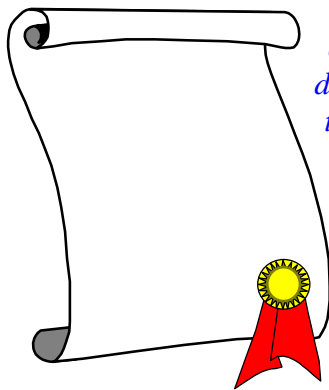


Town of Little River Public Planning Workshop Summary March 3, 2001

As a part of the Town of Little River "Smart Growth" Comprehensive Planning process, the Town Plan Committee hosted a public workshop on Saturday, March 3, 2001 at the Town Hall. The workshop was scheduled from 10:00 am until noon.

VISION STATEMENT

The meeting began with OMNNI Associates presenting the Draft Town of Little River Vision Statement, which reads as follows:



In the year 2020, the Town of Little River will have retained its rural atmosphere by encouraging an optimal mix of farming and residential development. New and long-time residents will take great pride in the town's abundant recreational opportunities. Undeveloped, natural areas and wide-open scenic vistas will be an integral part of the landscape, supported by development options that help to preserve and protect these areas from future development pressures. New commercial and industrial development will be located near the City of Oconto and along the USH 41 corridor, where utilities and services are more readily available, but in locations that are still accessible to town residents.

CONSERVATION SUBDIVISIONS

OMNNI then presented general information about and an example of a conservation subdivision. Conservation subdivisions are one approach included in the Draft Goals and Objectives to preserve open space and farmland while accommodating some additional residential development. Specifically, the plan suggests that the Town of Little River consider adopting an ordinance to make this type of development an option in the future. For more information about conservation subdivisions please see the following web site: www.plannersweb.com/arendt/con1.html. Those in attendance liked the concept of conservation subdivisions and agreed it was appropriate to reference conservation subdivisions in the Town of Little River Comprehensive Plan as a potential land use development tool.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Most of the remaining meeting was spent reviewing the Draft Goals and Objectives. OMNNI reviewed each statement with the public and the Little River Plan Committee. Generally, the goal and objective statements were agreed upon by all those in attendance. Some minor changes were made to accommodate existing ordinances and the milestone (action) dates were adjusted to meet town needs. To review the Draft Goals and Objectives, please see the **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES** tab on this web page.

DRAFT FUTURE LAND USE PLAN MAP

Prior to adjourning, OMNNI presented the **FIRST DRAFT** of the Future Land Use Plan Map. This map presents a pattern for future development in the Town of Little River. Once finalized and adopted, this map will be used to guide and direct development in the Town. Unlike the Zoning Map which is tied to actual property boundaries and specifically regulates what is permitted, and unlike the Existing Land Use Map which shows what

exists today, the Future Land Use Plan Map presents the desired land use pattern in the future. The location of development is not intended to follow the exact location of the lines on the map. Instead, this map represents a pattern. The Draft Future Land Use Plan Map included the following:

- ✓ The proposed expansion of the USH 41 Corridor
- ✓ The potential expansion of the Northshore Sanitary District north to the Marinette County line
- ✓ The proposed County Jail Site near USH 41 and CTH S
- ✓ A New Commercial Development Area Around the USH 41 and CTH A (potential interchange)
- ✓ Additional Residential Development in and adjacent to the Northshore Sanitary District
- ✓ Additional Residential Development in Section 36 and 25 to accommodate new subdivision development with easy access to USH 41 (particularly after it is expanded)
- ✓ A Conservation Area along the Little River

The Plan Committee and public at the meeting suggested several changes to the Draft Future Land Use Map. Specific comments about the map included:

- ✓ Desire for Additional Commercial Development Around the Potential USH 41 & W Intersection
- ✓ Desire for Additional Industrial Development Along the Rail Corridor In Section 17
- ✓ Several Shifts In Location of Future Residential Development Areas to Minimize Conflict with Wetland Areas
- ✓ Special Designation of the Town Sloughs to Protect These Vital Resources

OMNNI will be making amendments to the map and presenting a revised copy to the Plan Committee later this month. At the public hearing, prior to plan adoption, the Land Use Plan Map will be presented again for public review and comment.

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