

## Internal Consistency Examples (from various adopted plans)

### City of Rice Lake

#### **Plan Consistency**

The elements of a comprehensive plan should be internally consistent. Indeed, there is much overlap in issues and policy between many of the elements. A review of all plan data, analysis and conclusions, and of plan goals and policies is done to attempt to identify areas of inconsistency. As the plan was developed, major consistent themes emerged which moved the plan toward consistent conclusions and compatible approaches to solving identified problems among the elements. There is a concern that any future plan amendments be evaluated for consistency with the overall comprehensive plan.

### Town of Sparta

#### **Internal Consistency**

When drafting a comprehensive plan for a community, the possibility exists that the individual pieces of the plan may not support other elements to the extent they should or, in the worst case, contradict other elements.

As envisioned and crafted, the elements of this plan fit together into a cohesive direction for future decision making in Sparta. The real danger comes in when amendments are made in the coming years to address a particular issue without regard to the rest of the plan.

One of the major determinants of this plan is the population projections. The population projections on which this plan is based were developed fairly early in the process and were used throughout this plan in the following areas: in projecting the number of housing units that will be added during the next 20 years, in projecting how much land to allocate for different land uses and in assessing the adequacy of transportation systems, utilities and community facilities.

### Town of Watertown

#### **Planning Element Integration and Consistency**

Wisconsin's Smart Growth Legislation requires that the implementation element describe how each of the nine elements of the comprehensive plan will be integrated and made consistent with the other element of the plan. The planning process that was used to create the Town of Watertown Comprehensive Plan required all elements of the plan to be produced in a simultaneous manner. No elements were created independently from the other elements of the plan, therefore, eliminating the threat of inconsistency. There are no known inconsistencies within the plan or individual elements or between, goals, objectives, policies, and recommendations.

Over time the potential for inconsistency between the plan and existing conditions could increase, possibly requiring amendments and/or updates to be made. Over time, additional plans regarding specific features within the Watertown plan may also be developed. The process to develop any further detailed plans should be consistent with this Town of Watertown Comprehensive Plan.