

“SMART GROWTH” Comprehensive Planning Program



Town of Center

In order to prepare to meet the challenges and opportunities over the next 20 years, the Town of Center 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 ([click here for information](#)). 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 of Center Comprehensive Plan* will provide a 20-year vision for the town and recommend those actions that will be needed to achieve it. The critical issues the plan must address include: balancing rural agricultural uses with new residential development, STH 47 corridor planning, protecting natural areas, quarry operations and development concerns in areas like Mackville and Center Valley.



The completed plan will include detailed information about the town's:

- **physical features**
- **current and projected land use**
- **housing characteristics**
- **transportation**
- **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 is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2003.

How will the plan be paid for?

The Town of Center has set aside funds in its general fund to provide for the costs of the planning effort.

How can the public get involved?

The key to the success of the plan will greatly depend on the amount of support it receives from local residents. Throughout the planning program, OMNNI will provide residents with meaningful information and opportunities 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 Center Planning Commission will be working with OMNNI Associates to develop the comprehensive plan.

Members of the Town of Center Planning Commission are:

Dennis Buschke	Joe Hofacker
Lois Grode	Gene Theobald
Paul Hofacker	Ron Ebben
Douglas VanHandle	Dennis Wagner

All Planning Commission meetings are open to the public. Additional feedback and input from town residents, businesses and property owners is encouraged.