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## **“SMART GROWTH” Comprehensive Planning Program Town of Oconto Falls**

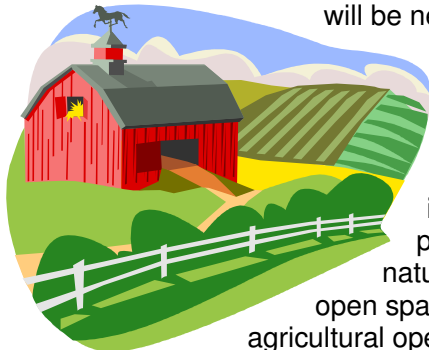
In order to prepare to meet the challenges and opportunities over the next 20 years, the Town of Oconto Falls hired OMNNI Associates to work with the town to develop a comprehensive plan. The plan will be developed to comply with the requirements of Wisconsin’s Smart Growth Law and its 9 required elements.

Once adopted, the plan will help town leaders make important decisions regarding growth, development and preservation 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 Oconto Falls Comprehensive Plan* will provide a 20-year vision for the town and recommend those actions that will be needed to



achieve it. Critical issues the plan must address include: protection of natural areas, open spaces and agricultural operations to

maintain the town’s rural character. 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 span over an 18-month period. The Comprehensive Plan will be completed in late 2003.

### **How will the plan be paid for?**

The Town of Oconto Falls has allocated for the cost of the planning program in the town’s general fund.

### **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

### **Who’s working on the plan?**

The Town of Oconto Falls Planning Commission is working with OMNNI Associates to develop the comprehensive plan. The committee represents a diverse group of residents from all areas of the town. Current members of the Planning Commission are:

- Dale A. Seeling, Committee Chair
- Alfred Krause, Town Chairman
- Cheryl & Tom Clark
- Gail Irwin
- Denise Langlay
- Bill Kamke
- Corrine Olson
- Randy S. Schlorf

All meetings of the Planning Commission are open to the public. Additional feedback and input from town residents, landowners 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 1-800-571-6677.

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