

CHAPTER 9 – IMPLEMENTATION

INTRODUCTION

The completion of Sheboygan County’s Comprehensive Plan should be celebrated as a significant milestone in providing guidance for the future development and redevelopment in Sheboygan County. It is important that County and local officials quickly understand the connection between planning and land use controls (e.g., zoning and subdivision ordinances). Planning by itself accomplishes little; only when the recommendations made in the plan are *implemented* through actions — such as amending a map, adopting a new policy, or revising an ordinance, for example — does real change come about. There are several regulatory tools and administrative mechanisms and techniques that can be utilized to implement the plan. Although this chapter does not include all of the recommendations in the comprehensive plan, it does summarize most of the action steps the County should take to implement the recommendations. This element includes a process for updating and amending the Comprehensive Plan. A comprehensive plan under this subsection shall be updated no less than once every 10 years. This chapter also provides information on the comprehensive plan amendment/update process and its overall use by Sheboygan County.

ROLE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Wisconsin Statute 66.1001 (3) stipulates that the land controls governing a community be consistent with the community’s adopted comprehensive plan. Sheboygan County’s Planning, Resources, Agriculture, and Extension Committee has the primary responsibility to implement this Comprehensive Plan and to ensure that all supporting County ordinances are consistent with the Plan. When reviewing any petition or when amending any land controls within the County, the Plan shall be reviewed, and a recommendation will be derived from its vision statement, goals, objectives, policies, programs, and 20-Year Potential Land Use Map. If a decision needs to be made that is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Plan, then the Comprehensive Plan must be amended to include this change in policy before the decision can take effect.

ROLE OF LOCAL OFFICIALS

Elected Officials

The County’s elected officials should strive to become familiar with the contents of this Comprehensive Plan. It should be their primary guide, although not their only guide. County Board members must make their decisions from the standpoint of overall community impact — tempered by site specific factors. In this task, board members must balance the recommendations made in this Plan with the objectives of developers and residents, the recommendations of advisory boards, along with their own judgment.

The County must also see that community support and resources are maintained to ensure the County’s 20-Year Comprehensive Plan stays current and viable.

Planning, Resources, Agriculture, and Extension Committee

Planning, Resources, Agriculture, and Extension Committee Members need to become very familiar with this Plan’s maps and text, as well as its stated vision, goals, objectives, policies, and programs. The Planning, Resources, Agriculture, and Extension Committee will likely need to make appropriate amendments to the Plan from time to time in order to adapt to changing circumstances. The Planning, Resources, Agriculture, and Extension Committee should also ensure that existing and future ordinances are consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. Finally, the Planning,

Resources, Agriculture, and Extension Committee will need to be sure that the Comprehensive Plan is updated at least once every 10 years.

Board of Adjustments

The County Board of Adjustments consists of five members appointed by the Chairperson of the County Board, subject to confirmation by the County Board. The members of the Board of Adjustments shall all reside within those areas of the County which are under the jurisdiction of Chapters 63, 70, and 72, but no two members shall be from the same town. The Board of Adjustments has the power:

- (a) To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged there is error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by the County Planning Department or the Airport Department.
- (b) To hear and decide special exceptions (also known as conditional uses) to the terms of Chapters 63, 70, and 72 of this Code upon which the Board of Adjustments is required to pass.
- (c) To authorize upon appeal in specific cases such variance from the terms of Chapters 63, 70, and 72 of this Code as will not be contrary to the public interest, where, owing to special conditions, a literal enforcement of the provisions of said Chapters will result in unnecessary hardship and so that the spirit of said Chapters shall be observed, public safety and welfare secured, and substantial justice done.
- (d) To allow alternative reclamation requirements to operators of nonmetallic mining sites pursuant to Section 78.18 of this Code.

ROLE OF COUNTY ORDINANCES

Zoning

Sheboygan County does not maintain a general zoning ordinance. Rather, each city, village and town in the County maintains its own zoning ordinance. The general purpose of these zoning ordinances is typically promotion of a community's health, safety, morals, prosperity, and welfare.

Several of the future land use recommendations in local municipalities may ultimately need re-zoning in order to take place. This Comprehensive Plan recognizes the preferred land use has a horizon year of 15 to 20 years in the future, while zoning's authority is immediate upon adoption and posting. Therefore, instances of current use and planned use may conflict, yet it would *not* be prudent to immediately make a current use non-conforming to meet the preferred land use. Much of the timing of re-zoning will depend heavily on market forces, the current political climate, and the accuracy of the municipalities plans' assumptions.

Other Controls

Sheboygan County maintains a sanitary ordinance, subdivision ordinance, shoreland and shoreland-wetland ordinance, floodplain zoning ordinance, erosion control and stormwater management, animal waste storage, and non-metallic mining reclamation regulations.

There are a number of other controls that impact planning in Sheboygan County. Since this Comprehensive Plan includes a number of specific implementation activities directly related to some of these controls, it will be important to periodically review existing County codes to ensure consistency with this Plan's vision, goals, objectives, policies, and programs.

Changes in standards and policies administered by the state, Sheboygan County, and other municipalities may also effect the implementation of this Plan and should, therefore, be monitored in order to allow the County to make adjustments as necessary.

IMPACT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Government Economic Development Initiatives

Economic development programs and initiatives are often a primary means of implementing goals in a comprehensive plan. The implementation of most, if not all, of these economic development initiatives will be planned in advance by local officials; therefore, there should be ample opportunity to make sure the impacts of these initiatives will be in harmony with this Comprehensive Plan. It is important that such a comparison takes place. Usually, the impacts are positive, but there may also be downsides. If it is anticipated that an economic development program or initiative being considered for the County may significantly change the character of the County — and therefore run counter to the vision and goals of this Plan, the economic development program should either be reconsidered, or the Comprehensive Plan should be revisited and amended to allow for the change in character.

Non-Government Economic Development Activities

Sometimes, economic development takes place unexpectedly. A small business might greatly expand seemingly overnight, a highway interchange might be constructed, or a similar economic catalyst may occur. It is difficult to stop the momentum generated by such activities, and indeed it is often best to encourage such activities. Nevertheless, it is once again possible that this type of economic development can change community character. Further, since it is unplanned by the local government, this kind of economic development frequently outstrips the community's existing infrastructure and begins a sometimes never-ending cycle of "catching up," as the community tries to provide adequate services.

If it becomes increasingly apparent that a privately initiated economic development "boom" is underway, the County must analyze whether the character of the community will be significantly altered and then decide how to respond in a proactive rather than reactive way. It is likely that at least some of the elements in this Comprehensive Plan would have to be revisited and amended.

ROLE OF PUBLIC INVESTMENT

Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

A CIP is a tool used to ensure a community regularly budgets for and schedules the construction and maintenance of infrastructure. This is typically a major tool in implementing the recommendations made throughout a comprehensive plan — especially the "Transportation" and "Utilities and Community Facilities" chapters. The County uses this tool as part of its annual budgeting process. For example, the County has put improvements to the Sheboygan County Memorial Airport in its capital improvements program, in order to support the expansion of business at that location.

Impact Fees and Land Dedications

Impact fees and land dedications are an appropriate mechanism for financing improvements directly related to new development. The County is no longer able to require impact fees in new developments, but local municipalities are able to use land dedications and impact fees under strict guidelines.

Special Assessments

Special assessments are a tool that local governments have commonly used in Wisconsin for financing public facilities since the late nineteenth century. Special assessments are important because unlike impact fees, special assessments can be applied to existing development and can be used to fund existing deficiencies. The County uses a special assessment, when assessing those property owners within the County that have private on-site wastewater treatment systems.

Development Review Cost-Recovery

Many communities can begin to achieve some of their goals and carry out associated policies by requiring developers to reimburse the community for expenses related to ensuring a quality development is constructed. For example, while a community may strongly support the preservation of critical habitat areas, it may not have the means to follow through. However, by requiring a developer to pay for an independent study identifying these areas prior to breaking ground, the community is able to take the first step toward realizing a goal and implementing a policy without having to allocate funding or personnel. Currently, the County does not use this implementation tool.

ROLE OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

Boundary Agreement

A boundary agreement is a formal effort to identify precisely which extraterritorial areas may be attached to a village or city. An agreement may also spell out terms for revenue sharing of current and future property taxes in specified areas, among other things. As an implementation tool, a boundary agreement's ultimate purpose is to promote the goal of harmonious relations between adjacent communities. While this tool has been used successfully in other counties, there are no communities within Sheboygan County that have boundary agreements in place.

Official Map

An official map helps a community implement goals and policies regarding safe and efficient transportation systems. Such a map may also be used to reserve land for other future public uses, in particular those identified in a community's comprehensive plan, recreation plan, or other plans. The County does not currently use this implementation tool, but some municipalities have official maps.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INTERNAL CONSISTENCY

This Comprehensive Plan was developed as a unified whole under a single vision statement with supportive goals, objectives, policies, and programs. Sheboygan County and the County's Smart Growth Implementation Committee created a community survey regarding the nine elements included in the Comprehensive Plan. Using the survey results, along with information regarding natural features, past population and housing data, and infrastructure, the Committee developed the vision, goals, and strategies expressed within this Plan to determine the Potential 20-Year Land Use Map, as well as the implementation actions the County will undertake throughout the 20-year planning period.

In some instances, a single goal applies to more than one element of the Plan and is restated in multiple chapters. Therefore, when preparing any amendments to this Comprehensive Plan or its individual elements, the Planning, Resources, Agriculture, and Extension Committee should

undertake an overall review of all nine elements, along with their identified goals, objectives, policies, and programs, in order to ensure consistency within and between elements before any amendment that might affect more than one element is approved.

IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE

This implementation schedule for the activities in this Plan are shown in Table 9-1. These activities are identified as “ongoing,” “immediate,” “mid-term,” and “long-term.” “Ongoing” indicates the activity has already been underway and will continue to be carried out as necessary; “Immediate” indicates the activity should be initiated before the end of 2010 if possible; “Mid-Term” generally indicates the activity should be initiated sometime before 2015; and “Long-Term” generally indicates the activity should be initiated some time toward the latter half of the 20-year planning period. Detailed step-by-step instructions on how to accomplish each of the activities are beyond the scope of this Plan. It is recommended, however, that officials develop their own “plan of action” to ensure the activities listed above have a chance to be accomplished.

Table 9-1 – Sheboygan County Implementation Activities

Natural Resources

Goals

- **Protect, enhance, and restore groundwater quality and quantity in Sheboygan County.**
- **Identify, protect, and restore valuable surface water resources in Sheboygan County.**
- **Protect and enhance Lake Michigan and its coastal resources.**
- **Manage and protect floodplains in Sheboygan County.**
- **Identify, protect, and restore wetlands in Sheboygan County.**
- **Improve and protect air quality in Sheboygan County.**
- **Protect, enhance, and restore land resources.**
- **Encourage the wise management of aggregate (sand, gravel, and crushed stone) resource areas in Sheboygan County.**
- **Identify and protect Sheboygan County’s native biological resources.**
- **Preserve and enhance the systems of parks, trails, and open space within Sheboygan County.**

ACTIVITY	KEY GROUPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION	LAUNCH DATE
1- Work with appropriate partners to complete a study to determine the County’s groundwater recharge areas.	SGIC Natural and Culture Resources Subcommittee, local nonprofit organizations	Mid-Term
2- Develop a program to protect the groundwater recharge areas.	SGIC Natural and Culture Resources Subcommittee, local nonprofit organizations	Mid-Term
3- Promote groundwater infiltration in areas associated with natural groundwater recharge by minimizing impermeable areas and promoting wetland creations, enhancements, and restorations.	Local municipalities, County Planning	Mid-Term
4- Continue to monitor private drinking water supplies through voluntary testing by the UW-Extension, and where feasible look to have a water testing lab at UW-Sheboygan.	UW-Extension, Local municipalities, UW-Sheboygan	Ongoing
5- Continue to monitor public drinking water supplies, in accordance with state and federal laws.	WDNR, Local municipalities	Ongoing
6- Continue to identify unused wells and then promote the proper abandonment of wells through the County Land and Water Conservation	County Land and Water Conservation, WDNR	Ongoing

Department's abandoned well program.		
7- Support land use patterns and water quality control facilities, programs, and operational improvements, including non-point pollution controls and sewage and stormwater management systems, to protect groundwater quality.	Local municipalities, WDNR	Ongoing
8- Continue to implement the County Sanitary Regulations, Chapter 70 of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances, which includes regulation of private onsite waste treatment systems (POWTS).	County Planning	Ongoing
9- Promote groundwater supply planning at a regional level.	SGIC Natural and Culture Resources Subcommittee, local nonprofit organizations, WDNR	Immediate
10- Provide technical support and assistance to partners on watershed protection.	WDNR	Ongoing
11- Utilize plans from partnering agencies and organizations in the County's watershed planning efforts.	WDNR, County Planning, Local Municipalities, County Land and Water Conservation	Ongoing
12- Continue to implement the Sheboygan County Shoreland-Wetland Ordinance, Chapter 72 of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances.	County Planning	Ongoing
13- Continue to provide the Water Quality Improvement Program (the Buffer Strip Program), that create buffers along Sheboygan County's waterways.	County Land and Water Conservation	Ongoing
14- Continue to implement the Animal Waste Storage Facility Code, Chapter 77 of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances.	County Land and Water Conservation	Ongoing
15- Continue to implement the Erosion Control and Stormwater Management regulations, Chapter 75 of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances.	County Land and Water Conservation	Ongoing
16- Develop and maintain stormwater management plans at County facilities.	County Planning, County Land and Water Conservation	Ongoing
17- Seek to work with and support municipalities on the management of stormwater structures.	County Planning, WDNR, Local municipalities	Immediate
18- Encourage a watershed approach to stormwater management.	County Planning, WDNR, BLRPC	Immediate
19- Work towards compliance with State and Federal stormwater management requirements.	County Planning, WDNR, Local municipalities	Immediate
20- Encourage partnerships for stormwater management.	County Planning, WDNR, Local municipalities, Sheboygan Waters, other local nonprofits	Ongoing
21- Continue education and outreach to inform the public about stormwater management projects.	County Planning, WDNR, Local municipalities, Sheboygan Waters	Ongoing
22- Promote stormwater Best Management Practices, including rain barrels, rain gardens, green roofs, porous pavement, infiltration basins, etc. in new and existing development areas.	County Planning, WDNR, Local municipalities, Nonprofits	Mid-Term
23- Apply for stormwater management and education grants.	County Planning, WDNR, Local municipalities, Nonprofits	Mid-Term
24- Develop and continue programs that address agricultural runoff, farming practices, and shoreland development as it relates to water quality	County Land and Water Conservation, County	Ongoing

impacts to surface waters in Sheboygan County.	Planning	
25- Limit the amount of salt used on County highways, to reduce salt runoff into surface waters.	County Highway Department	Mid-Term
26- Collaborate with the WDNR and others to develop and distribute educational materials to the public regarding non-point and point source pollution, including the continuation of the Clean Water Partnership.	County Planning, WDNR, Local municipalities, Sheboygan Waters, other local nonprofits	Ongoing
27- Support the continuation of the County’s Waste Pharmaceuticals and Hazardous Waste Collection Programs.	County Planning	Ongoing
28- Continue to implement the County Sanitary Regulations, Chapter 70 of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances, which includes regulation of private onsite waste treatment systems (POWTS).	County Planning	Ongoing
29- Support the acquisition and restoration of the Amsterdam Dunes property.	County Planning, Friends of Amsterdam Dunes	Ongoing
30- Support the protection and restoration of coastal wetland areas.	County Planning, local nonprofits, WDNR, EPA	Ongoing
31- Inventory and preserve environmental corridors in the “coastal corridor.”	County Planning	Mid-Term
32- Inventory and protect coastal areas that conserve the Lake Michigan flyway, the WDNR’s Land Legacy Areas, and the natural communities of beaches and dunes.	County Planning, local nonprofits, WDNR	Mid-Term
33- Encourage projects that provide public access to Lake Michigan.	County Planning, Local municipalities	Ongoing
34- Provide educational opportunities for the public to gain a better understanding of their role in protecting Lake Michigan and measures to mitigate human impacts on the resource.	County Planning, local nonprofits, WDNR	Mid-Term
35- Continue to provide technical assistance to landowners who build along the Lake Michigan coast, including educating landowners on the proper siting of septic systems, vegetative management of bluffs, and proper stormwater management to reduce impact on slope stability.	County Planning, County Land and Water Conservation, WDNR	Ongoing
36- Support restoration and delisting of the Sheboygan River Area of Concern, as defined by the International Joint Commission (IJC).	Area of Concern Municipalities, EPA, Citizen’s Committee	Ongoing
37- Support programs that address runoff, farming practices, public works projects, construction, and shoreland development as it relates to water quality impacts to Lake Michigan.	County Land and Water Conservation, County Planning	Ongoing
38- Continue to implement the Sheboygan County Shoreland-Wetland Ordinance, Chapter 72 of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances in coastal areas, including appropriate setbacks in bluff and dune areas.	County Planning	Ongoing
39- Provide technical resources to towns, homeowners, businesses, and institutions and raise awareness of the risks of floodplain development and the availability of mitigation and disaster assistance programs.	County Planning, FEMA	Ongoing
40- Continue implement the Sheboygan County Floodplain Ordinance, Chapter 73 of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances.	County Planning, FEMA	Ongoing
41- Develop a public educational program and distribute these materials to the public regarding floodplain management.	County Planning, FEMA	Mid-Term
42- Inform local insurance agents, real estate agents, builders, and lenders on who to contact regarding floodplain issues.	County Planning	Ongoing
43- Eliminate repetitive loss properties in Sheboygan County.	FEMA	Ongoing
44- Update the floodplain maps periodically.	County Planning, FEMA	Ongoing
45- Maintain an inventory of the County’s wetlands, including those created for mitigation purposes.	WDNR, County Planning	Ongoing
46- Continue to implement the Sheboygan County Shoreland-Wetland Ordinance, Chapter 72 of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances.	County Planning	Ongoing

47- Consider the development of new wetland setback requirements adjacent to all wetlands.	County Planning, WDNR	Long-Term
48- Encourage development away from wetlands.	County Planning, WDNR, Local municipalities	Ongoing
49- Collaborate and cooperate with the NRCS, the WDNR, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to ensure classification and restoration of wetlands.	WDNR, NRCS, County Planning	Long-Term
50- Encourage development designs that promote walking, bicycling, and transit options.	County Planning, Nonmotorized Transportation Nonprofit, Local municipalities	Ongoing
51- Continue to seek funding for the maintenance of non-motorized transportation facilities.	County Planning, Nonmotorized Transportation Nonprofit, Local municipalities	Ongoing
52- Continue to cooperate with the EPA and WDNR to improve and protect air quality.	EPA, WDNR, local businesses	Ongoing
53- Encourage municipalities to create Climate Action Plans.	EPA, WDNR, local municipalities	Long-Term
54- Conserve forestlands that are susceptible to development, have the potential to connect to other parcels of forestland, have public importance, and provide critical ecological functions.	WDNR, local nonprofits	Ongoing
55- Work with the appropriate individuals and organizations to prohibit development on critical forestland by acquiring donated conservation easements, purchase of development rights or transfer of development rights on those lands.	WDNR, local nonprofits	Mid-Term
56- Develop a fund for protection and management of high priority forestland, where reasonable.	WDNR, local nonprofits	Mid-Term
57- Protect lands identified as Wisconsin Forest Legacy Areas and areas identified in the Land Legacy Report, if they fall within Sheboygan County.	WDNR, local nonprofits	Mid-Term
58- Work with Bay Lake Regional Planning Commission to develop an environmental corridors program.	County Planning, BLRPC	Mid-Term
59- Classify and prioritize environmental corridors in Sheboygan County.	County Planning, BLRPC	Mid-Term
60- Research and become aware of the “Sustain, Reconnect, and Grow the Environmental Corridors Program, (SRGE).”	County Planning, BLRPC	Mid-Term
61- Work with local organizations and land trusts to preserve environmental corridors.	Local nonprofits, including land trusts, County Planning, BLRPC	Mid-Term
62- Combine public and private efforts to restore riparian stream buffers for water quality and wildlife.	Local nonprofits, including land trusts, County Land and Water Conservation, WDNR	Long-Term
63- Explore the use of overlay districts in the Shoreland Zone with setbacks for lakes, streams, and wetlands requiring additional care and proof that development will not have a negative effect on these resources.	County Planning	Mid-Term
64- Continue to implement the Sheboygan County Shoreland and Shoreland-Wetland Ordinance, Chapter 72 of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances.	County Planning	Ongoing
65- Protect the wooded riparian areas, by exploring the modification of existing County ordinances to increase the minimum distance for brush and tree removal from riparian areas.	County Planning	Mid-Term

66- Identify and compile a listing of the geological features in the County.	SGIC Natural Resources Subcommittee	Mid-Term
67- Provide educational information to local municipalities about view and vista ordinances and about preservation of these natural features.	County Planning	Mid-Term
68- Continue to implement the Sheboygan County Nonmetallic Mining Ordinance, Chapter 78 of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances.	County Land and Water Conservation	Ongoing
69- Ensure mining sites follow their reclamation plans.	County Land and Water Conservation, Local municipalities	Ongoing
70- Refer and support resource priorities and plans of Wisconsin and conservation associations, such as Land Legacy Reports, Lake Michigan Shorelands Alliance, Sheboygan River Basin Partnership, Glacial Lakes Conservancy, and the Nature Conservancy.	County Land and Water Conservation, County Planning, WDNR	Ongoing
71- Promote and encourage landscaping of native species on public and private lands in Sheboygan County.	Local municipalities, UW-Extension Master Gardeners	Ongoing
72- Continue to provide the County tree/plant sale to encourage the planting of native species.	County Land and Water Conservation	Ongoing
73- Develop programs to educate, control, and reduce the spread of invasive species on public and private lands in Sheboygan County.	UW-Extension	Ongoing
74- Continue to inventory areas with invasive species.	UW-Extension, USDA, WDNR, Local nonprofits	Ongoing
75- Develop a repository for invasive species data.	UW-Extension	Mid-Term
76- Support the creation of plans to address any major invasive species infestations, including the Emerald Ash Borer, zebra mussels, Japanese Knotweed, etc.	County Land and Water Conservation, County Planning, Local nonprofits	Ongoing
77- Work to eliminate invasive species from within the County, where feasible. Partner with local organizations and governmental agencies, where available.	County Land and Water Conservation, County Planning, WDNR, Local nonprofits	Ongoing
78- Develop a public-informational program on invasive species, including the prevention of and removal of the species.	UW-Extension	Mid-Term
79- Protect and enhance environmentally sensitive habitats.	WDNR, US Fish and Wildlife Service	Ongoing
80- Gather and share information on critical habitats and species with the Bureau of Endangered Resources and other interested parties.	WDNR, US Fish and Wildlife Service, citizens	Ongoing
81- Work with organizations to apply for funding to enhance and preserve the sensitive habitat areas and species.	County Land and Water Conservation, County Planning, WDNR, Local nonprofits	Ongoing
82- Conduct an inventory of areas that would support a natural corridor between major public land holdings.	SGIC Natural Resource Subcommittee, County Planning	Long-Term
83- Continue cooperation in the management of the Sheboygan Marsh Park with the WDNR.	County Planning, WDNR	Ongoing
84- Identify, protect, and preserve the County’s significant natural scenic and open space areas for the enjoyment of residents and visitors and for the present and future generations.	SGIC Natural Resource Subcommittee, WDNR, Local nonprofits	Mid-Term
85- Ensure future County outdoor recreation and open space plans are adopted by the County Board of Supervisors and certified by the WDNR,	County Planning, WDNR, Local municipalities	Ongoing

so the County is eligible to receive available State and Federal outdoor recreation grants.		
86- Work with local municipalities to ensure the outdoor recreation and open space plan are updated.	County Planning, Local municipalities	Ongoing
87- Continue to fund the County Stewardship Program for preservation and acquisition of parks and open space.	County Board, County Planning	Ongoing
88- Support private conservation organizations, including shooting clubs, fishing clubs, conservation clubs, etc.	County Planning	Ongoing

Agricultural Resources		
<u>Goals</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify Sheboygan County’s productive and viable agricultural land. • Encourage agri-businesses and agricultural activities as viable economic industries in the County. • Sheboygan County offers assistance and resources for the preservation and protection of agricultural lands to ensure farming remains viable in Sheboygan County. • Protect farms and farming in Sheboygan County. • Protect soil and water resources through utilizing agricultural best management practices (BMPs) and other agencies. • Streamline the regulatory process and provide educational opportunities. 		
ACTIVITY	KEY GROUPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION	LAUNCH DATE
1- Develop and adopt Site Assessment criteria for the Sheboygan County’s Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) score.	SGIC Agricultural Subcommittee, Farmers, local nonprofits, local municipalities	Immediate
2- Hold public informational meetings to share the LESA scores with local municipalities.	SGIC Agricultural Subcommittee, Farmers, local nonprofits, local municipalities	Mid-Term
3- Explore the development of a program to promote an agricultural economic cluster of farming operations and appropriate agri-businesses on lands designated for agricultural use on the County Future Land Use Map.	SGIC Agricultural Subcommittee, Farmers, local nonprofits, local municipalities	Mid-Term
4- Support a program to market and link Sheboygan County farms and agricultural products, including organic products, to restaurants and grocery stores in Sheboygan County and surrounding areas.	SGIC Agricultural Subcommittee, Farm Organizations	Long-Term
5- Develop a local or regional ‘brand’ for agricultural products.	SGIC Agricultural Subcommittee, Farm Organizations	Long-Term
6- Work with the UW-Extension to create a resource log of existing programs available to support beginning farmers and ensure that this resource is effectively communicated to existing and potential farmers so that people are aware of available programs.	SGIC Agricultural Subcommittee, UW-Extension	Immediate
7- Continue to support the UW-Extension, local high schools, and LTC to promote agribusiness education programs, and encourage young and beginning farmers to attend classes.	UW-Extension, Schools	Mid-Term
8- Work with the UW-Extension to promote the economic impact of agriculture in Sheboygan County.	UW-Extension	Ongoing
9- Continue to support and provide a periodic economic analysis for agriculture in Sheboygan County, following the agriculture census.	UW-Extension, UW-Schools	Ongoing

10- Use State and Federal grants to promote agriculture and associated agricultural industries in the County.	USDA, DATCP, farmers	Mid-Term
11- Support economic initiatives to ensure farming remains viable in Sheboygan County, including funding programs, agri-tourism, and direct marketing of farm products.	USDA, DATCP, farmers	Mid-Term
12- Support Green Tier and agricultural businesses who participate in Green Tier.	WDNR, Agricultural businesses	Mid-Term
13- Educate local municipalities on the importance of agri-businesses and farmers reliance on these businesses.	Agricultural businesses, Local municipalities	Mid-Term
14- Protection of farmlands that have the highest LESA scores shall be given highest priority for preservation.	SGIC Agriculture Subcommittee, WDNR, Local nonprofits	Mid-Term
15- Encourage more compact, dense development within sewer service areas to minimize the development of farmland for urban uses.	Local municipalities	Ongoing
16- Utilize grants and funding sources, where applicable, to preserve and protect agricultural lands.	USDA, DATCP, farmers	Ongoing
17- Continue to support the County’s Stewardship Fund.	County Board	Ongoing
18- Update the Sheboygan County Farmland Preservation Plan based on the LESA analysis and any revisions made to the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) by the Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative legislation.	County Planning, DATCP	Immediate
19- Minimize the potential for conflicts between rural landowners.	Local municipalities	Ongoing
20- Educate citizens, landowners, and elected officials by providing materials and links on “Wisconsin’s Right to Farm” Law.	UW-Extension, Local municipalities	Ongoing
21- Educate and inform municipalities of the various types of farming operations, and how these farms can be better supported.	UW-Extension, Local municipalities	Ongoing
22- Protect agricultural infrastructure in Sheboygan County to support farm operations.	Local municipalities	Mid-Term
23- Support programs that help to keep productive farmland and rangeland in agricultural uses, such as the Farm and Ranch Land Protection Program.	Local farmers	Ongoing
24- Study and consider developing a County purchase of development rights (PDR) program, transfer of development rights (TDR) program, or a County agricultural easement program to protect parcels identified as high priority by the LESA analysis.	SGIC Agriculture Subcommittee, local nonprofits	Mid-Term
25- Continue to work with the UW-Extension and local schools to support youth farming related programs, as well as to develop an educational program that outlines grants and loans available through Federal and State agencies for youth programs, including 4-H Clubs and FFA.	UW-Extension, local schools	Ongoing
26- Work with the UW-Extension to provide information to farmers on succession planning. Support mentor programs to assist beginning farmers.	UW-Extension	Mid-Term
27- Work with the UW-Extension and local organizations to develop and distribute a voluntary inventory of available farmland and agricultural-related assets.	UW-Extension	Mid-Term
28- Encourage revenue-sharing grants for roads and bridges.	Sheboygan County, Local municipalities	Immediate
29- Develop an inventory and rating system for local roads to identify those most likely to be used by farm operators to create a safe environment for travel between fields and everyday activities.	County Highways, Local municipalities	Long-Term
30- Develop methods to preserve the agricultural heritage of the County.	SGIC Agriculture Subcommittee	Long-Term
31- Encourage identification and preservation of historic structures.	SGIC Agriculture Subcommittee & Natural Resources Subcommittee	Long-Term

32- Compile a list of the century farms in Sheboygan County.	SGIC Agriculture Subcommittee	Mid-Term
33- Develop an educational program and distribute educational materials regarding farming techniques that promote soil conservation such as no till and zone tilling farming, rotational grazing, contour stripping, grass waterways, terracing, crop rotation, and nutrient management through soil sampling. This educational program focus should include local governments and individual farmers.	UW-Extension	Mid-Term
34- Work with UW-Discovery farms to provide information on best management practices and its research.	UW-Discovery Farms, Farmers	Ongoing
35- Work with LTC agricultural department on the Best Management Practices.	LTC, Farmers	Ongoing
36- Provide support, information, and application assistance for Federal and State programs, including County cost-sharing, to implement farming practices that promote soil conservation and water quality protection.	Land and Water Conservation	Immediate
37- Continue to implement the County's Animal Waste Management Ordinance, Chapter 77 of Sheboygan County's Code of Ordinances.	Land and Water Conservation	Ongoing
38- Continue to support the County's Water Quality Improvement Program (Buffer Strips), including County cost-sharing, especially in agricultural areas along waterways.	Land and Water Conservation	Ongoing
39- Continue to implement the County's Erosion Control and Stormwater Management Ordinance, Chapter 75 of Sheboygan County's Code of Ordinances.	Land and Water Conservation	Ongoing
40- Promote the benefits of reducing sediment and phosphorus loadings to surface waters.	Land and Water Conservation	Ongoing
41- Reduce soil erosion, using the objectives from the <i>Sheboygan County Land and Water Resource Management Plan</i> as a starting point to reduce the erosion.	Land and Water Conservation	Ongoing
42- The Land and Water Conservation Department shall continue to provide technical service and conservation planning assistance to landowners and units of government.	Land and Water Conservation	Ongoing
43- The Land and Water Conservation Department shall continue to provide technical assistance to the US Department of Agricultural and the Natural Resources Conservation Service for the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, Environmental Quality Incentive Program, and others.	Land and Water Conservation	Ongoing
44- Apply for grants that will help implement the programs in the <i>Sheboygan County Land and Water Resource Management Plan</i> .	Land and Water Conservation	Ongoing
45- Continue to provide staff to facilitate the implementation of the <i>Sheboygan County Land and Water Resource Management Plan</i> .	Land and Water Conservation	Ongoing
46- Work with each Town to develop individual fact sheets to be given to land owners at the time of permit issuance that include the process at the local level so landowners know what to expect.	UW-Extension	Mid-Term
47- Develop specific training for elected officials on current issues related to agriculture and land use law.	UW-Extension	Mid-Term
48- Support local "forums" for elected officials to provide education on agriculture and land use issues.	UW-Extension, County Planning	Mid-Term
49- Work with neighboring municipalities, including neighboring counties, to have consistent standards and ordinances, where applicable.	Local municipalities, County Planning	Long-Term

Cultural Resources		
<u>Goals</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and inventory areas of cultural, archeological, architectural, and historical significance. • Support public engagement to help the local cultural, historical, archaeological, and architectural resources remain relevant to contemporary society. • Protect and preserve the historical, cultural, archaeological, and architectural resources of the County, both past and present. • Promote and support the local artistic culture. 		
ACTIVITY	KEY GROUPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION	LAUNCH DATE
1- Partner with local preservation groups to help to inventory the cultural, archaeological, architectural, and historical sites in Sheboygan County.	SGIC Cultural Resources Subcommittee, Local historical groups	Immediate
2- Map the cultural, archaeological, architectural, and historical sites on a Countywide level.	SGIC Cultural Resources Subcommittee, Local historical groups	Immediate
3- The Sheboygan County Museum and other area organizations should continue to develop and host locally focused programs and events to highlight cultural resources in the County.	Sheboygan County Museum	Ongoing
4- Encourage and explore funding to preserve the historical, cultural, archaeological, and architectural resources of the County.	SGIC Cultural Resources Subcommittee, Local historical groups	Ongoing
5- Partner with local preservation groups to acquire cultural, archaeological, architectural, and historical sites in Sheboygan County.	SGIC Cultural Resources Subcommittee, Local historical groups	Mid-Term
6- Encourage the integration of local art in public places.	SGIC Cultural Resources Subcommittee, Local historical groups, John Michael Kohler Arts Center	Ongoing
7- Identify and promote the local artistic resources (e.g. performing arts venues, galleries, museums, sculpture gardens, etc).	SGIC Cultural Resources Subcommittee	Immediate
8- Encourage the continued funding for arts programs in the local schools.	SGIC Cultural Resources Subcommittee, Local historical groups	Immediate
9- Encourage continuation of private art education programs, including those offered by the John Michael Kohler Arts Center.	John Michael Kohler Arts Center, private donors	Ongoing
10- Facilitate community vision sessions to ensure the important aspects of a community’s character are addressed.	SGIC Cultural Resources Subcommittee, Local municipalities	Mid-Term

Housing		
Goals		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote a range of safe and affordable housing choices for persons of all income levels and age groups in the County. • Promote the addition of an adequate number of housing units to meet housing demand through 2030. • Promote the maintenance and improvement of existing housing stock as a continuing source of affordable housing. • Encourage development in areas that provide adequate infrastructure. • Promote a range of housing and development choices that meet the needs and preferences of Sheboygan County residents. 		
ACTIVITY	KEY GROUPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION	LAUNCH DATE
1- Develop model Planned Unit Development (PUD) and accessory apartment ordinances, for use by local governments, which are designed to increase the number of affordable housing units.	County Planning	Mid-Term
2- Promote higher density development to create more affordable housing options.	Local municipalities	Mid-Term
3- Promote reasonable minimum housing square footage requirements.	Local municipalities	Mid-Term
4- Continue to enforce requirements in the Sheboygan County Subdivision Ordinance and in the Sanitary Ordinance regarding the disposal of solid waste.	County Planning	Ongoing
5- Continue to follow laws and regulations regarding housing safety and construction.	Builders and building inspectors	Ongoing
6- Continue cooperative efforts between the Sheboygan County Health Department and local governments to enforce State public health Statutes and County ordinances concerning dilapidated, unsafe, or unsanitary housing that poses a human health hazard.	Sheboygan County Health Department, Local municipalities	Ongoing
7- Encourage energy efficiency in housing units, by supporting the State’s Focus on Energy Program.	Wisconsin Focus on Energy, Local homeowners	Immediate
8- Work with independent funding sources to increase energy efficiency in the County’s housing units (e.g. condo associations and apartment complexes).	Local homeowners	Mid-Term
9- Provide information on universal design (designed for all physical abilities) in housing and subdivision construction.	County Planning, American Disabilities Association	Mid-Term
10- Support efforts by appropriate government, profit, and non-profit organizations to provide needed assistance for elderly and disabled residents who wish to stay in their own homes.	Local nonprofit and for-profit organizations, Aging and Disability Resource Center	Immediate
11- Continue to provide or create assistance programs for home maintenance and in-home health care services.	Local nonprofit and for-profit organizations, Aging and Disability Resource Center	Ongoing
12- Continue the Meals on Wheels Program, so people can stay in their homes and receive meals.	Sheboygan Meals on Wheels	Ongoing
13- As needed, work with the local housing authorities and other agencies on the availability of housing assistance programs.	Local housing authorities	Ongoing
14- Partner with the appropriate organizations to study and educate local government officials and staff about the use and availability of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.	Local housing authorities/agencies	Ongoing

15- Assist, where possible, in the application process for CDBG funds from the Wisconsin Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.	Local housing authorities/agencies	Ongoing
16- Assist in the distribution of educational materials regarding Federal and State fair housing laws.	Local housing authorities/agencies	Ongoing
17- Inform and educate local officials about new housing unit projections and programs available to them.	County Planning	Mid-Term
18- Consider creating an umbrella agency to deal with countywide housing issues at a centralized location.	SGIC Housing Subcommittee	Mid-Term
19- Support the use of tax incremental financing (TIF) districts to encourage redevelopment of under-used and blighted areas for housing.	Local municipalities	Long-Term
20- Develop and provide technical assistance for model property maintenance regulations and lead-safe standards so local governments can adopt and enforce such regulations.	County and City Planning Departments	Mid-Term
21- Work with existing housing agencies to identify programs and potential funding sources for new programs to assist homeowners with making needed repairs, including improvements to meet State and Federal lead-safe standards.	Local housing authorities/agencies, Local homeowners	Immediate
22- In communities with sewer service areas and other urban services, encourage comprehensive plans and ordinances that support the provision of a full range of structure types and sizes, including single-family, two-family, and multi-family dwellings, at appropriate densities.	Local municipalities, County Planning	Immediate
23- In communities without sewer service areas and other urban services, encourage comprehensive plans and ordinances that support the provision of housing types and densities appropriate for the community.	Local municipalities, County Planning	Immediate
24- Continue to use the County's Subdivision Ordinance to review new development in unincorporated areas.	County Planning	Ongoing
25- Continue to enforce requirements relating to development in floodplains through administration of the County Shoreland-Wetland and Floodplain Ordinance.	County Planning	Ongoing
26- Support local government comprehensive plans and ordinances including zoning ordinances, land division ordinances, and building codes that support the provision of a full range of lot sizes and structure types and sizes, depending on location (e.g. "in-law zoning" and /or "caregiver suites").	Local municipalities, County Planning	Mid-Term
27- Provide technical assistance to the rural areas of the County relating to residential development at appropriate densities and roadway safety.	Local municipalities, County Highway Department, County Planning	Mid-Term
28- Promote higher density development to maximize available land use (for example: for the preservation of forestry and agricultural lands).	County Planning Local municipalities,	Immediate
29- Continue to research housing trends and provide information to local governments on innovative ways to accommodate a variety of housing types and sizes that are appropriate to the services available in various communities.	County Planning	Ongoing
30- Provide technical assistance to communities seeking to provide conservation-based and other innovative forms of housing.	County Planning	Ongoing
31- Encourage the preservation of resources, including land and natural resources, in housing developments.	Local municipalities, County Planning	Mid-Term
32- Encourage the use of flexible zoning techniques by local governments to accommodate a variety of housing options, including "green" developments.	Local municipalities, County Planning	Immediate

33- Provide education and information on new building materials and new development types to local officials.	Local municipalities, developers	Mid-Term
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Economic Development		
<u>Goals</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and encourage diverse and sustainable business and job development. • Promote an adequate number of jobs accessible to Sheboygan County residents to serve the County’s estimated projected population for 2030 of 133,00 persons. • Promote an adequate supply of workers to meet the employment needs of businesses located in the Coty through 2030 and beyond. • Promote businesses and industries to be good stewards of land, air, water, and energy resources. • Broaden the County’s tax base and strengthen its economy and employment base through the retention and expansion of existing businesses, and the attraction and development of new diverse businesses. • Promote tourism in the County by capitalizing on tourism amenities, including historical, cultural, archaeological, architectural, recreational, and natural resources. • Allow small scale economic development through home-based business. 		
ACTIVITY	KEY GROUPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION	LAUNCH DATE
1- Identify processes to encourage cooperation and coordination rather than competition among Sheboygan County communities when locating large economic development projects.	SGIC Economic Development Subcommittee, Sheb. County Economic Development Corporation	Immediate
2- Explore the possibility of intercommunity support as a way to encourage economic development cooperation between units of government.	Sheb. County Economic Development Corporation, Local municipalities	Mid-Term
3- Continue to work with the UW-Extension and local schools to support youth farming related programs, as well as to develop an educational program that outlines grants and loans available through Federal and State agencies for youth programs, including 4-H Clubs and FFA.	UW-Extension, local schools	Ongoing
4- Work with the UW-Extension to provide information to farmers on succession planning.	UW-Extension	Mid-Term
5- Support economic initiatives to ensure farming remains viable in Sheboygan County, including funding programs, agri-tourism, and direct marketing of farm products.	USDA, DATCP, farmers	Mid-Term
6- Support green tier and agricultural businesses, which participate in green tier.	WDNR, Agricultural businesses	Mid-Term
7- Promote and encourage programs that help current businesses remain viable, as well as, attracting new businesses to Sheboygan County.	DATCP, Agricultural business	Mid-Term
8- Work with the Chambers to see what services or programs are most vital to the business community.	Various County Chamber of Commerce, Sheb. County Economic Development Corporation	Ongoing
9- Continue to administer the Sheboygan County Revolving Loan Fund and the Community Development Block Grants to create employment opportunities and provide a means to finance new and existing businesses in the County.	County Revolving Loan Committee	Ongoing
10- Study the use of State and Federal bio-energy grants to promote	Sheb. County Economic	Mid-Term

agriculture and associated agricultural industries in the County.	Development Corporation	
11- Develop and distribute educational materials regarding various funding and incentive opportunities available for businesses located in Sheboygan County or wishing to relocate to the County.	Sheb. County Economic Development Corporation	Immediate
12- Study the development of employer health care purchasing tools in Sheboygan County; this may include health care purchasing pools.	Sheboygan County Human Resources	Mid-Term
13- Promote the retention of manufacturing, agricultural, finance and insurance, health care, professional and technical services, tourism, and other service sector jobs in Sheboygan County.	Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce, Sheb. County Economic Development Corporation	Ongoing
14- Continue the Chamber’s business retention survey, and be responsive to the results.	Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce	Ongoing
15- Continue a high level of education in order to employees to meet the diverse employment opportunities.	Schools, LTC, UW-Sheboygan, Lakeland College	Ongoing
16- Develop a workforce response team that will help employees get in a position to find employment.	Sheb. County Economic Development Corporation	Immediate
17- Continue (or Seek) partnerships with SEEK, Manpower, the Workforce Development Center, the Job Center, United Way, and the Chamber to advertise and help employees gain employment opportunities in Sheboygan.	Local employment centers	Ongoing
18- Continue the support of the local colleges and universities (LTC, UW-Sheboygan, and Lakeland College) in providing retraining and continuing educational opportunities for employees.	LTC, UW-Sheboygan, Lakeland College, Local municipalities	Ongoing
19- Develop a plan to fully engage and involve young people/professionals in all aspects of the community and in civic matters.	Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce	Ongoing
20- Partner with the appropriate organizations to study and educate local government officials and staff about the use and availability of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds.	Sheb. County Economic Development Corporation, Local municipalities	Mid-Term
21- Support the use of tax incremental financing (TIF) districts to encourage redevelopment of under-used and blighted areas for a mix of businesses and affordable housing. This will encourage people living where they work.	Local municipalities	Ongoing
22- Continue operation of the Sheboygan Transit buses and when needed look to expand.	Sheboygan Transit	Ongoing
23- Encourage the concept of the “complete street” in urban and urban fringe areas. Complete street’s concepts include sidewalks, paved shoulders, bike lanes, roads, etc.	Sheboygan County, Local municipalities	Ongoing
24- Provide educational and informational opportunities on new technologies and techniques to provide cost-effective energy.	County Planning, UW-Extension, LTC	Immediate
25- Explore the use of alternative energy sources, in order to reduce emissions to the air, land, and water.	Sheboygan County businesses	Ongoing
26- Encourage the use of State and Federal energy grants to promote the conservation of and the use of alternative energy in the County.	UW-Extension, County Planning, Local businesses	Ongoing
27- Work to utilize alternative energy sources that would not pose an adverse impact to the County’s natural resources.	UW-Extension, Local businesses	Mid-Term
28- Continue Chamber programs, such as retention calls, in order to help identify economic development opportunities.	Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce	Ongoing
29- Develop economic development programs that enhance our relevant business sectors.	Sheb. County Economic Development Corporation, Sheboygan County	Immediate

	Chamber of Commerce	
30- Support the creation of a business incubator program(s) and facility(ies).	Sheb. County Economic Development Corporation, Sheboygan County	Immediate
31- Support and initiate county industrial and commercial development.	Sheb. County Economic Development Corporation, Sheboygan County	Immediate
32- Continue participation in regional organizations, such as North East Wisconsin Regional Economic Planner (NEWREP) and the New North.	Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce, Sheb. County Economic Development Corporation, Sheboygan County	Ongoing
33- Promote the use of commercial listing systems for businesses.	Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce, Sheb. County Economic Development Corporation	Immediate
34- Work with the County and other private sector groups to develop new businesses and retail stores in areas properly zoned or in designated commercial areas shown on the local municipalities' Future Land Use Plans.	County Planning, Local municipalities	Mid-Term
35- Encourage economic development in areas that would be compatible with adjacent land uses and easily accessible.	County Planning, Local municipalities	Immediate
36- Promote the non-motorized facilities in the County.	County Planning	Ongoing
37- Promote the tourism value of the local businesses.	Sheboygan County's Various Chambers of Commerce	Ongoing
38- Support Sheboygan County's Chambers of Commerce tourism programs.	Sheboygan County's Various Chambers of Commerce	Ongoing
39- Promote a cooperative effort in promoting tourism (e.g. programs, activities, facilities) in Sheboygan County.	Local municipalities, Sheboygan County's Various Chambers of Commerce	Immediate
40- Continue to link Sheboygan County's website with local tourism websites.	Sheboygan County's Information Systems	Ongoing
41- Continually update and expand comprehensive tourism and recreation maps (printed and online) of Sheboygan County.	Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce, County Planning	Ongoing
42- Provide a map of the cultural, archaeological, architectural, and historical sites on a county-wide level.	Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce, County Planning	Mid-Term
43- Encourage tourist and residents to attend the Sheboygan County Museum and other area historical and cultural sites or business.	Sheboygan County Chamber of Commerce	Ongoing
44- Encourage the integration of local art in public places.	Various local art organizations	Ongoing
45- Identify and promote the local artistic resources (e.g. galleries, museums, sculpture gardens, performing arts, etc.)	SGIC Cultural Resources Subcommittee, Local artistic groups, John Michael Kohler Arts Center	Ongoing
46- Encourage less intrusive forms of transportation in environmentally	County Planning	Ongoing

friendly areas.		
47- Promote mapping and distribution of brochures of Sheboygan County’s non-motorized facilities and related businesses.	County Planning	Immediate
48- Encourage the least amount of disturbance in areas that are high in natural beauty or have unique biodiversity.	County Planning, Local municipalities	Ongoing
49- Develop supportive tools and regulations, as needed.	County Planning	Mid-Term

Transportation		
<u>Goals</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an integrated, efficient, and economical transportation system that affords access, mobility, convenience, and safety and that meets the needs of all citizens, including transit-dependent residents, persons with disabilities, and the elderly. • Develop a safe and efficient multi-modal transportation system that serves all users. • Improve transportation infrastructure and land use design to support a range of transportation choices for all citizens that serves the anticipated land use development pattern set forth in Sheboygan County’s Potential Future Land Use Map. • Minimize the impact of new transportation improvements on existing development and the community’s natural, agricultural, historical, architectural, and archaeological resources. 		
ACTIVITY	KEY GROUPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION	LAUNCH DATE
1- Ensure consistency among regional, County, and local land use and transportation plans so that the street and highway network, transit services, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities are appropriately sized and located to serve County residents.	County Planning, County Highway Department, WisDOT	Ongoing
2- Continue to monitor, plan for, and fund the operation of elderly and disabled transportation services and expand services as necessary.	Sheboygan Transit, RTC, County Planning,	Ongoing
3- Actively participate with the State of Wisconsin on transportation projects affecting the County.	County Highway Department, WisDOT	Ongoing
4- Support the recommendations in the WisDOT’s <i>Connections 2030 Plan</i> .	County Highway Department, WisDOT, County Planning	Immediate
5- Consider each transportation element developed under the Regional Transportation System Plan when programming and budgeting for transportation improvements.	County Highway Department, MPO	Ongoing
6- The County shall maintain and update its five-year Capital Improvements Program, with all necessary inclusions for transportation and other public utilities and facilities.	County Finance	Ongoing
7- Study the needs and feasibility of additional park and ride locations along the State Highway 57 corridor, and implement recommendations from such a study.	WisDOT	Mid-Term
8- Expand and enhance transportation for the elderly and disabled in Sheboygan County through programming and budgeting for transportation improvements.	RTC, Sheboygan Transit	Mid-Term
9- The County shall continue to use WISLR to help prioritize improvements to the existing street system.	County Highway Department, Local municipalities	Ongoing
10- Official mapping of future streets and public trails shall be undertaken to preserve important corridors.	County Highway Department	Long-Term
11- Study and implement a controlled access ordinance on the County	County Highway	Mid-Term

Roads.	Department	
12- Evaluate roundabouts in Sheboygan County (including their safety and ability to keep the flow of traffic moving), at least annually and before other roundabouts are constructed.	County Highway Department, WisDOT	Immediate
13- Encourage an increase in signage warning drivers of the space that semi-trailers and dual trailers need when navigating roundabouts.	County Highway Department, WisDOT	Immediate
14- Ensure designs for new roundabouts provide adequate space for drivers, including semi-trailers, to navigate and proper signage.	County Highway Department, WisDOT	Immediate
15- Encourage setbacks that would eliminate the need to back onto roadways.	County Highway Department, Local municipalities	Mid-Term
16- Apply for grants to help fund the development, maintenance, and connection of Sheboygan County’s multi-modal transportation system.	WisDOT, County Highway Department, County Planning, Local municipalities	Ongoing
17- Work with the County’s communities, WisDOT, school districts, and other entities to develop the County’s multi-modal transportation system.	WisDOT, County Highway Department, County Planning, Local municipalities, Local schools	Ongoing
18- Ensure the development and continued improvements of the Sheboygan County Memorial Airport to keep pace with new technology and to meet air transportation needs.	Sheboygan County Memorial Airport, County Transportation Committee	Ongoing
19- Support the development of aviation related business through the promotion of compatible land uses to protect its function as a vital component of the County’s transportation system.	Sheboygan County Memorial Airport, County Transportation Committee	Ongoing
20- Continue to implement the recommendations in Sheboygan County Memorial Airport’s recently completed airport master plan and investigate methods of expanding passenger and freight service at the airport.	Sheboygan County Memorial Airport, County Transportation Committee	Ongoing
21- Encourage the development of and continued improvements to the rail network in the County.	WisDOT, Local municipalities	Ongoing
22- Encourage an increased use of rail crossing signal lights, crossing bars, and signs, beyond minimum standards.	WisDOT, Local municipalities	Immediate
23- Support the development of rail related business through the promotion of compatible land uses to protect its function as a vital component of the County’s transportation system.	WisDOT, Local municipalities, Sheb. County Economic Development Corporation	Ongoing
24- Design county highways and local streets within the context of the surrounding land use.	WisDOT, County Highway Department, Local municipalities	Ongoing
25- Different and like land use types are efficiently connected to reduce VMT.	WisDOT, County Highway Department, Local municipalities	Mid-Term
26- Ensure the connection of different transportation modes including buses, automobiles, planes, trains, walking, and bicycling to reduce VMT.	WisDOT, County Highway Department, Sheboygan Transit, County Planning, Local municipalities, Sheboygan County Airport Memorial	Ongoing
27- The County shall maintain and update its five-year Capital Improvements Program, with all necessary inclusions for transportation and other public utilities and facilities.	County Finance Department	Ongoing
28- Support the recommendations in the WisDOT’s <i>Connections 2030</i>	WisDOT, County	Mid-Term

<i>Plan.</i>	Highway Department, County Planning	
29- Complete a jurisdictional study of roads in Sheboygan County.	WisDOT, County Highway Department	Long-Term
30- Implement a <i>Complete Streets</i> concept (streets that accommodate multi-modal forms of transportation, providing accessibility for all users) where applicable, i.e. urban portions and urban fringe portions of the County.	WisDOT, County Highway Department, County Planning	Mid-Term
31- Continue to provide adequate maintenance of the County's transportation facilities.	County Highway Depart., County Planning	Ongoing
32- Maintain and enhance existing nonmotorized transportation infrastructure consistent with the Regional Transportation System Plan.	County Planning, County Highway Department	Ongoing
33- Include facilities for walking and bicycling during the review and approval of all development projects, including street and highway improvements, to provide an alternative to vehicle travel and to promote a healthy lifestyle, especially in urbanized areas.	County Planning, Local municipalities	Mid-Term
34- Continue to develop a trails system that pedestrians and bicyclists can use to travel to all parts of the County and to connect with regional trails.	County Planning, County Highway Department	Ongoing
35- Provide infrastructure for bicycle and pedestrian travel as an alternative to motor vehicle travel.	County Planning, County Highway Department	Ongoing
36- Implement the goals, objectives, policies, and programs in the <i>Sheboygan County Pedestrian and Bicycle Comprehensive Plan 2035</i> .	County Planning	Ongoing
37- When constructing or upgrading transportation facilities, minimize the disturbance of the County's natural, cultural, agricultural, historical, architectural, and archaeological resources.	WisDOT, County Highway Department, County Planning	Ongoing

Utilities and Community Facilities

Goals

- **Maintain, enhance, reduce, or expand public services in Sheboygan County, as necessary, due to changing demands of its citizens.**
- **Support and encourage sustainable and efficient energy options in public and private development.**
- **Encourage intergovernmental coordination and cooperation in providing and planning utilities and community facilities.**
- **Ensure the continuation of County services to maintain and protect the public, human, and environmental health of residents of the County.**
- **Provide and maintain County recreational facilities that provide safe, passive, and active opportunities for residents and visitors.**
- **Promote and encourage local municipalities to provide adequate and efficient utilities, such as sewer, water, solid waste, and power, in a cost-effective, sustainable manner.**
- **Ensure that Sheboygan County facilities are adequate to enable County departments and agencies to operate effectively.**

ACTIVITY	KEY GROUPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION	LAUNCH DATE
1- Explore the possibility of private-public partnerships in the areas of schools, fire, EMS, and police, in order to continue or expand services and programs.	Shared Services Subcommittee, Various other committees	Mid-Term
2- Periodically survey County residents to assess their needs for services in Sheboygan County.	County Planning	Ongoing
3- Encourage school districts, municipalities, and local communities to work together to achieve the highest quality education for students.	School districts, local municipalities/communities	Immediate

4- Support the local continuing education programs at local colleges.	Local Colleges/ Universities	Ongoing
5- Work to provide County residents with adequate public and private health care facilities to maintain the high level of health care in Sheboygan County.	County Health and Human Services Department, Health Care Facilities/Providers	Ongoing
6- Continue to provide health care services, programs, and facilities by County agencies, where appropriate.	County Health and Human Services Department	Ongoing
7- Continue to support the Aging and Disability Resource Center.	County Health and Human Services Department	Ongoing
8- Continue to implement Chapter 80, Sheboygan County Federated Library System Ordinance, of the <i>Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances</i> .	County Health and Human Services Department	Ongoing
9- Continue to provide police protection to County residents through the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department.	County Sheriff's Department	Ongoing
10- Continue the partnerships between the local police departments, the County Sheriff's Department, and the local municipalities, including the SWAT team, the dive team, and the Multi-jurisdictional Enforcement Group (MEG).	County Sheriff's Department, Local municipal police departments, MEG Unit, Other law enforcement agencies	Ongoing
11- Periodically assess the Sheriff's Department, Law Enforcement Center, Jail, and Detention Center to determine if the facilities are adequate to serve Sheboygan County.	County Sheriff's Department, County Law Committee	Mid-Term
12- Continue to provide both police and fire presentations and programs, such as CounterAct, throughout local schools.	County Sheriff's Department, Local municipal police departments,	Ongoing
13- Continue the use of mutual aid agreements for fire protection.	County Fire Departments, Local municipalities	Ongoing
14- Encourage coordination of service areas, possibly by completing a study to look at cross-boundary issues, such as EMS and Fire Protection Services (e.g. the gap in fire protection on the west-central side of the County).	County Emergency Management, County EMS Council	Long-Term
15- Promote ordinances that encourage the use of alternative energy sources.	Local municipalities, County Planning	Immediate
16- Promote the acquisition of energy from alternative sources.	Local municipalities and their facilities, County Planning	Mid-Term
17- Review and evaluate the potential for the County to participate in State and Federal sustainable energy programs (e.g. Focus on Energy, 25 X 25, U.S. <u>Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants</u>).	Local municipalities, County Planning	Immediate
18- Provide technical assistance to help local units of government use sustainable energy sources. This may include assisting in the preparation of grants or other funding sources.	Local municipalities, UW-Extension	Ongoing
19- Educate and inform citizens about the use of alternative energy sources and increased energy efficiencies.	UW-Extension, Local municipalities	Ongoing
20- Continue the local heads of government meetings.	County Administrator, County Chamber of Commerce	Ongoing
21- Support the development of a County water testing facility on the UW-Sheboygan Campus.	UW-Extension, UW-Sheboygan	Mid-Term

22- Continue the private water testing between the UW-Extension and local municipalities.	UW-Extension, Local municipalities	Ongoing
23- Continue cooperation in local police and fire services, including mutual aid agreements.	Various County Police and Fire Departments, Local municipalities	Ongoing
24- Continue the Sewer Service Area (SSA) agreements and collaboration and cooperation for the Sewer Service Area and the Sewer Service Plan Technical Advisory Committee.	SSA municipalities, SS Plan Technical Advisory Committee	Ongoing
25- Support the development of land use patterns and water quality control programs to effectively meet the wastewater disposal needs of the local municipalities.	Wastewater Treatment Facilities, Local municipalities	Ongoing
26- Establish a cooperative process with DNR, BLRPC, and local governments to develop a framework for coordinated planning of land use, sewage treatment and disposal, stormwater management, and water supply facilities and services.	Local municipalities, WDNR, BLRPC, County Planning, County Land and Water Conservation, Wastewater Treatment Facilities	Mid-Term
27- Identify and explore how to remediate leaking petroleum and gas tanks within Sheboygan County.	WDNR, Individual property owners	Long-Term
28- Support the implementation of water control plans, regulations, and facilities to manage stormwater runoff and flooding and minimize the adverse effects of flooding.	WDNR	Long-Term
29- Continue to implement Chapter 75, Erosion Control and Stormwater Management Ordinance, of the <i>Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances</i> .	County Land and Water Conservation	Ongoing
30- Continue to implement Chapter 77, Animal Waste Storage Facility Ordinance, of the <i>Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances</i> .	County Land and Water Conservation	Ongoing
31- Identify techniques to properly collect and treat stormwater runoff.	WDNR, County Planning, County Land and Water Conservation	Immediate
32- Investigate the development of a program to supply stormwater management devices to private property owners (e.g. rain barrels).	WDNR, County Planning, County Land and Water Conservation, Local nonprofits	Mid-Term
33- Continue to implement Chapter 70, Sanitary Ordinance, of the <i>Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances</i> , which includes regulation of POWTS.	County Planning	Ongoing
34- Continue to implement Chapters 10 through 19, Title II: Health and Welfare Ordinances, of the <i>Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances</i> , these include the licensure of hotels, motels, restaurants, tattooing, as well as ordinances on the County-owned health care facilities, emergency medical services, etc.	County Health and Human Services Department	Ongoing
35- Continue to operate the County Health and Human Services Department programs, such as immunization clinics, restaurant inspections/licensing, beach water testing programs, Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program, public health nurses home visits, Pregnancy and Young Family Service Programs, and Lead Poisoning Programs, etc.	County Health and Human Services Department	Ongoing
36- Continue holding the hazardous wastes collection sites throughout the County, including the collection of items containing mercury.	County Planning	Ongoing
37- Continue to apply for grants to conduct household and agricultural chemical hazardous waste Clean Sweep Programs.	County Planning	Ongoing
38- Partner with local communities and counties during implementation of these programs.	Local municipalities, County Planning	Immediate

39- Continue holding the annual waste pharmaceuticals collection.	County Planning	Ongoing
40- Explore the feasibility of establishing a permanent household hazardous wastes and permanent waste pharmaceuticals collection site(s) in the County.	County Planning, Sheboygan Police Department Collection Box	Ongoing
41- Work with pharmacies, medical centers, health care providers, hospice providers, and veterinarians in Sheboygan County to develop a program for unused pharmaceuticals.	County Planning, Law Enforcement Agencies, Health Care Providers, Medical Facilities, Pharmacies, Etc.	Mid-Term
42- Explore regional partnerships for recycling programs and facilities.	County Planning, BLRPC	Ongoing
43- Continue to update local municipalities' recycling and solid waste collection information on the County's website.	County Planning	Ongoing
44- Continue the updates to the County's Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan and encourage the local municipalities to participate in these updates, in order to remain eligible to receive funds from the WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.	County Planning, WDNR	Ongoing
45- Explore private-public partnerships for the maintenance and acquisition of recreation and open space opportunities.	County Planning, Nonmotorized Transportation Nonprofit, Private Companies	Mid-Term
46- Work to connect the County's Old Plank Road Trail with the Interurban Trail.	County Planning, Nonmotorized Transportation Nonprofit	Long-Term
47- Provide technical assistance as municipalities explore funding for recreation needs.	County Planning	Mid-Term
48- Continue to provide funding for parks and recreation opportunities through the County's Stewardship Fund.	County Planning, Stewardship Fund Citizen and Technical Advisory Committee, County Board	Ongoing
49- Educate and inform local municipalities and agencies on ways they can protect their water supply.	UW-Extension, County Land and Water Conservation, WDNR, County Planning	Ongoing
50- Encourage the development of long-range facility plans for sewer, water and solid waste disposal.	Local municipalities, Local sewer and solid waste disposal and wastewater treatment facilities	Long-Term
51- Provide information on ordinances revisions that may help to promote greater efficiency in utilities.	Local municipalities, County Planning	Mid-Term
52- Inform local officials about funding sources in order to achieve, greater energy efficiency or increase the use of alternative energy sources.	UW-Extension, County Planning	Mid-Term
53- Continue the annual County budget process to help ensure County departments and agencies have the personnel and resources required to perform the public services offered by Sheboygan County.	County Board, County Finance	Immediate
54- Continue to prepare Capital Improvement Plans (CIP) to help identify major County projects.	County Finance	Ongoing
55- Continue to prepare strategic plans for County government to prioritize short-term needs and projects.	County Administrator	Ongoing

Intergovernmental Cooperation		
<u>Goals</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster communication, coordination, and cooperation between and among surrounding units of governments, including the State and Federal Governments. • Encourage economically responsible, shared services and facilities between units and levels of government. • Resolve land use planning issues, ordinance administration, and other boundary issue conflicts between communities in Sheboygan County. • Strive to communicate and work with surrounding political entities, seeking ways to conduct joint planning and consider service agreements. 		
ACTIVITY	KEY GROUPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION	LAUNCH DATE
1- Continue to hold the Local Heads of Government Meetings at least quarterly.	County Administrator, County Chamber of Commerce	Ongoing
2- Continue coordinating emergency response services with all EMS, police, and fire departments in Sheboygan County (e.g. continuing the mutual aid agreements (Mutual Aid Box System), the Local Emergency Planning Committee, Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, etc.)	County Emergency Management	Ongoing
3- Develop other committees that allow public works personnel, such as roadway personnel and wastewater treatment facility personnel to communicate and coordinate their issues.	Various County Board Committees, Shared Service Subcommittee	Mid-Term
4- Develop a share-point website that municipalities and other intergovernmental agencies can share information, including posting agendas, minutes, public hearings, links, WisDOT information, etc.	County Information Systems	Mid-Term
5- Continue to hold the Local Heads of Government Meetings, Chamber Roundtable Meetings, BLRPC meetings, etc	County Administrator, County Chamber of Commerce, BLRPC	Ongoing
6- Work to develop a universal protocol for the dissemination of information between all intergovernmental parties concerned in the matter.	County Planning, County Board	Mid-Term
7- Hold cooperative meetings, on a regular basis, with the City/County purchasing agent to work with local municipalities on reducing costs on any purchases the municipality may need to make.	Shared Service Subcommittee, Purchasing Agent, Local municipalities	Immediate
8- Encourage the UW-Extension, the County Chamber, and other appropriate organizations to hold forums where mutual issues and opportunities can be discussed.	UW-Extension, County Chamber of Commerce, BLRPC, Shared Service Subcommittee	Mid-Term
9- Continue the cooperation between the WDNR and the County, e.g. when managing the Sheboygan Marsh, wetland zoning issues, etc.	WDNR, County Planning	Ongoing
10- Identify existing duplication of services within municipal governments in Sheboygan County to better coordinate services, potentially reduce costs, and improve efficiencies.	Local municipalities, Shared Services Subcommittee	Mid-Term
11- Encourage forums to allow communication and discussion of possible shared service opportunities at various government meetings, such as Local Heads of Government Meetings, EMS Council Meetings, County/City Shared Service Committee, etc.	UW-Extension, County EMS Council, County Chamber of Commerce, BLRPC, Shared Service Subcommittee, County Administrator	Mid-Term
12- Encourage joint grant applications that will offset the cost of the services.	County Planning	Ongoing
13- Develop County resources to assist in mediation of potential conflicts	UW-Extension, County	Mid-Term

between local governments, if requested.	Planning	
14- Continue to pass resolutions in support of or opposition to state and federal policies/programs.	County Board	Ongoing
15- Continue to work closely with state and federal legislators and agencies in order to provide input on programs required and the costs associated with these programs.	Various County Depts., Various State Depts., Various Federal Depts.	Ongoing
16- Explore privatization as a potential method of providing governmental services, if the same or enhanced level of services, can be provided at a lower cost.	SGIC Intergovernmental Cooperation Subcommittee, Shared Service Committee, Various County Board Committees	Mid-Term
17- Sponsor an annual workshop on opportunities for and examples of shared services.	County Planning, UW-Extension	Immediate
18- Review, as part of the County's annual budgeting process, the opportunities to provide efficient and economical public facilities and services through cooperation with other units of government.	County Budgeting Process, County Finance	Immediate
19- Identify existing conflicts in Sheboygan County between units of government and identify potential ways to resolve these conflicts.	County Planning, UW-Extension	Ongoing
20- Continue to provide GIS data and mapping to local governments to aid in cooperative planning.	County Planning	Ongoing
21- Continue to educate and inform local governments about cooperative boundary strategies (e.g. boundary agreements).	County Planning	Ongoing
22- Continue to work with appropriate agencies in providing information on land-use related ordinances and programs to local governments.	County Planning, UW-Extension	Ongoing
23- The County Planning Department and the UW-Extension will provide education and mediation services for boundary issues and agreements.	UW-Extension, County Planning	Immediate
24- Continue to hold meetings with appropriate personnel/agencies to communicate possible areas for joint planning and service agreements.	SGIC Intergovernmental Cooperation Subcomm., Heads of Local Government, Shared Services Subcommittee	Ongoing
25- Continue intergovernmental agreements and shared service between the County, Towns, and Villages to provide police protection through the Sheriff's Department.	Local municipalities, County Sheriff's Department	Ongoing
26- The County Highway Department shall continue to offer shared maintenance and construction services to local municipalities.	Local municipalities, County Highway Department	Ongoing
27- Continue the ambulance shared service agreements in the County.	Ambulance Service Providers, County Emergency Management	Ongoing
28- Explore solid waste disposal shared services/contracts.	Local municipalities, local solid waste disposal firms	Mid-Term

Land Use		
<u>Goals</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the minimization of land use conflicts/issues between municipalities. • Promote orderly and cost-effective development practices that make use of existing and planned services. • Provide technical assistance on land use issues to local municipalities (e.g. reference materials, workshops, and forums). • Continue revising, updating, creating, and implementing planning documents. 		
ACTIVITY	KEY GROUPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION	LAUNCH DATE
1- Periodically review, such as when a land use map is revised or amended, the future land use maps of the municipalities, and provide a listing of the potential issues.	County Planning, SGIC Land Use Subcommittee	Mid-Term
2- Explore providing mediation and facilitation services to allow local municipalities to discuss issues that may arise.	UW-Extension	Immediate
3- Continue to use the Heads of Local Governments Meetings to address issues that may arise.	County Administrator, County Chamber of Commerce	Ongoing
4- In communities with sewer service areas and other urban services, encourage the development of infill areas and areas contiguous to existing development be given priority before the development of noncontiguous areas.	Local municipalities, County Planning	Immediate
5- Promote the development of diverse neighborhoods in areas where sewer services are available, as opposed to stand-alone single-use developments.	Local municipalities, County Planning	Immediate
6- Develop model ordinances for use by the local municipalities, such as subdivision, conservation by design, traditional neighborhood development, stormwater management, erosion control, and any other applicable ordinances.	County Planning	Ongoing
7- Develop model design guidelines and a site plan review process for local communities to ensure quality commercial and industrial buildings designs that meet community standards.	County Planning	Mid-Term
8- Identify and distribute a color and category scheme to local municipalities.	County Planning	Immediate
9- Offer to provide mapping services to local municipalities, to ensure a consistent a color and category scheme is used in land use planning, particularly the future land use maps.	County Planning	Mid-Term
10- Continue to inform local municipalities when there will be updates and revisions to the <i>Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan</i> , so municipalities can provide updates to the County.	County Planning, Local municipalities	Mid-Term
11- Continue implementation of the County's <i>Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan</i> , including the acquisition of additional lands.	County Planning	Immediate
12- Work to implement the County's <i>Natural Areas and Critical Resources Plan</i> .	County Planning	Ongoing
13- Promote awareness of purchase of agricultural conservation easements programs, purchase of development rights programs, or transfer of development rights programs, using the priority farmland identified in the LESA analysis.	SGIC Agriculture Subcommittee, County Planning, Local nonprofits	Long-Term
14- Identify areas of prime farmland by completing a countywide LESA analysis.	SGIC Agriculture Subcommittee, County Planning	Mid-Term
15- Work to implement the recommendations in the <i>County's Land and Water Management Plan</i> .	County Land and Water Conservation	Ongoing

16- Update and revise the <i>Sheboygan County Subdivision Ordinance</i> .	County Planning	Immediate
17- Update and revise other County ordinances, as necessary (e.g. sanitary regulations, stormwater management ordinances, etc.)	County Planning, County Land and Water Conservation	Mid-Term

PLAN REVIEW TIMELINE

Approximately five years after the initial adoption of this Comprehensive Plan, the Planning, Resources, Agriculture, and Extension Committee will review the vision, goals, objectives, policies, and programs in the Plan to determine whether they are still applicable, and if so whether progress has been made in accomplishing them. The County will consider adjustments as necessary.

No more than ten years after the initial adoption of this Comprehensive Plan, the Planning, Resources, Agriculture, and Extension Committee will update and amend the Plan as required by ch. 66.1001(2)(i). This Plan will be amended upon the adoption of all municipalities’ Comprehensive Plans, in order to include all individual future land use maps in the County’s Plan.

PROCESS FOR ADOPTING OR AMENDING THE PLAN

As directed by 66.1001, *Wisconsin Statutes*, a plan commission or other body that is authorized to prepare or amend a comprehensive plan may recommend by resolution the adoption or amendment of a comprehensive plan only by majority vote of the entire body. The Planning, Resources, Agriculture, and Extension committee of the County Board is charged with this duty. The vote shall be recorded in the official minutes of the Planning, Resources, Agriculture, and Extension Committee. The resolution shall refer to maps and other descriptive materials that relate to one or more elements of a comprehensive plan. One copy of an adopted or amended comprehensive plan shall be sent to all of the following:

1. Every governmental body that is located in whole or in part within the boundaries of Sheboygan County.
2. The clerk of every local governmental unit that is adjacent to Sheboygan County.
3. The Wisconsin Department of Administration.
4. The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission.
5. The local public library.

No comprehensive plan that is recommended for adoption or amendment may take effect until the County Board enacts an ordinance that adopts the plan or amendment. The County Board may not enact an ordinance unless the comprehensive plan contains all of the elements specified in ch. 66.1001. An ordinance may be enacted only by a majority vote of the members-elect, as defined in 59.001 (2m), *Wisconsin Statutes*, of the County Board. An ordinance that is enacted, and the plan to which it relates, shall be filed with at least all of the entities specified in the list numbered 1-5 above.

The County may not enact an ordinance unless it holds at least one public hearing at which the proposed ordinance is discussed. That hearing must be preceded by a class 1 notice under ch. 985 that is published at least 30 days before the hearing is held. The County may also provide notice of

the hearing by any other means it considers appropriate. The class 1 notice shall contain at least the following information:

1. The date, time and place of the hearing.
2. A summary, which may include a map, of the proposed comprehensive plan or amendment to such a plan.
3. The name of an individual employed by the local governmental unit who may provide additional information regarding the proposed ordinance.
4. Information relating to where and when the proposed comprehensive plan or amendment to such a plan may be inspected before the hearing, and how a copy of the plan or amendment may be obtained.

At least 30 days before the hearing is held, a local governmental unit shall provide written notice to all of the following:

1. An operator who has obtained, or made application for, a permit that is described under s.295.12 (3) (d).
2. A person who has registered a marketable nonmetallic mineral deposit under s.295.20.
3. Any other property owner or leaseholder who has an interest in property pursuant to which the person may extract nonmetallic mineral resources, if the property owner or leaseholder requests in writing that the local governmental unit provide the property owner or leaseholder notice of the hearing.

The County shall maintain a list of persons who submit a written request to receive notice of any proposed comprehensive plan ordinance that affects the allowable use of the property owned by the person. At least 30 days before the public hearing is held, the County shall provide written notice, including a copy of the proposed ordinance, to all such persons. The notice shall be by mail or in any reasonable form that is agreed to by the person and the County. The County may charge each person on the list who receives a notice a fee that does not exceed the approximate cost of providing the notice to the person.

Additional Plan Amendment Considerations

In addition to the requirement in ch. 66.1001 for amending a comprehensive plan at least once every ten years, it is possible that more limited amendments for specific issues may arise for consideration at any time. Sheboygan County realizes that certain specific amendments to municipalities' Comprehensive Plans might have significant ramifications for Sheboygan County and other governmental units. Therefore, Sheboygan County will strive to 1) communicate in advance all proposed Sheboygan County 20-Year Comprehensive Plan amendments, and 2) invite the participation of other governmental units in the decision making process of this Plan. Sometime in early 2010, the County will also amend this Plan, upon the adoption of all local municipalities' plans, in order to fold all municipalities' future land use plans into the County's Comprehensive Plan.