

TOWN OF ALGOMA – YEAR 2040 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Background

As of 2018 the Town of Algoma has started an update to its *Town of Algoma Year 2030 Comprehensive Plan*. This update will meet the State of Wisconsin's requirement that Comprehensive Plans are updated every ten years. This update brings existing data up to date and reviews goals and objectives identified by the plan. For more information about Wisconsin's Comprehensive Plan requirements, please visit www.doa.state.wi.us/Divisions/Intergovernmental-Relations/Comprehensive-Planning/what-is-a-comprehensive-plan.

Timeline

Project commenced on March 1 and work is expected to conclude on October 31, 2019.

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC)

The Town has contracted with ECWRPC to complete the plan update. ECWRPC staff will develop a majority of the plan document and assist in conducting public outreach.

Process

To facilitate the update, the Plan Commission will oversee the process and provide input. The Town may choose to add additional, ad hoc, non-voting members to the Plan Commission to help guide the comprehensive planning process and discussions. At the conclusion of the update the Plan Commission will recommend adopting the updated plan to the Town Board. Plan Commission meetings are open to the public and the project's Public Participation Plan will be used to seek public involvement.

PLAN COMMISSION INVOLVEMENT

Your role as a Plan Commission member

Unique Perspective

You represent a unique local viewpoint from within the community. You are familiar with the area and culture. You have a feeling for what strategies will and will not work in your community.



Plan Development

You will play an important role in shaping what is in the plan. ECWRPC staff will write the plan based on your input and other resources. Your role is to be a sounding board for ECWRPC staff.

- Timely review of background information and maps to not only concur with its conclusions, but also to point out corrections, errors, or other sources of information;
- Review of Community-wide inputs and a determination of priority issues to address in the plan;
- Evaluation of plan alternatives, goals, strategies and recommendations in order to formulate the best direction in moving forward on land use matters within the community;
- Review of final plan documents and establishing a supportive environment for instilling community dialogue and input on the plan.

Networking and Recruitment

The quality of this plan will be reflective of the input that is received. Therefore, we need involvement from specific stakeholders and the general public. As recognized community members, ECWRPC staff may ask you from time to time to provide potential contacts or to make introductions.

Meetings

Numerous project meetings will be held throughout the Comprehensive Plan update. In our experience, it is optimal to conduct project meetings outside of normal Plan Commission meetings as it allows Plan Commissioners to properly prepare and fully engage at project meetings. A second option is to hold the project meeting during a dedicated time near the beginning of a normal Plan Commission meeting. We discourage including the project meeting at the end of a normal Plan Commission meeting as there is typically a level of meeting fatigue.

Due to the volume of materials in a comprehensive plan, Plan Commission members can expect to have “homework” to prepare for meetings. These activities will be supported with staff reports that provide guidance and instructions.

Meeting materials will be submitted with the agenda for the meeting via email. Active Stakeholders will receive meeting agendas via email. These emails will be distributed via Town staff. A limited supply of hardcopies of materials will be available at meetings.

Meeting materials will also be posted to:

<http://townofalgoma.org/algoma/comprehensive-plan/>