

EXHIBIT A

Public Participation Plan

The following methods will be used to foster public participation and input for the Town of Wheaton Comprehensive Plan update.

1. **Community Survey:** The Town will conduct a community-wide survey with assistance from the UW-River Falls Survey Research Center to gather public input on general and specific topics.
2. **Plan Commission Meetings:** The Plan Commission will work with and advise the consultant during the planning process; review and provide input on recommendations; and attend the Public Hearing. The Plan Commission meetings are open to the public.
3. **Stakeholder Interviews.** Key stakeholders (both individuals and groups) will be identified by Cedar Corporation and the Plan Commission and interviews will be scheduled conducted with these groups to gather their perceptions and ideas about Comprehensive Planning issues and opportunities.
4. **Town of Wheaton Website:** The Town will utilize its website to provide information related to the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan and host draft copies of the chapters so that residents will be able to view and comment on them.
5. **Receive and Respond to Written Comments:** Residents may submit written comments on the Comprehensive Plan to the Town Clerk.
6. **Property Owners or Persons with a Leasehold Interest in Property where Nonmetallic Minerals may be Mined:** The consultant will work with the Town and Chippewa County to identify the above to distribute proposed, alternative, or amended elements of the Comprehensive Plan to owners of property, or to persons who have a leasehold interest in property pursuant to which the persons may extract nonmetallic mineral resources in or on property, in which the allowable use or intensity of use of the property is changed by the Comprehensive Plan. Notification will explain the proposed change and how to provide comments to the consultant and Plan Commission.
7. **Provide a Final Draft to adjacent communities to review and comment:** Provide a pdf of the Draft Comprehensive Plan Update to adjacent communities to review and comment before the public hearing.
8. **Public Hearing:** The Town Board and Plan Commission will hold a public hearing to adopt the Comprehensive Plan in accordance with state statutes. The public hearing will offer an opportunity for residents to comment on the Plan.

The Town of Wheaton is not limited to the public participation methods listed above and may engage in other methods not identified here as the planning process moves forward.