



GREEN LAKE COUNTY

571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI 54941

The following documents are included in the packet for the *Green Lake County Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee* business meeting that is scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2026, at 5 pm.

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If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Land Use Planning & Zoning Department at (920) 294-4156.



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Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee Meeting Notice

Date: Monday, February 9, 2026, Time: 5:00 PM

**Green Lake County Government Center, UWEX Training Room
571 County Rd A, Green Lake WI**

AGENDA

This agenda gives notice of a meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee. It is possible that individual members of governing bodies of Green Lake County government may attend this meeting for informative purposes. Members of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors or its committees may be present for informative purposes but will not take any formal action. A majority or a negative quorum of the members of the Green Lake County Board of Supervisors and/or any of its committees may be present at this meeting. See State ex rel. Badke v. Vill. Bd. of Vill. of Greendale, 173 Wis.2d 553, 578, 494 N.W. 2d 408 (1993).

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Comprehensive Plan Overview
5. Introductions
6. Establish Subcommittee Ground Rules
7. Election of Chair and Vice Chair
8. Public Comment (15 minutes total/3-minute limit per person)
9. Presentation on the Comprehensive Plan Update Process
10. Committee discussion:
 - a) 2016 Comprehensive Plan Evaluation
 - b) Comp planning focus areas
 - c) Future Meeting Dates:
 - i. Monday, February 23rd, 5:00pm
 - ii. Tuesday, March 23rd, 5:00pm
 - iii. Monday, April 27th, 5:00pm
 - d) Future Agenda items for discussion
11. Adjourn

Please note: Meeting area is accessible to the physically disabled. Anyone planning to attend who needs visual or audio assistance, should contact the County Clerk's Office, 294-4005, not later than 3 days before date of the meeting.

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I. Subcommittee meetings

A. Meeting dates will be February 9th, February 23rd, March 23rd & April 27th.

1. Meeting times are planned for 5:00pm

2. Meeting location will be the UWEX Training Room (verify availability).

B. January meeting

1. Introduction of the subcommittee to the Comprehensive plan

a. What is a Comprehensive plan?

b. Why do we have a Comprehensive plan?

c. Why does a Comprehensive plan need to be updated?

2. Describe the Comprehensive plan update process.

a. Evaluate the 2016 plan's goals

i. Were the goals achieved?

ii. Are these goals still viable?

b. Determine where the subcommittee should focus its energy.

i. Spend energy on achieving goals that are still valid.

ii. Add any new goals that may be necessary.

C. February meeting

1. Review January meeting

2. Discuss the Nine elements and how to achieve respective goals

3. Discuss any new elements? For example, energy siting and production.

D. March meeting

1. Review February Meeting

E. April meeting

1. Review March meeting

GLC Comprehensive Plan Overview

- ▶ Adopted as Chapter 280
- ▶ Code of Green Lake County
 - ▶ By Ordinance #03-2016
 - ▶ February 16, 2016

What is the Comprehensive Plan?

- Blueprint for the physical development
- Land use decisions and actions need to be consistent
- Document that describes the county as a whole
 - Elements - transportation, housing, public facilities, agricultural, natural resources, historic resources, and cultural resources.
 - Provides overview of socioeconomic conditions.

Comprehensive planning ...

- ▶ Coordinates the county's efforts with information critical for sound decisions.
- ▶ Allows stakeholders to know county's future vision.

Previous planning in GLC -

- ▶ County priorities identified in 1999 prior to first plan:
 - ▶ Protecting & preserving natural resources.
 - ▶ Open spaces were important.
 - ▶ Protecting agricultural land.

Previous planning in GLC -

- ▶ First plan - 2003.
- ▶ Included all MCDs.
- ▶ Farmland preservation planning was not part of comp plan.
- ▶ Plan updated in 2015 by consultants.
- ▶ Independent of cities & villages
- ▶ Towns helped with Future land use maps.
- ▶ Farmland Preservation Plan is the foundation of comp plan.

Why use the FPP as the comp plan foundation?

- ▶ FPP identifies “farmland preservation areas” and non-agricultural areas”.
- ▶ These areas can form the “Agriculture” classification on future land use map.
- ▶ Creates consistency between the farmland preservation plan and the comp plan and their application.

Why update the comp plan now?

- ▶ State law a comp plan update every 10 years.
- ▶ December 16, 2025 the County Board adopted the 2025 Farmland Preservation Plan.
- ▶ State law requires a county to adopt its FPP as part of its comprehensive plan.
- ▶ Update the latest economic data and census numbers.
- ▶ Adopt recent version of the County's Parks & Recreation Plan and Community Health Improvement Plan → consistency across all county's planning efforts.
- ▶ Address new issues confronting Green Lake County.

Proposed Update Process

- ▶ Create Comp Plan Subcommittee
- ▶ Hold 4 or more meetings if needed.
- ▶ Evaluate 2016 comp plan.
 - ▶ What's done? What needs to be done?
- ▶ Subcommittee identifies priority focus areas.
- ▶ Subcommittee to discuss focus areas and create / revise goals, objectives and policies.

Proposed Update Process

- ▶ LUP&Z staff update other plan areas as needed.
- ▶ LUP&Z Staff prepare draft for review by LUP&Z committee and public.
- ▶ After public hearing, County Board adopts the new comp plan.

Proposed Update Process

- ▶ Questions?
- ▶ Clarifications?
- ▶ Suggestions?

Green Lake 2016 Comp Plan Evaluation

- To identify our progress on achieving our 2016 goals.
- To lay the groundwork for priorities for our 2026 plan.

Goal 1. Preserve the rural character.

Objective 1. Implement a conservation easement program.

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

NOTES:

Goal 1. Preserve the rural character.

Objective 2. Enhance & update zoning, ordinances, overlays, & other standards.

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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Goal 2. Protect the natural resources.

Objective 1. Map areas (ag/environmental) not suited for development.

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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Goal 2. Protect the natural resources.

Objective 2. Map/designate conservation corridors.

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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Goal 2. Protect the natural resources.

Objective 3. Review/update stormwater ordinance.

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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Goal 2. Protect the natural resources.

Objective 4. Encourage local activities to manage, protect, and preserve local watersheds. Many tools available.

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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Goal 3: Farmland Preservation

Objective: Identify, preserve, and protect farmland and working lands using the certified plan (Refer to Farmland Preservation Plan).

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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Goal 4. Residential development is promoted in designated areas...

Objective 1. Residential growth directed towards areas adjoining existing residential areas.

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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Goal 4. Residential development is promoted in designated areas...

Objective 2. Encourage non-farm development to areas not designated for FP.

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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Goal 4. Residential development is promoted in designated areas...

Objective 3. Collaborate with communities to ensure alternate housing options.

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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Goal 4. Residential development is promoted in designated areas...

Objective 4. Review/update ordinances to include controls so future development is consistent with CP and FPP.

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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Goal 5: Attract service and employment opportunities consistent with existing and future land uses.

Objective 1. Modify ordinances to ensure micro-enterprise and home-based businesses are not allowed to cause negative impacts.

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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Goal 5: Attract service and employment opportunities consistent with existing and future land uses.

Objective 2. Encourage businesses to locate in planned/designated areas.

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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Goal 5: Attract service and employment opportunities consistent with existing and future land uses.

Objective 3. Work with EDC and chambers to promote local and regional activity.

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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Goal 5: Attract service and employment opportunities consistent with existing and future land uses.

Objective 4. Work cooperatively to “brand” the unique character of main streets in the county.

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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Goal 6. Provide & maintain a safe, orderly, efficient transportation system (adequate infrastructure)

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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Goal 7. Provide for the development of planned municipal services and support services for entire population.

Objective 1. Complete transportation corridor studies.

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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Goal 7. Provide for the development of planned municipal services and support services for entire population.

Objective 2. Maintain implementation of a county capital improvement program.

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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Goal 7. Provide for the development of planned municipal services and support services for entire population.

Objective 3. Active involvement with cities, villages, sanitary districts in terms of current and future sewer service needs.

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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Goal 8. Work with local communities in sharing information.

Objective 1. Request updated land use and zoning maps as needed from MCDs.

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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Goal 9. Encourage cooperation to brand Green Lake County as a regional destination.

Objective 1. Support tourism as important component of local economy.

- No progress
- Some progress
- Completely met
- On-going?

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