

## Resident Input Needed on Smart Growth Plan



In September of 2001, after working nearly a year to prepare, the Town of Oshkosh Planning Advisory Committee initiated work on a Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan. After preparing a successful grant application for the Town, OMNNI Associates, a consulting firm from Appleton, was hired by the Town to help development the plan.

Over the last two years, the Town of Oshkosh Planning Advisory Committee held 18 monthly meetings, all of which were open to the public. The planning program also included a community survey that was conducted in 2001 by the UW-Extension.

Using the results of the survey as a guide, the Planning Advisory Committee has worked hard to develop a plan that respects the wishes of residents. The plan addresses nine required elements, as defined by the Smart Growth Law. Each element inventories existing conditions, describes desired future conditions, and lists actions to address these desires. The elements are as follows:



- (1) Issues and Opportunities (includes U.S. Census Data and overall vision)
- (2) Housing
- (3) Transportation
- (4) Utilities and Community Facilities
- (5) Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources
- (6) Economic Development
- (7) Intergovernmental Cooperation
- (8) Land Use; and
- (9) Implementation.

Copies of all of the *Town of Oshkosh Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan* chapters are available on the Internet at [www.omnni.com](http://www.omnni.com) (Click on PROJECTS and select the Town of Oshkosh). This web page also includes meeting summaries, the community survey results and other interesting information from the planning program.

**A public hearing has been scheduled for 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 18, 2003 at the Town Hall.** All residents, landowners, and local business owners are encouraged to attend this hearing to provide feedback to the Planning Advisory Committee and Town Board.