

Public Participation Plan

I. Background

The Town of Summit recognizes the need to engage the public in the planning process. This plan sets forth the techniques the county and its local units of government will use to meet the goal of public participation. Therefore, this Public Participation Plan forms the basic framework for achieving an interactive dialogue between citizens, local decision makers, staff, and the NCWRPC.

The creation of the Public Participation Plan is a task required in meeting the requirements of Wisconsin's Comprehensive Planning Legislation (1999 Wisconsin Act 9 and its technical revisions). The Town of Summit will comply with the Plan as appropriate to the situation. As the planning process develops, it should be expected that deviations from the plan may occur.

II. Objectives

The following is a list of objectives for public participation that the Town of Summit would like to achieve throughout the development and subsequent adoption of the Town of Summit Comprehensive Plan and local plans:

- That the residents of Town of Summit become fully aware of the importance of participating in the development of the Town of Summit Comprehensive Plan.
- That the public participation process be designed to engage all aspects of the Town.
- That the public have opportunities to provide their input (both formally and informally) to the Town, and its governing body.
- That the public have access to all technical information and any analyses performed throughout the planning process.
- That members of the Town have input from the broadest range of perspectives and interests in the community possible.
- That input is elicited through a variety of means (electronic, printed, and oral) in such a way that it may be carefully considered and responded to.
- That this process of public involvement strengthens the sense of community present in the Town of Summit.

The goal will be to inform, consult and involve the public and the communities served during each phase of the planning process. Hopefully, this will help balance the issues related to private property rights.

III. Techniques

The public participation plan for the comprehensive planning process will incorporate the following:

1. All meetings for the planning process will be open to the public and posted. A large open house will be held near the end of the process.
2. Periodic press releases to the media and local counties will occur to promote the open house meetings.
3. Periodic updates of the planning process will be included in the Town of Summit Newsletter, along with notices of any meetings or opportunities for public participation.
4. Via the NCWRPC NEWS newsletter all interested parties and adjoining governments will be informed of the planning process.
5. Planning meeting summaries and handouts will be maintained in the office and on the website www.ncwrpc.org.
6. All planning meetings will have comment sheets available. All website comments will be included in the record as well.

Throughout the plan process, the Town of Summit Planning Commission will meet to monitor the development of the plan.

Town of Summit

RESOLUTION _____

For Adoption of a Public Participation Plan

WHEREAS, the Town of Summit is required to prepare and adopt a Comprehensive Plan as outlined in Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, public participation is critical for the development of a sound plan; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Town of Summit to approve a process to involve the public in the planning process; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Summit does approve and authorize the Public Participation Plan as presented.

ADOPTED on the 13th day of October, 2009.

ATTEST: _____
Evelyn Ogiela Clerk

The governing body of the Town of Summit has authorized this Resolution, dated today.

ATTEST: _____
Edwin Pfaff, Chair