

## **A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE PROPOSAL FOR THE CITY OF WAUKESHA**

### **SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

#### **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

The project will consist of an update to the City of Waukesha Comprehensive Plan. The update to the plan will be published as a SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report. After receiving authorization from the City to proceed, drafts of the first two chapters (see attached Chapter Outline) would be prepared for review by the Plan Commission. These draft chapters would be available for review in summer of 2021. We would then complete approximately one draft chapter per month through the remainder of the year (two additional Plan Commission meetings are anticipated during this timeframe), with anticipated completion of a draft of the full report (including an updated land use plan map), by the end of 2021 or early 2022. The plan adoption process is anticipated to occur in early 2022.

The project will focus on:

- Updating each of the nine chapters in the current comprehensive plan
- Incorporating new plans adopted or endorsed by the City since the comprehensive plan was adopted by the Common Council on September 11, 2009
- Obtaining public input on the plan update
- Sustainability concepts woven throughout the plan
- Updating population, household and employment data and projections, with a focus on information specific to the City
- Updating land use and natural resource information, with a focus on information specific to the City
- Updating issues, opportunities, and standards (as necessary)

- Updating strengths, concerns, and weaknesses (as necessary)
- Updating the land use plan map, including incorporating existing amendments into the map

#### **Additional Items**

- The plan update will use a design year of 2050 (per the VISION 2050 regional land use and transportation system plan).
- Based on new information from the U.S. Census Bureau, it is anticipated that 2020 Decennial Census data will not be available until late 2021.
- The City of Waukesha Plan Commission will review the draft plan chapters.
- City and SEWRPC staff will conduct up to four meetings with the Plan Commission, once early in the project to obtain review and comment on the introductory chapters, up to twice midway through the project to obtain review and comment on the remaining draft chapters and the draft land use plan map, and once at the end of the project to obtain final comments.
- SEWRPC will provide City staff with a public participation plan for comprehensive plan updates and amendments based on the SEWRPC model.
- City staff may conduct one or more: online surveys; neighborhood meetings; and/or public meetings/open houses (in addition to the public hearing required for adoption of the plan). SEWRPC will assist in preparing materials for, and conducting, the public meetings/open houses. SEWRPC staff will also assist with preparing online survey questions if requested.
- City and SEWRPC staff will attend all public meetings, Plan Commission meetings, and Common Council meetings at which the plan update is reviewed or considered for adoption.
- SEWRPC staff will print all plan chapters and the final plan report for distribution to City officials. Report copies will be provided in electronic format for distribution to the parties listed in Section 66.1001(4)(b) of the *Wisconsin Statutes*.