

Town of Brillion Board Agrees to Work on a Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan with the City of Brillion

How did this come about?

- **At a recent meeting hosted by Calumet County to discuss Smart Growth, Town Chairman Wayne Maile was approached by representatives from the City of Brillion. They indicated interest in working on a Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan with the Town.**
- **Wayne Maile gave OMNNI Associates permission to discuss the idea with the City of Brillion Planning Commission and City Council. Both groups were in favor of working together on a Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan with the Town of Brillion.**
- **The City of Brillion signed a contract to work with OMNNI Associates to develop its Comprehensive Plan as a part of a Multi-Jurisdictional effort with the Town of Brillion.**
- **The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) posted applications on the Internet for the next grant cycle (Fiscal year 2001-2002) in September of 2000. All applications for grant assistance must be returned to the DOA by 4:30pm on November 15, 2000. The Town of Brillion and the City of Brillion gave OMNNI Associates permission to draft an application. Representatives from the City and the Town have approved the submittal of the application to the DOA. The comprehensive planning grants will be awarded in the spring of 2001.**

What is a Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan?

A multi-jurisdictional plan is a plan developed by two or more units of government. The outcome of this effort is a single base comprehensive plan for those units of government. Each government must then individually adopt the plan. The "Smart Growth" Law (1999 Wisconsin Act 9) encourages communities to work together and develop a multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan.

What does this mean for the Town of Brillion?

- **Beginning in 2001, the Town of Brillion Land Use Committee will meet bi-monthly with representatives from the City of Brillion Planning Commission for 30 months. OMNNI Associates will facilitate these meetings.**
- **Together, the Town of Brillion Land Use Committee and the City of Brillion Planning Commission will develop a "base comprehensive plan" that profiles demographic, economic, housing, environmental,**

transportation, utilities, community facilities, and other basic community elements. The “base plan” will also include common concerns, goals, and objectives.

- This “base plan” will have to be adopted by the Town of Brillion as well as the City of Brillion.
- After the base plan is adopted, the Town is free to make amendments necessary to address specific town concerns.

What are the Advantages to a Multi-Jurisdictional Plan?

- Multi-jurisdictional plans have a greater chance of receiving grant funding from the state than would a single community plan under the Comprehensive Planning Grant Program administered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration.
- Multi-jurisdictional plans are eligible for bonus funds that individual plans cannot otherwise receive.
- Multi-jurisdictional plans address the required intergovernmental cooperation element of the smart growth comprehensive plan.
- Multi-jurisdictional plans are more cost effective because data and resources can be shared. For the Town of Brillion, this means that the total cost of preparing its Comprehensive Plan will be reduced from \$25,000 to \$20,000.