

# CHAPTER 11: IMPLEMENTATION

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## INTRODUCTION

A Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan serves a community by establishing priorities for the future, evaluating available resources, and providing a means for dealing with change. The purpose of the planning effort is to develop a plan that will guide both public and private decisions. In order to follow the plan as described in the previous chapters, it is necessary to implement the goals, strategies, and objectives as outlined on a continual basis. If a plan is to be successful it must be implemented meaningfully and aggressively.

This chapter briefly discusses the roles and responsibilities of The Town of Algoma with respect to implementing, maintaining, and updating the Comprehensive Plan. **Chapter 2 – Framework Plan contains additional strategies and recommendations pertaining to this plan element and the overall implementation of the plan itself.**

## ROLE OF THE PLAN

All land controls governing The Town of Algoma must be consistent with the adopted Comprehensive Plan. The Town's Plan Commission is responsible for ensuring this plan is used as a guide to update and/or replace ordinances to reflect the goals of this plan. When the Plan Commission reviews any petitions for development, the plan should be reviewed; any recommendations for future development must be based on the identified goals, strategies, recommendations, visions, and proposed land use patterns within this plan. If the Plan Commission must ultimately make a decision inconsistent with the plan, the plan must be amended to reflect the change in policy.

## RESPONSIBILITY

### **Board**

When facing land use proposals, Board members will have to make complex decisions based upon the Comprehensive Plan, the goals of the applicant, technical advice from staff, citizen input, and their own judgment on the specific development. The Comprehensive Plan provides much of the factual information a Board member will need for decision making. Board members must familiarize themselves with the contents and overall goals of the plan in order to assure they provide the support and resources to ensure the plan remains viable.

### **Plan Commission**

The powers and duties of Plan Commissions have been established by Wisconsin Statutes. The Town of Algoma Plan Commission is the primary entity responsible for implementing and updating this Comprehensive Plan. As such, the Plan Commission must promote good planning practices within The Town of Algoma. Commission members should be knowledgeable about the contents, visions, goals, strategies and recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan.

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Moreover, the Plan Commission must promote active citizen participation in future planning efforts and should strive to keep the citizens and elected officials informed of any technical issues and proceedings regarding current planning issues. The Plan Commission is responsible for periodic amendments to the Comprehensive Plan so regulations and ordinances are in compliance with plan. Likewise, the Plan Commission must review all new and existing ordinances to verify they are compliant with the goals, strategies and recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan.

## **GOALS, FRAMING CONCEPTS, POLICIES, STRATEGIES & ACTIONS**

The goals, framing concepts, policies, strategies and actions are provided in Chapter 2 - Framework Plan. A single goal was developed for each plan element, along with a series of Framing Concepts which outline specific policies, strategies and action items pertaining to the implementation of this Chapter.

## **POLICIES AND PROGRAMS**

A comprehensive listing of federal, state, county and local policies and programs which may apply to topics discussed in this chapter (where known about) are contained in Appendix G.