

## Town of Oshkosh Receives Comprehensive Planning Grant



(Oshkosh, WI) -- The Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA), in accordance with the requirements of Wisconsin's "Smart Growth" Law administers a grant funding program that can provide communities up to half of their anticipated comprehensive planning costs. The Comprehensive Planning Grant Program was initiated in 1999, the same year the Smart Growth Comprehensive Planning Legislation was adopted. The program is very competitive given that any

city, village, town, county or regional planning agency is eligible to receive grant assistance.

In 2001, the Town of Oshkosh was one of 71 communities, out of a pool 103 applicants, to receive a Comprehensive Planning Grant. The completed Town of Oshkosh application included:

- ✓ A detailed description of the Town's anticipated planning process;
- ✓ A list of products to be developed, including maps;
- ✓ A detailed budget;
- ✓ A timeline for development of the comprehensive plan; and
- ✓ Specific methods to address each of the nine required elements.

The Town of Oshkosh Grant Application was selected based on the Town's desire to facilitate public involvement and foster intergovernmental coordination with the City of Oshkosh and neighboring towns. Moreover, the Town faces particular issues related to natural resource protection (Lake Butte des Morts, wetlands, flood plains) and transportation improvements (USH 41, USH 45, and STH 110) that will be important to address in the plan given the potential these issues have to impact land use in the Town.

In May of 2001, the Town Board signed the grant offer.

For additional information about the comprehensive planning grant program, visit the Wisconsin Department of Administration Web Page at :

<http://www.doa.state.wi.us/olis/index.asp>

