

## COMMON QUESTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED WALWORTH COUNTY 2020 LAND USE PLAN

### What is the 2020 plan and why is it being created?

The 2020 plan has been prepared as a refinement of the 2010 regional land use plan. The plan represents an update and extension ten years into the future of the previously adopted year 2010 County plan. The County land use plan has been updated in this same manner approximately every ten years since the adoption of County land use planning. The updates allow for a more current plan reflecting changes that have taken place during the previous ten years. The plan also makes recommendations for future land use and development. The basic recommendations of the year 2020 plan are the same as those of the year 2010 plan. The new 2020 plan takes into account, and reflects as appropriate, town land use plans which have been formally adopted by town plan commissions and or town boards.

### Can a town, which has yet to adopt a land use plan, have their plan added to the 2020 plan in the future?

Provisions shall be made for the annual review and update of the 2020 land use plan, to ensure that it properly reflects changing conditions as well as to incorporate new or revised town land use plans.

### How would adoption of the 2020 plan affect future smart growth comprehensive planning?

The 2020 plan is a land use plan update. The land use plan is not a smart growth comprehensive plan. A land use plan is only a portion of a single element of a comprehensive plan. Approval of the 2020 plan will in no way prevent individual Towns or municipalities from preparing smart growth comprehensive plans. Approval of a 2020 land use plan will help in future adoption of comprehensive plans.

### When will the County begin a smart growth comprehensive planning process?

The County will begin a smart growth planning process after the year 2000 census data is compiled and usable, sufficient funding is appropriated and meetings are held with all communities involved to determine the extent of interest in being part of a County wide smart growth comprehensive plan.

### Why not delay adoption of all plan approvals until smart growth comprehensive planning is completed?

Smart growth planning is going to be a comprehensive, time consuming and costly process. To delay the adoption of a 2020 land use plan would result in a complete ten year gap in the usual update of the land use plan. The County and towns would not have a current County wide land use plan during the approximate ten year period that it will take to gear up for, collect data and compile and acceptable smart growth comprehensive plans.