



# **Taylor County**

## **~ Public Participation Plan ~**

**Approved by the Taylor County Board of Supervisors**

## **I. Introduction**

Section 66.1001 (4) (a) specifies that local governments preparing a comprehensive plan must adopt written procedures that are:

*“Designed to foster public participation, including open discussion, communication programs, information services and public meetings for which advance notice has been provided, in every stage of the preparation of a comprehensive plan.”*

In addition, the written procedures must:

*“Provide for wide distribution of proposed, alternative, and amended elements of a comprehensive plan, and shall provide an opportunity for written comments on the plan to be submitted by members of the public to the governing body and for the governing body to respond to such written comments.”*

## **II. Public Participation Efforts**

Taylor County will foster public participation through the efforts described below. Additional efforts beyond those listed may also occur during plan development. The core efforts to gather public input throughout the planning process include:

- Posting public information and hearing notices in accordance with Wisconsin’s Open Meeting Law;
- Sending meeting agendas and hearing notices to all municipalities within Taylor County;
- Sending notices regarding all public information meetings and public hearings to local media outlets;
- Placing legal notice of all hearings in the official county newspaper;
- Attending selected Taylor County Towns Association meetings to gather feedback on the planning process;
- Hosting regional meetings at three different locations within Taylor County to disseminate and gather information;
- Distribution of a survey to identify key issues useful in assisting in developing the comprehensive plan;
- Posting information on the Taylor County website;
- Accepting written comments throughout the planning process; and
- Holding at least one public hearing to receive comments on the recommended draft document before being submitted to the Taylor County Board for action.

## **III. Procedures for Adopting the Comprehensive Plan**

Taylor County shall comply with all of the procedures for adopting a comprehensive plan under section 66.1001 (4) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The Taylor County Planning and Zoning Committee will approve by a majority vote, at a regularly scheduled and publicly noticed meeting, a resolution that recommends to the Taylor County Board of Supervisors the adoption of the developed Taylor County Comprehensive Plan. Action taken by the Planning and Zoning Committee shall be recorded in the official minutes of the committee.

In accordance with State Statute 66.1001 (4), Procedures for Adopting a Comprehensive Plan, one copy of the plan recommended for adoption by the Planning and Zoning Committee will be sent to the following:

1. Every governmental body that is located in whole or in part within the boundaries of the local governmental unit.
2. Every local governmental unit that is adjacent to the local governmental unit, which is the subject of the plan.
3. The Wisconsin Land Council and/or Department of Administration.
4. The public library(s) that serves the area in which the local governmental unit is located.

A copy of the draft and final comprehensive plan will also be made available for public review at the Taylor County Zoning Department and on the Taylor County website.

The County Board will hold at least one public hearing on the ordinance and comprehensive plan. The hearing will be preceded by a Class 1 notice as specified under Ch. 985 and published at least 30 days before the hearing is held.

At least 30 days before public hearing to adopt or amend the Taylor County Comprehensive Plan, Taylor County shall provide written notice to all of the following:

1. An operator who has obtained, or made application for, a permit that is described under s. 295.12(3)(d).
2. A person who has registered a marketable nonmetallic mineral deposit under s. 295.20. Any other property owner or leaseholder who has an interest in property pursuant to which the person may extract nonmetallic mineral resources, if the property owner or leaseholder requests in writing that Taylor County provide the property owner or leaseholder notice of the hearing described in 66.1001 (4)(d).

#### **IV. Taylor County Comprehensive Planning Process**

Taylor County will follow the process and procedures for adopting the comprehensive plan as listed in §66.1001 of the Wisconsin State Statutes and this public participation plan.

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Jim Metz, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce P. Strama, Clerk

Approved by the Taylor Board of Supervisors on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006