



# ***Comprehensive Planning at the Regional Level and Assistance to County and Local Governments***



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## ***Presentation Overview***

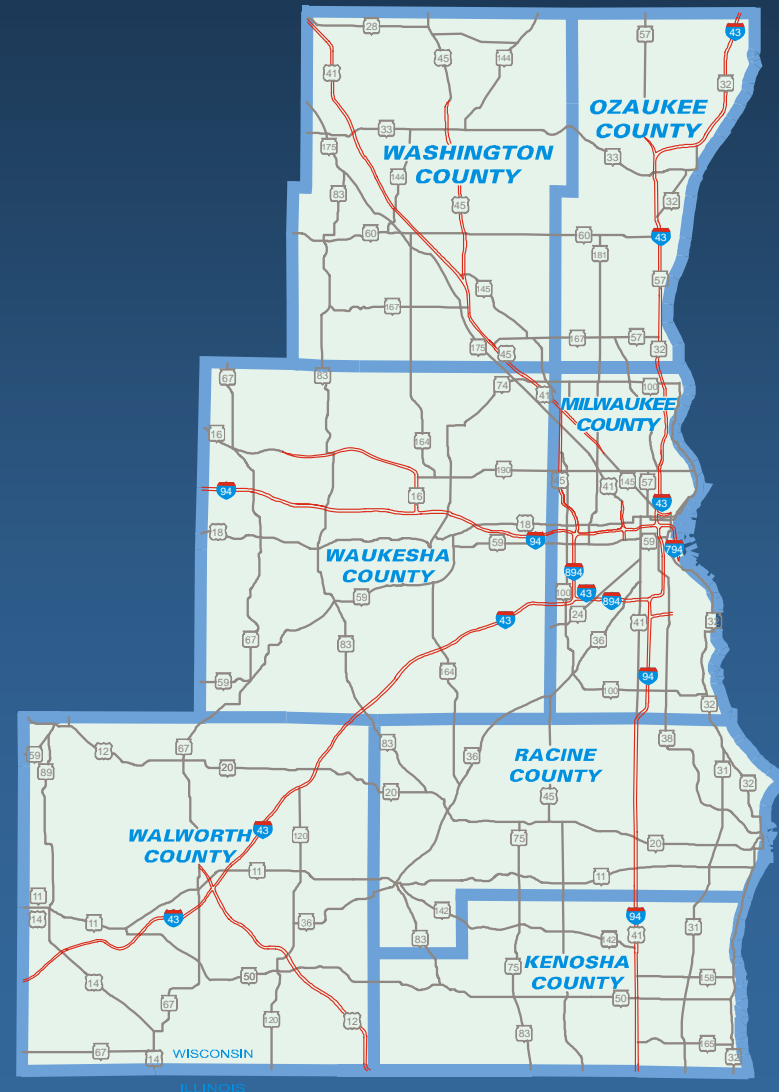
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# Regional Planning in Southeastern Wisconsin

- **Creation of SEWRPC**
- **Basic Functions**
  - Develop and maintain data bank
  - Prepare areawide, long-range plans
  - Coordinate planning activities
  - Ensure Federal planning requirements are met
- **SEWRPC Governance**
- **SEWRPC Budget**
  - Walworth County 2003 — \$159,610
- **SEWRPC Staff**
  - Multi-disciplinary in nature
  - Sharing skills with local governments





# ***SEWRPC Planning Assistance in Walworth County***

## **County Plans**

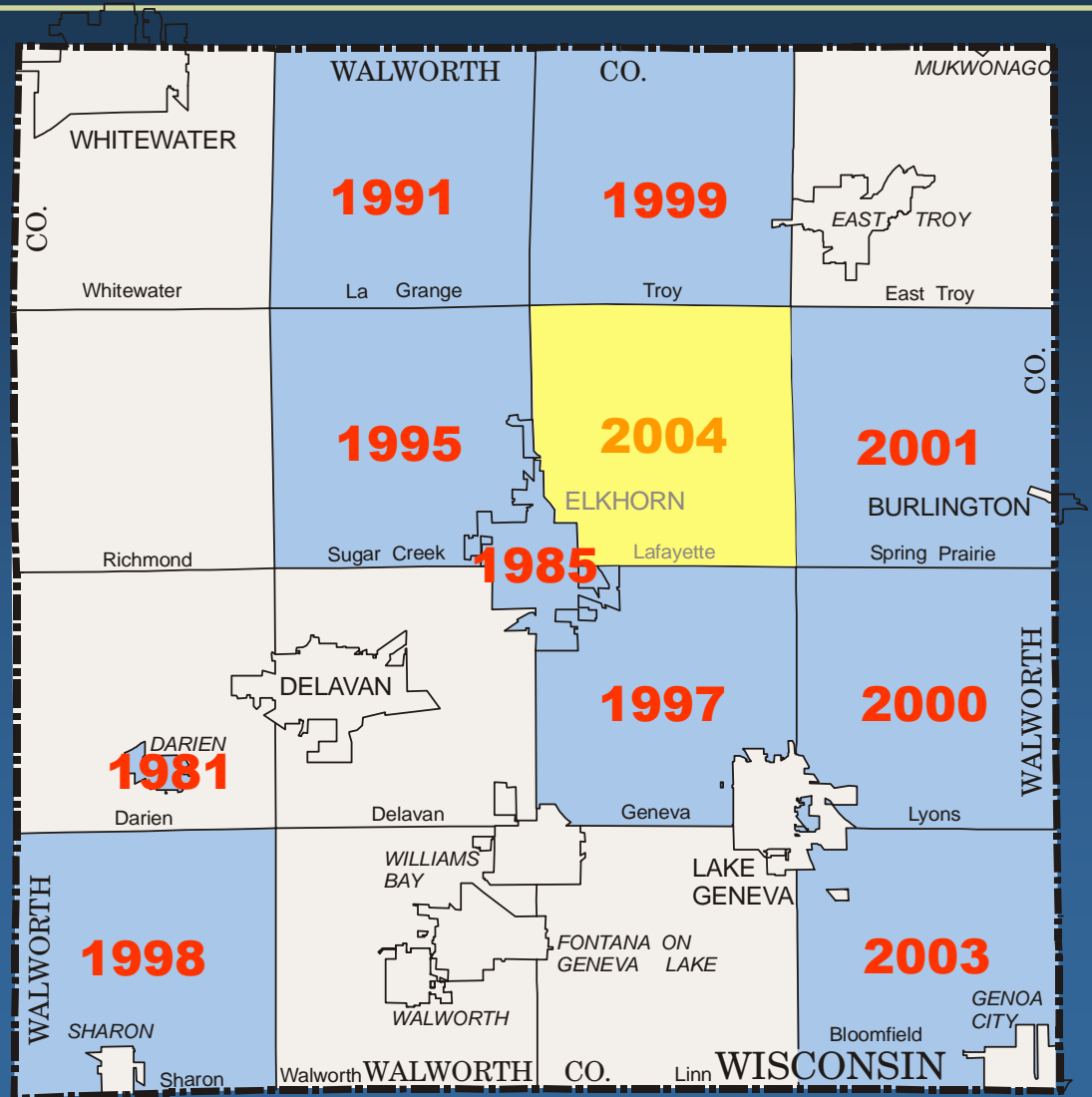
- **Land Use Plan**
- **Park and Open Space Plan**
- **Jurisdictional Highway System Plan**
- **Public Transit Service Plan**
- **Solid Waste Management Plan**
- **Land Information System Plan**





# SEWRPC Planning Assistance in Walworth County (continued)

## Local Land Use Plans





# SEWRPC Planning Assistance in Walworth County (continued)

## Other Local Plans

-  Park
-  Lake Management
-  Rail
-  Economic Development
-  Governance
-  Neighborhood





# ***Regional Framework for Preparing County and Local “Smart Growth” Plans***

- **10-Year Planning Cycle**
  - **First 5 years devoted to regional activities**
  - **Second 5 years devoted to County and local activities**
- **Update and Rebuild Data Base**
  - **Orthophotography**
  - **Census of population and housing**
  - **Survey of travel habits and patterns**
  - **Land use development and change**
  - **Changes in environmentally sensitive lands**
  - **Transportation and utility facilities**
  - **Local plans and zoning**



# ***Regional Framework for Preparing County and Local “Smart Growth” Plans (continued)***

- **Prepare Forecasts of Growth and Change**
  - **2030 and 2035**
  - **For Region, Counties, and small areas**
  - **Population**
  - **Households**
  - **Jobs**
- **Update and Extend Key Regional Plans**
  - **Land use**
  - **Transportation**
  - **Housing**
  - **Water supply**
- **At this point, a Proper Framework will be in Place upon Which to Develop County and Local “Smart Growth” Plans**



# ***The Benefits of Municipalities Working Together in Meeting the “Smart Growth” Challenge***

- **Build greater understanding of each others’ development/preservation vision and objectives**
- **Identify and address development conflicts and issues through the planning process**
  - **But, recognize that not all conflicts will be resolved; there will be a need to “agree to disagree” and to document varying positions on a given issue**
  - **Recognize also that the “Smart Growth” law and process in no way affects or changes the present sets of legal powers and responsibilities that attach to classes of municipalities**
- **Improve intergovernmental communications and relationships; build trust in each other**



## ***The Benefits of Municipalities Working Together in Meeting the “Smart Growth” Challenge (continued)***

- **Identify mutually benefiting opportunities**
- **Save money in conducting the planning process**
  - **Improve chances for obtaining a State grant**
  - **Enhance the amount of a State grant**
  - **Leverage existing local resources being spent on planning**
- **Finally, recognize that working together does not diminish the ability of each local government to get what it needs from the planning process. The process must produce “Smart Growth” compliant plans that are adoptable by each local government partner**



# ***A Proposed Walworth County “Smart Growth” Partnership***

- **The Partners**
  - **Walworth County**
  - **Any town, village, or city in Walworth County**
  - **SEWRPC (would contract with County to lead the process and produce documents)**
- **The Planning Objectives of the Partnership**
  - **To work together in preparing and adopting “Smart Growth” compliant plans**
  - **To operate the planning process in a collegial manner over the period 2005-2008**
  - **To produce a comprehensive Walworth County “Smart Growth” plan document suitable for direct adoption by all partners**
  - **To produce compatible “Smart Growth” plan documents for partner municipalities desiring such documents**



# ***A Proposed Walworth County “Smart Growth” Partnership (continued)***

- **The Fiscal Objectives of the Partnership**
  - **To obtain a State “Smart Growth” grant in the 2005 grant cycle**
  - **To use existing County and SEWRPC planning tax levy funding to provide the necessary local match to the State grant**
  - **To make it possible for local government partners to complete a “Smart Growth” plan without fiscal impact except for the value of “in-kind” contributions, primarily staff time, and relatively modest out-of-pocket costs**
  - **To permit partners to contract with SEWRPC for a separate plan document focused on an individual municipality**



# ***A Walworth County Partnership Example: All Towns Choose to Participate***

<b>Base Funding Level for Determining State Grant Award</b>		<b>Potential Grant Award</b>	
Walworth County	\$175,000	50% Base Amount	\$305,000
Town of Bloomfield	40,000	10% Incentive for Each Town	43,500
Town of Darien	20,000	10% County Incentive for	
Town of Delavan	30,000	Full Town Participation	17,500
Town of East Troy	30,000		
Town of Geneva	35,000		
Town of Lafayette	20,000	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$366,000</b>
Town of LaGrange	30,000		
Town of Linn	30,000	<b>Matching Requirements</b>	
Town of Lyons	30,000	State Grant:	\$366,000
Town of Richmond	20,000	Required Match	\$305,000
Town of Sharon	20,000	50% County:	\$152,500 (average of \$38,125 per year for four years)
Town of Spring Prairie	30,000	50% SEWRPC:	\$152,500 (average of \$38,125 per year for four years)
Town of Sugar Creek	30,000		
Town of Troy	30,000		
Town of Walworth	20,000		
Town of Whitewater	20,000		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$610,000</b>		



# ***A Walworth County Partnership Example: All Towns, Villages (except Sharon), and Cities Choose to Participate***

<b>Base Funding Level for Determining State Grant Award</b>		<b>Potential Grant Award</b>	
Walworth County	\$175,000	50% Base Amount	\$475,000
16 Towns	435,000	10% Incentive for Each Local Government	77,500
Village of Darien	20,000	10% County Incentive for Full Town Participation	17,500
Village of East Troy	30,000		
Village of Fontana	20,000		
Village of Genoa City	30,000	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$570,000</b>
Village of Walworth	30,000	<b>Matching Requirements</b>	
Village of Williams Bay	30,000	State Grant:	\$570,000
City of Delavan	40,000	Required Match	\$475,000
City of Elkhorn	40,000	50% County:	\$237,500 (average of \$59,375 per year for four years)
City of Lake Geneva	40,000	50% SEWRPC:	\$237,500 (average of \$59,375 per year for four years)
City of Whitewater	60,000		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$950,000</b>		

