



IMPLEMENTATION

Chapter 9

INTRODUCTION

A comprehensive plan's success lies in its implementation. Without implementation of the recommendations within the plan, the plan is just another unused document. There are several land use regulatory tools, as well as administrative mechanisms and techniques, which can and should be utilized as implementation tools for the plan. While the Implementation Chapter does not include all the recommendations of the comprehensive plan, it does summarize the various implementation tools and related action steps toward its implementation.

Each chapter in the Town of New Denmark Comprehensive Plan has goals, objectives and recommendations. These are the town's desired outcomes through implementing the comprehensive plan. While the plan has many good ideas in each chapter, implementing them all at once is not very feasible. Other factors also impact when and how the ideas can be realized, such as budget, town staff, or changing conditions and circumstances.

This chapter will review the goals, objectives and recommendations at the end of each chapter to determine which ones should be implemented, what timeframe to implement them, and who is responsible for the implementation. If something is not listed here, the town may still implement it. Based on existing conditions, the town should continue to prioritize the following items.

Plan Adoption

The *Town of New Denmark Comprehensive Plan* was adopted following procedures specified by Wisconsin's comprehensive plan statute. This plan includes all the needed elements to meet the law's requirements. The town also met all procedural requirements of this law, including opportunities for public input, Town Plan Commission recommendation, formal public hearing, and Town Board adoption of the plan by ordinance.

Plan Monitoring, Interpretation, and Use

The Town Plan Commission should regularly review the plan's recommendations to prioritize them in order of importance and to advise the Town Board what recommendations should be implemented during the year.

The Town of New Denmark intends that this plan should be interpreted reasonably to achieve the overall goals of the plan. If there is an interpretation question of a provision of the plan, the Town Board shall be empowered to make such interpretation of the plan and shall be the only body authorized to interpret this plan.

The Town will constantly evaluate its decisions on private development proposals, public investments, regulations, incentives, and other actions against the recommendations of this plan.

Implementation Tools

Zoning

Zoning is the most common regulatory device used by municipalities to implement plan recommendations. The major components of zoning include a zoning ordinance and a zoning district map. The zoning ordinance includes specific language for the administration of the regulations. Included in the text are definitions, district use requirements, administrative procedures, sign and parking regulations, and other elements. The companion zoning district map defines the legal boundaries of each specified zoning district of the zoning ordinance.

Action Steps:

- When the town considers future rezoning, conditional use, or variance requests, it is important that the various comprehensive plan goals, objectives, and recommendations are considered and used as a guide in the rezoning determination process. Whenever a decision is reached either approving or disapproving rezoning requests, the specific goals, objectives, policies, or other comprehensive plan concepts that the decisions are based upon should be noted as part of the record.
- If a zoning map request is contrary to the recommendations of the comprehensive plan and the town has decided that the zoning request is logical and should be made, the town should first amend the comprehensive plan prior to making the zoning change in order to follow state law and to ensure that the zoning change is consistent with the comprehensive plan.
- The town should consider updating the Town Zoning Ordinance to make it more current.
- The Town Zoning Ordinance should consider including design requirements for commercial and industrial development in the town.
- Consider removing the Interchange Access Control Chapter from the Town Zoning Ordinance.
- Ensure that amendments to the Town Zoning Ordinance and changes to the Town Zoning Map follow the process identified in the zoning ordinance.
- Update the Town Zoning Map and change it to a digital format to increase the accuracy of the map and make it into a product that can be updated quickly and more accurately than the current Town zoning map.

Subdivision Ordinance

Subdivision regulations govern the process by which lots are created out of larger tracts of land. These regulations seek to ensure that the subdivisions and lot splits appropriately relate to the geography of the site and existing and future public facilities. New subdivisions and lot splits should also be consistent with the community vision as outlined by the comprehensive plan.

Action Steps:

- The town should review the comprehensive plan components and recommendations and use them as a guide in the review process when considering land divisions. Whenever a decision is reached either approving or disapproving land division requests, the specific goals, objectives, policies, or other comprehensive plan concepts that the decisions are based upon should be noted as part of the record.
- The town should put together a checklist to be used by the Town of New Denmark Plan Commission when reviewing proposed subdivision plats and certified survey maps.

Official Map

An Official Map is a regulatory tool utilized by a community to project and record future municipal improvements. It is commonly used to identify existing streets and planned improvements. An Official Map can also be utilized to identify planned school sites, recreation areas, and municipal facilities. Once an area is identified on an Official Map, no building permit for a use other than the proposed use on the Official Map may be issued for that site unless the map is amended.

Action Steps:

- The Town should consider adopting an Official Map for the Town of New Denmark.
- The Official Map should reflect the recommendations of the Town comprehensive plan where applicable. Items that could be mapped include transportation improvements, future park sites, future parkways and trails, utility rights-of-way, schools, and other facilities.
- Any past area development plans previously adopted by the Town and all future area development plans should be reflected on the Official Map.
- Future amendments to the Official Map should be reviewed to determine if they are consistent with the recommendations of the comprehensive plan.

Capital Improvements Program

Another important device for comprehensive plan implementation is the development of a Capital Improvements Program (CIP). The program is designed to annually schedule public works projects within a specified period, which usually encompasses a period of five to 10 years. A CIP that is consistent with the comprehensive plan will provide a monitoring tool to ensure that public works projects are located and scheduled with thorough consideration of each of the plan's chapter recommendations.

Action Steps:

- Based on the comprehensive plan's recommendations, the town should update and review the priorities and schedules for public works projects, such as road construction and maintenance and park development and acquisition.
- Annual updates to the Capital Improvements Program should occur, and these updates should be done with the recommendations of the comprehensive plan in mind.

Outdoor Recreation Facilities

The town does not yet own any park and recreation facilities. It does provide funds for maintaining Veterans Memorial Park in the Village of Denmark. There are numerous private recreation facilities within the town that residents make use of.

Action Steps:

- Should the town decide to buy land and develop it as a town park, it should consider developing a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan to provide an overall vision for recreational uses and provide eligibility to the town for WDNR Stewardship funds for recreational activities and land purchases.
- The town should explore state and federal recreation grant opportunities to add recreation options for its residents.
- Utilize the comprehensive plan as a guide for the potential locations of new parks either through active acquisition or parkland dedication.

Historic Preservation Ordinance

Historical preservation ordinances are designed to help maintain the character of historically important buildings by preserving existing structures and facades, providing alternatives to demolition, and improving the compatibility of new adjacent buildings. A historical preservation ordinance can also be a catalyst for collecting and preserving the local history of the community.

Action Steps:

- Consider contacting the State Historical Society to see if any of the older buildings in the town would qualify for historic status.
- Establish priorities for historic and cultural buildings and encourage rehabilitation and maintenance rather than the demolition of these structures.
- Seek sources of grant funding to assist property owners in the rehabilitation and maintenance of historic structures.
- Work with volunteers to capitalize on and help preserve the value of these historic resources.

Local Decisions Consistent with Comprehensive Plan

The state comprehensive planning statute requires that beginning on January 1, 2010, specific actions by municipalities follow the adopted municipal comprehensive plan. This includes actions on establishing or amending the local Official Map, the local subdivision ordinance, and the local zoning ordinance, including the zoning map. Zoning changes should be consistent with the recommendations and the philosophy of the plan. Section 17 of Act 391, signed into state law in 2016, stated that state law does not require that conditional use permits that may be issued by a political subdivision have to be consistent with the political subdivision's comprehensive plan.

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Comprehensive Plan Review, Monitor and Update

Planning is not static, but a continuous, ongoing process subject to change. Long-range plans are also at the mercy of many forces over which a municipality has very little or no control (economic conditions, weather, birth rates, etc.). Therefore, if the town comprehensive plan is to remain a useful document, the plan should be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that it reflects the conditions present at the time and any changes and developments that may have occurred over the previous year.

Action Steps:

The public should be notified and provided an opportunity to comment on proposed amendments to the comprehensive plan. The town must follow the procedures identified in state law to amend the comprehensive plan. The procedures include the town plan commission making a recommendation on the proposed amendment to the plan by majority vote of the entire commission, the town holding a public hearing on the proposed amendment request preceded by a Class 1 notice that is published 30 days prior to the public hearing on the proposed amendment request, and ultimate adoption of the amendment via an ordinance adopted by the town board. In evaluating how a proposed amendment would meet the amendment criteria, the town should consider citizen opinion, while keeping in mind the goals of the town. Options for soliciting additional public opinion could include direct mail survey forms, neighborhood meetings, and open house meetings. State law also requires that the town send a copy of the adopted amendment to adjacent governmental units, the Wisconsin Land Council, the Wisconsin Department of Administration (if after September 1, 2005), the regional planning commission in which the municipality is located, and the public library that serves the area in which the local governmental unit is located.

Criteria should be adhered to when considering amendments to the comprehensive plan. Amendments should be approved only if they are determined to be in the public's best interest. This determination should be based on a review of the following applicable principles:

- How the proposal is more consistent with applicable policies of the comprehensive plan than the existing designation.
- How the proposal is more consistent with each of the following objectives than the existing designation (consistency is not required where the objective is clearly not applicable to the type of proposal involved):
 - Discourage sprawl.
 - Provide uses that are functionally integrated with surrounding areas in terms of land use.
 - Provide development that is compatible and integrated with surrounding uses in terms of scale, orientation, pedestrian enhancements, and landscaping.
 - Conserve or enhance significant natural and historical features.
 - Provide significant economic development opportunities and broadening of the Town's economy.

Plan amendments or changes should only be made after the town determines that a change in circumstances has occurred since the original designation and that amending the plan is in the best interests of the town.

The review and evaluation of proposed comprehensive plan map changes should consider both the likely and possible future use of the site and associated impacts on adjacent properties.

The review of individual comprehensive plan map or policy amendments should consider the cumulative transportation, land supply, and environmental impacts of other plan amendments that have occurred. The Town of New Denmark Plan Commission or another town body should prepare a brief annual report. This report should summarize how the comprehensive plan was used to direct major spending, regulatory, and construction decisions, how development has or has not coincided with the recommendations of the plan, and how community circumstances have changed and have necessitated recommendations for appropriate comprehensive plan amendments by the town board.

The Town of New Denmark Plan Commission should undertake a yearly review to determine which recommendations from the various plan chapters were implemented and which recommendations still need to be implemented.

If a zoning map request is contrary to the recommendations of the comprehensive plan and the town has decided that the zoning request is logical and should be made, the town should first amend the comprehensive plan prior to making the zoning change in order to follow state law and to ensure that the zoning change is consistent with the comprehensive plan.

The town should consult annually with other governmental agencies and neighboring communities to obtain their input regarding how their community activities relate to the recommendations of the comprehensive plan.

The town should complete a formal review of the entire comprehensive plan at least once every five years. Revisions should be made if the review determines that portions of the plan are out of date or if portions of the plan are not serving their intended purpose.

At least once every 10 years, the plan should be reviewed and rewritten using a formal process that includes a citizens advisory committee like the committee used to develop this plan.

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APPENDIX A - ACTION PLAN GUIDE

The following Action Plan Guide is for the town to refer to and review when questions arise. All the goals and objectives from all the chapters are included. The goals, objectives and actions are numbered in format to easily refer to them, e.g. 4.3.b (Goal #4, Objective 3, Action b), or 6.4.a (Goal #6, Objective 4, Action a).

Goal #1 – Land Use - New Denmark will manage the future growth within the town to retain the rural, small-town feeling while ensuring an orderly, compatible, balanced development that maintains or improves quality of life, maximizes the efficient provisions of services, and promotes integrated development.

Goal 1, Objective 1. Continue to protect and enhance the town’s rural atmosphere and open spaces.

Actions

a.	Consider developing design standards for commercial and industrial buildings and sites.
b.	Add landscaping requirements and additional side yard setback requirements to the business and industrial classifications within the town zoning ordinance to apply when such zoned parcels are located adjacent to residentially-zoned parcels.
c.	Work with owners of commercial and industrial businesses in the town if they require rezoning for expansion of their businesses if no negative impact occurs on adjacent properties.
d.	Amend the town zoning ordinance to update both the I-1 Limited Industrial Zoning classification and the B-1 Community Business Zoning classification.
e.	Create another business zoning classification that gives the town more flexibility than the existing Community Business zoning classification for the town to be able to be more selective in the type of business uses allowed in the zone and to be able to attach specific conditions on the site and the proposed business.
f.	Consider utilizing zoning techniques that would allow some rezonings to occur in the areas of the Town that are located outside of the Residential Development areas but would ensure that residential development in these areas of the Town be kept at a low density.
g.	Any future multifamily buildings should reflect, as much as possible, the characteristics and amenities associated with single-family residences.
h.	The town should consider adopting development criteria for multifamily development or adding a multifamily zoning classification to the zoning ordinance to address building criteria requirements for this type of land use.
i.	Amend the Town Zoning Map to replace the areas that are shown as Conservancy on the existing zoning map with the areas recommended for Conservancy Zoning as identified in Chapter 7 under the Conservancy Zoning heading.
j.	The town should create an official map and area development plans to ensure that space is reserved for future road intersections in the identified development areas within the town so that future roads can access lands lying beyond the existing road frontages.
k.	Update the town zoning map to reflect existing conditions and change it over to a digital format to increase the accuracy of the map and make it into a product that can be updated quickly and more accurately than the present zoning map.
l.	Keep abreast of any development in adjoining municipalities adjacent to the Town of New Denmark borders to determine if such development should precipitate any changes to the Town Future Land Use map.

Goal 1, Objective 2. Preserve the 35-acre lot for rural land preservation

a.	Continue to maintain the minimum 35-acre lot size requirement for a new home in the Agricultural zoning district.
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Goal #2 – Transportation - New Denmark will plan for and continue to provide a safe, efficient, and cost-effective transportation system for the movement of people and goods throughout the town.

Goal 2, Objective 1. Continue to enable people to safely and efficiently navigate the town’s streets and highways with and without personal vehicles.

Actions

a.	The town should promote well-connected street patterns when considering new residential subdivision proposals. The connectivity provided by these street patterns will aid in public safety response times, operational efficiency, and improve residents’ abilities to move around.
b.	The town should work to avoid expanding roads to four lanes when possible.
c.	If the town needs to build a new intersection, it should consider a roundabout design.
d.	The town should work to enhance access and connections to the Devils River Trail when opportunities arise and promote safe crossings when a town road intersects the trail.
e.	The town should consider developing a feeder trail system to encourage Devils River Trail use.
f.	The town should consider applying for transportation grants from various sources to help the town fund development of a multi-modal transportation system.
g.	The town should support any regional efforts to improve freight transportation, including rail transportation.
h.	The town should work together with the Village of Denmark and WisDOT to create a park-and-ride area by I-43 if there is demand for it.
i.	If the rail line is ever proposed to be abandoned, the town should work with the DNR to preserve the corridor as a multi-use trail.

Goal 2, Objective 2. Continue to maintain and improve the town street network.

a.	The town should continue to coordinate with Brown County on any roadway improvements to county highways in the town to pave the rest of the county highway shoulders in the town.
b.	The town should work to create a capital improvement plan (CIP) to manage street and road maintenance needs.
c.	The town should adopt an official map by following the process identified in Wisconsin Statute 62.23(6).

Goal 2, Objective 3. Incorporate community design principals that enhance connections and all types of mobility.

a.	If the town considers approving any new residential subdivision that has curb and gutter streets, it should require developers to install sidewalks on both sides of the street, unless physical or environmental constraints prevent doing so.
b.	If the town ever develops around a central town center, it should develop in a grid-like pattern with mixed uses to maximize connectivity.
c.	If the town is reviewing any new residential subdivision proposal that includes cul-du-sacs and is adjacent to a trail, it should require a direct pedestrian through-connection to improve access.

Goal #3 – Housing - New Denmark will provide housing opportunities for all segments of the town's population while preserving the town's rural nature and scenic environment.

Goal 3, Objective 1. Promote policies that increase the range of housing options in the town.

Actions

a.	Keep informed of housing affordability issues and the possible need for more affordable homes in New Denmark as the population continues to grow, age, and diversify.
b.	Explore how to incorporate small residential lots into the town, and what design requirements might need to be amended to make that happen.
c.	Consider what it would take to allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in the town, and where this could occur.
d.	Examine the zoning code and map for where mixed-housing types might be implemented.
e.	Support mixed-use development in and near commercial areas and activity nodes to increase housing options.
f.	Promote visitability and universal design concepts to developers and home builders and explore how the town could incorporate visitability and universal design principles into housing design standards.
g.	Support the development of different housing types besides single-family houses to satisfy the projected demand for an additional 70 additional housing units referenced in this chapter to meet the projected future town population.
h.	Multifamily buildings should reflect (as much as possible) the characteristics and amenities associated with single-family residences.

Goal 3, Objective 2. Promote policies and programs that help maintain the town housing stock quality.

a.	The town should work with entities including the Brown County Housing Authority and Northeast Wisconsin Rehabilitation CDBG Loan Program, along with other state and federal agencies, to promote reinvestment in the town housing stock.
b.	The town should continue to emphasize and prioritize zoning code and nuisance enforcement to maintain the town's housing stock quality.

Goal 3, Objective 3. Continue to promote well-planned residential areas in the town.

a.	In areas with unique or critical natural or cultural resources, the town should encourage conservation by design developments, and use the natural and cultural resources to organize the open space and/or green space around.
b.	The town should consider adopting development criteria for multifamily development or add a multifamily zone to the town zoning ordinance to address building criteria requirements for this type of land use.
c.	Use the town's amendment process to rezone properties for single-family residential use where there is desire to create an individual parcel for a new single-family home.

Goal #4 – Economic Development - New Denmark will broaden the tax base and strengthen the town's economy and employment base through appropriate agricultural, commercial, and industrial development activity.

Goal 4, Objective 1. Promote policies that increase the range of housing options in the town.

Actions

a.	Encourage farming as an economic activity by discouraging new residential development near active farms.
b.	Support efforts by local farmers in entrepreneurial agricultural through direct farm-to-market sales and farm-based value-added business activities, among others.
c.	Continue to permit home occupations as small business incubators if they are clearly secondary to the residential use and meet the town zoning ordinance requirements and restrictions.
d.	Consider implementing a commercial and industrial site and building design standards ordinance.
e.	Identify future areas for new business and industrial development.

Goal 4, Objective 2. Promote development that is compatible with a rural environment.

a.	Locate new small-scale local businesses in nodes near intersections rather than in long strips along main roads. New businesses should be encouraged to locate adjacent to existing businesses.
b.	Coordinate with nearby communities in siting businesses that are part of a Green Bay region business cluster or that fulfill employment needs in the area.
c.	Complete and maintain an inventory of existing vacant buildings and land identified as potentially contaminated (brownfield) with industrial or petroleum-based pollutants. Brownfields should be cleaned and promoted for redevelopment using state and federal brownfield cleansing funds.
d.	Business development should be designed considering of the sensitivity of the town's agricultural lands and environmental features.
e.	Business site plans should include parking (preferably behind the building), and parking lot landscaping standards, consistent with the rural character of New Denmark.

Goal 4, Objective 3. Create conditions to increase and improve broadband access in town.

a.	Understand the existing local broadband foundation and identify the existing network gaps.
b.	Review the town's zoning regulations for barriers to broadband deployment and identify and implement changes.

Goal #5 – Natural, Cultural, and Agricultural Resources - New Denmark will capitalize on the amenities offered by the town's natural, cultural, and agricultural resources and integrate these features into planning for future development to enhance the town's character and protect the quality of life of its residents.

Goal 5, Objective 1. Continue to protect and enhance the town's natural resources.

Actions

a.	Support Brown County's Private Sewage System Ordinance that requires inspections of all existing onsite sanitary systems at the time of sale of the associated property and the ordinance's mandatory 3-year maintenance program.
b.	The town should continue to recommend that residents periodically have their well water tested.
c.	The town should consider adding to the Conservancy-zoned areas within the Town Zoning Map based on recommendations contained under Conservancy Zoning heading in this chapter.
d.	The town should continue to do what is necessary to protect the beauty of the Neshota River Valley.

e.	The town zoning administrator should contact the Brown County Planning Commission staff about enforcement and regulation of environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs) that often show up and are identified on subdivision plats and certified survey maps within the town.
f.	The town should consider adopting a construction site erosion control ordinance.
g.	The town should continue supporting Brown County's Ordinance Code Chapter 10 (Agricultural Shoreland Management) and the Brown County Land Conservation Department on agricultural shoreland management.
h.	The town should consider adopting flexible zoning techniques for future development if the result will be better conservation of natural and agricultural areas and less detrimental impacts on the environment.
i.	The town should require flood studies prior to land division or development adjacent to its rivers, streams, and drainageways when such studies do not exist and when benefits would result from a study.
j.	The town should review the Artificial Lakes section of the Town Zoning Ordinance to see if any changes are necessary. The zoning districts where such lakes are allowed, the size of the lakes and required setbacks are potential items that should be reviewed, along with excavation regulations and requirements.
k.	The town should monitor the recommendations contained in the Brown County Open Space and Outdoor Recreation Plan related to Neshota Park, and any references to a Neshota River Parkway when it's updated for future planning purposes.
Goal 5, Objective 2. Continue to protect and enhance the town's agricultural resources.	
a.	The town of New Denmark should encourage and support the efforts of the Brown County Land Conservation Department and the Natural Resources Conservation Service to protect the soil resources of the town, including supporting agricultural best management practices like conservation tillage, crop rotation, and control of livestock access to streams.
b.	The town should continue to preserve its productive agricultural lands through proper zoning and planning that includes continuation of the A-G Agricultural District.
c.	The town should review the existing state and county regulations regarding livestock facilities to determine whether these regulations adequately address any concerns the town has about large-scale farming operations. The town should modify its ordinances, where it has the authority to do so, if it concludes that the existing regulations fall short in some areas.
d.	The town should encourage and support the Brown County Zoning Office's floodplain and shoreland zoning efforts, particularly as they relate to protection of the town's rivers, streams, drainageways, and wetlands.
e.	The town should continue to participate in and support the Farmland Preservation Program.
Goal 5, Objective 3. Continue to protect and enhance the town's cultural resources.	
a.	The town should consider protection of its identified historic structures in order to preserve remnants of the town's history and culture.

Goal #6 – Utilities and Community Facilities Goal - New Denmark will promote a quality living environment through the timely provision of adequate and efficient recreation, utility, emergency, and other public facilities and services affecting the health, safety, and well-being of residents and businesses.

Goal 6, Objective 1. Sanitary Sewer Service

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| a. | While the town has no sanitary sewer service, it should consider lobbying Brown County the next time the County sewage plan is updated to allow small municipalities and small sanitary districts to have more sewer service area acres than allowed under past calculations in the event it should ever obtain such service in the future. A change in this policy would give small municipalities more flexibility for growth for situations when individuals within the existing sewer service areas choose not to develop their properties. |
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Goal 6, Objective 2. Onsite Sewage Disposal Systems

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| a. | Disseminate information to all property owners in the town regarding the importance of proper maintenance for private sewage systems and resources available to repair failing systems. |
| b. | Support Brown County's Private Sewage System Ordinance that requires inspections of all existing onsite sanitary systems at the time of sale of the associated property and the ordinance's mandatory 3-year maintenance program. |
| c. | Provide information to Town of New Denmark homeowners regarding the importance of having their sewage disposal systems inspected on a periodic basis. |

Goal 6, Objective 3. Water Supply

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| a. | Provide information to Town of New Denmark homeowners regarding the importance of testing their wells for contaminants. This may include the use of various WDNR informational handouts and information relating to Brown County's voluntary well-testing program. |
| b. | The town should support Brown County's "3-year maintenance program" that requires onsite sanitary systems to be checked every three years by a licensed plumber, certified POWTS inspector or a certified pumper. |
| c. | The town should support Brown County's "time of sale" program of inspecting private onsite wastewater treatment systems to guard against failing systems. |
| d. | The town should recommend to property owners within the town through use of a town website or a town newsletter, that any abandoned or unused wells located on their property be properly capped for the landowners' own health and safety as well as for their neighbors' health and safety. |
| e. | The town should consider adopting a well abandonment ordinance if it determines that it is in its best interests. |

Goal 6, Objective 4. Recycling

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| a. | Continue to monitor and provide for the needs of the town regarding to waste collection and recycling. |
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Goal 6, Objective 5. Stormwater Management

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| a. | As the town develops, it should consider the need for preparing a stormwater management plan for areas in the town not covered by stormwater plans or facilities. Based upon the recommendations of that plan, it may also be necessary to prepare and adopt a stormwater management ordinance to implement the plan. |
| b. | The town should require developers to put together and implement stormwater plans for any new subdivisions occurring within the town. |
| c. | The town should monitor and identify potential trouble spots about existing culverts and grades that may be causing stormwater to back into yards and fields and identify areas where larger culvert sizes may be required. |

Goal 6, Objective 6. Parks and Open Space

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| a. | Consider preparing a town park and open space plan to address future recreational needs of the town. Based upon the existing population and future projected growth within the town, as well as town residents needs, acquisition and development of various parks, outdoor recreation and open space sites, and facilities may be necessary during the timeframe of this comprehensive plan. |
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b.	The town should work with and support Brown County's countywide parkway and trail efforts.
c.	Support potential future efforts of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Brown County to develop a recreational trail along the railroad line of the Canadian National Railroad tracks located north of the Village of Denmark if the line ceases to be used as a rail line.
d.	If a trail along the Canadian National Railroad tracks does become a reality, the town should consider developing a feeder trail system connecting the trail.
e.	The town should investigate the appropriateness of implementing a park and recreation impact fee applicable to new development if it determines that the town needs to provide additional recreational opportunities to town residents.
f.	Work with local, state, and regional public and nonprofit groups to identify potential conservancy areas in the town.
Goal 6, Objective 7. Telecommunications	
a.	Work with the local telephone and cable companies to create more opportunities for residents of the town to have access to high-speed Internet connections soon.
b.	The town should continue to monitor broadband internet access trends locally and nationwide, and work with other communities and businesses to obtain the best broadband wireless, and other related services possible.
Goal 6, Objective 8. Healthcare	
a.	Encourage and promote the location of healthcare providers, clinics, etc. within the town.
b.	Work with private and nonprofit groups to ensure elderly residents have transportation to healthcare facilities.
Goal 6, Objective 9. Elderly Care	
a.	Encourage and promote the location of elderly care providers within the Town of New Denmark.
b.	Work with private and nonprofit groups to ensure elderly residents have transportation to healthcare facilities.
Goal 6, Objective 10. Childcare	
a.	Encourage and promote the location of childcare providers within the town.
Goal 6, Objective 11. Emergency Services	
a.	Maintain the town's current standard of fire protection.
b.	Periodically review fire, rescue, and police services to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the town.
c.	If large equipment needs come up in the future for the fire department, the department should consider working with adjoining fire departments through joint purchases of equipment, which may enable them to provide even better service while keeping costs down.
d.	Maintain the town's current standard of police protection through the Brown County Sheriff's Department and consider contracting for additional patrol service if it is determined that additional service is necessary in the future.
Goal 6, Objective 12. Libraries	
a.	Continue to support the branch portion of the Brown County Library system in the Village of Denmark.
Goal 6, Objective 13. Schools	
a.	The town should keep the school districts informed of any large future developments.
b.	The town should keep the school districts informed about the needs and wishes of town residents.
Goal 6, Objective 14. Government	
a.	Consider beginning discussions with the Village of Denmark on a boundary agreement.
b.	Consider reviewing the possibility of going to a five person Town Board.

Goal #7 – Intergovernmental Cooperation Goal - New Denmark will plan for and continue to provide a safe, efficient, and cost-effective transportation system for the movement of people and goods throughout the town.

Goal 7, Objective 1. Continue to maintain good working relationships with adjacent governments and municipalities.

Actions

a.	Discuss with adjacent municipalities cooperative planning along the municipal borders.
b.	Consider beginning comprehensive boundary agreement discussions with the Village of Denmark.
c.	Establish an ongoing meeting schedule with representatives of the surrounding communities to discuss land use, transportation, stormwater, and other planning issues that transcend municipal boundaries.
d.	Share meeting agendas and minutes with the surrounding communities and the school district to increase intergovernmental cooperation and awareness of planning issues.
e.	Maintain an open line of communication between the Town of New Denmark and the Denmark School District.
f.	Inform the school district of any large residential development plans contemplated in the town.

Goal 7, Objective 2. Continue to work with adjacent municipalities and local governments to seek efficient and effective service delivery and creative problem-solving.

a.	Consider and explore opportunities for cost savings through consolidation of government services with other municipal units of government.
b.	Work together with adjoining municipalities on the future needs of the Denmark Volunteer Fire Department.
c.	Continue working together with adjoining municipalities concerning ambulance and rescue service.
d.	Continue to participate in intergovernmental agreements for fire and emergency rescue services and explore opportunities for other types of intergovernmental agreements for provision of public services.
e.	Should the portion of the Canadian National Railroad tracks located in the portion of the Town north of the Village of Denmark ever be abandoned and turned over to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to develop into a trail, the Town should work with Brown County to help plan for the development of the trail.
f.	Try to work with service groups and local schools in assisting the town in maintenance and work projects.
g.	Work with the Greater Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and the Bay-Lake and East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commissions to promote cooperative intergovernmental economic development activities and strategies to strengthen the region's economic vitality.
h.	Continue to cooperatively work with Brown County on maintenance and safety considerations on all the county highways within the town.
i.	Continue to work with the Brown County Planning Commission on review of proposed Certified Survey Maps and subdivision plats within the town.