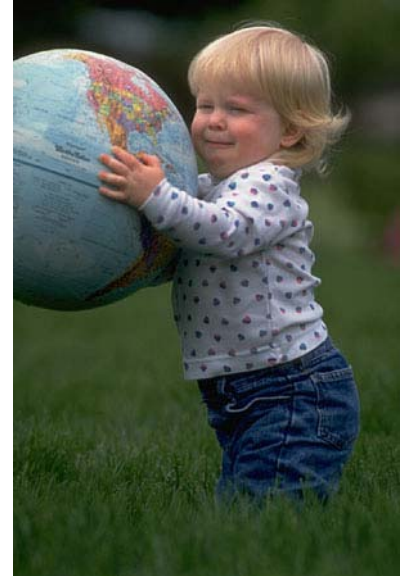


# Planning Committee Discusses Future Vision

**Tuesday, August 27, 2002** –The Town of Oconto Falls Planning Committee met this month to continue work on the Town’s Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan. The purpose of this meeting was three-fold:

1. To collect photographs committee members had taken of the area. These photos will be processed by OMNNI Associates (the town’s planning consultant) and returned to the committee for review in September. Some of the photos will be included in the Plan to illustrate key visions, ideas, and facilities.
2. To review a DRAFT Map of the town to verify road names, lake names and other basic town features. Several changes were noted to the map presented by OMNNI. OMNNI will be updating the maps and forwarding revised maps to the Planning Committee later this year.
3. To complete a vision exercise.



The primary focus of the meeting was the vision exercise. In planning, a “vision” is a general statement used to provide a glimpse into the future. It expresses broad community desires. These desires are not necessarily the same as what is appreciated in a community today. As an example, a future vision might include portions of the town set aside for commercial developments.

## **WHY DEVELOP A VISION?**

A vision is critical to understanding the town’s priorities and expectations for the future. The information included in a vision is used by residents, landowners and developers to understand the town’s ideas about development, preservation, and land use.

## **MEETING ACTIVITIES**

Participants were provided with several partial statements about the town. For example, "In 20 years, looking down at the Town from an airplane one would see...?". Participants worked in small groups to discuss their ideas for each statement and develop consensus answers to each. These answers were then presented at the end of the meeting and recorded by OMNNI Associates. This information will be used by OMNNI Associates to develop a draft vision for each of the nine required plan elements:

1. Issue & Opportunities
2. Housing
3. Transportation
4. Economic Development
5. Utilities and Community Facilities
6. Agricultural, Natural & Cultural Resources
7. Intergovernmental Cooperation
8. Land Use
9. Implementation

The DRAFT visions will be discussed by the Planning Committee at the September 24, 2002 meeting, which will be held at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall. All residents are encouraged to attend.

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