

9. IMPLEMENTATION

Outlining steps to implement a plan is essential to achieving the plan's goals. This element of the plan will address implementation of the Pepin County Comprehensive Plan. The State of Wisconsin Comprehensive Planning Law requires the Implementation Element to include a list of specific programs and actions that will implement the objectives, policies, plans and programs identified in the plan. The element is required to state how each of the elements of the plan are integrated and consistent with each other, identify a mechanism to measure the local government's progress toward achieving the plan, and include a process for updating the plan.

By 2010, if a local government unit engages in official mapping, local subdivision regulations, zoning ordinances, and zoning of shorelands or wetlands those actions must be consistent with the local unit of government's comprehensive plan. The adoption of this plan will ensure all regulatory activities are conducted within the requirements of Wisconsin State Statutes.

Consistency Among Plan Elements

Wisconsin Statutes require a discussion of how the plan is consistent across elements. The Pepin County Board of Supervisors established a County Land Use Planning Advisory Committee as the governmental body to oversee the development of all the planning elements. Two members of the County Board are members of the Land Use Planning Advisory Committee. This Land Use Planning Advisory Committee oversaw the planning process and helped to address inconsistencies. During the planning process members of the County Board were periodically updated on progress of the plan helping ensure plan consistency with existing County policy. In addition, plan copies were forwarded to the Pepin County Board of Supervisors and the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission to ensure the document was consistent with other planning activities in Pepin County and the region.

Farmland Preservation Plan Consistency

The Farmland Preservation Plan maps supersede the Comprehensive Plan maps when determining eligibility for Working Initiative Lands Programs.

Plan Adoption

The quality of a comprehensive plan may be judged by the concrete actions that are taken to achieve the plan's goals. Adopting the Pepin County Comprehensive Plan is the first step in implementing the plan. The Plan Committee will recommend approval of the plan to the County Zoning Committee by resolution. The County Zoning Committee will review the plan and recommend approval of the plan to the County Board. The County Board must then adopt the plan by ordinance in order to enact the plan. Once adopted the plan serves as a framework and guide for the development of the County over the next 20 years.

Plan Monitoring and Plan Updates

The Pepin County Board and its various committees will be the primary bodies responsible for implementing and monitoring the plan over the 20-year planning period. Updates and revisions to the plan will also be the responsibility of the County Board and will be done in accordance to Wisconsin State Statute requirements at a minimum of once every 10 years.

The Pepin County Board of Supervisors has designated the Zoning Committee as the governmental body to oversee the maintenance and implementation of the Pepin County Comprehensive Plan. It is recommended that the Zoning Committee review the comprehensive plan annually at its January meeting to evaluate progress of implementation and determine if a plan update or revision is necessary. The success of the plan will be measured by the degree to which the planning goals are achieved through the annual comprehensive review.

Implementation Element Goals

Through the public participation planning process the following Implementation goals were established for the Pepin County Comprehensive Plan. As described in previous sections, in the context of this plan goals are broad statements that Pepin County desires to achieve. Following each goal are associated policies, programs/actions, etc. that are recommended to address each goal.

Goal A Identify policies and programs to implement recommendations of the comprehensive plan.

1. The Implementation Element attempts to organize the policies, programs/actions, etc. in an organized and meaningful schedule. An implementation schedule is detailed below.

Goal B Provide the opportunity for public input throughout the planning process and future updates.

1. The Pepin County Comprehensive Plan will be updated at a minimum once every 10 years. During the plan update process resident involvement will be solicited through public meetings or reassessing and updating the resident survey. A public hearing will be held on any modifications made to the plan. The plan update will include measuring plan performance at achieving goals, revising statistical information, and updating projections and analysis of past projections. The final stage of the update process will include revising and/or updating implementation strategies to meet the changing needs of Pepin County.

Goal C Balance individual property rights with community interests and goals.

1. Continue to follow the planning process in the adopted "Pepin County Public Participation Plan" which details activities to gain public input through public meetings, public surveys, and general public awareness of the planning process. Following the public participation plan will ensure that balance in the form of public input and opinions will be achieved during the planning process.
2. Utilize public input in the planning process and update the comprehensive plan a minimum of once every 10 years.

Implementation Schedule

There are actions the County should pursue to achieve the goals and objectives of this plan. The following implementation schedule has been developed for the Pepin County Comprehensive Plan. Because each of these different possible actions requires the active leadership of elected officials and/or County staff, and because many of the actions will have a monetary cost to the County, it becomes complicated to chart out 20 years of **specific** action commitments. *Unless specified otherwise the actions are to be continued throughout the planning period.* In several cases the action described is to be initiated within a specific time period (2013-2017 or 2018-2033).

General policies that will guide the future development of Pepin County are not included in the implementation schedule. It is recommended that a full review of applicable plan elements be conducted when evaluating future development proposals.

Land Use Element	
Policy or Objective to be completed	Timeframe
Limit air pollution, light pollution, noise pollution and pollution of surface and ground waters; assure the adequacy of drainage facilities; encourage the wise use and management of natural resources.	Throughout the planning period
Guide public and private policy and action in order to provide adequate, safe and efficient transportation.	2018 - 2033
Provide adequate and diverse housing.	2013 - 2017
Encourage further development of multi-family dwellings to provide for the projected increase in population and for assisted living facilities to provide for the needs of the aging population.	Throughout the planning period
Encourage further development of low-to-median income housing.	Throughout the planning period
Minimize development on land defined as prime agricultural.	Throughout the planning period
Develop a plan to define the agricultural land according to the Land Evaluation (LE) portion of the USCA-NRCS Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Program (LES).	2018 - 2033
Develop plans for land division after important agricultural land is identified and mapped.	2018 - 2033
Consider developing plans and approval processes for new residences designed to protect important farmland.	2018 - 2033
Work with Pepin County programs to achieve NR151 and ATP50 performance standards in agricultural practices.	Throughout the planning period
Consider the use of Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) and Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) programs as a farmland preservation tool to complement agricultural zoning and direct higher density development to more appropriate areas.	2018 - 2033
Support land use which preserves open spaces.	Throughout the planning period
Inform/educate the public about the importance of forested lands in the County.	Throughout the planning period
Continue to prohibit development in wetland/flood plain areas.	Throughout the planning period
Avoid development on lands of cultural, religious, or historical significance.	Throughout the planning period
Develop an optional county-wide general zoning ordinance for the county based on the comprehensive plan and implement subject to the approval of towns.	2013 - 2017
Promote land uses that create or preserve varied and unique urban and rural communities.	Throughout the planning period
Encourage industrial and commercial uses to locate in business and industrial parks, which have sufficient infrastructure to support large industrial uses and offer opportunities for commercial development as well.	Throughout the planning period
Approve development at a pace that does not exceed capacity of utilities, roads, and community facilities.	Throughout the planning period
Support small and home-based business development.	Throughout the planning period
Owners and developers whose operations involve exceeding seasonal road weight limitations or which create unreasonable wear-and-tear, damage or safety concerns related to a dramatic increase in traffic or other impacts so as to warrant upgrades to the existing roads, should be solely responsible for the necessary upgrades to and for the ongoing maintenance of the affected roads.	2013 - 2017

Encourage in-filling of existing open spaces and rehabilitation of under-utilized improved properties.	Throughout the planning period
Prohibit development on slopes greater than 30% to preserve bluffs and minimize soil erosion. Development (building/driveway construction) requested on slopes between 20%-30% should be required to receive a conditional use permit that will address erosion control, emergency access, and any additional site conditions deemed applicable by the reviewing bodies. Developments (building/driveway construction) on slopes less than 20% would be considered permitted and would only require standard building/zoning permits.	Throughout the planning period
Promote residential development in locations with adequate public infrastructure.	Throughout the planning period
Establish guidelines for residential growth.	2013 - 2017
Update the Subdivision Ordinance to include conservation cluster provisions, minimum lot size requirements and road standards.	2013 - 2017
The county's future land use decisions should be based on and be consistent with the current land use plan.	Throughout the planning period
Maintain open communication between government and the residents/businesses.	Throughout the planning period
Minimize conflicts between residents and agriculture, manufacturing, and commerce.	Throughout the planning period
Continue to follow the public participation plan to ensure a balance of public input and opinions will be achieved during the planning and zoning process.	Throughout the planning period
Utilize public input in the planning process and update the comprehensive plan a minimum of once every 10 years.	2018 - 2033
Develop an ordinance to address abandoned vehicles and abandoned buildings, which present a public health nuisance.	2013 - 2017
Separate incompatible land uses with buffer areas between different types of land uses	Throughout the planning period
Urge the county to establish a permanent Land Use Planning Commission charged with researching land use issues (e.g. silica sand mining, high capacity wells, etc.) which will arise from time-to-time and making recommendations for action by the county and municipalities.	2013 - 2017

Housing Element

Policy or Objective to be completed	Timeframe
Support development of a variety of suitable living environments which include diverse housing styles and types which appeal to a variety of income groups;	Throughout the planning period
Encourage development of new and support existing incentive programs for improving the housing stock.	Throughout the planning period
Encourage/incentivize conservation cluster developments to protect the environment.	Throughout the planning period
Encourage development policies which utilize existing infrastructure and communities.	Throughout the planning period
Discourage development on prime agricultural land.	Throughout the planning period

Transportation Element	
Policy or Objective to be completed	Timeframe
Maintain/improve the existing road network.	Throughout the planning period
Promote safe access to and use of roads.	Throughout the planning period
Develop/maintain a multi-modal transportation network.	2018 - 2033
Promote development of rail access and other transportation alternatives.	2018 - 2033
Promote development/expansion of regional public and private transportation services.	2013 - 2017
Support existing transit services.	Throughout the planning period
Encourage/support expansion of intercity bus service.	2018 - 2033
Provide wide shoulders and surface markings on existing & new roads to accommodate alternative modes of transportation.	2018 - 2033
Encourage development of a commercial airport.	2018 - 2033
Encourage/support "Adopt-a-Highway" program.	Throughout the planning period
Promote existing bike/recreational trail system.	Throughout the planning period
Explore other additional funding sources to support all modes of the county's transportation system.	Throughout the planning period
Owners and developers of properties at sites along a county/municipal road, which require year-round access or which create unreasonable wear-and-tear, damage or safety concerns related to a dramatic increase in traffic or other impacts so as to warrant upgrades to the existing county/municipal road, should be solely responsible for the necessary upgrades to and for the ongoing maintenance of the county/municipal road.	2013 - 2017

Utilities and Community Facilities Element

Policy or Objective to be completed	Timeframe
<p><u>Electrical:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Generation: provide for emerging technologies. b. Distribution: encourage adequate traditional distribution and enable emerging technology. c. Promote efficiency/conservation: reduce demand. 	<p>Throughout the planning period Throughout the planning period Throughout the planning period</p>
<p><u>Natural Gas</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Distribution: enable expansion of existing infrastructure. b. Generation: enable expansion and creation of new technology. 	<p>Throughout the planning period Throughout the planning period</p>
<p><u>Telecom</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide adequate service and redundancy countywide. b. Improve cell phone coverage. c. Encourage providers of service to increase broadband capacity and options. 	<p>Throughout the planning period 2013 - 2017 2013 - 2017</p>
<p><u>Water</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide adequate capacity for industrial and commercial expansion. b. Encourage monitoring/sampling for potential contaminants in groundwater. 	<p>Throughout the planning period Throughout the planning period</p>
<p><u>Sanitary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage housing and commercial development within areas served with adequate service b. Identify long term solutions for disposal of sludge and human wastes c. Provide for appropriate disposal of septage/holding tank waste d. Evaluate treatment alternatives for large scale disposal operations e. Develop standards for small scale alternative waste disposal options 	<p>Throughout the planning period 2013 - 2017 2018 - 2033 Throughout the planning period 2013 - 2017</p>
<p><u>Solid Waste</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ensure adequate disposal facilities (hazardous waste, traditional waste streams, E-waste, etc.). b. Reduce amount of materials ending up in landfills. c. Encourage increased recycling. 	<p>Throughout the planning period Throughout the planning period Throughout the planning period</p>
<p><u>Elder Care</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Provide adequate capacity/options for aging population. b. Encourage options to allow for aging in home. c. Upgrade housing to meet changing ambulatory needs of aging population. 	<p>2013 - 2017 Throughout the planning period 2013 - 2017</p>
<p><u>Health Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maintain existing level of health services. b. Encourage expansion of health services. 	<p>Throughout the planning period Throughout the planning period</p>
<p><u>Cemeteries</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ensure maintenance of existing facilities. 	<p>Throughout the planning period</p>
<p><u>Fire and Rescue</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ensure emergency communications are adequate and standards are being met. b. Review consolidation/redistribution and adjust to maximize coverage and reduce response times. 	<p>Throughout the planning period 2013 - 2017</p>
<p><u>Law Enforcement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Look at shared services/consolidation both locally and regionally. 	<p>2013 - 2017</p>
<p><u>Schools</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Evaluate consolidation/shared services. b. Support alternative delivery (home school, charter, virtual). c. Pursue post-secondary options. 	<p>2013 - 2017 Throughout the planning period Throughout the planning period</p>

<p><i>Parks and Recreation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Continuously research options for the upkeep of facilities. b. Implement recommendations of the Pepin County Outdoor Recreation Plan. 	<p>Throughout the planning period 2013 - 2017</p>
<p><i>Child Care</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Monitor licensing standards. b. Ensure facilities are located in proper locations and the number of facilities are adequate to meet demand. 	<p>Throughout the planning period Throughout the planning period</p>
<p><i>Libraries</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Encourage cooperation amongst local and regional libraries. b. Monitor service options/alternatives to ensure they meet residents' changing needs c. Encourage use of local libraries. 	<p>Throughout the planning period Throughout the planning period Throughout the planning period</p>

Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources Element

Policy or Objective to be completed	Timeframe
Agricultural Resources	
Assist Towns in preserving productive farmland within their borders consistent with town policies and plans.	2013 - 2017
Protect existing agricultural operations and minimize the impact of development on existing agricultural operations.	Throughout the planning period
Discourage the conversion of productive agricultural land to nonagricultural uses.	Throughout the planning period
Encourage development patterns that preserve farmland.	Throughout the planning period
Support land use practices that reduce potential conflicts between agriculture and other land uses.	Throughout the planning period
Support the creation of Agricultural Enterprise Areas when supported by impacted towns.	2018 - 2033
Support the creation of Farmland Preservation Zoning Districts which are consistent with town comprehensive plans.	2018 - 2033
Promote use of conservation cluster development and design for non-farm residential development to preserve existing farmland and prevent agricultural fragmentation.	Throughout the planning period
Encourage landowners to adopt modern crop production methods that reduce topsoil losses.	Throughout the planning period
Encourage land use practices that minimize environmental pollution.	Throughout the planning period
Improve and protect surface and groundwater quality.	2013 - 2017
Promote conservation programs and best management practices identified in the Pepin County Land and Water Resource Management Plan to protect valuable natural resources.	Throughout the planning period
Encourage review of the Livestock Siting Ordinance for Pepin County with reference to ATCP 51.	2018 - 2033
Maintain, support and enhance agriculture as a strong component of the county's economy.	Throughout the planning period
Support and encourage agricultural enterprise.	Throughout the planning period
Encourage diverse agricultural ventures.	Throughout the planning period
Support the establishment of Agricultural Business Operations in appropriate locations consistent with town comprehensive plans, when applicable.	Throughout the planning period
Support appropriate infrastructure development such as rail, transit, and roads which assist agricultural commerce.	2018 - 2033
Encourage agriculture friendly land uses (such as agri-tourism) at appropriate locations.	Throughout the planning period
Promote small family farms and educate potential farmers of economic viability of small farms.	Throughout the planning period
Natural Resources	
Support implementation of the Pepin County Land and Water Resource Plan.	Throughout the planning period
Recommend development and implementation of an erosion control and storm water management ordinance.	2013 - 2017
Prevent development from impacting the natural flow of water to wetlands.	2013 - 2017

Update county shore land ordinance to the new NR115 standards.	2013 - 2017
Promote management of run-off to protect all water resources in the county.	Throughout the planning period
Protect the land that recharges aquifers.	2013 - 2017
Encourage increased use of buffers along all surface waters.	Throughout the planning period
Adhere to EPA and state of Wisconsin guidelines regulating CAFOs.	Throughout the planning period
Provide informational workshops about groundwater quality and quantity for citizen input and education.	2013 - 2017
Provide informational workshops about invasive species.	Throughout the planning period
Contact and coordinate with Wis. DNR when threatened, endangered or rare species are found.	Throughout the planning period
Urge the county to establish a permanent Land Use Planning Commission charged with researching land use issues (e.g. silica sand mining, high capacity wells, etc.) which will arise from time-to-time and making recommendations for action by the county and municipalities.	2013 - 2017
Preserve slopes, bluff lands and forested areas in the county.	Throughout the planning period
Support local municipal ordinances related to non-metallic mining operations in the county.	2013 - 2017
Restrict development on slopes greater than 30%.	Throughout the planning period
Promote DNR forestry best management practices in the county.	Throughout the planning period
Adhere to the county Flood Plain Ordinance.	Throughout the planning period
Consider property tax and/or other credits for shoreline restoration and other water quality improvement projects.	2013 - 2017
Update Shore Land Zoning Ordinance to comply with most recent state regulations.	2013 - 2017
Prohibit development in wetlands and floodplains.	Throughout the planning period
Maintain/enhance recreational opportunities in the county.	Throughout the planning period
Maintain and update the county's Outdoor Recreation Plan.	Throughout the planning period
Support policies, programs and ordinances that maintain creeks, streams, rivers, lakes and wetlands.	Throughout the planning period
Reduce roadway/transportation, industrial, construction and agricultural noise.	2013 - 2017
Develop and implement an excessive noise ordinance.	2013 - 2017
Limit or decrease emissions from stationary, mobile, or natural sources of pollution.	Throughout the planning period
Develop and implement an air pollution ordinance.	2013 - 2017
Encourage use of light sources of minimum intensity necessary to accomplish the light's purpose and which are shielded or placed to prevent light from straying beyond the area to be illuminated.	Throughout the planning period
Consider development of regulations to control excessive/obtrusive light.	2018 - 2033
Cultural Resources	
Support existing historic preservation efforts.	Throughout the planning period
Encourage new restoration of significant cultural, historical and archeological resources.	Throughout the planning period
Foster cooperation among existing local, regional and state organizations and resources to improve public awareness about and access to the county's cultural, historic and archeological resources.	Throughout the planning period

Economic Development Element

Policy or Objective to be completed	Timeframe
Encourage small niche businesses, home-based businesses, cottage industries, artists and small commercial, retail and industrial businesses.	Throughout the planning period
Consider establishing criteria for property owners to develop home-based businesses.	2013 - 2017
Maintain existing businesses and support new businesses that are compatible with the county's rural character and which meet the needs of area residents and visitors.	Throughout the planning period
Support locally / regionally owned businesses by promoting "buy local" initiatives.	Throughout the planning period
Work cooperatively with local business organizations and adjacent units of government on economic development issues.	Throughout the planning period
Obtain more financial support for economic growth activities from: tax supported agencies designed to assist local communities in development; an "angel" network for such things as business development expertise, ideas, people, funding, and venture capital resource.	2013 – 2017
Re-establish the Pepin County Economic Development Corporation.	2013 – 2017
Continue to monitor County, Regional and State programs that promote the desired businesses.	Throughout the planning period
Work with the local schools and area technical colleges and universities to investigate financial and technical assistance programs to assist in workforce development, such as K-12 school-to-work, apprenticeships and an entrepreneurial club such as Junior Achievement.	Throughout the planning period
Document existing infrastructure in industrial parks and make promotional materials available to business prospects.	2013 – 2017
Provide information about the numerous business development organizations available.	2013 – 2017
Develop a long-term area strategy based on sustainable economic development principles.	2013 – 2017
Develop an aggressive public relations effort to attract small, clean manufacturers and high tech industries.	2013 – 2017
Develop a public relations effort to attract retirees, part-time residents, residents who operate from home, etc. who will support service industries such as carpenters, electricians, plumbers, painters, etc.	2013 – 2017
Support programs/projects that will maintain and improve the transportation system that connects residents to employment opportunities.	Throughout the planning period
Improve communication between government and the business community in order to address timely issues and address needs of existing businesses.	2013 – 2017
Support programs and identify funding sources to improve information technology services (broadband internet, fiber optic cables, etc.).	2013 – 2017
Encourage "green" businesses that conserve the natural environment as well as those that support green industries such as solar power manufacturing and bio-fuels, and green building.	Throughout the planning period
Improve communication between incorporated and unincorporated local units of government on economic development related issues.	2013 – 2017
Join the West Wisconsin Economic Development Fund Revolving Loan Fund.	2013 – 2017
Encourage the use of the State's Main Street program.	Throughout the planning period
Develop a regional marketing strategy for local agricultural products.	2013 – 2017

Encourage services and businesses that support agricultural operations and provide important agricultural inputs (farm equipment, new farm technologies, etc.) to locate in the county.	Throughout the planning period
Support new and existing businesses that utilize local agricultural products.	Throughout the planning period
Support various forms of agriculture such as organic agriculture, orchards, vineyards, value added agriculture, etc. to provide more agricultural opportunities in the local economy.	Throughout the planning period
Discourage development on prime agricultural lands.	Throughout the planning period
Evaluate the interest in developing a "Purchase of Development Rights Program" to preserve productive agricultural lands.	2013 – 2017
Maintain the right to farm.	Throughout the planning period
Coordinate education of residents, local farmers, municipal officials, local organizations about the assets and liabilities of sustainable farming and value added agriculture.	Throughout the planning period
Support programs/projects that will maintain and improve the transportation infrastructure that serves agricultural and forestry producers.	Throughout the planning period
Encourage recreation and tourism uses (fishing, sightseeing, biking, etc.) that will not detract from the rural qualities of the county.	Throughout the planning period
Build on the county's agriculture, natural resources, cultural resources, and local arts to promote tourism.	Throughout the planning period
Identify additional sites and opportunities for tourism and recreation.	2018 – 2033
Support local and regional festivals as a way to promote tourism throughout the county.	Throughout the planning period
Support development of tourist-supportive businesses and events (hotels, specialty retail stores, historic buildings, conferences, festivals) as a means to increase tourism.	Throughout the planning period
Develop and publish a marketing plan for attracting individuals and businesses.	2013 – 2017
Continue to support state and federal recreational facilities in the County as a means to provide recreational opportunities for visitors and tourists.	Throughout the planning period
Develop strong partnerships with existing regional organizations that currently promote recreation and tourism resources in the County.	2013 – 2017
Develop an optional county-wide zoning ordinance and implement as approved by the municipalities.	2013 – 2017
Identify growth corridors, along state and federal highways, in the areas that are suitable for commercial development.	2013 – 2017
Encourage the redevelopment of downtown districts, brownfields, existing vacant parcels, and expansion of existing business and industrial parks in the region before considering creation of new sites for business or industrial parks.	Throughout the planning period
Develop a land use map (in coordination with towns, cities, and villages) that identifies locations for businesses to grow and expand.	2013 – 2017
Maintain the rural character of the county.	Throughout the planning period
Encourage industrial and commercial uses to be located in business/industrial parks which have sufficient infrastructure to support large industrial uses and offer opportunities for commercial development as well.	Throughout the planning period
Encourage environmentally sustainable economic development.	Throughout the planning period
Protect natural resources and minimize negative impacts on the natural beauty of the county in new developments for business, recreation and housing.	Throughout the planning period
Design guidelines for businesses to address landscaping, aesthetics, lighting, noise, parking, and access.	2013 – 2017

Encourage businesses to leave the natural surroundings as undisturbed as possible and enhance whenever possible with plantings and vegetative buffers.	2013 – 2017
Protect existing businesses from non-compatible land uses.	Throughout the planning period
Discourage new residential development in close proximity to existing agricultural operations.	2013 – 2017
Create buffer zones around farm or business activities to prevent future conflicts from new residential development.	2013 – 2017
Urge the county to establish a permanent Land Use Planning Commission charged with researching land use issues (e.g. silica sand mining, high capacity wells, etc.) which will arise from time-to-time and making recommendations for action by the county and municipalities.	2013 – 2017

Intergovernmental Cooperation Element	
Policy or Objective to be completed	Timeframe
Encourage strong service agreements with fire and emergency service providers.	Throughout the planning period
Identify new opportunities for intergovernmental cooperation.	Throughout the planning period
Encourage greater participation in the Pepin County Towns Association.	Throughout the planning period
Establish semi-annual information meetings for county/municipal/school district officials.	2013 – 2017
Encourage establishment of a countywide economic development corporation.	2013 – 2017
Explore/facilitate/identify opportunities for shared services (EMS, fire, police, etc.).	2013 – 2017
Encourage the Pepin County Traffic Safety Committee to facilitate regular informational / educational meetings.	2013 – 2017
Develop email network to publicize meetings and foster intergovernmental communications.	2013 – 2017
Expand county website communication services.	2013 – 2017
Help fill “technological gaps” in emergency communications countywide.	2013 – 2017
Urge the county to establish a permanent Land Use Planning Commission charged with researching land use issues (e.g. silica sand mining, high capacity wells, etc.) which will arise from time-to-time and making recommendations for action by the county and municipalities.	2013-2017