

Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC
Meeting Notes

Growth Management Focus Group
Burnett County Comprehensive Plan

Date: October 14, 2008

Location: The Lodge at Crooked Lake, Siren, WI

Present: Kathy Bartilson, *WDNR*; Kathy Swingle, *Town of Jackson*; Arthur Bistram, *Town of West Marshland*; Daniel Peterson, *Town of Daniels*; Shaun Mularkey, *Foth*; Mike Kornmann, *UWEX*

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The meeting began with introductions and a presentation on the Burnett County Comprehensive Planning process, data and trends, and major issues relative to Growth Management as identified by the county Comprehensive Planning Committee. These issues were discussed and validated and the following questions were discussed in detail:

Questions:

- I. Where should future growth be directed, if at all?
 - Established subdivisions
 - Places with desired services and amenities
 - Build upon Voyager Village design elements
 - Consider future municipal treatment and septic challenges – understand plant capacity and expansion timelines
- II. Do you perceive rural residential development to be good, bad, or otherwise?
 - Need to retain large open spaces
 - Development needs to be “smart”
 - People sometime want the “Northwoods Character” without being the Northwoods
- III. What does “Northwoods Character” mean to you? Please be as specific as possible.
 - Self-sufficiency
 - Development blending in with the landscape
 - Is not a city in the Northwoods
 - Woods, water and wildlife
 - Log structures
 - Natural materials and colors
 - Celebrating the landscape
 - Living lightly on the land

- IV. When you think of land use and its relationship to development, how do you balance private property rights with overall community interests?
- Develop protections and phasing of development
 - Grandfathering parcels that may not meet new requirements
- V. Are there any areas in the county that should have little, or no residential development?
- Consideration should be given to fire hazards of building in forests
 - Lands surrounded by large blocks of public land
 - Wetlands
- VI. What type of development should be allowed along lakeshores and waterways? Are there any areas that should focus only on commercial uses?
- Recreational use conflicts exist on lakes; Slow no-wake challenges; ATV use challenges
 - Need better stormwater management
 - Commercial waterfront development may be okay if it meets “Northwoods Character” and is compatible