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Groundwater Quality, Quantity, & Effect on Area Lakes

On September 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the Hancock Community Center, George Kraft, a UW-Extension specialist at the Central Wisconsin Groundwater Center, will present a program on groundwater quality, quantity, and its effect on area lakes. His presentation will be part of the next meeting of the Group C Planning Committees. The Planning Committees in Group C are the Towns of Plainfield, Oasis, Deerfield, Hancock, and the Village of Hancock. Although the presentation will be orientated towards these municipalities the information is relevant to the rest of the county. Anyone interest is encouraged to attend.

WisLine Educational Series

Included in this newsletter is a registration form for series of educational programs on current issues affecting local government officials. You may be familiar with the ETN Educational Series offered through the University of Wisconsin-Extension , WisLine is essentially the same thing, but with new technology. The WisLine Teleconference Series entitled "Current Issues Affecting Local Government Officials" is a lecture series that can be attended at a number of location around Wisconsin. Participants are able to interact verbally with speakers and other participants around the state. Anyone interested is invited to attend, you do not need to be a local government official.

Economic Catalyst Workshop

September 24 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Demonstration Room at the County Courthouse in Wautoma, there will be a workshop on how to develop community profiles, web sites, guides, and other informational materials to assist local businesses and attract entrepreneurs and new businesses to Waushara County. This is part of a series of workshops for anyone interested in encouraging economic development and stability in the county. For more information visit the web site:

www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waushara/ed/catalystwkshp.htm

U W-Extension Waushara County Online

The University of Wisconsin-Extension Waushara County is online at www.uwex.edu/cty/waushara/ The web site contains links to information about the four program areas of UW-Extension.

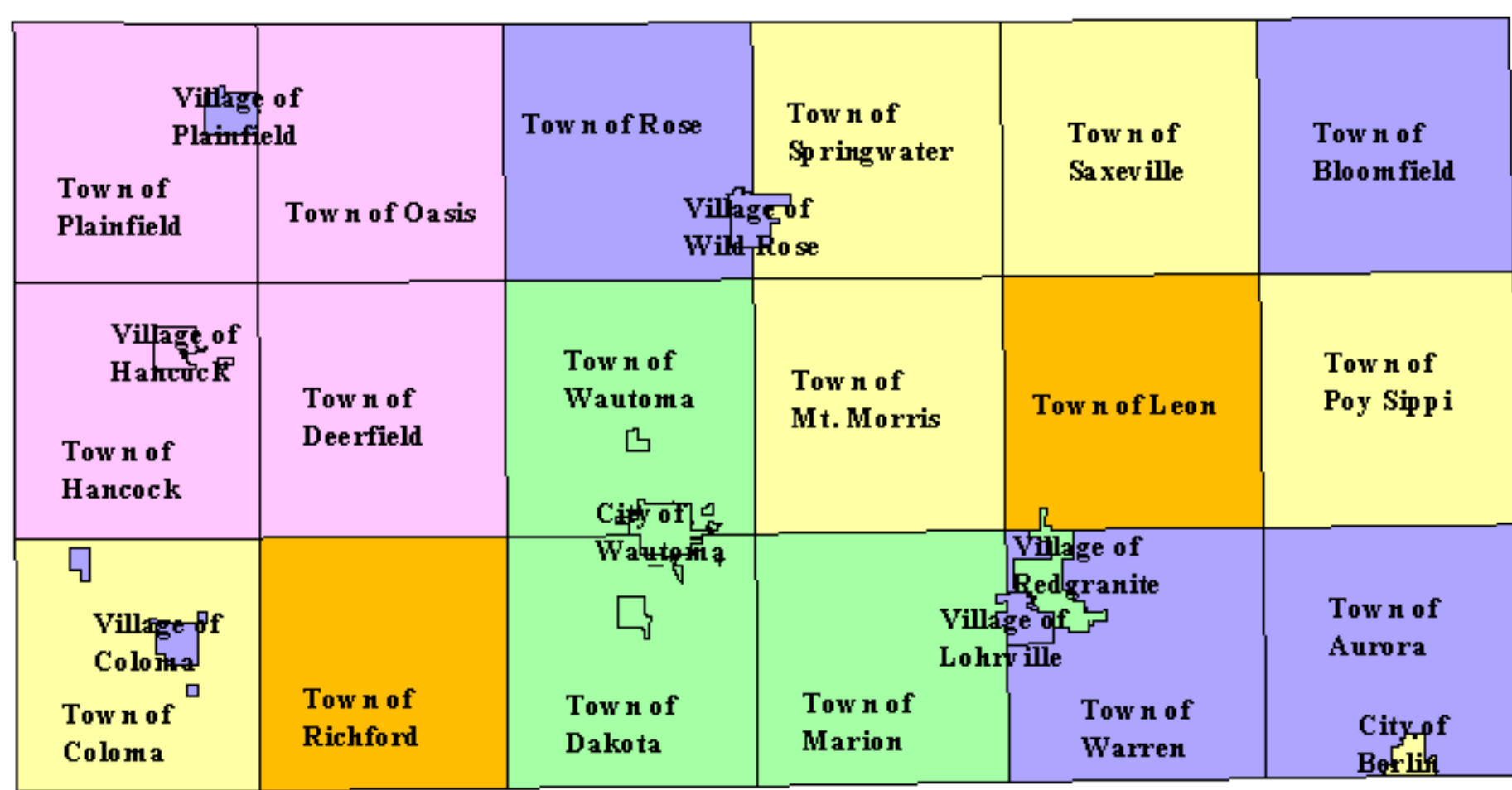
History of Planning in the County

The Village of Hancock, Village of Coloma, and City of Wautoma adopted municipal plans in 1990, 1993, and 1995 respectively. These plans have not been comprehensively updated since their creation.

County wide planning began in 1994. The county decided to take a bottom up approach Groups of communities will be going through the planning process. When completed, the individual plans will be combined to create a county development plan.

Smart Growth Legislation

In October 1999, Wisconsin passed new law related to planning termed "Smart Growth". This new law elaborated on Wisconsin's 1928 and 1967 definitions of a plan. It includes a list of the 9 elements that make up a comprehensive plan. In addition, it outlines plan adoption procedures and requires that beginning January 1, 2010, any program or action of a local government unit that effects land use must be consistent with an adopted comprehensive plan.



Planning in Waushara County

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Waushara County Municipalities
 Yellow: Adopted plan in 2002
 Orange: Anticipate completion in 2002
 Pink: Anticipated completion in 2003
 Green: Anticipated completion in 2004
 Blue: Not currently involved in planning

Waushara County Planning Update

- Town of Richford Plan, adopted by the Richford Town Board on June 10, will be present to the county board on October 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Courthouse.
- Town of Leon Plan was adopted by the Leon Town Board on August 14. A Poster Plan (Summary Document) is being developed.
- Town of Mt. Morris Plan will be presented to the Mt. Morris Town Board on September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mt. Morris Community Center.
- Town of Springwater Plan will be discussed by the Springwater Town board at their meeting September 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall.
- Town of Saxeville Plan is being reviewed by the reviewed Saxeville Town Board.
- A public hearing on the Poy Sippi Plan is scheduled to be before the town board meeting on September 9 at 8:00 in the Poy Sippi Town Hall.
- An open house on the Town of Coloma Plan is September 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the Coloma Community Center.
- The Land Use committees for the Towns of Plainfield, Oasis, Deerfield, Hancock, and Village of Hancock will meet September 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hancock Community Center.
- The Towns of Wautoma, Marion, Dakota, Village of Redgranite, and City of Wautoma are in the process of forming comprehensive planning committees. If anyone is interested in serving on one of these committees contact the town, village or city clerk.
- www.uwex.edu/ces/cty/waushara/planning

Ways to Participate in Local Planning

The planning process used in Waushara County is dependent on public participation. East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission is the consult for the plans. They write the document and facilitate the meetings. The plan is created by a local committee of residents, property owners, and interested individuals. UW-Extension provides education on related topics throughout the process. The following are ways individuals can be involved.

Serve on a local planning committee or plan commission

By serving on a local planning committee or plan commission you can be directly involved in the creation of a comprehensive plan with the assistance of a planner The plan commission approves the plan before it is given to the town, village, city, or county board for approval.

Participate in public hearings and open houses

At a public hearing or open house, you can learn the contents of a plan and make comments.

Participate at plan development meetings

By participating at plan development meetings you can be directly involved in the creation of a plan. Non-committee members are encouraged to participate at plan development meetings in the discussion of the topic presented by the planner or committee members.

Provide written input

Written comments on the plan can be sent to the planner, local government, or the planning committee/ commission . You should indicate if you want your comments read to the public or to particular people. By writing, your comments are recorded in your own words.

Respond to community surveys

Community surveys help your local government officials and plan commission better understand the needs, concerns and wishes of residents and property owners. A community survey is your opportunity to share your opinions and participate in the planning process.

Attend public educational meetings

Educational programs are offered throughout the planning process by various groups such as; UW Extension, Regional Planning Commissions, Planning and Zoning Department, and other organizations. You can find out more about comprehensive planning and local planning efforts.

Attend the County Land Use Committee meetings

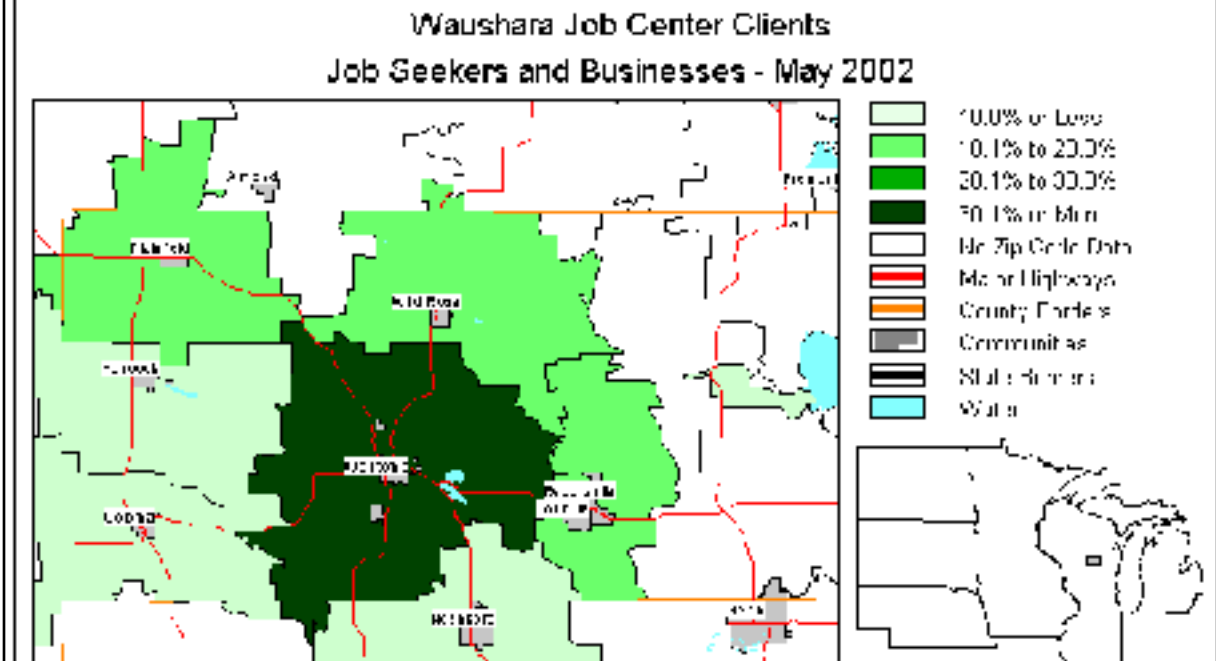
At the monthly meetings of the County Land Use Committee, the chairs of the municipal comprehensive planning committees report on the progress, issues, and activities of their respective committee. You can find out about the local planning efforts. The County Land Use Committee meets on the last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Demo Room at the Waushara County Courthouse.

Stay informed by reading

By reading drafts of the plan, newspaper articles, websites, local information bulletins, minutes from meetings and educational materials, you will know what is taking place and when.

County Policy on Adopted Plans

At their meeting on August 13, the County Board of Supervisors approved procedures for how the county plans adopted by a local municipal. Following the municipalities adopting their plan, a summary of the plan and the process will be sent to the newspapers and a presented to the county board. Following a review by the county of the recommendations, goals, and objectives of the plan, each department and its controlling committee affected by the plan, will summarize what will be needed to implement the recommendations and the impact it would have on the department. If the department, its controlling committee, and the municipality determine the recommendation is in the interest of the county will act on it.



Market Area Determination

One way to determine the market area of a business is to keep track of the zip codes of your customers, clients, or visitors. Most people know their zip code and it is mail and other documents. Zip codes are general enough that most people will tell you if you ask and can be quickly recorded. In addition, there are a number of sources of data available for zip codes. The web site contains links to economic and demographic data, some of which is available by zip code. UW-Extension has developed a software program for businesses and communities to map out where their market area by zip code. The business or economic development organization enters the number of customers, clients, employees, or visitors they have from a zip code and the software creates a map showing the area they come from. The software is one of the many resources available to assist in business development at the tech source room at CAP Services in Wautoma. The software is also available by contacting Patrick Nehring (920) 787-0416 at the UW-Extension office in the lower level of the courthouse in Wautoma.

The example map at the top shows the individual and business clients serviced by the Wautoma Job Center. In addition to assisting part-time, full-time and professional individuals in their search for employment, Job Center provides training, employee recruitment, and other services to businesses in the county.