

APPENDIX D

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION
FORUM**

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Intergovernmental Cooperative Forum Identified Issues and Opportunities

On August 1, 2002, the Town of Sumpter Land Use Planning Committee Intergovernmental Cooperation Focus Group sponsored a Forum. Members of the Committee and the various focus groups in attendance included: Ken and Robin Meier, Phil Pickar, Jim Welsh, Dean Brabender, Tim and Marcia Colby, Keith Yanke, Jeffrey Little, Paul Peetz, Donna Ziegler and Larry Luck. Brian Kindschi, Chairperson of the Town of Sumpter, Daryl Luck Town of Sumpter Treasurer, and Jessica Klemm, representing Committee member Rick Richards, were also in attendance.

Other attendees: Halsey Sprecher, Town of Prairie du Sac; Judy Ashford, Town of Merrimac; Darlene Hill, Town of Baraboo; Lowell Haugen, Sauk County Board of Supervisors; Rose White, Sauk Prairie School Board Member and Sauk County Board of Supervisors; Tom Andres, Superintendent Sauk Prairie School District; Kevin Stieve, Baraboo Fire District; Steven Muchow, Sauk County Highway Department, Ron Grasshoff of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Mark Aquino of the DNR and Badger Intergovernmental Group (BIG); Rick Walgenbach of the US Dairy Forage Research Center and BIG; Steve Schmelzer of Devils Lake State Park and Arlen Ostrong, an independent consultant.

Tim Colby, Chair of the Land Use Committee, Lance Gurney, Director of Sauk County Department of Planning and Zoning, and Janine Godfriaux-Leystra, intern with the Sauk County Department of Planning and Zoning, facilitated the forum. The planning process and work-to-date of the Committee were reviewed, including the adopted Vision and Goals, and drafts of the objectives and policies of each Focus Group. The attendees were seated in groups of 5 to 6. First, the attendees individually listed their ideas about the issues and opportunities in regards to each Focus Group. Next, these ideas were shared within the small groups. In the end, a representative from each group shared the top 4 or 5 opportunities/issues with the large group. These are listed as follows:

Housing

Controlled area for building.

Starter homes.

Protection of farmland.

Realize change will continue to happen.

Understanding overall limits of growth, including where to locate and how much should happen.

Need for supporting economic balance was listed twice.

Support clustering was listed twice.

Driveway Standards should be established, including length of such.

Avoid environmentally sensitive areas.

Develop near existing infrastructure.

Lot/Parcel size issues should be considered, including the size not being too small, and to vary in size according to service availability.

Consider the effects of stormwater runoff as a result of development was listed twice.

Agriculture

Allow for growth, freedom to change.

Allow for small home based businesses.

Allow for small, ag-related businesses.

Consider water quality when locating large feed operations.

Support TDR .

Support Otter Creek as part of the CREP Program.

Maintain dialog between Ag and non-ag residents.

Preserving the family farm by supporting programs such as TDR and clustering was mentioned 2 times.

The US Dairy Forage Research Center provides many potential benefits to farmers which could be better utilized.

Prohibit large (animal units), absentee farms.

Economic Development

Restricting Signs (especially billboards) was mentioned three times, including restricting size and establishing landscape standards).

Define standards of economic development.

Promote development where it already exists.

Coordinate the Badger Reuse Plan and Economic Development opportunities afforded from such.

Support no industry as indicated in the Badger Reuse Plan.

Promote small business opportunities.

Consider the location of any development area.

Natural, Cultural and Community Resources

Improve water quality through establishing buffers around waterways.

Resources should be accessible by community.

Preserve the Natural Beauty of the area.

Explore and encourage opportunities for agriculture and natural resource issues to blend and work together.

Restrict signage.

Protect the contiguous forest tracts through a variety of programs including clustering.

Support uses that do not fragment ecosystems.

Protect Bluffs.

Parks are a bonus.

Protect Riparian corridor.

Enhance water quality and quantity of Otter Creek.

Reconnect Otter Creek to historic floodplain.