

Richland County Comprehensive Planning Project

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Comprehensive planning is:

- An orderly, open **PROCESS** determining local vision, setting goals and objectives, and developing a guide for action
- A concentrated effort by a community to reach a **CONSENSUS** on the balance between the natural environment, the built environment and community
- A **GUIDE** for public officials and private citizens in making decisions that affect their community

- Zoning is the legal tool used to implement planning decisions
- Land Use Planning is similar to comprehensive planning but focuses only on land use

Planning

- Allows Community to decide future
- Preserves Community values
- Reduces taxes
- Provides a rational basis for local decisions

Planning

- Avoids land use conflicts
- Preserves Farmland and Farming Options
- Provides certainty regarding future development
- Protects natural and historic resources
- Promotes economic development

Comprehensive Planning Law

- Every community must have a Plan in place to take actions related to land use beginning 1/1/2010
- The Plan must include the elements and features described in the law
- Local land use decisions must be consistent with the Plan

Nine Required Elements

- Issues and Opportunities
- Housing
- Transportation
- Utilities and community facilities
- Agricultural, natural and cultural resources
- Economic development
- Intergovernmental cooperation
- Land Use
- Implementation

Additional Requirements

- Public participation plan
- Adoption by a single ordinance

Actions must be Consistent with Plan

- Zoning
- Official mapping
- Subdivision Regulations
- Shoreland and Wetland Zoning

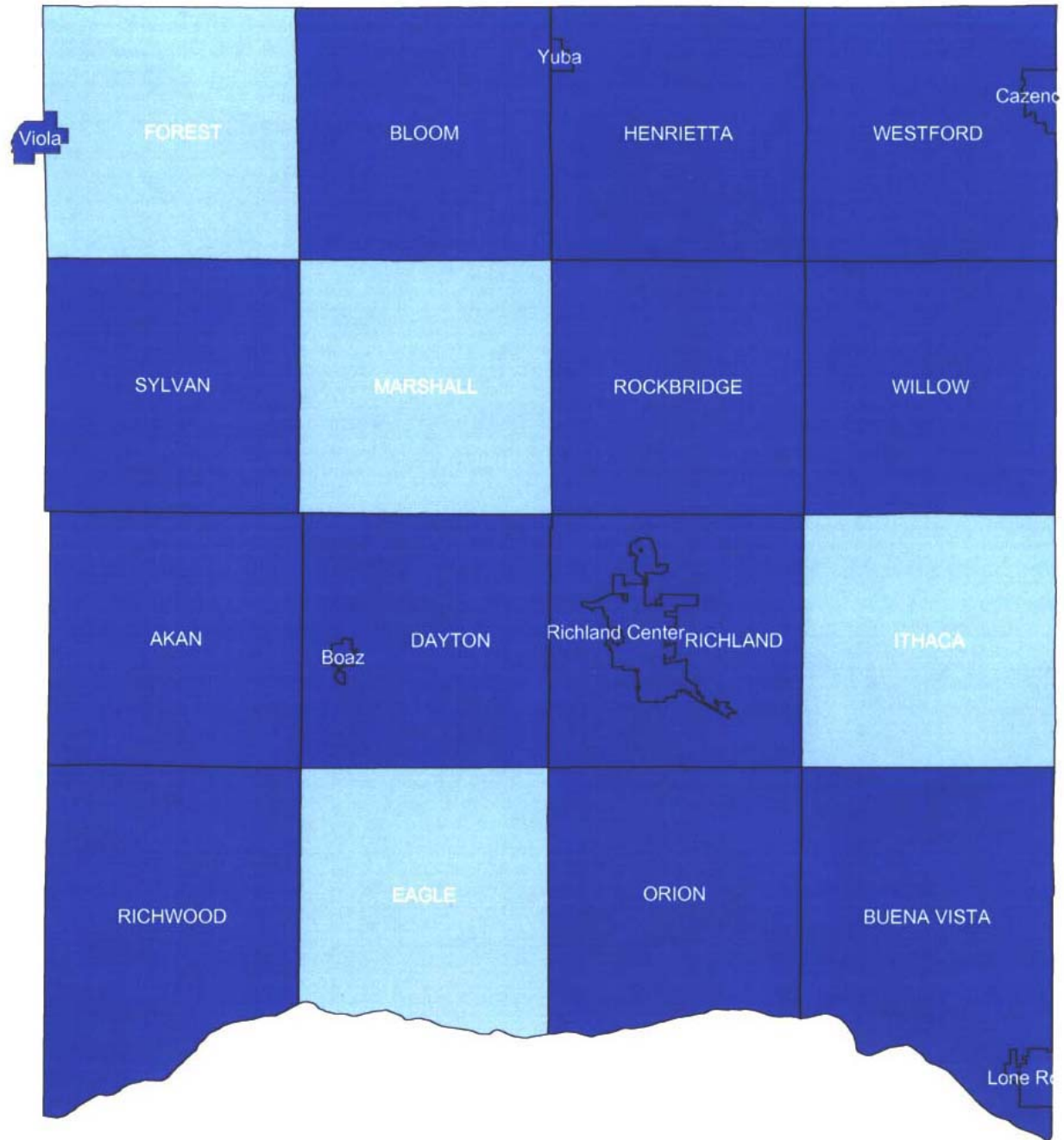
Planning Grant

- Applications must **address**
 - 14 planning goals
 - Interests of neighboring jurisdictions
 - Smart growth areas
 - Develop in areas with existing infrastructure
 - Encourage efficient development patterns
 - Contiguous to existing development
 - Densities which have relatively low service costs
 - Implementation
 - Public participation

14 Planning Goals

- Promotion of redevelopment
- Encouragement of neighborhood designs
- Protection of natural areas
- Protection of economically productive areas
- Promotion of efficient development patterns
- Preservation of cultural, historic, and archaeological sites
- Encouragement of cooperation
- Build community identity
- Provide an adequate supply of affordable housing
- Provide infrastructure, services and developable land
- Promote expansion or stabilization of the economic base
- Balance individual property rights with community interests
- Plan and develop land uses that create and preserve varied and unique rural communities
- Provide integrated, efficient, and economical transportation system

Participating Jurisdictions



Roles and Responsibilities

- Town, Village, City and County Board or Council
- County Zoning Committee
- Town, Village, City Plan Commission
- County Zoning Department
- UW Extension
- Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC)

SWWRPC Role

- Project Manager
- Facilitator
 - Process
 - Ideas
- RPC is neutral
- Goal is 'best fit' or consensus

Project Schedule

	2004	2005	2006
Vision			
Elements & Goals			
Document			
Implement			

Final Product

- Separate Plan for each Jurisdiction
- Plans will be written based on decisions made at the local level
 - Can be either restrictive or lenient
 - County will follow local planning
- What will the plans say?
 - No one knows yet
 - The plan will evolve during the process

Summer Schedule

- May 25 Project Kick-off meeting
- June 22 Plan Commission Training
- July 29 Public Participation Plans
- August 31 Survey Results/Community Profiles

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