A plan for housing in southeastern Wisconsin is now being prepared. Work began in 2009 and will be finished in 2012. The plan should benefit people, communities, neighborhoods, businesses, and the economy.

WHY IS A REGIONAL HOUSING PLAN NEEDED?

Housing problems that will be covered by the plan include:

- Locations where there are jobs may not have housing that workers can afford.
- It will be hard to keep up the supply of lower-cost housing paid for partly by the government.
- There is a need for housing that people with disabilities can use.
- Discrimination sometimes happens to people when they try to buy or rent housing.
- Minority and low-income people in the Region mostly live in the centers of our largest cities.
- There is a need to encourage home-building that is good for the environment.
- Falling values of homes, fewer home loans, people not being able to afford house payments, empty housing, and other problems are due to the bad economy.

Who should you contact?

To offer a comment, get more information, request a meeting, or be added to a mailing list, contact the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

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Over half of the rental units in the yellow areas cost more than $900 a month. Several of these areas also have many low- and moderate-income jobs. Could the average worker afford to live and work in these areas?