

ELEMENT 10: IMPLEMENTATION

Implementation element. A compilation of programs and specific actions to be completed in a stated sequence, including proposed changes to any applicable zoning ordinances, official maps, or subdivision ordinances, to implement the objectives, policies, plans and programs contained in pars. (a) to (h). The element shall describe how each of the elements of the comprehensive plan will be integrated and made consistent with the other elements of the comprehensive plan, and shall include a mechanism to measure the local governmental unit's progress toward achieving all aspects of the comprehensive plan. The element shall include a process for updating the comprehensive plan. A comprehensive plan under this subsection shall be updated no less than once every 10 years.

The success of a Comprehensive Plan is reliant upon it being used in the future to guide land use decisions. This element of the Polk County Comprehensive Plan outlines the actions required to fulfill the County's goals and objectives. This element will address the following:

- 10.1 CHANGES TO LAND USE CONTROLS**
- 10.2 CONSISTENCY AND INTEGRATION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENTS**
- 10.3 MECHANISMS TO MEASURE PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVEING ALL ASPECTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**
- 10.4 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS AND UPDATE**
- 10.5 IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 CHANGES TO LAND USE CONTROLS

Polk County is in need of land use ordinance rewrites and codification. It is the plan of the Land Information Department and the Land Information Committee to accomplish this task shortly after the plan is completed and approved.

10.2 CONSISTENCY AND INTEGRATION OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENTS

The elements of the comprehensive plan will be reviewed and compared to each other to ensure that there are not any inconsistencies. Currently no inconsistencies have been discovered. If any inconsistencies are discovered, they will be reconciled.

10.3 MECHANISMS TO MEASURE PROGRESS TOWARD ACHIEVING ALL ASPECTS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The County Board is the decision making body and the Comprehensive Plan is a guiding document for the future of Polk County. That being the case, it is the responsibility of the County Board to use this document when decisions are made. The Plan Commission's responsibility would be to review pertinent information, provide input, and continue to act as an advisory body to the County Board.

10.4 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS AND UPDATE

Polk County should regularly evaluate its progress toward completing the tasks outlined in the Implementation Recommendations below. It may be determined that minor changes are needed to maintain the effectiveness and consistency established within the plan. These changes can be made through an amendment only after careful evaluation. The amendments must be adopted in the same manner that the original Comprehensive Plan was adopted.

Sec. 66.1001, Wis. Stats. requires that the comprehensive plan be updated at least once every ten years, however, this will mean that each time the plan is reviewed extensively, census data will be quite old and out-of-date. It is therefore recommended that the plan be reviewed more frequently than the 10 year period required. An update requires revisiting the entire planning document and often includes a substantial re-write of the text, updating of the inventory and tables and/or changes to maps. The plan update process should be planned for in a similar manner as was allowed for the initial creation of this plan.

10.5 IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS

The following tables detail the implementation recommendations for the Comprehensive Plan. The tables are set up in a short-term (0-5 years), mid-term (6-10 years), long-term (10+ years), and on-going format.

Element	Task	Who	Timeframe
Housing	Evaluate existing housing programs to ensure affordable housing options are available	Polk County Housing Authority	Short-Term
Housing	Maintain and distribute the Rural Living Guide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - available online - included with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Town-level building permit packet o County sewer permits o County Land Use Permit 	Polk County Staff and appropriate town-level staff	On-going
Housing	Quality county representation on the boards of WestCAP, Impact 7, and Polk County Housing Authority	County Board	On-going
Housing	Identify and address barriers to affordable housing in regulations	Land Information Committee	Short-Term
Housing	Make cluster housing/conservation subdivisions an option within the Countywide Subdivision Ordinance	Land Information Committee	Short-term
Housing	Work collaboratively with other agencies and units of government to achieve goals	County Staff, Housing Authority, Land Information Committee, Administrative Coordinator, etc.	On-going
Housing	Evaluate Polk County's role in enforcement of housing issues	Land Information Committee, Public Health, Aging, Long-term Care, etc.	Short-term

Element	Task	Who	Timeframe
Transportation	Maintain and continue to plan for road system	Highway Committee	On-going
Transportation	Evaluate transportation opportunities/options for changing demographics	Land Information Committee, Aging, and Highway Committee	On-going
Transportation	Develop a Countywide plan for non-vehicular/alternative transportation	Parks and Recreation, Land Information, Highway Committee	Short-Term
Transportation	Support/encourage transportation options that enhance Polk County's economic vitality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lobby for rail service - Evaluate air transportation options 	Economic Development Corporation	On-going
Transportation	Evaluate options for alternatively-fueled vehicles when purchasing county vehicles	Renewable Energy Committee	On-going

Element	Task	Who	Timeframe
Utilities and Community Facilities	Encourage development of sanitary districts for densely populated areas	Land and Water Dept Land Information Dept. Public Health Dept County Board	On-going
Utilities and Community Facilities	Evaluate options for establishing fiber optic network(s)	I.T. Dept County Board	Short-term
Utilities and Community Facilities	Implement recommendations of the County's Outdoor Recreation Plan	Parks and Recreation Dept. County Board	Short-Term
Utilities and Community Facilities	Update the County's Outdoor Recreation Plan as required	Parks and Recreation Dept	Short-term to Mid-Term
Utilities and Community Facilities	Promote the Recycling Center - Increase recycling - Increase reuse of materials	Building, Grounds, and Solid Waste Dept.	On-going
Utilities and Community Facilities	Provide for proper disposal of medical waste, household hazardous waste, and electronic waste	Solid Waste Dept	On-going
Utilities and Community Facilities	Review codes for communications and power to ensure they do not inhibit desired outcomes	Land Information Committee	Short-Term
Utilities and Community Facilities	Tabulate existing sources of data and add monitoring and testing of surface and groundwater to check for pollutants	Land and Water Resources Dept	Starting Short-Term and also On-going
Utilities and Community Facilities	Evaluate options for elder care facilities	Aging Department	Short-Term and On-going

Element	Task	Who	Timeframe
Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources	Promote the preservation and enhancement of cultural resources within Polk County, including historical places, sites, and landscapes	Historical Societies Preservation Groups	On-going
Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources	Evaluate and participate in the State's Working Lands Initiative or similar programs to protect agricultural resources	Planning Land Information Committee Land and Water Resources Dept West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission	Short-Term
Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources	Evaluate regulations to ensure water resources are protected	Land Information Dept and Committee Land and Water Resources Dept and Committee	Short-Term and On-going
Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources	Educate the general public and elected officials on existing regulations	UW-Extension Land Information Dept and Committee Land and Water Resources Dept and Committee	On-going
Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources	Compile baseline data on natural resources, especially surface and groundwater (utilizing existing data sources first)	Land and Water Resources Dept and Committee	Short-Term and On-going

Element	Task	Who	Timeframe
Economic Development	Review ordinances to reduce impediments to desired types of economic development	Land Information Dept and Committee Economic Development Corp	Short-Term
Economic Development	Encourage "green" development and development that fits Polk County's rural character	Economic Development Corp Land Information Dept and Committee Renewable Energy Committee Land and Water Resources Dept and Committee	Short-Term and On-going
Economic Development	Encourage future development to locate near existing downtowns and along main corridors and available utilities	Economic Development Corp Land Information Dept and Committee	On-going
Economic Development	Promote economic development financing tools to current and future businesses	Economic Development Corp UW-Extension	Short-Term and On-going
Economic Development	Promote an effective Economic Development Corporation and collaborate with regional economic development efforts	County Board Planning Economic Development Corp	On-going

Element	Task	Who	Timeframe
Intergovernmental Cooperation	Meet to evaluate existing intergovernmental cooperation agreements	Administration	Short-Term and On-going
Intergovernmental Cooperation	Hold internal meetings at the county to discuss intragovernmental cooperation	Department Heads	Short-Term and On-Going
Intergovernmental Cooperation	Explore new/different intergovernmental cooperation agreements to ensure high quality service that is cost-effective	County Board Administration	Short-Term and On-going

Element	Task	Who	Timeframe
Land Use	Include an option for conservation/cluster development in the county's subdivision ordinance	Land Information Dept and Committee	Short-Term
Land Use	Promote further utilization and distribution of the Rural Living Guide	Town clerks Land Information Dept UW Extension	Short-Term and On-going
Land Use	Rewrite and codify Polk County land use ordinances	Land Information Dept and Committee	Short-Term
Land Use	Support growth and policies that preserve the natural resources of Polk County (especially water resources)	Land and Water Dept and Committee Land Information Dept and Committee	On-going
Land Use	Involve the public to ensure quality land use decisions	Land Information Committee Zoning Planning UW-Extension Economic Development Corp County Board	On-going
Land Use	Review ordinances and Comprehensive Plan for consistency and update	Land Information Committee	Short-Term and On-going

Element	Task	Who	Timeframe
Energy and Sustainability	Investigate and apply for appropriate grants	Renewable Energy Committee	Short-term and On-going
Energy and Sustainability	Consider developing a county sustainability plan	Renewable Energy Committee Planning UW-Extension	Short-Term
Energy and Sustainability	Partner with other agencies and groups on sustainability, energy, and local food initiatives to achieve stated goals	Renewable Energy Committee Planning EDC	On-going
Energy and Sustainability	Develop goals for the 25 x 25 resolution passed by County Board	County Board Renewable Energy Committee	Short-Term