

Residents Discuss Vision for 2025

Tuesday, May 6, 2003 –The Town of Black Creek Plan Commission hosted the second Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Meeting this evening at the Town Hall. For most of the meeting, participants worked in groups to discuss their ideas related to the following exercise.

Town of Black Creek Vision Assignment

Background

In planning, a “vision” is a general statement used to provide a glimpse into the future. It should express broad community desires. These desires are not necessarily the same as what is appreciated in a community today. Below is an example of a vision statement. This vision was developed for the Town of Little River’s (located just north of the City of Oconto in Oconto County) Comprehensive Plan.

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 - permanently preserved and protected 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.

To prepare the overall vision for the Town of Black Creek and develop a vision for each of the 9 required plan elements, we are asking you to complete the following assignment.

Instructions

In order to help you formulate a vision statement, below are several sentences for you to finish. ***For each statement, imagine that it is the year 2025 when responding and answer to express what you would like to see.***

In 2025...

Issues and Opportunities

1. “Rural Character” in the Town of Black Creek means...

Housing

2. Retired and senior residents who grew up in the area ...
3. Attractive and desirable housing in the Town of Black Creek can be described as...

Utilities and Community Facilities

4. The Town of Black Creek provides the following quality services for residents ...
5. To receive proper medical care residents need to

Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources

6. Recreational opportunities include...
7. Farming in the Town of Black Creek is ...
8. For entertainment and cultural activities, residents of the Town of Black Creek...

Economic Development

9. Development adjacent to the Village includes...
10. Development adjacent to the STH 47 and CTH A interchange includes...
11. On average, residents travel _____ miles one way, from home to get to work each day.

Intergovernmental Cooperation

12. Outagamie County and the Town of Black Creek work harmoniously to...

Land Use

13. Looking down at the Town of Black Creek from an airplane a resident would see ...
14. Large open spaces that existed in the Town in 2003 are now ...

Implementation

15. The *Town of Black Creek Comprehensive Plan* was ...
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After discussing each statement in small groups and deciding on a preferred answer, each group shared their answers with everyone in attendance while OMNNI recorded the “collective” answers. The “collective answers” will be used as a resource for developing a vision statement for each of the 9 required plan elements:

1. Issues & Opportunities (i.e. overall vision)
2. Housing
3. Transportation
4. Utilities & Community Facilities
5. Agricultural, Natural & Cultural Resources
6. Economic Development
7. Land Use
8. Intergovernmental Cooperation
9. Implementation

Prior to adjourning, OMNNI Associates distributed **DRAFTS** of the **Plan Introduction Chapter** and the **Community Profile** (based on census data) Chapter.

The Plan Commission will meet on the first Tuesday of each month to work on the Smart Growth Plan. The **next meeting will be at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 3, 2003 at the Town Hall**. At this meeting the focus will be on discussing the two DRAFT Chapters. Residents are encouraged to attend any meeting.

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