

Town of Little Black Public Participation Plan

I. Introduction

Section 66.1001 (4) (a) specifies that local governments preparing a comprehensive plan must adopt written procedures that are:

"Designed to foster public participation, including open discussion, communication programs, information services and public meetings for which advance notice has been provided, in every stage of the preparation of a comprehensive plan."

In addition, the written procedures must:

"Provide for wide distribution of proposed, alternative, and amended elements of a comprehensive plan, and shall provide an opportunity for written comments on the plan to be submitted by members of the public to the governing body and for the governing body to respond to such written comments."

II. Public Participation Efforts

The Town of Little Black will foster public participation through the efforts described below. Additional efforts beyond those listed may also occur during plan development. The core efforts to gather public input throughout the planning process may include:

- Posting public information and hearing notices in accordance with Wisconsin's Open Meeting Law;
- Sending notices regarding all public information meetings and public hearings to local media outlets;
- Placing legal notice of all hearings in the official county newspaper;
- Distribution of a survey to identify key issues useful in assisting in developing the comprehensive plan;
- Posting information on either the consultants or Taylor County's website;
- Accepting written comments throughout the planning process; and
- Holding at least one public hearing to receive comments on the recommended draft document before being submitted to the Town Board for action.

III. Procedures for Adopting the Comprehensive Plan

The Town of Little Black shall comply with all of the procedures for adopting a comprehensive plan under section 66.1001 (4) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

The Town of Little Black Planning Commission will approve by a majority vote, at a regularly scheduled and publicly noticed meeting, a resolution that recommends to the Town of Little Black Board of Supervisors the adoption of the developed Town of Little Black Comprehensive Plan.

Action taken by the Planning Commission shall be recorded in the official minutes of the commission.

In accordance with State Statute 66.1001 (4), Procedures for Adopting a Comprehensive Plan, one copy of the plan recommended for adoption by the Planning Commission will be sent to the following:

1. Every governmental body that is located in whole or in part within the boundaries of the local governmental unit.

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2. Every local governmental unit that is adjacent to the local governmental unit, which is the subject of the plan.
 3. The Wisconsin Land Council and/or Department of Administration.
 4. The public library(s) that serves the area in which the local governmental unit is located.
- A copy of the draft and final comprehensive plan will also be made available for public review at the Town of Little Black Town Hall, Taylor County Zoning Department and on either the consultants or Taylor County's website.
- The Town Board will hold at least one public hearing on the ordinance and comprehensive plan. The hearing will be preceded by a Class 1 notice as specified under Ch. 985 and published at least 30 days before the hearing is held.
- At least 30 days before public hearing to adopt or amend the Town of Little Black Comprehensive Plan, the Town of Little Black shall provide written notice to all of the following:
- The most common examples of nonmetallic mines are rock quarries and gravel pits 1. An operator who has obtained, or made application for, a permit that is described under s. 295.12(3)(d).
2. A person who has registered a marketable nonmetallic mineral deposit under s. 295.20. Any other property owner or leaseholder who has an interest in property pursuant to which the person may extract nonmetallic mineral resources, if the property owner or leaseholder requests in writing that the Town of Little Black provide the property owner or leaseholder notice of the hearing described in 66.1001 (4)(d).

IV. Town of Little Black Comprehensive Planning Process

The Town of Little Black will follow the process and procedures for adopting the comprehensive plan as listed in §66.1001 of the Wisconsin State Statutes and this public participation plan.

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Approved by the Town of Little Black Town Board of Supervisors on 2-13- 2011