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Marquette County Invites You to Shape the Future: Comprehensive Plan Open House

What: Public Open House – Marquette County Comprehensive Plan Update

When: Thursday, May 14th, 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Where: Marquette County Services Center, 480 Underwood Ave, Montello, WI 53949

MONTELLO, Wis. – Marquette County is launching a comprehensive update of its long-range planning document, and county officials want to hear from you. On Thursday, May 14, 2025, the County will host a free, drop-in Public Open House, with its consultant team (Place Foundry), at the at the Marquette County Services Center, 480 Underwood, Avenue, Montello, WI 53949. All community members are invited to attend the public open house. This event will kick off the first of many engagement initiatives that will guide the county’s growth, land use, and development decisions for the years ahead.

The Comprehensive Plan serves as Marquette County’s official blueprint for growth, land use, transportation, economic development, and community character over the next decade. The current plan, adopted in 2016, is approaching Wisconsin’s required 10-year update deadline. This refresh will modernize the county’s planning foundation while aligning with the recently completed County Strategic Plan and Wisconsin’s Smart Growth principles.

“This is your county – and this plan will guide it for the next ten years. We want every voice at the table from the very start.”

– **Jean Potter, Zoning Administrator, Marquette County**

What to Expect:

The public open house is drop-in event with interactive displays and discussions.

- An overview of the comprehensive planning process
- A discussion about Marquette County's strengths, assets, and character
- Opportunities to share your priorities and visions for the county's future
- Details on future engagement opportunities

Who should attend:

This event is open to everyone.

- Residents
- Employees
- Business Owners
- County and Town Staff
- Landowners
- Organizations and Nonprofits
- Anyone with an interest in Marquette County's future

About Marquette County

Marquette County encompasses 456 square miles in central Wisconsin and is home to approximately 15,700 residents. Known for its natural beauty, outdoor recreation opportunities, and strong agricultural heritage, the county is designated by the USDA as a high-recreation retirement destination. Marquette County is committed to thoughtful, community-driven planning that preserves its rural character while supporting sustainable growth and economic vitality.

