

**Notice of 30 Day Review Period & Public Hearing
Proposed Amendment of the Town's Comprehensive
Plan
Town of Forest, St. Croix County, WI**

The Forest Town Plan Commission is authorized to prepare amendments to the Town's comprehensive plan pursuant to state statutes. The Plan Commission has prepared amendments to the comprehensive plan through holding properly noticed public Plan Commission meetings.

The Town Board and Town Plan Commission will hold a joint public hearing on **Thursday, November 21, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Forest Town Hall located in the Town of Forest at 1895 Highway D, Emerald, WI 54013 to hear public comment on the proposed Amended Comprehensive Plan. The public is encouraged to attend the public hearing and to offer comments on the proposed Amended Comprehensive Plan.

Immediately following the public hearing the Plan Commission will meet to discuss and possibly take action on a resolution recommending adoption of the proposed Amended Comprehensive Plan. Immediately following the Plan Commission meeting the Town Board will meet to consider the recommendation of the proposed Amended Comprehensive Plan by the Plan Commission, and to take action on the recommended Amended Comprehensive Plan, including possible adoption of an ordinance adopting the Amended Comprehensive Plan.

The recommended amendments revise text and photographs throughout the Plan. The amendments consist primarily of revisions to Chapter 5, regarding Utilities and Community Facilities, Chapter 9, regarding Land Use, and Chapter 10 regarding Energy and Sustainability. The amendments are intended to clarify the Town's vision for future development, primarily as it relates to industrial and renewable energy development within the Town, including, but not limited to industrial and utility sized wind farms. The amendments also update the Plan to reflect changes that have occurred since the Plan was originally adopted, e.g. town zoning, Stillwater Bridge, ATV ordinance.

The Wisconsin Comprehensive Plan, law provided under Sec. 66.1001 Wis. Stats., requires that effective January 1, 2010 all municipalities that wish to engage in land use actions such as official mapping, local subdivision regulation or zoning regulation must have adopted a comprehensive plan. All such land use actions taken by the Town will be required to be consistent with the adopted comprehensive plan.

Individuals wishing to attend the public hearing who may need special assistance or accommodations should contact the Town Clerk. Copies of the proposed amendments may be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk, Marilyn Benson at 715-265-4777. A copy of the draft Amended Comprehensive Plan will also be posted on the Town's website, www.townofforest.org. Written comments may be sent to the Town Clerk, Marilyn Benson, at 1895 Highway D, Emerald, WI 54013.

Marilyn Benson, Town Clerk

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