

VISION MEETING

On **Tuesday, May 27, 2003**, the Town of Winchester Plan Commission continued work on the Town's Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan. At this meeting, the Plan Commission and residents worked in groups to discuss their ideas about what the Town will look like in 20 years.

To facilitate discussion, OMNNI Associates, the Town's Consultant, prepared a worksheet that included a series of open-ended statements for participants to complete. The idea is to complete the sentences to describe conditions in the year 2025. What follows are the partial statements included on the worksheet.

1. "Rural Character" in the Town of Winchester means...
2. Retired and senior residents who grew up in the area ...
3. Attractive and desirable housing in the Town of Winchester can be described as...
4. The Town of Winchester provides the following quality services for residents ...
5. To receive proper medical care residents need to
6. Recreational opportunities include...
7. Farming in the Town of Winchester is ...
8. For entertainment and cultural activities, residents of the Town of Winchester...
9. Development in Winchester includes...
10. Development adjacent to the USH 10 and USH 45 interchange includes...
11. On average, residents travel _____ miles one way, from home to get to work each day.
12. Winnebago County and the Town of Winchester work harmoniously to...
13. Looking down at the Town of Winchester from an airplane a resident would see ...
14. Large open spaces that existed in the Town in 2003 are now ...
15. The *Town of Winchester Comprehensive Plan* was ...

In small groups, everyone shared their ideas. Each group then developed a consensus answer. At the end of the Meeting OMNNI recorded all of the ideas discussed in the groups.

This information will be used to develop vision statements that will be included in the Town Plan. Eventually, the plan will include a vision statement for each of the nine (9) required plan elements:

1. Issues & Opportunities (overall vision)
2. Housing
3. Transportation
4. Utilities & Community Facilities
5. Economic Development
6. Agricultural, Natural & Cultural Resources

WHAT IS A VISION?

Webster's Dictionary, defines a vision as: (1) *sense of sight*; (2) *something supposedly seen by other than normal sight; something perceived in a dream*; (3) *mental image*; (4) *The ability to perceive something not actually visible, as through mental acuteness or keen foresight [a project made possible by one man's vision].*

In planning, the term "vision" is an expression or idea of the future. In the Town of Winchester, the Planning Commission and residents are working to define their desired vision of the Town in the Year 2025.

7. Land Use
8. Intergovernmental Cooperation
9. Implementation

The next **Smart Growth Meeting will be on June 10, 2003 at 7pm.** At the meeting DRAFT visions will be presented for discussion. All residents are encouraged to attend the meeting.

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