

Regional Comprehensive “Smart Growth” Plan

East Central Wisconsin
Regional Planning Commission

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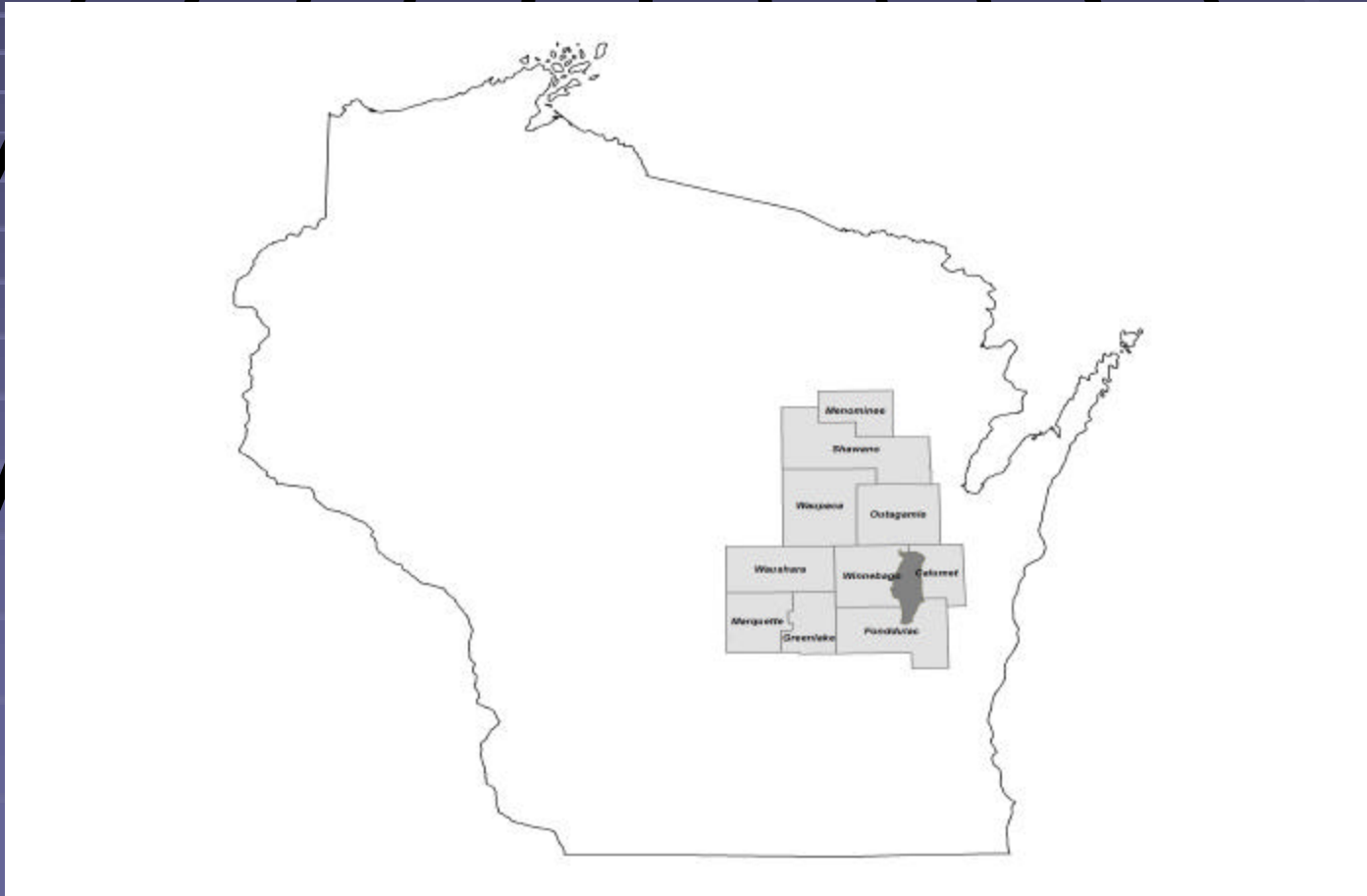
Introduction

- What is the East Central Regional Planning Commission?

East Central was created as a regional planning commission by Executive Order in 1972 under the regional planning enabling statute (SS.66.945). The Commission works with a wide range of federal, state, regional and local organizations for planning responsibilities in the areas of transportation, natural resources, economic development and others.

The Commission is composed of 10 counties in east central Wisconsin: Calumet, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Menominee, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago.

East Central Region



Introduction

- What is planning?

Planning is an activity we do in our personal lives and is a practice communities and organizations must engage in to operate efficiently. It provides an opportunity to be proactive in decision making rather than reactive in a crisis situation.

- Comprehensive Planning Legislation

Wisconsin's comprehensive plan legislation was signed into law in 1999 (S.S.66.0295). It formalized the planning process and provided the framework for developing plans.

Introduction

- Comprehensive Planning Legislation has 9 required elements :
 - Issues and Opportunities
 - Housing
 - Transportation
 - Utilities and Community Facilities
 - Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources
 - Economic Development
 - Intergovernmental Cooperation
 - Land Use
 - Implementation

Purpose

- To determine a comprehensive vision for the development of the region over the next 20 years - the economy, the environment, and the community.
- To promote informed and consistent land use decisions within the region.

Scope

- The regional plan as a strategic policy guidance document - geographical context.
- Dealing with issues of regional and sub-regional significance - locational specificity.
- Targets for monitoring and review.

Planning Process and Schedule

- Regional Comprehensive Plan Design –
4 Phases:
 - *Milestone Report #1: State of the Region*
Adopted April 2003
 - *Milestone Report #2: Issues / Opportunities and Visioning*
Adopted July 2004

Planning Process and Schedule

- *Milestone #3: Strategies for Action*
To be completed by October 2005
- *Milestone #4: Plan for Implementation*
To be completed by April/July 2006

What is Public Participation?

- Public participation is any effort that involves citizens in the planning, decision making or implementation process of an organization or agency.

Public Participation Goals

- Inform, consult, involve, and collaborate with the citizenry of the region at all stages in the production of the regional plan.
- Conduct a transparent and legitimate process.
- Provide opportunity for all to participate.
- Ensure value-for-money.

Public Participation

- Today presents another opportunity for East Central Planning to gather input and to provide information about our comprehensive plan process.
- Copies of Milestone Reports 1 & 2 are available
- Sign up sheets to request information, to let us know you would like to participate, and/or to submit questions about the plan are available.
- Please sign up – Let us know your thoughts!

Next Steps

- *Milestone #3: Strategies for Action* is underway. A preliminary report will be complete by October 2005. If you are interested in becoming involved please sign up!
- Additional public participation meetings will be occurring throughout the remaining phases of the planning process.

Conclusion

Comments / Questions

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