

# Envision 2050

*Intergovernmental Cooperation*

*Chapter Review*

# Recommendations and Policies

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- This Intergovernmental Cooperation Element is an essential component of any comprehensive plan. It is the County's policy to participate in intergovernmental coordination efforts with federal, state, and local governments. La Crosse County will support intergovernmental and private sector coordination to ensure the comprehensive plan. Within this element the relationships between public, quasi-public, and private entities are discussed to increase the efficiencies and capabilities of each entity to provide service and support throughout La Crosse County.

# General Intergovernmental Cooperation Policy

- It is the County's policy to participate in intergovernmental coordination efforts with federal, state, and local governments. La Crosse County will support intergovernmental and private sector coordination to ensure:

1. Economic development in conformance with comprehensive planning policy;
2. Reduction of dependence on county resources for needed services;
3. Increased accountability and responsiveness to regional and County-wide needs;
4. Increased efficiencies in the delivery of services;
5. The integrity of the land-use policies of any County comprehensive plan element is preserved;
6. The responsibility and support for land use planning will be coordinated with adjacent jurisdictions through the adoption of local comprehensive plans and other planning agreements which will recognize:
  - i. That the County will maintain planning oversight through the comprehensive plan in unincorporated areas until and during any jurisdictional transition;
  - ii. The County will support the planning process for unincorporated areas and establish and participate in a cooperative process to address the future of urban service provision issues.



7. La Crosse County will continue to encourage the development of cooperative boundary agreements between municipalities.

8. County resources are used to leverage other resources for the encouragement of economically viable agricultural and forest areas, for habitat conservation and stabilizing rural areas. These initiatives could include:

- i. Joint development of marketing facilities for agricultural products, such as wholesale and farmers' markets
- ii. Support for programs which conserve wildlife habitat, particularly wetlands, through private/public cooperation;
- iii. The encouragement of incentive programs or other compensatory mechanisms for the preservation of working lands, especially the purchase of conservation easements.

# Recommendations

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- 1. Prior to actions on rezoning of lands the county zoning committee will take under advisement the recommendations provided in the town plans as well as any plans prepared by cities or villages for the purpose of seeking coordinated and compatible growth.
- 2. Encourage cooperation and coordination on provision of emergency services with local and regional units of government.
- 3. Cooperate and seek ways to cost share and resource pool with other local governments in meeting the State of Wisconsin's comprehensive planning requirements for implementation, updates, and rewrites.
- 4. Encourage all municipalities in the county to develop and enforce erosion control, stormwater management, and groundwater recharge plans that are similar or more restrictive than County ordinances.

## Recommendations

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- 5. Encourage cooperative efforts between the City of La Crosse and surrounding communities to seek ways to expand the mass transit utility service area.
- 6. Initiate efforts to consolidate services between governments and quasi-public entities. Discuss the importance of cost-effective and efficient delivery of services throughout La Crosse County communities. Enlist involvement with other agencies (TCC, LAPC, UWEX, etc.) to educate the public about consolidation and cost-sharing.
- 7. Consider developing a countywide cost of community services study (COCS) to identify and compare the differential between land uses and the amount, and cost, of services they require. Solicit involvement and disseminate results with local community stakeholders.



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