

Public Involvement Opportunities and Information



Already the public has played an important role in the plan development process by participating in a survey. The survey has provided important insight into resident attitudes related to growth and development in the Town of Oshkosh. The survey results will serve as a guide for the planning process.

To develop an effective comprehensive plan, active public participation is needed throughout the planning process. For this reason, OMNNI will work closely with the Town of Oshkosh Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee to facilitate additional opportunities for public input. Specifically, the following public meetings will highlight the participation opportunities:

- **Kick-Off Meeting.** The kick-off meeting was held on September 19, 2001. This meeting was the official start of the plan development process. Representatives from neighboring governments, local school districts, and state agencies were also informed of the initiation of the planning process and the kick-off meeting.
- **Public Information Meeting:** Near the mid-point of the planning program (date to be announced), the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee will host a public workshop to provide an update of planning activities to the public, share the work that has been completed by that point, ask for public feedback, and again invite the public to participate in the planning program. It is anticipated that the vision for 2020 developed by the Planning Advisory Committee will be presented at this meeting.
- **2 Intergovernmental Meetings:** Town of Oshkosh Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee will host two special meetings during the planning process, specifically dedicated to the topic of intergovernmental cooperation. At these meetings, participants will be given the opportunity for mutual exchange of ideas and recommendations.

At the first meeting, the draft 20-year Town of Oshkosh 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 Oshkosh Land Use Plan Map. Following this initial meeting, copies of other community, state and organization plans will be provided to OMNNI to identify any additional conflicts that may exist.

At the second meeting, OMNNI will present the results of its findings to identify potential conflicts between existing and proposed area plans. Moreover, steps taken or proposed in the *Town of Oshkosh Comprehensive Plan* that address

these issues and the issues presented at the first meeting will be discussed. All identified conflicts will be discussed in detail in the *Town of Oshkosh Comprehensive Plan*.

- **Open House and Public Hearing:** In addition to the required public hearing, the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee will host an “Open House” to give interested residents the opportunity to review the recommended plan and plan maps. The “Open House” provides a informal setting for residents to get their individual questions about the plan and plan maps answered by members of the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee and OMNNI Associates.

In addition to those special public meetings described above, the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee will continue to meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at the Oshkosh Town Hall. These meetings are also open to the public. Every other month OMNNI will attend these Committee meetings to present additional information and work with the Committee to review draft text, maps, and other materials related to the nine required plan elements.

In addition, the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Committee and interested residents will be asked to complete a series of special projects and assignments, including those described below:

- **Visioning:** As a follow-up to the activities initiated by the UW-Extension, OMNNI will work with the Committee to finalize the overall vision statement and develop a vision for each of the nine required plan elements.
- **Cognitive Mapping:** A mapping exercise used to delineate geographic areas of the town people like, dislike, frequently visit, feel are important, travel through regularly, feel safe, etc. These maps are a valuable resource used to develop the future land use plan map.

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