

**TOWN OF UNION, ROCK COUNTY  
RESOLUTION 2006-03**

**Adoption of Comprehensive Plan**

**Whereby**, the Town of Union is required by Wisconsin State Law §62.23 and 66.1001 to prepare and adopt a Comprehensive Plan for the township; and

**Whereby**, the Plan Commission of the Town of Union, Rock County, Wisconsin has reviewed the Town of Union Comprehensive Plan created by the Town of Union Smart Growth Committee; and

**Whereby**, the Town of Union Board adopted written procedures to foster public participation and that such procedures allowed public participation at each stage of preparing the Comprehensive Plan documents and maps; and

**Whereby**, the Comprehensive Plan meets and includes the nine specified elements specified by state statute (Issues & Opportunities, Housing, Transportation, Utilities and Community Facilities, Agricultural, Natural & Cultural Resources, Economic Development, Intergovernmental Cooperation, Land Use, and Implementation & Evaluation); and

**Whereby**, the Comprehensive Plan (drafted March 2, 2006) includes the Town of Union Future Land Use Plan drafted {insert date}; and

**Whereby**, the Plan Commission of the Town of Union has noted that the Township of Union has historically been an agricultural community; and

**Whereby**, the Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map offer a road map that seeks to retain the township's rural character and to limit non-agricultural growth as much as possible; and

**Whereby**, a town resident survey showed most residents favor limited growth; and

**Whereby**, the following items demonstrate practical and compelling reasons for the Town of Union Board to control growth in the Town of Union

1. Union township is a small community with limited government resources, there are no full-time employees of the township. Planning is done by part-time supervisors and volunteers. The township is so small in population that it doesn't even have a town hall. Without reasonable limits to growth, the capacity of our volunteers and supervisors to plan could become overwhelmed.
2. Growth will necessitate road improvements. The Town has no road crew or equipment; road maintenance is contacted out to Rock County, and major road work is bid to

private companies. Limiting and directing growth will allow building and improving roads in an orderly manner without undue disruption to traffic or out-of-proportion increases in taxes for roadwork.

3. Fire protection and ambulance service (EMS) are handled by volunteers. Police service is handled by the Rock County Sheriff's Department with some limited service from Evansville Police Department. Growth should be limited and directed so that these emergency services remain adequate for the population.
4. The majority of children from the Town of Union attend schools in the Evansville School District. Growth needs to be planned so that the schools are adequate for the educational needs and controlled so that there are no catastrophic tax increases to pay for them.
5. Park maintenance is done by volunteers and some contract employees. Growth needs to be orderly so that the park system can be adequately maintained.
6. Water and sewage. Currently 99% of homes are served by private wells and septic systems. Growth needs to be directed since the possibility exists for a regional sewage system in the northwest part of the township in the foreseeable future.
7. Sustainable growth. The plan calls for approximately 3% growth per year. Construction does have an economic impact on the Township. With controlled growth, this economic impact can be sustained instead of occurring in a boom/bust manner.

**Therefore**, the Town of Union, Plan Commission, hereby recommends adoption of the Town of Union Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map as its guide for efficient, purposeful, affordable, and orderly growth.

This resolution was passed by majority vote at the meeting of the Town of Union Plan Commission on \_\_\_\_\_ and recorded in the minutes thereof.

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Alvin Francis, Plan Commission Chairman

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Date

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Linda O'Leary, Clerk

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Date