



Southeastern  
Wisconsin  
Regional  
Planning  
Commission

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## About Us

The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission is the official areawide advisory planning agency for Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha Counties and the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Region. While Southeastern Wisconsin makes up about 5% of the State's land area, it contains about 35% of the State's population, jobs, and wealth.

Regional planning is recognized as a necessary function in large metro areas across the Country because development and infrastructure problems often transcend the political boundaries and fiscal capabilities of individual communities. A regional approach is necessary to provide sustainable systems and a sound approach to address topics such as those listed to the right.

The Commission was established in 1960 by State law in response to petitions submitted by each of the seven Southeastern Wisconsin counties. Under *Wisconsin Statutes* 66.0309, the Commission is governed by 21 Commissioners, including three from each county:

- One appointed by the County Board
- Two appointed by the Governor, one from a list prepared by the County

Financial support is generated by a regional tax levy apportioned to each county on the basis of equalized valuation, federal and State funding, and local project contributions.



VISION 2050 is Southeastern Wisconsin's land use and transportation plan for the year 2050.

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## Our Functions

The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission performs three basic functions to address issues facing the Region's seven counties and 146 cities, villages, and towns:

1

**Provide basic planning and engineering data and analyses** to federal agencies, State agencies, and entities throughout the Region. This alone contributes to more cost-effective and informed decision-making in both the public and private sectors.

2

**Develop a framework of long-range areawide plans** for the physical development of the Region, per State requirements. The Commission emphasizes planning that encourages sustainable growth and change, guided by advisory committees comprised of public officials, leaders throughout the Region, and interested residents.

3

**Coordinate day-to-day planning activities** in the Region. The Commission seeks to integrate regional and local plans to promote regional plan implementation and facilitate intergovernmental discussions.

Some of the topics we focus on include:

- Air quality
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Economic development
- Environmental corridors and natural areas
- Drought and flood mitigation
- Freight transportation
- Housing
- Infrastructure
- Lake and stream management
- Land use
- Parks and open spaces
- Population and the economy
- Public transit
- Streets and highways
- Water quality management
- Water supply
- Watershed protection and restoration

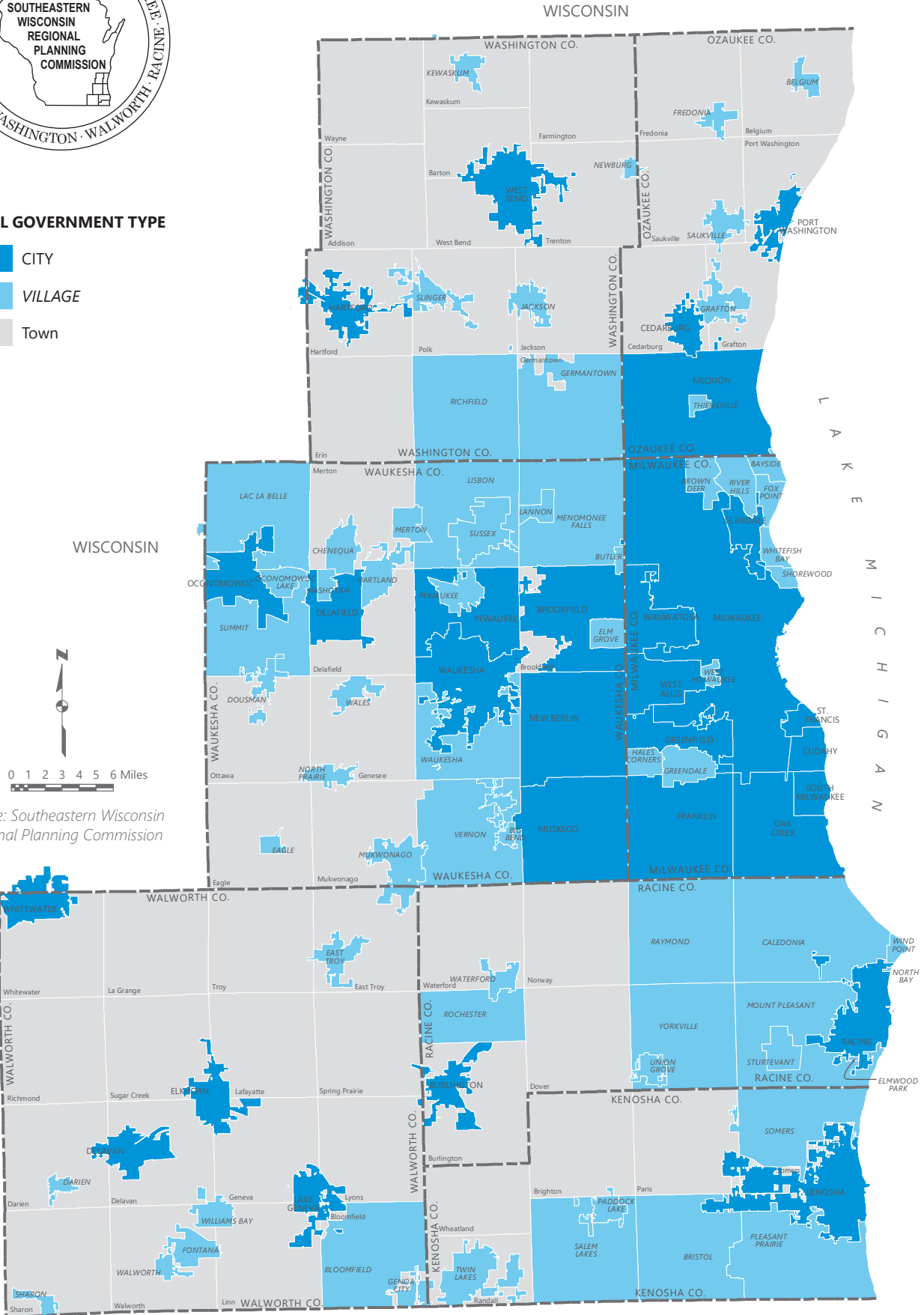
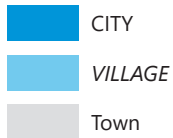






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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT TYPE



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