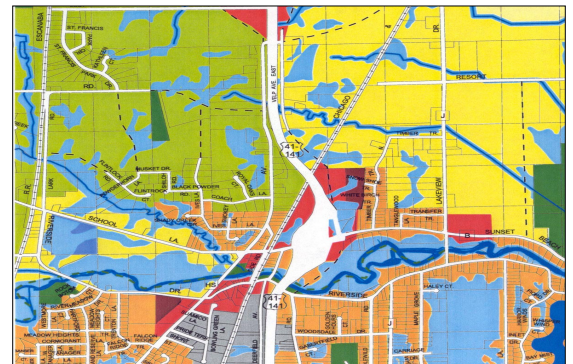


Public Involvement Opportunities and Information



To develop an effective comprehensive plan, active public participation is needed throughout the planning process. For this reason, OMNNI Associates (the town's planning consultant) will work closely with the Town of Oconto Falls Planning Committee to facilitate opportunities for public input. Specifically, the following public meetings will highlight the participation opportunities:

- **SWOT Workshop:** This workshop will be facilitated by Rob Burke, UW-Extension Agent for Oconto County. The workshop has been scheduled for June 2002. At this workshop, participants will be asked to help identify the town's Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. This information will be used to develop DRAFT goals and objectives.
- **Vision Workshop:** This meeting is scheduled for August 2002. At the vision workshop, participants will be given a series of open-ended statements to complete related to the future of the town. Based on the responses of the committee members and residents in attendance, OMNNI will draft a vision statement for each of the nine required plan elements (for a list of the required plan elements [click here](#)). The Planning Committee will review and finalize these draft statements at their next regular meeting.
- **Map Workshop:** This meeting has been scheduled for May 2003. The purpose of the meeting is to present all of the DRAFT plan maps in 1 setting. Participants will have the opportunity to comment on the draft maps and make changes. This is the first opportunity the committee and residents will have to react to the Future Land Use Plan Maps. The DRAFT maps presented at this meeting will be revised to reflect resident and committee expectations and desires.
- **Intergovernmental Meeting:** The Town of Oconto Falls Planning Committee will host this special meeting in July 2003. At the meeting, representatives of neighboring communities, the school district and other public agencies will be given the opportunity for mutual exchange of ideas and recommendations.



During this meeting, the draft 20-year Town of Oconto Falls Land Use Plan Map will be

presented for initial comment and feedback. Existing or anticipated plans of neighboring communities, school districts, and state agencies (i.e. WisDOT & DNR) will be discussed in relation to the draft 20-year Town of Oconto Falls Land Use Plan Map. Following this initial meeting, copies of other community, state and organization plans will be provided to OMNNI to identify any potential conflicts that may exist. All identified conflicts and potential resolutions will be discussed in detail in the *Town of Oconto Falls Comprehensive Plan*.

- **Public Hearing:** The Planning Committee will host the Public Hearing in late 2003 to give interested residents the opportunity to review and comment on the recommended plan and plan maps. Immediately following the public hearing, the Town Board will be asked to take action on the plan.

In addition to those special public meetings described above, the Planning Committee will meet on a regular basis over the next 18 months. All Planning Committee meetings will occur on the **4th Tuesday of the month in which they are meeting at 7:30pm.** These meetings are also open to the public. OMNNI will attend several of these meetings to present additional information and work with the Planning Committee to review draft text, maps, and other materials related to the nine required plan elements.

For more information about upcoming meetings and other activities, please visit this website regularly!!!!