

“SMART GROWTH” Comprehensive Planning Program

Town & Village of Black Creek

In order to prepare to meet the challenges and opportunities over the next 20 years, the Town & Village of Black Creek has hired OMNNI Associates to work with the town to develop a comprehensive plan. The plan will be developed to comply with the requirements of Wisconsin’s Smart Growth Law and its 9 required elements. Once adopted, the plan will help town leaders make important decisions regarding growth and development issues. Below is a brief summary of what the plan will include and the planning process that will be used.

What will be in the Plan?

The Town & Village of *Black Creek Comprehensive Plan* will provide a 20-year vision for the community and recommend those actions that will be needed to achieve it. The critical issues the plan must address include: accommodating growth with needed services, economic development, STH 47 bypass, protecting natural areas, open spaces and agricultural operations, establishing a policy for “mega farming,” and addressing groundwater quality issues.

The completed plan will include detailed information about:

- **physical features**
- **current and projected land use**
- **housing characteristics**
- **transportation** (*much of which was prepared by another consultant*)
- **zoning**
- **current and projected population**
- **economic activity**
- **utilities and community facilities**
- **implementation measures**

How long will it take to develop the plan?

The planning program will be completed over a 24-month period. The Comprehensive Plan will be completed in 2005.

How can the public get involved?

The key to the success of the plan will be the support of local residents. Throughout the planning program, OMNNI will provide residents with meaningful information and encourage residents to be actively involved in the planning process. For more information on opportunities for public involvement [click here](#).

Who’s working on the plan?

The Town of Black Creek Plan Commission and members of the Village of Black Creek Planning Commission are working with OMNNI Associates to develop the comprehensive plan. The Joint Planning Committee represents a diverse group of residents from all areas of the community. All meetings of the Joint Planning Committee are open to the public. Additional feedback and input from residents and business owners is encouraged.

Questions?

If you have questions about the planning process, please continue to look for updates on this web page, contact a Plan Commission Member, or Amy Emery of OMNNI Associates at 735-6900.

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