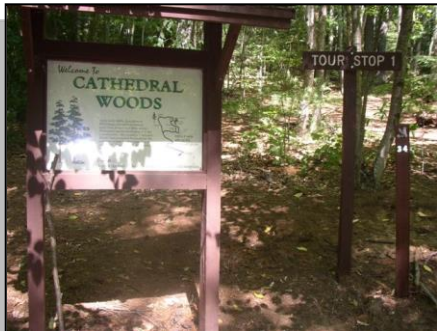


# Town of Townsend

*Oconto County, Wisconsin*

## *20-Year Comprehensive Plan*



*Adopted May 2021*

**TOWN OF TOWNSEND  
OCONTO COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

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# TOWN OF TOWNSEND 20-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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Amended by:

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**Adopted: August 12, 2008**

**Amended: May 11, 2021**



Resolution No. 01-2021

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO  
THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND 20-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Townsend, Wisconsin, pursuant to Sections 60.10(2)(c), 62.23, 61.35, 60.22(3), and 66.1001(4)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, adopted a comprehensive plan on August 12, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Townsend, is hereby amending the Town of Townsend 20-Year Comprehensive Plan to update the plan including but not limited to land uses, projections and the general plan design which will extend the design year of the plan to the year 2040; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Townsend Plan Commission finds that the Town of Townsend 20-Year Comprehensive Plan, with the proposed amendments, addresses all of the required elements specified in Section 66.1001(2) of the Statutes and that the comprehensive plan, with the proposed amendment, is internally consistent; and

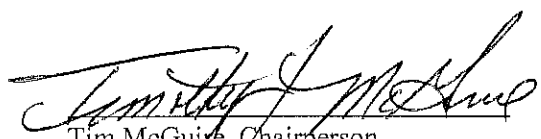
**WHEREAS**, the Town of Townsend has duly noticed and held an open house and public hearing on the proposed amendment and plan update, following the procedures in Section 66.1001(4)(d) of the Statutes and the public participation procedures for comprehensive plan amendments adopted by the Town Board through Resolution No. 2018-9.

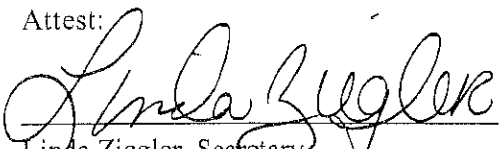
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 66.1001(4)(b) of the Statutes, the Town of Townsend Plan Commission hereby adopts this resolution approving the amendments to the Town of Townsend 20-Year Comprehensive Plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Plan Commission does hereby recommend that the Town Board enact an ordinance adopting the Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

Adopted by the Town of Townsend Plan Commission this 4th day of MAY, 2021. *rom*

Ayes 6 Noes 0 Absent 0

  
Tim McGuire, Chairperson  
Town of Townsend Plan Commission

Attest:  
  
Linda Ziegler, Secretary  
Town of Townsend Plan Commission

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**RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**TOWN OF TOWNSEND PLAN COMMISSION  
ADOPTION OF THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND  
20-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes 62.23 authorizes the adoption of a Comprehensive Plan for the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the Town;

AND WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan has been prepared by the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission which contains proposals, programs, descriptions, maps, and explanatory matter regarding natural resources, population, housing, economic development, transportation, land use, public facilities, outdoor recreation, and general plan design (future land use plan) for the 20-year planning period;

AND WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan has been prepared in accordance with the elements of a plan as defined in Wisconsin Statutes 66.1001 (Smart Growth);

AND WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan has been drafted by the Town of Townsend Plan Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Townsend Plan Commission hereby recommends to the Townsend Town Board that a Comprehensive Plan entitled: *Town of Townsend 20-Year Comprehensive Plan* be adopted by the Town Board pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sections 62.23 and 66.1001(4).

Dated this 28 day of July,

Resolution introduced by: William Dutton

Adoption moved by: *Mike Vande Walle*

Motion for adoption seconded by *Matthew Marty*

Voting Aye: 5 Nay: 0

APPROVED:

*William A. Dutton*  
Town of Townsend Plan Commission Chair

ATTEST:

*Pamela Pederson*  
Town of Townsend Plan Commission Secretary





Ordinance No. 05-2021

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AN AMENDMENT AND UPDATE TO  
THE TOWN OF TOWNSEND 20-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Townsend, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

**Section 1.** Pursuant to Sections 60.10(2)(c), 62.23, 61.35, and 60.22(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Town of Townsend is authorized to prepare, adopt, and amend a comprehensive plan as defined in Sections 66.1001(1)(a) and 66.1001(2) of the Statutes.

**Section 2.** The Town Board, by the enactment of an ordinance, formally adopted the document titled, "Town of Townsend 20-Year Comprehensive Plan," on August 12, 2008.

**Section 3.** The Town Plan Commission, by a majority vote of the entire Plan Commission at a meeting held on May 4, 2021, adopted a resolution approving the amendment and recommending adoption of the Town of Townsend 20-Year Comprehensive Plan Amendment by the Town Board.

**Section 4.** The Town published a Class 1 public notice and held an open house and public hearing on May 4, 2021 to obtain public comments regarding the comprehensive plan amendment and update.

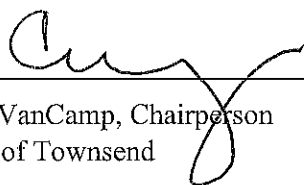
**Section 5.** The Town Board hereby adopts this Ordinance adopting the amendment to the Town of Townsend 20-Year Comprehensive Plan.

**Section 6.** The Town Clerk is directed to send a copy of the plan update to the parties listed in Section 66.1001(4)(b) of the Statutes.

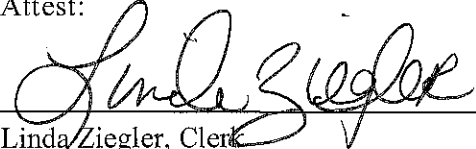
**Section 7.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage by a majority vote of the full membership of the Town Board and publication or posting as required by law.

**Adopted** by the Town of Townsend Board of Supervisors this 11 day of May, 2021.

Ayes 3 Noes 0 Absent 0

  
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Carla VanCamp, Chairperson  
Town of Townsend

Date Published/Posted: 5/13/2021

Attest:  
  
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Linda Ziegler, Clerk  
Town of Townsend



**TOWN OF TOWNSEND**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 02-2008**

An Ordinance to Adopt a Comprehensive Plan Pursuant to  
Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1001 (Smart Growth)

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2006 Oconto County approved a contract with the Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission to prepare a Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Oconto County, to include the Town of Townsend, under the guidelines of Section 66.1001 Wisconsin Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, the project included a public participation plan in every stage of the process for preparation of a Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Townsend, which addressed provisions for wide distribution of the proposed elements of the Comprehensive Plan, and provided an opportunity for written comments to be received from the public and for the Town to respond to such comments; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Townsend Plan Commission held a public hearing on July 28, 2008, which was preceded by a Class 1 Notice provided as described in Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 985 that was published at least 30 days before the hearing was held, and the notice included all of the following information:

1. The date, time and location of the hearing;
2. A summary of the proposed Comprehensive Plan;
3. The name of the individual in the Town of Townsend who may provide additional information regarding the proposed ordinance;
4. Information relating to where and when the proposed Comprehensive Plan could be inspected before the hearing, and how a copy of the Plan could be obtained; and,

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2008, the Town of Townsend Plan Commission recommended to the Town Board adoption of the Comprehensive Plan by resolution, which vote is recorded in the official minutes of the Land Use Planning Commission; and,

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Townsend, having carefully reviewed the recommendations of the Town of Townsend Plan Commission, having determined that all procedural requirements and notice have been satisfied, having given the matter due consideration, including consideration of the Plan elements relating to issues and opportunities, natural, agricultural and cultural resources, population and housing, economic development, transportation, utilities and community facilities, intergovernmental cooperation, land use and implementation, and having determined that the Comprehensive Plan will serve the general purposes of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of the Town of Townsend which will, in accordance with existing and future needs, best promote the public health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity and the general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Townsend, Oconto County, Wisconsin, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The Comprehensive Plan recommended by the Town of Townsend Plan Commission to the Townsend Town Board, attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby adopted.

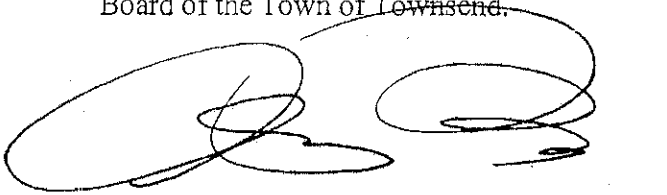
Section 2: The Town Clerk is directed to file a copy of the attached Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Townsend with all the following entities:

1. Every governmental body that is located in whole or in part within the boundaries of the Town of Townsend;
2. The Clerk of every local governmental unit that is adjacent to the Town of Townsend;
3. The Wisconsin Land Council;
4. The Wisconsin Department of Administration;
5. The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission;
6. The public library that serves the area in which the Town of Townsend is located.

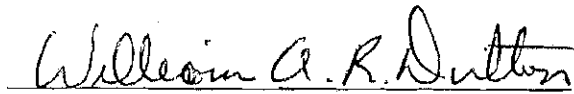
Section 3: SEVERABILITY Several sections of this ordinance are declared to be severable. If any section or portion thereof shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unlawful, or unenforceable, such decision shall only apply to the specific section or portion thereof directly specified in the decision, and shall not affect the validity of any other provisions, sections or portions thereof of the ordinance. The remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. Any other ordinances whose terms are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to those terms in conflict.

Section 4: EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance will take effect immediately upon passage and publication as provided by law

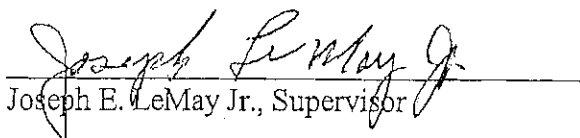
Adopted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2008, by a majority vote of the members of the Town Board of the Town of Townsend.



Susan C. Rapp, Chairperson



William A. Dutton, Supervisor



Joseph E. LeMay Jr., Supervisor



Pamela J. Bursek, Town Clerk

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### Town of Townsend 20-Year Vision Statement

*“The Town of Townsend is defined by its natural character, featuring beautiful lakes and streams, vast woodlands, large open spaces, and scenic views. Future planning in the town should continue to promote preservation of these natural features and development that does not conflict with these resources, so the town can continue to provide its residents and visitors with ample recreation opportunities, clean water and air, and the rustic character to which they have become accustomed. New development and improvements are also encouraged to maintain an affordable tax base, promote local job opportunities, be supportive of cooperative efforts of surrounding communities, and provide town residents with appropriate services to fit their needs.”*