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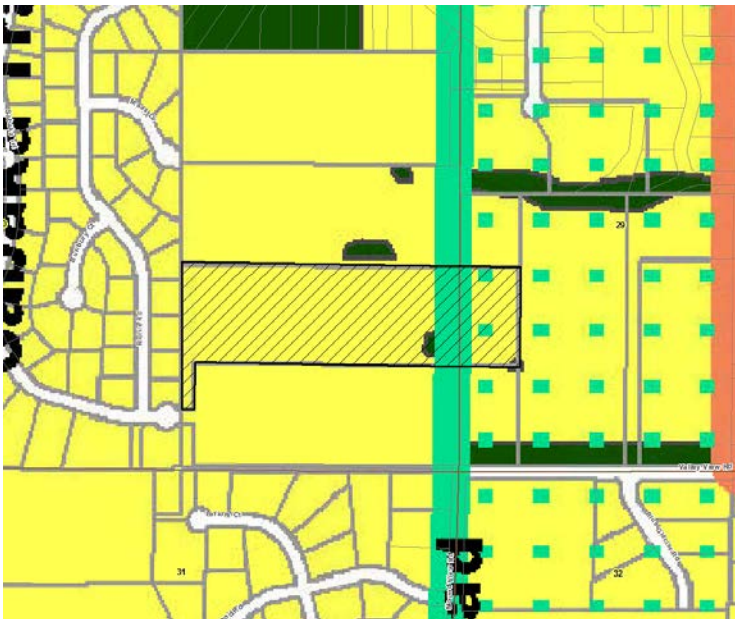


## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** ZLR COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** CURT KODL, SENIOR PLANNER  
**SUBJECT:** PLANNING REVIEW OF THE CARDINAL PRAIRIE PRELIM PLAT – SECTION 29 & 30 TOWN OF MIDDLETON  
**DATE:** 02/12/2018

As of January 1, 2008, all county land use decisions are required to be consistent with the county's adopted comprehensive plan. This includes zoning and plat review decisions, among others. This memo provides an analysis of the proposed Cardinal Prairie Plat for consistency with the Dane County Comprehensive Plan.

In addition to the numerous goals, objectives, and policies, of the Dane County Comprehensive Plan, the Plan also includes adopted town plan components, as well as city and village plans "as-is". This review focuses primarily on the proposed plat's consistency with the town of Middleton component of the county plan.



### ANALYSIS

Below is a synopsis of the Plat's conformance to various provisions of the town of Middleton, and Dane County comprehensive plans:

#### TOWN OF MIDDLETON PLAN

- Proposal is part of the Tumbledown Neighborhood Plan.
- Identified on Future Land Use map as Residential
- Plan includes the following applicable policies:
  - *Encourage the preservation of existing stone rows in good condition, fence lines and tree lines with mature native vegetation as defined by Town Ordinance.*
  - *Subdivisions and certified surveys should be designed to blend with the natural contours*

- *of the land, to improve appearance and to minimize disturbance to the site.*
- *Require stormwater runoff and erosion control plans for all proposed subdivisions.*
- *Permit the continuation of existing institutional and research and development within the Town limits and, along with mixed use, as permitted residential development uses.*

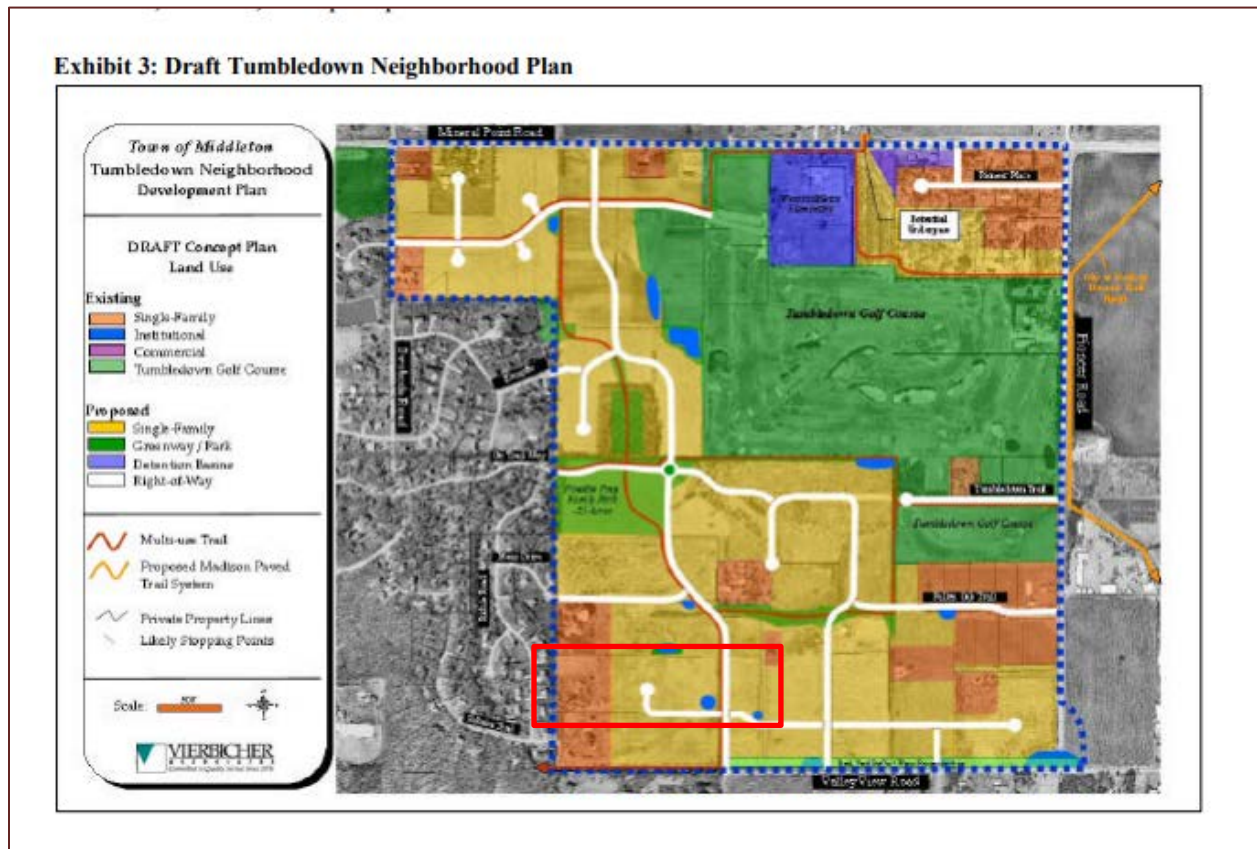
## Dane County Comprehensive Plan

### Land Use

- Property is planned for Rural Development/Transitional in the Dane County Comprehensive Plan, subject to the following policies:

*Rural Development And Transitional Areas -- Within Rural Development or Transitional Areas as identified in town plans adopted by the county board (See Chapter 8: Intergovernmental Coordination):*

- (1) Continue to promote limited, compact, and efficient development;*
- (2) Encourage the use of conservation design, Transfer of Development Rights, site planning, design review and other techniques to ensure compatibility with agricultural, natural resource and open space use, and with neighboring communities;*
- (3) Develop opportunities and guidelines for limited, multi-family senior housing in unincorporated Rural Development and Transitional Areas to serve local aging populations, and;*
- (4) Continue to refer to town plans adopted by the county board for detailed land use policies within Rural Development and Transitional Areas.*



### Land Use

This Plat (along with other Plats & CSM's ) would help complete portions of the south end of Tumbledown Neighborhood Plan. (see above) Cardinal Prairie would create 13 new lots and 3 outlots on 18 acres (averaging over 1 gross acre per residential lot) The proposal is consistent with the Town of Middleton's comprehensive plan and the Tumbledown Neighborhood plan.

### Transportation

Landowners from Cardinal Prairie would have a means of egress via Welcome Dr. to the north and would need to go through other Plats to get to any major collector and arterial streets. There is no mention or notation of the connection to the East as laid out in the Neighborhood plan above, it would really aid in moving residents in and out of the area.

**Natural Resources**

- No streams or wetlands are indicated on the property.
- No floodplains indicated on the property.
- There are 3 – 1 acre outlots are depicted on the preliminary Plat but they don't seem to connect to any other open spaces or outlots (internally or externally) and seem to only buffer existing residences.

**Conclusion**

There are no major conflicts with the Dane County Comprehensive Plan.

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