

The Town's New Comprehensive Plan is Ready to Go!

The Town's 2023-2043 Comprehensive Plan was created with input from many townspeople. It is their vision for the Town of Gibraltar beginning now and for 20 years into the future. The vision seeks mindful growth in economic opportunities that move the Town toward a sustainable future, while preserving and enhancing its distinctive characteristics and strengths; honoring its Door County heritage, preserving its historical legacy, infrastructure, and aesthetics; protecting its natural environment and its agricultural resources; and continuing the tradition of offering a welcoming, friendly, small town atmosphere for residents, business owners, workers, and visitors alike.

The plan is meant to guide the Town in cultivating this vision and provide continuity across the 20 years through changing leadership. When embraced by the Town Board, its Commissions and Committees, their decisions will reflect the vision.

The Plan consists of the narrative, goals, and actions. The narrative presents a wholistic picture of the Town beginning with its history. It goes on to describe the Town's current state in its chapters on Environmental Resources, Cultural Arts & Historical Resources, Housing, Economy, Transportation, Utilities, and Community Facilities, Communication, and Intergovernmental Cooperation. This information forms the foundation on which to build the vision.

There are goals for each chapter of the narrative. Each goal when completed contributes to the creation of the overall vision. The actions are the steps that lead to the accomplishment of the goals.

Implementation of the Plan is the last chapter. Each year those implementing the plan will need to decide what goals and actions are relevant to the current state of the Town and choose those to be worked on. Some goals direct who should work on them, while others are left open. Citizen input here is critical. The Plan Commission is currently putting together its list of goals to work on in 2024. This list will be presented to the Town Board at a joint meeting in January 2024. Call the Town office if you find a goal that you believe should be worked on in 2024.

Much work went into writing the Plan, but the work is not done. Now it will take all of us working together to set the plan in motion and keep it moving. It all begins by reading and embracing the Plan. You can find it on the Town website at the bottom of the home page in the Quick Link buttons. **There are two links: One for the regular comprehensive plan and the other for the interactive version of the comp plan. OR Call the Town today at 920-868-1714**

Please, do get involved in making this vision come true. It can only happen with your help.

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