

The City of Cedarburg has recently been awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Administration to assist in updating its Comprehensive Plan. A Comprehensive Plan is a status report of how well a community meets its goals to provide housing for people of all income levels, safe and efficient transportation systems, job growth, economic development, and a clean environment, among others. In addition, the Comprehensive Plan provides a forum for setting goals the community wants to achieve in the foreseeable future.

In 1999, the State of Wisconsin adopted new legislation, referred to as Smart Growth legislation, which made significant changes to state planning statutes. The new law requires all local governments to make land-use decisions consistent with an adopted comprehensive plan by January 1, 2010. The legislation creates a nine-element definition for a comprehensive plan and requires each community to consider all of the following nine elements:

- Issues and opportunities
- Housing
- Transportation
- Utilities and community facilities
- Agricultural, natural and cultural resources
- Economic development
- Intergovernmental cooperation
- Land-use
- Implementation

For the past 15 years, the City of Cedarburg's land use decisions have been guided by their current Comprehensive Plan "A Development Plan for the City of Cedarburg: 2010". This Plan was prepared by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) and adopted by the Common Council in 1991. It is this Plan that will be updated as part of this comprehensive planning process. To create/update the Plan in a way that truly reflects the feelings of Cedarburg residents, public input is imperative. Throughout this process, public opinion will be solicited and then formed, honed and given full consideration to guide land use policy. The City has created a website which will be used to provide information such as reports, fact-sheets, and other relevant information and to solicit your thoughts and opinions on policies that will guide land-use decisions into the foreseeable future.

If you have any questions regarding this planning process, please call City Planner Jonathan Censky at 375-7614.