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All Other Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: County Board Ordinance Amendment 2019 OA-011
Town of Cottage Grove Comprehensive Plan Amendment - 2019

DATE: August 28, 2019

CC: Todd Violante, AICP, Director of Planning & Development
Roger Lane, Zoning Administrator
Karin Thurlow Petersen, County Board Staff

This memo describes amendments to the Dane County Comprehensive Plan proposed by the Town of Cottage Grove. 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 Pam at 608-261-9780.

I. SUMMARY

On July 1, 2019, the Town of Cottage Grove Board of Supervisors adopted amendments to the *Town of Cottage Grove Comprehensive Plan*. The Town has requested that the Dane County Board of Supervisors adopt the revised *Town of Cottage Grove Comprehensive Plan* as an amendment to the *Dane County Comprehensive Plan*.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Ordinance and Plan Amended: If adopted, 2019 OA-011 would amend Chapter 82, Subchapter II of the Dane County Code of Ordinances to incorporate the amended *Town of Cottage Grove Comprehensive Plan* as part of the *Dane County Comprehensive Plan*. The complete text of the proposed amendment is available online at: https://www.countyofdane.com/plandev/planning/news.aspx

B. *Action required:* The County Board and the County Executive must approve 2019 OA-011 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 2019 OA-011 for **October 22, 2019.**

D. *Sponsors:* 2019 OA-011 was submitted by County Board Supervisor Melissa Ratcliff on September 5, 2019.

III. DESCRIPTION

A. 2019 OA-011 would amend the *Dane County Comprehensive Plan* by incorporating amendments to the *Town of Cottage Grove Comprehensive Plan*, as adopted by the Town of Cottage Grove Board of Supervisors on July 1, 2019. This plan builds upon the town's past land use and comprehensive plans.

IV. ANALYSIS

A. Comparison with current county-adopted town plan: This plan amendment builds upon the town's comprehensive plan and subsequent amendments, addressing issues and requests that came up during their 2019 annual plan review. There are no map changes in this amendment but numerous text changes. Many text changes are related to adoption of the new zoning ordinance – names of districts and section references. Other changes reflect clarification of policies, and implementation steps. The amendment removes language related to intergovernmental cooperation policies, but fortunately useful language remains. Please see Exhibit A to see a summary of the changes.

B. Consistency with other provisions of the *Dane County Comprehensive Plan*:

1. **Housing:** No significant conflicts found.
2. **Transportation:** No conflicts found.
3. **Utilities and Community Facilities:** No conflicts found.
4. **Agricultural, Natural & Cultural Resources:** No significant conflicts found.
5. **Economic Development:** No conflicts found.
6. **Land Use:** No significant conflicts found.
7. **Intergovernmental Cooperation:** Some language removed, but 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.