

TOWN OF CHRISTIANA PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

The purposes of the *Public Participation Plan* are three-fold:

To provide a variety of forums and formats that ensure quality participation by Town residents.

To keep Town residents updated on the progress of the planning process. To meet the requirements of Wis. Stat. §66.1001(4)(a):

“The governing body of a local government unit shall 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. The written procedures shall provide for wide distribution of proposed, alternative or 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.”

In accordance with Wisconsin’s Comprehensive Planning legislation, Wis. Stat. §66.1001(4)(a), the Town of Christiana will follow the *Public Participation Plan* detailed below:

Plan Steering Committee: The current Town Planning Commission, The Smart Growth Committee and The Town Board shall collectively serve as the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee. The Smart Growth committee will direct the planning process, and hold regular meetings to discuss and generate goals, objectives, and policies for each of the nine required elements. Meetings are generally scheduled for the last Monday of every month. Public meeting notices will be posted in several locations around the Town and appear on the Town’s Web Site.

Website: The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meeting agendas and minutes, as well as draft town plan documents, will be posted on the Town’s website; <https://tn.christiana.wi.gov> Additional information and resources can also be found at the county’s comprehensive plan website (<https://www.danecountyplanning.com/>)

Community Survey: A community survey of Town residents will be developed to assess the community's attitudes and opinions on issues affecting the Town's quality of life and future. The survey results will be used to guide the goals and objectives of the Town's comprehensive plan.

Draft Plan Open House: An open house will be held to present a draft version of the new *Comprehensive Plan* to the community. Text and maps will be displayed and citizen input and feedback requested.

Public Hearing: As specified in Wisconsin's comprehensive planning legislation, the Town will hold a public hearing on the ordinance to adopt the *Comprehensive Plan*. All members of the public will have a chance to voice comments on the *Plan*. In addition, written comments will be accepted and considered. The public hearing will be published as a class 1 notice at least thirty days prior to the hearing, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §985.02(1). The published notice shall include the following information:

1. Date, time and location of the public hearing
2. Summary of the comprehensive plan.
3. Contact information for people who can provide additional information regarding the proposed ordinance.
4. Information relating to where and when the proposed comprehensive plan may be inspected before the hearing, and how a copy may be obtained.