural communities.
14. Providing an integrated, efficient and economical transportation system that affords mobility, convenience, and safety and that meets the needs of all citizens, including transit-dependent and disabled citizens.

This Update and the Town of Round Lake 2009 Comprehensive Plan provide Town officials with a guide for assisting decisions regarding growth and management issues. Based on input from citizens and property owners of the Town of Round Lake, these documents provide a series of goals and objectives to emphasize best management practices and to continue to maintain the Northwoods character of the Town.

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