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Programming Areas

- **Institutional and legal framework for managing community growth and change.** Role of towns, cities, villages, counties, and the state in planning for healthy communities
- **Wisconsin land use law.** The basics of zoning ordinance, subdivision ordinances, annexation, etc
- **Comprehensive community planning.** Provide support for local planning efforts related to the 1999 comprehensive planning law
- **Private property rights and the "Takings" issue**
- **Impact of local laws on "New Urbanism"**

Audience and Partners

- County Extension faculty, professional planners
- Citizens, attorneys
- Local government officials, state agencies, and legislators
- Environmental and other non-profit public interest organizations
- Realtors and builders

Team Membership

- Local Government – Community Planning and Plan Implementation

Educational Resources

Publications

- 2005, Let the Courts Guide You: Planning and Zoning Consistency, Ohm, Brian W., *Zoning Practice*, vol. 22, no. 11.
- 2005, Universities as participants in land use enabling law reform, Ohm, Brian W., Chapter 13 in Knaap, Gerrit and Wim Wiewel, eds., *Universities and smart growth*.
http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/univ_collaboration.htm
- 2004, Integrating new urbanism and affordable housing tools, Ohm, Brian W. and Robert J. Sitkowski, *Urban Lawyer*, vol. 36, no. 4, pp. 857-866.
- 2000, The purchase of scenic easements and Wisconsin's Great River Road: a progress report on perpetuity, Ohm, Brian W. *Journal of the American Planning Association*, vol. 66, no. 2, pp. 177-188.
- 2000, Reforming land-planning legislation at the dawn of the 21st century: the emerging influence of smart growth and livable communities, Ohm, Brian W., *Urban Lawyer*, vol. 32, no. 2, pp. 181-210.

Workshops, Wislines and Other Programs

- Annual Local Land Use Planning and Zoning Wisline Teleconference Series, co-hosted with Jim Schneider, UWEX Local Government Center. Programs on subdivision regulations, planning for housing, planning for agriculture, etc.
- Annual workshop, "What You Always Wanted to Know About Wisconsin's Planning Laws But Were Afraid to Ask," offered in conjunction with the Annual Conference of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Planning Association.
- Annual continuing legal education seminars on various topics related to Wisconsin land use laws (zoning basics, constitutional limitations, annexation, etc.).
- Various county workshops covering issues related to comprehensive planning, zoning/planning consistency, the role of plan commissions, purchase of development rights, transfer of development rights, etc.

Online Tools

- 1999, *Guide to community planning in Wisconsin*, Ohm, Brian W.
<http://www.lic.wisc.edu/shapingdane/resources/planning/library/book/other/title.htm>
- 2003, *Housing Wisconsin: a guide to preparing the housing element of a local comprehensive plan* [Second Edition], Ohm, Brian W., John Merrill, Joni Herren, and Erich Schmidtke.
http://www.doa.state.wi.us/dir/documents/housing_guide_2.pdf.
- 2002, *Planning for natural resources: a guide to including natural resources in local comprehensive planning*, Ohm, Brian W.
http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/es/science/landuse/smart_growth/ur_bplan_bk.pdf
- Student Resources.
<http://www.urpl.wisc.edu/people/ohm/resources/index.html>
- Understanding private property rights. UWEX Desire2Learn web-based course.

Research and Outreach

- 2003, The patch-work quilt of town zoning in Wisconsin. Ohm, Brian W. *Perspectives On Planning*
http://www.doa.state.wi.us/pagesubtext_detail.asp?linksubcatid=380

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- 2005, Comprehensive Planning Law in Wisconsin: A Primer, 2005, Ohm, Brian W. Working Paper 05-02. Department of Urban & Regional Planning, University of Wisconsin-Madison/Extension. 87 pages.