

Chapter 10

Plan Implementation

Introduction

Once the Town of Wheaton adopts its amended Comprehensive Plan, it can begin to implement the recommendations prioritized below. There are different “tools” that can be used to implement the Comprehensive Plan. Tools can range from new policies, zoning code amendments, creating committees, task forces, etc. All of these can be used to help implement the recommendations.

There are goals, objectives, and recommendations at the end of each chapter in the Town of Wheaton Comprehensive Plan. These represent the result that the Town hopes to achieve by implementing the Comprehensive Plan. Though there are many excellent ideas in each chapter, it may be impossible to address them all at the same time. Of course, budgets, time constraints, limited staff, or changes in attitude may cause some of the ideas not to be realized, and others to be expanded upon.

The Plan Implementation chapter will review the goals, objectives, and recommendations at the end of each chapter to determine which recommendations should be implemented and in what time frame. At the same time, just because a recommendation is not in the implementation schedule does not mean it cannot be addressed.

Potential Implementation Tools

Implementation tools can be grouped into regulatory and non-regulatory categories. Regulatory tools can be state, county, and municipal codes that the Town of Wheaton uses to regulate itself. Non-regulatory tools can be actions Town government, groups, or residents voluntarily take to achieve a goal. Examples of how regulatory and non-regulatory tools can be used to help implement the Comprehensive Plan include road maintenance, public education, and trail development. Throughout the Comprehensive Plan, recommendations for achieving the goals have been identified.

Roles and Responsibilities

Residents and Property Owners

The Town of Wheaton encourages continuous input from its residents and property owners. The planning process does not end with the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan. Views change, regulations are amended, new ideas evolve over time, and with this, the Comprehensive Plan will need to be updated. Therefore, public participation will always be needed and encouraged.



Plan Commission

The Town of Wheaton Plan Commission's role in the planning process is to review all appropriate information, give input, and make recommendations to the Town Board. The Plan Commission will use the Comprehensive Plan as a guide for decision-making and will recommend revisions and updates as needed.

Town Board

In order for the Comprehensive Plan to be implemented, the Town Board must formally adopt it. Upon adoption, the Comprehensive Plan becomes a guide for decision making by Town officials. As chief policy makers, the Board is also responsible for establishing and actively supporting a continuation of the planning process and program.

Plan Updates

Ongoing evaluation of the Town of Wheaton Comprehensive Plan is important. The needs of the community today may be different from the needs of tomorrow. Revisions and amendments to the Town's Comprehensive Plan can be done at any time by following the procedures for adopting a Comprehensive Plan required by state statutes. These include publishing a Class I notice, having the Comprehensive Plan available for the public to review for 30 days, and holding a public hearing.

The Town of Wheaton Comprehensive Plan 2020-2040 Implementation Schedule should be reviewed each year by the Wheaton Town Board and/or Plan Commission to measure the progress of the plan implementation. By law, the plan is required to be reviewed every 10 years.

Plan Consistency

When drafting a Comprehensive Plan for a community, the possibility exists that the individual pieces of the plan may not support other elements to the extent they should or, in the worst case, contradict other elements. As envisioned and drafted, the elements of this plan fit together into a cohesive direction for future decision making in the Town.

Implementation Recommendations and Schedule

There are many recommendations throughout the Town of Wheaton Comprehensive Plan. Personnel and budget limitations can make it difficult to address all of them in a short period. The Town Board will review the recommendations each year and incorporate the priorities into its Strategic Plan.

Plan Integration and Measuring Achievement

In order for the Town of Wheaton Comprehensive Plan to be successful, the implementation tools must be in place and reflect the intent of the plan.



After one year of adopting the Comprehensive Plan, the Town Board or Plan Commission should review the prioritization list, evaluate implementation of the recommendations, successes and setbacks, and the use of the plan by the Town government.

Implementation Recommendations and Schedule

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The timeframes used for the recommended actions are as follows:

- Short Term:** 1-5 Years
- Mid Term:** 6-10 Years
- Long Term:** 11-20 Years
- Ongoing:** Ongoing support/action with no definite beginning or end.

Town of Wheaton Comprehensive Plan 2020-2040 Implementation Schedule (To be completed after chapters 1-9 are completed)

Table 10-1: Short Term Recommendations (1 to 5 years)

Chapter	Recommendation	Potential Lead Group(s)

Table 10-2: Mid Term Recommendations (6 to 10 years)

Chapter	Recommendation	Potential Lead Group(s)

Table 10-3: Long Term Recommendations (11 to 20 years)

Chapter	Recommendation	Potential Lead Group(s)

Table 10-4: Ongoing

Chapter	Recommendation	Potential Lead Group(s)

