



Memorandum



February 22, 2010

TO: Providers of Comments and Feedback on the Burnett County Recommended Comprehensive Plan Draft

CC: Burnett County Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC)
Burnett County Land Use and Information Committee

FR: Mike Kornmann, Burnett County UW-Extension
John Williams, Senior Project Manager

RE: Recommended Plan Revisions – Per: Public Hearing Comments;
Written/Submitted Comments;
CPC Review

Greetings!

Thank you for your comments and feedback on the Burnett County Comprehensive Plan, Recommended Draft. Your input has proven valuable to the process and the county appreciates your time and effort. The Comprehensive Planning Committee (CPC) met on February 16, 2010 to review all of the public hearing comments and written comments received to date. The CPC prepared clarifications and recommendations for Plan revisions based on those comments. The CPC then recommended approval of the Comprehensive Plan, with revisions to the County Land Use and Information Committee. The revisions to the Plan are summarized in the following pages.

The Burnett County Land Use and Information Committee will meet on March 2, 2010 at the Burnett County Government Center to review and consider approving the Recommended Draft, Burnett County Comprehensive Plan with revisions. If the Land Use and Information Committee recommends approval of the Comprehensive Plan, the County Board will consider adoption of the Plan on March 18th.

Please feel free to contact Mike Kornmann, UW-Extension Community Development Agent with any questions or comments at (715) 349-2151.

Or

Please feel free to contact John Williams or Shaun Mularkey at Foth with any questions or comments at (920) 497-2500.

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Clarifications in Response to Public Comments:

Tourism strategies are addressed in the Plan Recommendations Report within the following sections:

- Goal ANC 11 and Objectives/Policies/Recommendations (pp. 5-11 and 5-17)
- Section 6.5 (pp. 6-6 and 6-7)
- Goal ED 1 and Objectives/Policies/Recommendations (pp. 6-11, 6-12, 6-14, and 6-15)

“The arts” are addressed in the Plan Recommendations Report within the following section:

- Goal ANC 10, Objective E (p. 5-10)

Personal property maintenance is addressed in the Plan Recommendations Report within the following sections:

- Goal ANC 10, Objectives B and D (p. 5-10)

The **aging population** is addressed in the Plan Recommendations Report within the following sections:

- Goal H 1, Objective A through G (p. 2-5) and Policies/Recommendations 1 through 7 (p. 2-7)
- Goal T2, Objective D (p. 3-5)
- Goal ED 2, Objective H (p. 6-12)

Sustainable forestry management is addressed in the Plan Recommendations Report within the following sections:

- Goal ANC 8, Objectives A through E (p. 5-10) and Policies/Recommendations 1-5 (p. 5-16)
- Goal ED 1, Objective A (p. 6-11) and Policy/Recommendation 2 (p. 6-15)
- Forestry Residential and Recreation Land Use Management Area (p. 8-11)
- Public Resource Land Use Management Areas (p. 8-14)

Telecommunication facilities are addressed in the Plan Recommendations Report within the following sections:

- Section 4.3 (pp. 4-14 and 4-15).
- Goal UCF 7, Objective C (p. 4-21) and Policies/Recommendations 1 through 10 (pp. 4-27 through 4-28)

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Recommended Plan Revisions in Response to Public Comments:

“The arts” and the “creative economy”:

- Revise Goal ED 2, Objective E (p. 6-13) to state: Support agriculture, forestry, manufacturing, tourism, the arts, and related support services as strong components of the local economy.
- Add an additional objective under Goal ED 2 (p. 6-12) that states: Support the development of a “creative economy” including cultural goods and services that impact the economy by generating jobs, revenue, and quality of life.

Tourism strategies:

- Add an additional policy/recommendation under Goals ED 1 (p. 6-15) that states: Continue to provide the existing visitor information service and continue to evaluate the development of a dedicated visitor/tourism center in a visible and easily accessible location in the county.

Public and private roads:

- Revise Section 9.2: Technical Recommendations (p.9-15) to state:

New parcels shall be required to have access to a public road. This helps to ensure adequate emergency vehicle access through proper road standards, helps to reduce costly requests for private drives to be improved to town road standards, and reduces conflicts related to ongoing road maintenance. New lots may access a private road or drive where, with exceptions:

1. where a private drive or shared access already exists, and
2. where parcels will be deed restricted from development,
3. there are four (4) or fewer developable parcels created on a private road not exceeding 1,000 feet in length, or
4. the development is a conservation subdivision.

~~This helps to ensure adequate emergency vehicle access through proper road standards, helps to reduce costly requests for private drives to be improved to town road standards, and reduces conflicts related to ongoing road maintenance.~~ Where any new developable lots are allowed to be created on ~~existing~~ private roads the following should occur:

- A road maintenance agreement should be established by the subdivider and approved by the Town. This agreement should be executed with the purchase of each lot and address the provisions for the long-term maintenance and snow removal of the road including the specific tasks, schedule, responsible parties, and funding mechanism (e.g. home association). Any revisions to this agreement should also be approved by the Town; and
- The road is constructed to at least minimum standards set forth in Section 82.50(a) of the Wisconsin State Statutes for roads serving less than a total of ten (10) existing and new lots or Section 82.50(c) for roads serving a total of ten (10) or more existing and new lots. The private road improvement would require town review and inspection expedited through a Development Agreement between the Subdivider and Town.

The “**green sector**” of the economy:

- Add an objective under Goal ED 2 (p. 6-12) that states: Encourage the growth of “green sector” businesses (products and services that protect or enhance the world’s natural systems, encourage new sources of clean energy, or those which directly or indirectly reduce negative impacts on the environment) within the County.

The benefit of **retirees** on the local economy:

- Add an objective under Goal ED 2 (p. 6-12) that states: Attract retirees to Burnett County to benefit from their intellectual capital, entrepreneurial ventures, and community contributions.

Aesthetic appearance of **cluster/conservation subdivisions**:

- Revise Goal LU 2, Policy/Recommendation 2 (p. 8-32) to include the following in regard to minimum cluster/conservation design characteristics: Residential lot clusters are hidden from view from public roads to a reasonable degree through use of existing and proposed landscape and topography.

Shoreland Residential Land Use Management Area:

- Revise the Shoreland Residential Land Use Management Area (p. 8-12) to require lots on a Class 2 lake be a minimum of 40,000 SF in area instead of 45,000 SF. The 45,000 in the current Plan draft is an error.

Aquatic invasive species:

- Add the following objective under Goal ANC 3 (p. 5-8): Prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species in Burnett County lakes and rivers.
- Add the following Policies/Recommendations under Goal ANC 3 (p. 5-13):
 - Monitor for the presence of Eurasian water milfoil, purple loosestrife, and other aquatic invasives in Burnett County, Wisconsin.
 - Educate residents and visitors regarding the identification, threats, and control of aquatic invasive species.
 - Cooperate with private, local, state, and Federal groups to address the threat of aquatic invasives.
 - Cooperate with other organizations to inspect water craft at public access points to help prevent accidental spread of invasive species into more lakes and rivers.
 - Develop rapid response for eradication of manageable infestations.

Telecommunications providers:

- Under Section 4.8 of the Inventory and Trends Report update the telephone service providers names (p. 4-34) as follows: change Northstar Wireless to Starwire Technologies, remove Grantsburg Telecom, and change Century Telephone to CenturyLink.