

### **Purpose of this Plan**

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This ~~2008~~2016 *Town of Herman Comprehensive Plan* is intended to comply with State legislation and update the Town's ~~Land Management Comprehensive~~ Plan from ~~1998~~2008. This comprehensive plan will allow the Town to guide short-range and long-range growth, development, preservation of natural resources, and provision of recreational areas. The purposes of the *Comprehensive Plan* are to:

- ◆ Identify areas appropriate for development and preservation over the next 20 years;
- ◆ Prioritize the preservation of natural areas;
- ◆ Recommend types of land use for specific areas in the Town;
- ◆ Preserve agricultural lands, farming, woodlands, and natural features in the community;
- ◆ Identify needed transportation and community facilities to serve future land uses;
- ◆ Discuss the provision of recreational resources;
- ◆ Direct private housing and other investment in the Town; and
- ◆ Provide detailed strategies to implement plan recommendations.

This *Comprehensive Plan* is being prepared under the State of Wisconsin's comprehensive planning law, adopted in 1999 and contained in §66.1001, Wisconsin Statutes. This *Plan* meets all of the statutory elements and requirements. After 2010, only those plans that contain the nine required elements and were adopted under the prescribed procedures will have legal standing.

The remainder of this *Comprehensive Plan* is organized in nine chapters containing all of the required elements listed above. Each chapter begins with background information on the element (e.g., land use, transportation