



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, April 13, 2026, at 5 pm.

Packet Pages:

- 2 Agenda
- 3 Draft Meeting Minutes from 3/23/26
- 4-7 2016 GLC Comp Plan Goals and Objectives (2026 Draft Update)

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



GREEN LAKE COUNTY
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Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee Meeting Notice

Date: Monday, April 13, 2026, Time: 5:00 PM
Green Lake County Government Center, UWEX Training Room
571 County Rd A, Green Lake WI

AGENDA

Committee Members

Mike Starshak-chair
Gene Thom-vice chair
Shelly Rothman
Lisa Reas
Paul Schwandt
Jane Strelow
Jim Hebbe
Taylor Strauser
Samuel Mast
Mary Lou Neubauer
Mark Wilton
Sue McConnell
Todd Morris
Matt Kirkman
Patricia Malone

Sec: Ryan Schinke

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).

Purpose Statement: To complete the 10-year update to the Comprehensive Plan.

Meeting Goal: Subcommittee to identify any additional focus areas, areas of concern, other areas of consideration and develop respective goals, objectives and policies.

1. Call to Order
2. Certification of Open Meeting Law
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes of 3/23/2026
5. Public Comment (15 minutes total/3-minute limit per person)
6. Committee discussion:
 - a) Review Possible Additions/Considerations for the Plan
 - b) Develop Goals, Policies and objectives for these additions/concerns
 - c) Discussion on Principles for the Plan
 - d) Discuss Public Surveys to be conducted
 - e) Future Meeting Dates:
 - i. Monday, April 27th, 5:00pm
 - ii. Additional meetings if necessary
 - f) Future Agenda items for discussion
7. 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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**GREEN LAKE COUNTY
2026 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 23, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Starshak called the meeting of the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee Meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. in the Green Lake County Government Center, UWEX Training Room, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Present: Jim Hebbe, Gene Thom, Lisa Reas, Paul Schwandt, Mike Starshak, Jane Strelow
Sue McConnell, Taylor Strauser, Samuel Mast, Mary Lou Neubauer**

Absent: Shelly Rothman, Mark Wilton, Jeff Shadick, Todd Morris

Also Present: Matt Kirkman, Land Use Planning & Zoning Director

Patricia Malone, UWEX – Community Development Educator

Ryan Schinke, Land Use Coordinator/Tech

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion/second (Schwandt/Thom) approve the minutes of the 2/9/26 & 2/23/26 meetings with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Starshak called for public comment – none was made.

SUBCOMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Malone led subcommittee discussion on 2016 Comprehensive Plan Goals and Objectives.

Kirkman added new Goals and Objectives brought up in discussion.

Malone & Kirkman led discussion regarding Amish fire aide plan and zoning conflicts.

Discussion on collecting additional community input(surveys), Malone asked for help in developing surveys- Starshak & Strauser volunteered.

FUTURE SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discuss possible additions/considerations for the plan.
2. Discuss general public and town officials input
3. Future Meeting Dates: Monday, April 13th, 5:00pm
Monday, April 27th, 5:00pm

ADJOURN

Motion/second (Thom/Schwandt) to adjourn meeting

7:05 p.m. Without objection, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Starshak.

RECORDED BY

Ryan Schinke

Land Use Planning & Zoning Coordinator/Tech

APPROVED ON:

**2016 GLC Comp Plan Goals and Objectives
(2026 Draft Update)**

Goal 1: Preserve the rural character.

Objectives:

1. Implement a **conservation easement program**.
2. Enhance & update county zoning, subdivision ordinances, overlays, and other local regs and standards.

Goal 2: Protect the Natural Resources.

Objectives:

1. Map ag land/environmental features to identify areas not suited for development.
2. Consider mapping/designating **conservation corridors**
3. Review and update Stormwater Ordinance.
4. Encourage local activities to manage/protect/preserve local watersheds.
 - Enforce existing ordinances.
 - BMPs encouraged.
 - Prevent erosion.
 - Residential development and management standards.
 - Septic systems in good order. Cite if necessary.
5. Develop groundwater protection plan. (Link this objective to the LWRM)
6. Update and implement 10 year lake and watershed management plan for Big Green Lake.

Goal 3: Farmland Preservation

Objectives:

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

Goal 4: Residential Development is promoted in designated areas that are suitable and compatible.

Objectives:

1. Residential growth directed toward undeveloped areas adjoining existing residential areas.
2. Encourage non-farm residential development to areas not designated for FP.
3. Review/update zoning/subdivision ordinances to include land use controls so future development is consistent with CP and FPP.
4. *Municipal plans and decisions shall be subject to the goals, policies, and objectives within the County's comprehensive plan.*

Goal 5: Promote economic development by leveraging our existing resources to maintain and burnish the rural character.

Objectives:

1. Review/update ordinances to ensure micro-enterprises, home-based businesses, and tourist rooming houses are not allowed to cause negative impacts.
2. Encourage businesses to locate in planned/designated areas.
3. *Encourage development opportunities that can leverage current county assets.*
4. *Decision makes will evaluate economic development proposals using the comp plan goals, policies, and objectives.*

Goal 6: Provide and maintain a safe, orderly, efficient transportation system (Adequate Infrastructure)

Objectives:

1. Complete transportation corridor studies.
2. *Maintain implementation of a capital improvement program for county infrastructure*

Goal 7: Provide for the development of planned municipal services, where appropriate, and supporting services for the entire population (Adequate infrastructure).

Objectives:

3. *Maintain implementation of a capital improvement program for county infrastructure (keep here?)*

4. Active involvement with cities, villages, and town sanitary districts in terms of current needs and future sewer service areas.

Goal 8: Work with local communities in sharing information (plans, needs, regional branding) (Cooperation)

Objectives:

1. Schedule a recurring meeting hosted by the County to talk with town, village, and city officials related to any existing or emerging issues.

Goal 9: Encourage cooperation to brand Green Lake County as regional destination (Local and regional economic development)

Objectives:

1. Support tourism as important component of local economy.
2. Allow for innovative/creative ideas that may provide unique opportunities.