

Comments for Chapter/Topic: Agriculture, Natural + Cultural Resources (15)

I applaud consideration of farmland preservation. But I see no thought beyond the basics of long-range planning with respect to natural resources and environmental impact. One year ago there were six eco-municipalities in Wisconsin, today there are 29. Ecomunicipalities not only must change energy use considerably but also land use decisions on sustainable communities.

Comments for Chapter/Topic: Land Use & Housing

Comprehensive Plan Survey #1 indicates a desire to limit both single + multifamily housing development and a significant interest in larger parcels. The latter idea is incongruous. We need higher density housing to reduce consumption of land for housing. The "old fashion" neighborhood concept adopted by Middleton in some areas of recent development demonstrates the potential.

Comments for Chapter/Topic: Economic Development and Transportation

Plan Commission approval of the Farm & Fleet Development and the west end places high acreage under root and asphalt and attracts major traffic into the City. I am concerned about the impact of that traffic on demand for transportation redevelopment. I recall the pre-bypass congestion and am not convinced of the benefits of approving two or maybe three big box shopping centers. I also grew up in a city that saw its downtown destroyed by a single shopping mall. That city has not recovered in 40 years.

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