

# ABOUT SEWRPC

The **Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission** (SEWRPC) is the official areawide advisory planning agency for land use and infrastructure for Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha Counties; the **metropolitan planning organization** (MPO) for the Region; and is the largest of nine regional planning commissions in Wisconsin.



**Regional planning is recognized as a necessary governmental 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 efficient, cost-effective public works systems such as public transit, highways, sewerage and water supply, and parks. Regional planning is also a sound approach to address issues such as flooding, air and water pollution, changing land use, and preserving natural and agricultural resources. SEWRPC performs three basic functions to address regional issues facing the Region's seven counties and 147 cities, villages, and towns:

- **Providing basic planning and engineering data and analyses** to Federal, State, and local governments. This alone contributes to better and more cost-effective decision-making in both the public and private sectors.
- **Developing a framework of long-range areawide plans** for the physical development of the Region, which is mandated by State law. SEWRPC places emphasis on preparing plans for land use and supporting transportation, utilities, and community facilities to encourage efficient growth. Advisory committees comprised of public officials and interested citizens guide staff in preparing plans.
- **Coordinating day-to-day planning activities** of all the governments operating in the Region. SEWRPC seeks to integrate regional and local plans to promote regional plan implementation and facilitate intergovernmental discussions.

**SEWRPC was established in 1960** by State law in response to petitions submitted by each of the seven Southeastern Wisconsin counties. Under State law, SEWRPC is governed by 21 Commissioners, including three from each county. One Commissioner from each county is appointed by the county board and is usually an elected county board supervisor. The remaining two from each county are appointed by the Governor, one from a list prepared by the county. Basic financial support is provided by a regional tax levy apportioned to each county on the basis of equalized valuation, which is supplemented by Federal and State aids.

More information is available at [www.sewrpc.org](http://www.sewrpc.org).

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



*One Region, Focusing on Our Future*

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

Learn more about VISION 2050, including interactive maps of the plan's main elements, at [www.vision2050sewis.org](http://www.vision2050sewis.org).

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