

## **Planning and Zoning Guide**

### **Town vs County Zoning**

- Most towns in Outagamie County are under county zoning jurisdiction. However, a few towns have elected to create and administer their own zoning codes. The towns that have elected to administer their own zoning include:
  - Black Creek
  - Hortonia
  - Greenville
  - Grand Chute
  - Kaukauna
  - Buchanan
  
- Every other town, with the exception of Maine (which does not have zoning) is zoned by the county. The county does not have jurisdiction or permitting authority within any of the cities or villages located within the county, such as the City of Appleton.
  
- If you have zoning related questions in your town, whether you live in a town that administers their own zoning, or a town that is under county zoning, you can contact your local official found in the Directory of Public Officials, which can be found [HERE](#). Or you can contact an Outagamie County Planner by clicking [HERE](#).
  
- If you are interested in seeing Outagamie County's Zoning Ordinance, you can find it [HERE](#) or if you are interested in seeing what your property is zoned, you can visit the Outagamie County GIS Zoning Map [HERE](#).
  
- A list of all the municipalities (Cities, Towns, and Villages) in Outagamie County, with links to each municipality home page can be found [HERE](#).

### **Comprehensive Planning**

- Comprehensive planning law, enacted in 1999 in Wisconsin, requires local municipalities to adopt Comprehensive Plans and update them every ten years. Comprehensive Planning is different from zoning in that it provides the framework or structure in which land use decisions should be made. Different elements are discussed when updating a comprehensive plan, including Issues and Opportunities, Housing, Agriculture, Economic Development, Transportation, and more. More information on Comprehensive Planning in Wisconsin can be found [HERE](#).
  
- Outagamie County recently updated their Comprehensive Plan in January of 2020, creating a vision and plan for Outagamie County through 2040. More information about the Outagamie County Comprehensive Plan and Plan Documents click [HERE](#).