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SUBJECT: County Board Ordinance Amendment 2017 OA-47
Town of Vermont Comprehensive Plan Amendment

DATE: April 18, 2018

CC: Todd Violante, Director of Planning & Development
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This memo describes amendments to the Dane County Comprehensive Plan proposed by the Town of Vermont. Under intergovernmental cooperation policies of the Dane County Comprehensive Plan, town plans must be adopted by the county board and signed by the county executive before they can be used to make county zoning decisions. To assist county officials in their decision making, the Planning Division prepares written information describing any proposed town plan amendments. You may direct any questions to 267-4115.

I. SUMMARY

On October 17, 2017, the Town of Vermont Board of Supervisors adopted amendments to the *Town of Vermont Comprehensive Plan*.

II. BACKGROUND

- A. *Ordinance and Plan Amended:* If adopted, 2017 OA-47 would amend Chapter 82, Subchapter II of the Dane County Code of Ordinances to incorporate the amended *Town of Vermont Comprehensive Plan* as part of the *Dane County Comprehensive Plan*.
- B. *Action required:* The County Board and the County Executive must approve OA-47 for it to become effective. Town comprehensive plans are adopted as part of the Dane County Comprehensive Plan under s.10.255(1)(d), Dane County Code and Intergovernmental Cooperation Policies for Town Governments (pp. 77-78) of the Dane County Comprehensive Plan. The Dane County Comprehensive Plan is adopted under Chapter 82, Subchapter II, Dane County Code, s. 59.69, Wis. Stats, and s. 66.1001, Wis. Stats.

- C. *ZLR public hearing*: The Zoning and Land Regulation Committee (ZLR) advises the County Board on proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments. The ZLR Committee has scheduled a public hearing on OA-47 for April 24, 2018.

III. DESCRIPTION

- A. OA-47 would amend the Dane County Comprehensive Plan by incorporating amendments to the Town of Vermont Comprehensive Plan, as approved by the Town of Vermont Board of Supervisors on October 17, 2017.
- B. Specific changes include:
- a. A new section describing the town's policies with respect to energy efficiency and renewable energy resources.
 - b. A revised and expanded discussion of the town's pre-European and European history.
 - c. New language to clarify and provide additional rationale for the town's existing density policy for nonfarm development.
 - d. Clarification that existing parcels smaller than the town minimum lot size of two acres, may rezone to an appropriate district for zoning compliance.
 - e. Update mapping information and include links to Dane County's DCIMap online mapping service.

IV. ANALYSIS

- A. **Comparison with current county-adopted town plan.** None of the proposed amendments significantly alter current town/county policy, and do not significantly change the overall development potential of the plan.
- B. **Consistency with other provisions of the Dane County Comprehensive Plan:**
- **Housing: No significant conflicts found.**
 - **Transportation: No significant conflicts found.**
 - **Utilities and Community Facilities: No significant conflicts found.**
 - **Agricultural, Natural & Cultural Resources: No significant conflicts found.**
 - **Economic Development: No significant conflicts found.**
 - **Land Use: No significant conflicts found.**
 - **Intergovernmental Cooperation: No significant conflicts found.**

VI. COMMENTS BY OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS OR STATE AGENCIES

Governments and agencies

Neither other governments nor any county, state or federal agencies had commented on this amendment.