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Wisconsin Guides to the Planning Elements

<i>The Planning Elements</i>		
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Implementation Element Guide - A guide to preparing the implementation element of a local comprehensive plan. *September 2006, Center for Land Use Education.* The implementation element gives decision-makers, land owners, non-profit organizations, and others a road map to move that plan to action; serves as a prioritized, master "to do" list for the community; and can ensure that the completed plan is a useful community planning guide. The guide is available with full-color front and back covers and as a printable version with white covers.


[Implementation Element Guide](#), Full-color version (40 pages, 1575 KB)








[Implementation Element Guide](#), White version (40 pages, 1193 KB)





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[Wisconsin Comprehensive Planning Implementation Guide Toolkit](#) - An interactive on-line resource of implementation tools.

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Land Use Resource Guide - A guide to preparing the land use element of a local comprehensive plan. *June 2005, Center for Land Use Education.* The land use element of the comprehensive plan is where communities bring together ideas from other comprehensive planning elements, and make decisions about future land uses. This is a large document (136 pages, 13,209 KB) and is offered for download in its entirety at the links above, or by

section/chapter below:

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-  [Guide to Preparing the Housing Element of a Local Comprehensive Plan.](#) *March 2000, UW-Extension*
The comprehensive planning process necessitates that local governments analyze the impact of the policies and regulations of the local government on the development of various types of housing. The analysis is intended to take into account the current and projected housing needs in the community. The analysis should result in policies which provide opportunities for the development of the types and amounts of housing expected to be needed over a twenty-year planning horizon.
This guidebook is intended to help Wisconsin communities to develop the Housing Element of their local Comprehensive Plans. The Comprehensive Planning statute does not prescribe the way to prepare the Housing Element of a Comprehensive Plan. This guidebook offers a step-by-step process for developing the Housing Element with an emphasis on securing broad community participation in the planning process. It discusses data needed to document the current housing supply and demand. It also provides common housing goals.
 -  [A Guide to Preparing the Economic Development Element of a Comprehensive Plan.](#) *August, 2003, Wisconsin Economic Development Institute, Inc.* This document is presented as a guide for local economic development planning.
 -  [Transportation Planning Resource Guide, A guide to preparing the transportation element of a local comprehensive plan.](#) *March 2001, Wisconsin Department of Transportation.*
The purpose of the Guide is to provide you with basic transportation planning related information needed to help you through the transportation planning process as you develop the Transportation Element of your community's comprehensive plan, and make decisions relative to transportation. The qualities and needs of your community will dictate which aspects of the planning process are most applicable.
 -  [Planning for Agriculture in Wisconsin: A Guide for Communities.](#) *November 2002, UW Cooperative Extension and the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection.*
The purpose of this guide is to provide you with basic information to help Wisconsin's rural communities prepare to plan for agriculture. This guide provides in-depth information that should be useful in developing the agricultural element of a comprehensive plan. It is also written broadly enough that communities engaged in other kinds of planning processes (such as county agricultural preservation plans, local land use plans, or nutrient management plans) can also find helpful advice and information.
 -  [A Guide to Smart Growth and Cultural Resource Planning.](#) *2003, Division of Historic Preservation, Wisconsin Historical Society.*

-  [Planning for Natural Resources](#), A Guide to Including Natural Resources in Local Comprehensive Planning
This guide tries to offer some help for communities to: better identify, understand, and protect the natural resources within their boundaries; identify potential environmental issues and conflicts in a land use and development context; and consider possible strategies to use in preparing a comprehensive plan that promotes land uses that address the natural environment of our communities.
It provides reference information to the many resources available through federal, state, regional, county, and local programs that can help communities make informed decisions about these environmental topics.
It is not intended to constrain or dictate the manner in which local governments prepare their local comprehensive plan.
-  A Guide to preparing the [Intergovernmental Cooperation](#) element of a local Comprehensive Plan
This guide covers a variety of topics including: issues that should be addressed in your community's Intergovernmental Cooperation Element; other governmental units that can help you develop your element; techniques and ideas for coordinating with other governmental units; techniques for improving intergovernmental cooperation and coordination, including common sense ideas; tips on how to implement, monitor, and update your element; and resources that are available to assist your community with its element, along with contact information.

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