

## Chapter 9. Implementation

### Introduction

The primary reason a community prepares a comprehensive plan is to establish a framework to influence decisions in regards to land use and development issues, to maintain the desired character of a community, and in some cases to set priorities for public expenditures. In order for this plan to be effective, it should have a set of community supported actions and/or policies that the community will follow in the hopes that at least parts of the plan will be realized. The implementation element gives decision-makers, landowners, non-profit organizations, and others a road map to move that plan to action.

### Definition

The comprehensive planning law defines the implementation element as: “A compilation of programs and specific actions to be completed in a stated sequence, including proposed changes to any applicable zoning ordinances, official maps, or subdivision ordinances, to implement the objectives, policies, plans and programs.”

### Consistency and Integration Between Elements

The comprehensive planning law requires that the plan provide a way to bring all the elements together and make them consistent with one another as a package to achieve the common vision and goals of the plan. In an effort to ensure that each element is consistent and integrated with the others, the planning process was coordinated by developing each element simultaneously. Based on this fact, there are no known inconsistencies or conflicts between plan elements. A consistency review of the goals, objectives, and actions/policies reveals that all elements of the plan work together as a package to achieve the town’s vision statement.

*“The Town of Little Black comprehensive plan is*

*an attempt to protect the natural resources (especially groundwater) and enhance and protect the rural culture of the township by empowering the governing body to develop, interpret and implement the plan.”*

### Measuring Plan Progress

Including a mechanism to measure the Town of Little Black’s progress toward achieving all aspects of this comprehensive plan is a requirement of the comprehensive planning law. The goals, objectives and action statements included for each of the plan elements are not only directives to guide town decisions, but also tools to measure who (the cooperating parties) will work on the actions and when (time-frame) they are targeted to be completed.

### Plan Updates & Revisions

The comprehensive planning law requires that the implementation element include a process for updating the comprehensive plan at least once every 10 years. In order to ensure that the plan is an effective management tool, the Town of Little Black Planning Committee should review the plan annually to track the plans progress in meeting its goals and to add additional actions and recommendations as needed and as unforeseen changes occur. The Town of Little Black should initiate its first major update of this plan by 2020. It is recommended that the information from the 2020 census be used to update pertinent parts of this plan when the data becomes available.

### Plan Implementation

What follows is a list of the Town of Little Black’s goals, objectives, and action statements for housing, transportation, utilities and community facilities, natural-agricultural-cultural resources, economic development, intergovernmental cooperation and land use as derived by the Town of Little Black planning Committee and citizens that participated in the overall planning process. The table also identifies responsible cooperating parties for each action as well as considering a time-frame

to complete or achieve the actions.

**Abbreviations**

- P.C. – Planning Committee
- T.B. – Town Board
- WDNR - Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- TLCD- Taylor County Land Conservation Departments
- NRCS - Natural Resources Conservation Service

**NATURAL RESOURCES GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS/POLICIES**

**Goal: Protect, preserve, and efficiently utilize the natural resources (especially ground water) in the Town of Little Black, while still promoting employment and recreational opportunities.**

**Objectives:**

1. To preserve existing ground water quantity & quality.

Policy/Action/Recommendation	Cooperating Parties	Time Frame
Promote township citizens to test wells annually	T.B. TLCD	Ongoing
Enforce township Ordinances on high capacity wells to protect township private wells quantity/quality	T.B. P.C.	Ongoing
Monitor high capacity well applications	T.B. WDNR TLCD	Ongoing
Require groundwater availability assessment with a 14 day pump test	T.B. WDNR TLCD	Ongoing

2. Preserve and improve the quality of Little Black's surface water.

Policy/Action/Recommendation	Cooperating Parties	Time Frame
To get Pine Creek on Impaired Waters List	T.B. P.C. WDNR TLCD	1 year
To evaluate all surface waters in the township	T.B. P.C. WDNR TLCD	1 year
To improve and protect surface water quality	T.B. P.C. WDNR TLCD NRCS Landowners	Ongoing

3. Preserve streams, wetlands, wildlife habitat, continuity of larger woodland areas and agricultural/farmfields and other natural areas.

Policy/Action/Recommendation	Cooperating Parties	Time Frame
• Work with WDNR in providing education and information to the public on management plans for local resources before approving subdivisions or building.	T.B. WDNR NRCS TLCD	Ongoing
• Suggest submitting of an environmental assessment.	T.B. P.C.	Ongoing

4. Encourage proper timber management on managed forestlands.

Policy/Action/Recommendation	Cooperating Parties	Time Frame
• Continue to work with the Federal and State governments for proper timber management.	T.B. NRCS	Ongoing

5. Promote continued use of prime farmland for agricultural purposes.

Policy/Action/Recommendation	Cooperating Parties	Time Frame
• Educate town land owners on the importance of prime farmland soils for agricultural purposes.	T.B. County UW Extension	Ongoing

Policy/Action/Recommendation	Cooperating Parties	Time Frame
• We need to map suitable corridors.	T.B. P.C.	1 year
• We need to support opportunities for farm family businesses, home occupations and agriculturally related businesses to assist farm families.	P.C.	Ongoing

**CULTURAL RESOURCES GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS/POLICIES**

**Goal: Identify, promote, and preserve the ethnic and rural character of the Town of Little Black.**

**Objective:**

Promote the wise use of our public lands, private forests and agricultural lands.

Policy/Action/Recommendation	Cooperating Parties	Time Frame
• We need to define the rural character of our Town.	Survey townspeople	Ongoing

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS/POLICIES**

**Goal: Promote and maintain the economic base in the Town of Little Black.**

**Objective:**

Promote and improve economic development along suitable corridors.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS/POLICIES**

**Goal: Promote and maintain the cooperation with neighboring governmental units.**

**Objectives:**

1. Work with other neighboring townships, Taylor County, City of Medford, Village of Stetsonville, school districts, state and federal agencies on service delivery and other issues of mutual concern.

Policy/Action/Recommendation	Cooperating Parties	Time Frame
• Provide a copy of this Comprehensive Plan to all surrounding local governments.	All governments	6 months
• Work to resolve any differences between the plans of adjacent communities, particularly with the county and adjacent townships.	All governments	6 months
Cooperate with other units of government, including the WDNR, on natural resources, places of recreation, transportation facilities, and other systems that are under shared authority or cross governmental boundaries.	All governments	6 months

**HOUSING GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS/POLICIES**

**Goal: Promote safe, suitable and adequate single-family housing for citizens of the Town of Little Black.**

**Objectives:**

1. Support the provision of housing in the Town to meet the needs of persons of all income levels, age groups, and special needs.
2. Study lot sizes in the Town.

Policy/Action/Recommendation	Cooperating Parties	Time Frame
Study lot sizes	T.B. P.C.	1 year +
Study new construction setbacks from property lines	T.B. P.C.	1 year +
Study multiple mobile home areas	T.B. P.C.	1 year +

3. Study possible subdivision regulations.

**TRANSPORTATION GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS/POLICIES**

**Goal: Provide a safe and efficient transportation system that meets the needs of multiple users.**

**Objective:**

Maintain our current network of roads.

Policy/Action/Recommendation	Cooperating Parties	Time Frame
Continue to update and implement the PASER program	State T.B.	Ongoing

(which the town uses to grade the condition of roads) to provide for the upgrading of town roads.		
Develop a five-year town road plan.	T.B. County Hwy.	Ongoing
Implement a Town road impact fee for any new development projects that place a burden on or require the upgrading of town roads.	T.B. P.C.	Ongoing
Review and update our driveway ordinance.	T.B.	Ongoing

**UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS/POLICIES**

**Goal: Maintain and enhance Town-owned facilities and services.**

**Objective:**

Promote the use of existing public facilities, and logical expansions to those facilities, to serve future development wherever possible.

Policy/Action/Recommendation	Cooperating Parties	Time Frame
Continue to provide basic services for Town residents, including recycling collection, public road maintenance, snow plowing, and emergency services.	T.B.	Ongoing
Encourage the use of the town owned facilities.	T.B.	Ongoing

**AGRICULTURE GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS/POLICIES**

**Goal: Protect and support the preservation and use of agricultural lands in the Town of Little Black.**

**Objective:**

Promote the preservation of productive farmlands for continued agricultural use.



Policy/Action/Recommendation	Cooperating Parties	Time Frame
Guide housing away from productive agricultural land.	T.B. Land owner	Ongoing
Suggest limits for new home sites on agricultural property.	T.B. P.C.	Ongoing

**LAND USE GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ACTIONS/POLICIES**

**Goal: Promote economically efficient, environmentally sustainable, and compatible development patterns, that respects private property rights.**

**Objectives:**

1. Maintain the Town’s open space character.
2. Preservation of prime agricultural land.
3. Identify and map sensitive areas to discourage inappropriate development.



Policy/Action/Recommendation	Cooperating Parties	Time Frame
Investigate the development of a town subdivision ordinance.	T.B. P.C.	1 year +
Investigate Mobile Home Park Ordinance	T.B. P.C.	6 months