



# Sawyer County

## Agenda

Comprehensive Plan Development Committee Meeting  
Monday, May 17, 2021 @ 6:00 PM  
Assembly Room

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### 1. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

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- a. Call to Order and Roll Call
- b. State of Committee and Hearing Procedure
- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes  
[Comp Plan Minutes 3-16-21](#)
- e. Public comments can be taken at the time of any open meeting or detailed comments can be expressed through written format and distributed to the Sawyer County Zoning & Conservation Administrator at:

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### 2. POLICY AND ACTION REVIEW FOR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES - COMPILED LIST WITH UPDATES (DISCUSSION/ACTION FOR POTENTIAL APPROVAL)

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- a. [Sawyer Co Goals, Objectives, Actions comparison](#)

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- b. [Sawyer Co Goals, Objectives, Actions 3-16-21](#)

- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVE EXISTING LAND USE MAP (2020)  
(DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)**
  - a. <http://www.nwrpc.com/991/Sawyer-County-Comprehensive-Plan-Update>
- 4. REVIEW AND REFINE, IF NECESSARY, FUTURE LAND USE  
CLASSES AND DEFINITIONS (DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)**
- 5. FUTURE LAND USE MAPPING (DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION)**
- 6. PLAN ADOPTION PROCESS (DISCUSSION ONLY FOR TIMELINE  
CONSIDERATION)**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes

Sawyer County Comprehensive Plan Development Committee

March 16, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Mark Olson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Voting members present: Phil Nies, Steve Kelsey, Nita Kemp, Mark Olson, Kay Wilson, Marc Helwig, Jason Weaver. Voting members absent: Ron Buckholtz, Elaine Nyberg, Linda Zillmer

Others present: Jay Kozlowski, Zoning Administrator, Kelly Nechuta, Conservation Specialist, Jason Laumann, Northwest Regional Planning, Emily Nelson, Northwest Regional Planning

Public meeting notice was filed.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Phil to approved the minutes of the January 6, 2021 meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No comments

**2. Policy and Action Review – Post Dept Head Review (Re-Verify Existing Action and Policy Statements, Add New or Delete)**

Existing action statements were sent to department heads for review in mid January. Out of the 32 recipients, there were 3 responses by the February 12 deadline. No changes were suggested.

Discussion of changes the members noted.

9-3 Housing

Objective 1 Action 2 delete “of Sand Lake and Winter and the Village of Exeland”  
Action 5 add “Sawyer County”

9-4

Remove “2010” 3 times and leave “ongoing”  
Objective 2 Action 5 remove “strengthen the process of”  
Objective 3 Action 5 change “develop” to “maintain”  
Objective 3 Action 2 add “NWRPC”

9-5 Transportation ok

9-6 ok

9-7

Action 7 remove “and septic tank contents” typo

Action 2/Remove Action 5

Add a new objective 5 on 9-9 with – Jason will revise verbiage: Support the up-sizing of infrastructure to address flooding related concerns... Seek ways to implement the directives of the hazard mitigation plan.

Renumber – Action 6 to action 5, action 7 to Action 6 - Change date on Action 6

9-8

Action 8 Change “Promote” to “Maintain”, and change dates to “ongoing”

Action 9 – “ongoing”

Action 9 now 8 – “ongoing”

Discussion about septic treatment facilities in the area, and at LCO, and partnering opportunities with towns and County.

Action 2 Objective 2 – “ongoing”

Objective 2 and Action 1 - change to “broadband” instead of “internet”

Action 2 remove “local and national cellular” and replace with “service providers”

9-9

Objective 5 – Jason will revise verbiage regarding culverts for Jay

9-10

Action 1 Objective 1 add between Protect - “and improve the quality & quantity of” surface and groundwater...

9-11 ok

9-12 ok (see below)

9-13 ok

9-14 ok

9-15 Economic Development

Objective 1 Action 1: “Identify potential business opportunities”

9-16

Objective 3 Add Action 3 Explore additional forestry processing including potential mill site opportunities in the northern region. Sawyer Co, Chamber of Commerce, NWRPC, local units of government.

Objective 3 Encourage & promote businesses that follow sustainable/certified forest management practices.

Objective 4 remove “2008” and add “latest”

Action 1 replace SCDC to SC/LCO EDC (Sawyer County/Lac Courte Oreilles Economic Development Committee” under parties in all places

Objective 4, Action 1 add “and responsible parties”

Action 3 Objective 5 Add new- Jason will develop verbiage about CEDS – Increase economic development opportunities in Sawyer County. Action 1 - Participate in the annual CEDS update, and Action 2 - Identify projects for the CEDS (comprehensive economic development strategy)

Objective 6 Add new - Economic/Recreation/Natural Resources – Jason to add something about business/economic capitalization on the recreation opportunities in Sawyer County.

9-17 change dates

Objective 2 Action 1 Explore opportunities for sharing facilities, equipment & maintenance between County and other parties.

Objective 2 Cooperate community sharing of resources

Add Action 3 Facilitate the collaboration and sharing of community facilities, equipment, maintenance & services. County as responsible party

9-18 ok

9-19 dates

9-20 ok

9-12 Revisited

Add objective “Explore funding opportunities to address climate change.” - ?

Discussion - Revisit at next meeting

### **3. Review and approve existing land use map (2020)**

Jason reported there has been feedback from 3 towns, other towns are in process and have a May deadline. Recommended postponing until after the May deadline.

### **4. Review and refine, if necessary, future land use classes and definitions**

Jason reiterated waiting until the feedback has been received from towns after May. Discussion about consistency.

### **5. Future land use mapping**

A) Farmland Preservation overlay - Jay gave an overview

Motion by Phil, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kay to recommend to the L&W committee removal of the farmland preservation planning/overlay from the comp plan process.

Motion carried.

Motion by Phil, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kay to extend NWRPC’s serviced until 2020. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be scheduled after the towns have reviewed the maps in May. A summary of the changes made will be sent out for review.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

**Housing**

Goal

An adequate supply of housing for individuals of all income levels, including a range of choices that meet the needs of all age groups and persons with special needs, while protecting the quality of the natural environment and maintaining the rural character of Sawyer County.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
<i>Objective 1: Eliminate substandard housing through blight control or housing rehabilitation and repair.</i>		
Action 1: Work with Town governments to inventory blighted and dilapidated residential buildings and investigate avenues for removal of non repairable structures.	Ongoing	Assessors, Zoning and Health Departments
Action 2: Encourage coordinating CDBG housing rehabilitation funds of the County and the Towns of Sand Lake and Winter and the Village of Exeland to maximize rehabilitation efforts.	Ongoing	County Housing Administrators
Action 3: Continue to seek state and federal funds to address housing needs.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Housing Authority, Sawyer County Departments
Action 4: Partner with other organizations that provide rehabilitation assistance to qualifying residents of Sawyer County.	Ongoing	Indianhead Community Action Agency, USDA-Rural Development, Northwest Affordable Housing
Action 5: Support the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code requirements where required during construction and rehabilitation.	Ongoing	Local Units of Government and Sawyer County
<i>Objective 2: Encourage housing in areas that will not result in property or environmental damage.</i>		
Action 1: Enforce existing land use regulations and investigate future land use regulations that provide stronger restrictions for development in sensitive areas.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, Towns

Action 2: Distribute educational materials to developers, realtors and others about the benefits of preventing environmental degradation.	Ongoing	DNR, Sawyer County, Town, Lakes Associations, UWEX
Action 3: Support local decisions in their evaluation of development criteria pertaining to potential housing activity based on approved planning documents.	<del>2010 and</del> Ongoing	Sawyer County
Action 4: Encourage the development of clustered housing where environmentally appropriate.	Ongoing	Towns, Sawyer County, Developers
Action 5: <del>Strengthen the process of monitoring</del> <u>Monitoring</u> all septic systems and the reporting of data.	<del>2010 and</del> Ongoing	Sawyer County
<i>Objective 3: Support housing options for ALL individuals.</i>		
Action 1: Support existing housing coalition efforts that seek to provide affordable housing options.	Ongoing	Sawyer County
Action 2: Increase public awareness of state, federal and local programs that can direct funds to a multiple range of housing options.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, UWEX, USDA-Rural Development, <u>NWRPC</u>
Action 3: Encourage local developers and housing coalitions to work together to review housing needs across the County.	Ongoing	Developers and Housing Coalitions
Action 4: Encourage communication between Sawyer County, local units of government, housing coalitions and developers to support a range of housing options.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, UWEX, Northwest Builders Association
Action 5: <del>Develop</del> <u>Maintain</u> or update a written procedural process that provides information to developers and property owners regarding coordinated decision making.	<del>2010 and</del> Ongoing	Sawyer County Zoning, Towns

**Transportation**Goal

A safe and efficient multi-modal transportation network providing a range of modal choices for all persons.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
<i>Objective 1: Develop, maintain and improve roads to meet the county's future transportation needs.</i>		
Action 1: Develop a roadway improvement plan for roads.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Highway Department, WisDOT, Federal Agencies, LCO and local towns
Action 2: Prior to the design phase of reconstruction plans for county highways, coordinate with local towns in an effort to discuss the potential implementation of non-motorized transportation improvements to the highway construction project.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Highway Department, WisDOT, Federal Agencies, LCO and local towns
Action 3: Seek state and federal funds to implement safety and design changes to the county system.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Highway Department
Action 4: Examine measures in which to partner with local units of government for shared services relating to road building, maintenance, snowplowing, etc.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Highway Department, WisDOT, Federal Agencies, LCO and local towns
<i>Objective 2: Continue the overall development of motorized and non-motorized trails.</i>		
Action 1: Work with local units of government and local clubs to partner financially, when possible, in the development of trail activities.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government, clubs and all other interested parties
Action 2: Seek state and federal funding sources to offset proposed trail development.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government, clubs and all other interested parties



Action 3: Lend support to local units of government in their requests for state and federal grant applications.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government, clubs and all other interested parties
Action 4: Seek to develop coordinated trail systems with adjoining counties and other local governmental units.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government, clubs and all other interested parties
<i>Objective 3: Support the continued operation and expansion of transit options to all persons.</i>		
Action 1: Encourage operation and expansion of services offered by transit operators.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government and all other interested parties
Action 2: Seek partners for financing the expansion of transit operators.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government and all other interested parties
Action 3: Work with private transit systems and other organizations to provide rides to those with disabilities or limited financial means to pay for such transportation.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government and all other interested parties
Action 4: Continually maintain and update as needed the <i>Transportation (Transit) Coordination Plan</i> to enable the County and others to be eligible for state and federal transit funding.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government and all other interested parties
<i>Objective 4: Encourage safety improvements to local railroad crossings and airports.</i>		
Action 1: Coordinate meetings between Canadian National (CN) Railway and local townships to discuss safety and other rail transportation related topics.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government and all other interested parties
Action 2: Seek state and federal funds to support airport improvements.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government and all other interested parties

**Utilities and Community Facilities**Goal

Maintain and enhance applicable county facilities and services, which contribute to the overall quality of life, while supporting other public and private sector organizations that are responsible for providing many of the utilities and community related facilities available within the County.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
<i>Objective 1: Encourage coordinated planning and development of utilities and community facilities as defined within the comprehensive planning legislation.</i>		
Action 1: Continue the dialog between Sawyer County committees and local organizations in developing shared projects that serve the county's residents and visitors.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, municipalities, non-profits, private entities
Action 2: Work with organizations to maximize cooperative efforts.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, municipalities, non-profits, private entities, State and Federal agencies
Action 3: Maintain and refurbish existing park facilities, while partnering with others to develop new facilities where needed.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, municipalities, non-profits, private entities, State and Federal agencies
Action 4: Examine future development projects that may impact the quality and quantity of ground water resources.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Zoning, Sanitary Districts, private and non-profit entities, State and Federal agencies
<del>Action 5: Promote health and safety service and facilities.</del>	<del>Ongoing</del>	<del>Sawyer County, municipalities, private entities, State and Federal agencies</del>
Action 65: Support the efforts of towns, villages and businesses working to find solutions for the effective disposal of holding tank sewage and septic tank contents.	2010-2015	Sawyer County, municipalities, private entities, State and Federal agencies

Action <del>76</del> : Support efforts to increase development of renewable energy <del>and septic tank contents</del> .	Ongoing	Sawyer County, municipalities, private entities, State and Federal agencies
Action <del>8</del> : <del>Promote</del> <del>7</del> : <del>Maintain</del> the effective implementation of a data base for implementation of septic maintenance and disposal.	<del>Ongoing</del> <del>2010-2013</del>	Sawyer County, municipalities, private entities, State and Federal agencies
Action <del>98</del> : Investigate the expansion of existing facilities or construction of new treatment facilities to accept holding tank, septic system waste and sewage treatment sludge.	<del>2010-2015</del> <del>Ongoing</del>	Sawyer County, municipalities, private entities, State and Federal agencies
<i>Objective 2: Improve and expand telecommunication services and coverage related to cellular and <del>internet</del> broadband throughout the county.</i>		
Action 1: Establish communication with cellular and <del>internet</del> broadband providers to discuss gaps in coverage across the county.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, municipalities, non-profits, private entities, State and Federal agencies
Action 2: Seek avenues in which to partner with local and national <del>cellular</del> service providers to apply for communication related funding programs.	<del>2010-2015</del> and Ongoing	Sawyer County, municipalities, non-profits, private entities, State and Federal agencies
<i>Objective 3: Protect the natural environment and property owners in all public and private development projects.</i>		
Action 1: Encourage Best Management Practices during all private and public construction related projects.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Zoning, Sanitary Districts, private and non-profit entities, State and Federal agencies
Action 2: Promote effective storm water management measures.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Zoning, Sanitary Districts, private and non-profit entities, State and Federal agencies

<i>Objective 4: Provide law enforcement and emergency/rescue services to residents and visitors.</i>		
Action 1: Explore opportunities to coordinate and share in services.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, municipalities, State and Federal agencies
Action 2: Continue the relationships with the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe regarding services, responsibilities and cooperation.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, LCO
Action 3: Coordinate efforts across the county to secure funding opportunities.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, municipalities, private and non-profit entities, State and Federal agencies
<i>Objective 5: Support upsizing of road stream size infrastructure for flooding</i>		
<u>Action 1: Implement the directives of the Sawyer County Hazard Mitigation Plan to address flooding-related concerns in the county.</u>	<u>Ongoing</u>	<u>Sawyer County, municipalities, State and Federal agencies</u>

**Natural, Agricultural and Cultural Resources**

Natural

Goal

Promote the sustainable use and management of the county’s environmental diversity, natural resources and related quality of life.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
<i>Objective 1: Identify and enhance the protection and conservation of environmentally sensitive and vulnerable resources.</i>		
Action 1: Protect <u>and improve quality and quantity of</u> surface and ground waters through the promotion of Best Management Practices and regulatory measures.	Ongoing	WDNR, Sawyer County Zoning, Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, land and water trust’s, Corp of Engineers, US Forest Service and others
Action 2: Work with local and national organizations to promote measures useful in protecting and conserving area resources.	Ongoing	WDNR, Sawyer County Zoning, Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, land and water trusts, Corp of Engineers, US Forest Service and others
Action 3: Distribute educational materials and outreach information.	Ongoing	WDNR, Sawyer County Zoning, Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, land and water trusts, Corp of Engineers, US Forest Service, Lake Associations, UW-Extension and others
Action 4: Seek state and federal funding for outreach in curbing the introduction or spreading of invasive species.	Ongoing	WDNR, Sawyer County Zoning, Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, land and water trusts, US Forest Service, Lake Associations, UW-Extension and others

<p>Action 5: Implement recommendations and actions as outlined within documents prepared by the Land and Water Conservation Department.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Sawyer County Board of Supervisors, Land and Water Conservation, Sawyer County Zoning Department</p>
<p><i>Objective 2: Protect area lakes, rivers, streams, shorelands and wetlands.</i></p>		
<p>Action 1: Provide resource and educational materials to land owners, realtors and others concerning the preservation and protection of area water and land resources.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>WDNR, Sawyer County Zoning, Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, land and water trusts, Corp of Engineers, US Forest Service, Lake Associations, UW-Extension and others</p>
<p>Action 2: Encourage all land owners whether on or off water, to initiate measures to control runoff and make ecologic choices in applying chemicals and land application of agricultural/human waste.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>WDNR, Sawyer County Zoning, Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, land and water trusts, Lake Associations, UW-Extension and others</p>
<p>Action 3: Work with local and national organizations to promote measures useful in protecting area resources.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>WDNR, Sawyer County Zoning, Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, land and water trusts, Lake Associations, UW-Extension and others</p>
<p><i>Objective 3: Protect, manage and enhance the sustainable use of forest and land resources whether public or privately owned.</i></p>		

Action 1: Encourage the use of Best Management Practices in all forested areas.	Ongoing	WDNR, Sawyer County Zoning, Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, land and water trusts, Corp of Engineers, US Forest Service, Lake Associations, LCO, UW-Extension and others
Action 2: Encourage dialog between privately held timber resource companies, units of government and others to discuss harvest management strategies and projected schedule of timber harvesting.	Ongoing	WDNR, Sawyer County Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, US Forest Service, UW-Extension and others
Action 3: Implement measures as outlined within the Sawyer County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.	Ongoing	Forest Department, Sawyer County Board of Supervisors, local units of government, land and water trusts and others
Action 4: Coordinate dialog and discussion with large forest land owners to curb the fragmentation of forest land holdings.	Ongoing	WDNR, Sawyer County Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, US Forest Service, local units of government, UW-Extension and others
Action 5: Work with local and national organizations to promote measures useful in protecting area resources.	Ongoing	WDNR, Sawyer County Zoning, Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, land and water trusts, Corp of Engineers, US Forest Service, Lake Associations, UW-Extension and others
Action 6: Maintain reclamation plans, monitor metallic and non-metallic mining operations and encourage applicable Best Management Practices at all locations.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Zoning, local units of government, LCO

<u>Objective 4: Explore carbon/climate change solutions and opportunities</u>		
<u>Action 1: Identify funding opportunities</u>	<u>Ongoing</u>	<u>Sawyer County Zoning, local units of government, LCO</u>



**Agricultural**

Goal

Preserve and enhance agricultural activities throughout the county as they support the local, state and national agricultural industry.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
<i>Objective 1: Preserve agricultural land for farming.</i>		
Action 1: Through county, state and federal programs, provide landowners with contacts and other information regarding available agricultural programs.	Ongoing	UW-Extension, Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection
Action 2: Encourage Best Management Practices that are environmentally sound.	Ongoing	UW-Extension, Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection
Action 3: Coordinate with governmental and non-profit organizations to develop land trust measures for the preservation of agricultural land.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Zoning Department, state and federal grant programs, land trusts
Action 4: Encourage developers and private property owners to consider placing residential developments away from farming operations in an effort to minimize land use conflicts.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Zoning Department, local units of government, UW-Extension
Action 5: Coordinate dialog and discussion with farmland owners to curb the fragmentation of farmlands to other non-farmland uses.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Zoning Department, local units of government, UW-Extension

**Cultural**

Goal

Preserve and enhance cultural and heritage resources throughout the county.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
<i>Objective 1: Expand the collection and identification of cultural and heritage resources.</i>		
Action 1: Encourage local municipalities, civic organizations, LCO and others to document and preserve their cultural history.	Ongoing	Historical Societies, civic organizations, LCO, local units of government, museums
Action 2: Encourage developers and contractors to protect cultural and heritage resources prior to or found during development activities.	Ongoing	Developers, contractors, Historical Societies, all land owners

**Economic Development****Goal**

To create an environment that promotes jobs creation and retention through the management of planned growth in a manner that enhances the quality of life for current and future residents.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
<i>Objective 1: Recruit and retain businesses</i>		
Action 1: Identify <del>businesses</del> <u>business opportunities</u> .	Ongoing	NWRPC, <del>SCDCSC</del> <u>LCO EDC</u> , Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SC and local units of government
Action 2: Recruit the identified businesses.	Ongoing	NWRPC, <del>SCDCSC</del> <u>LCO EDC</u> , Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SC and local units of government.
Action 3: Provide incentives if necessary to secure the businesses.	Ongoing	NWRPC, <del>SCDCSC</del> <u>LCO EDC</u> , Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SC and local units of government.
Action 4: Seek out businesses with low ecological footprints.	Ongoing	NWRPC, <del>SCDCSC</del> <u>LCO EDC</u> , Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SC and local units of government.
<i>Objective 2: Encourage planned commercial development.</i>		
Action 1: Adopt standards for commercial development.	Ongoing	Sawyer County and local units of government.
Action 2: Support pollution standards, such as noise, air, water and lighting.	Ongoing	NWRPC, <del>SCDCSC</del> <u>LCO EDC</u> , Chambers of Commerce, VCB, Sawyer County and local units of government.
<i>Objective 3: Encourage <u>and promote businesses that follow sustainable/certifiable forest management and all businesses that follow these practices.</u></i>		

<p>Action 1: Encourage timber harvest according to accepted best management practices.</p>	Ongoing	Sawyer County Forestry
<p>Action 2: Identify forestry businesses that follow these practices.</p>	Ongoing	NWRPC, <u>SC/EDC/LCO EDC</u> , Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SAWYER COUNTY and local units of government.
<p><u>Action 3: Explore potential forestry processing locations including mill sites</u></p>	<u>Ongoing</u>	<u>NWRPC, Chambers of Commerce, Sawyer County, and local units of government.</u>
<p><i>Objective 4: Develop economic development policies, which are reflective of the results of the <del>2008</del><u>latest</u> Sawyer County Comprehensive Plan Survey.</i></p>		
<p>Action 1: Work with county officials, <u>SC/LCO Economic Development Committee</u>, and business leaders to develop such policies.</p>	Ongoing	NWRPC, <u>SC/EDC/LCO EDC</u> , Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SAWYER COUNTY and local units of government.
<p>Action 2: Design incentive packages that can be blended or stand alone incentive packages to attract and retain businesses.</p>	Ongoing	NWRPC, <u>SC/EDC/LCO EDC</u> , Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SAWYER COUNTY and local units of government.
<p><u>Objective 5: Pursue economic development opportunities related to the expansion of recreational programming, facilities and activities. The connection of properties through shared activities such as hiking, boating, ATV/UTV, snowmobile, etc. spur tourism in our communities and generate economic activity.</u></p>		
<p><u>Action 1: Create and update a priority list for the development of needed recreational programming, facilities and activities.</u></p>	<u>Ongoing</u>	<u>NWRPC, SC/LCO EDC, Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SAWYER COUNTY and local units of government</u>

<p><u>Action 2: Continue to update the Sawyer County Outdoor Recreation Plan. Plan compliance with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) standards ensures grant funding eligibility for future projects.</u></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p><u>NWRPC, SC/LCO EDC, Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SAWYER COUNTY and local units of government</u></p>
<p><u>Action 3: Monitor and assess the economic impacts of recreational programming, facilities and activities in Sawyer County</u></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p><u>NWRPC, SC/LCO EDC, Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SAWYER COUNTY and local units of government</u></p>
<p><u>Objective 6: Enhance the capacity for economic growth in Sawyer County</u></p>		
<p><u>Action 1: Identify and prioritize economic development projects in Sawyer County. Include these projects in the Northwest Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).</u></p> <p><u>*Under the CEDS, the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) may fund eligible projects, including public infrastructure or construction projects, that will lead to the creation of new private industry jobs</u></p>	<p>Ongoing (Annual Update)</p>	<p><u>Sawyer County, NWRPC (prepares CEDS &amp; updates)</u></p>

**Intergovernmental Cooperation**

Goal

Establish mutually beneficial cooperative relationships with adjacent and overlapping jurisdictions, including but not limited to area school districts, state and federal agencies, Lac Courte Oreilles, town, village, city governments and others.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
<i>Objective 1: Develop methods to address existing and potential conflicts between parties.</i>		
Action 1: When necessary, form working committees between parties and other organizations that will recommend actions to resolve conflicts.	Ongoing	All units of local government and LCO
Action 2: While several different forms of conflict resolution exist, establish parameters that will allow all parties equal input into the discussion leading to a recommendation.	<del>2010 and</del> ongoing	UW-Extension, County Board, Towns Association, school district state and federal agencies, Lac Courte Oreilles, town, village, city governments and others
<i>Objective 2: Share community facilities and services whenever possible.</i>		
Action 1: <del>Develop an inventory of</del> Explore opportunities for sharing facilities, maintenance, and equipment between county and other partners <del>that would be available by all parties to utilize.</del>	<del>2010-2015 and</del> ongoing	County Board initiation with participation by school districts, state and federal agencies, Lac Courte Oreilles, town, village, city governments and others
Action 2: Develop a formal process and agreement for request and use of shared facilities and services.	<del>2010-2015 and</del> ongoing	County Board initiation with participation by school districts, state and federal agencies, Lac Courte Oreilles, town, village, city governments and others
<u>Action 3: Facilitate the collaboration and sharing of community resources, facilities, equipment, maintenance, and services.</u>	Ongoing	<u>Sawyer County, all units of local government and LCO</u>

<i>Objective 3: Strengthen the relationship between Lac Courte Oreilles and Sawyer County.</i>		
Action 1: Continue joint elected officials meetings between the LCO Council and County Board of Supervisors.	Ongoing	LCO Council and County Board of Supervisors
Action 2: Continue to enhance working relationships between County and LCO Departments to encourage greater collaboration.	Ongoing	LCO Council and County Board of Supervisors

**Land Use**

Goal

A coordinated, planned development pattern consistent with the rural character of Sawyer County.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
<i>Objective 1: Develop short and long range initiatives that seek collaborative efforts between local, tribal, state and federal agencies and programs.</i>		
Action 1: Through intergovernmental cooperation efforts, prioritize conflicts across jurisdictions to set a working direction for recommended changes to existing and future agreements, policies and regulations.	2010 and ongoing	All units of local government and LCO
Action 2: Utilize town based comprehensive plans and plan commission actions when making department recommendations and county board decisions.	Ongoing	All units of local government and LCO
Action 3: Periodically meet with local units of government, LCO, WDNR, US Forest Service and others to discuss ongoing and future planning activities and developments that may impact communities.	2010 and ongoing	All units of local government, Federal and State agencies, LCO and others
<i>Objective 2: Development patterns and activities that protect and enhance the natural resources of Sawyer County.</i>		
Action 1: Provide examples of Best Management Practices relating to all functional use of land (forestry, logging, development, recreational, etc.).	Ongoing	All units of local government, Federal and State agencies, LCO and others
Action 2: Promote the protection of farmlands and forests through preservation of existing lands and existing or future land use regulations.	Ongoing	All units of local government, Federal and State agencies, LCO and others



<p>Action 3: Implement recommendations from towns regarding development strategies, densities and protection measures.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>All units of local government, Federal and State agencies, LCO and others</p>
<p>Action 4: Promote development densities that minimize the effects on the environment.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>All units of local government, Federal and State agencies, LCO and others</p>
<p>Action 5: Encourage future development of community design elements/aspects in land use plans related to pedestrian and bicycle access and commercial corridor development.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>All units of local government, LCO and others</p>

**Housing**

Goal

An adequate supply of housing for individuals of all income levels, including a range of choices that meet the needs of all age groups and persons with special needs, while protecting the quality of the natural environment and maintaining the rural character of Sawyer County.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
<i>Objective 1: Eliminate substandard housing through blight control or housing rehabilitation and repair.</i>		
Action 1: Work with Town governments to inventory blighted and dilapidated residential buildings and investigate avenues for removal of non repairable structures.	Ongoing	Assessors, Zoning and Health Departments
Action 2: Encourage coordinating CDBG housing rehabilitation funds of the County and the Towns to maximize rehabilitation efforts.	Ongoing	County Housing Administrators
Action 3: Continue to seek state and federal funds to address housing needs.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Housing Authority, Sawyer County Departments
Action 4: Partner with other organizations that provide rehabilitation assistance to qualifying residents of Sawyer County.	Ongoing	Indianhead Community Action Agency, USDA-Rural Development, Northwest Affordable Housing
Action 5: Support the Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code requirements where required during construction and rehabilitation.	Ongoing	Local Units of Government and Sawyer County
<i>Objective 2: Encourage housing in areas that will not result in property or environmental damage.</i>		
Action 1: Enforce existing land use regulations and investigate future land use regulations that provide stronger restrictions for development in sensitive areas.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, Towns

Action 2: Distribute educational materials to developers, realtors and others about the benefits of preventing environmental degradation.	Ongoing	DNR, Sawyer County, Town, Lakes Associations, UWEX
Action 3: Support local decisions in their evaluation of development criteria pertaining to potential housing activity based on approved planning documents.	Ongoing	Sawyer County
Action 4: Encourage the development of clustered housing where environmentally appropriate.	Ongoing	Towns, Sawyer County, Developers
Action 5: Monitoring all septic systems and the reporting of data.	Ongoing	Sawyer County
<i>Objective 3: Support housing options for ALL individuals.</i>		
Action 1: Support existing housing coalition efforts that seek to provide affordable housing options.	Ongoing	Sawyer County
Action 2: Increase public awareness of state, federal and local programs that can direct funds to a multiple range of housing options.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, UWEX, USDA-Rural Development, NWRPC
Action 3: Encourage local developers and housing coalitions to work together to review housing needs across the County.	Ongoing	Developers and Housing Coalitions
Action 4: Encourage communication between Sawyer County, local units of government, housing coalitions and developers to support a range of housing options.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, UWEX, Northwest Builders Association
Action 5: Maintain or update a written procedural process that provides information to developers and property owners regarding coordinated decision making.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Zoning, Towns

**Transportation**

Goal

A safe and efficient multi-modal transportation network providing a range of modal choices for all persons.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
<i>Objective 1: Develop, maintain and improve roads to meet the county's future transportation needs.</i>		
Action 1: Develop a roadway improvement plan for roads.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Highway Department, WisDOT, Federal Agencies, LCO and local towns
Action 2: Prior to the design phase of reconstruction plans for county highways, coordinate with local towns in an effort to discuss the potential implementation of non-motorized transportation improvements to the highway construction project.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Highway Department, WisDOT, Federal Agencies, LCO and local towns
Action 3: Seek state and federal funds to implement safety and design changes to the county system.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Highway Department
Action 4: Examine measures in which to partner with local units of government for shared services relating to road building, maintenance, snowplowing, etc.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Highway Department, WisDOT, Federal Agencies, LCO and local towns
<i>Objective 2: Continue the overall development of motorized and non-motorized trails.</i>		
Action 1: Work with local units of government and local clubs to partner financially, when possible, in the development of trail activities.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government, clubs and all other interested parties
Action 2: Seek state and federal funding sources to offset proposed trail development.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government, clubs and all other interested parties

Action 3: Lend support to local units of government in their requests for state and federal grant applications.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government, clubs and all other interested parties
Action 4: Seek to develop coordinated trail systems with adjoining counties and other local governmental units.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government, clubs and all other interested parties
<i>Objective 3: Support the continued operation and expansion of transit options to all persons.</i>		
Action 1: Encourage operation and expansion of services offered by transit operators.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government and all other interested parties
Action 2: Seek partners for financing the expansion of transit operators.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government and all other interested parties
Action 3: Work with private transit systems and other organizations to provide rides to those with disabilities or limited financial means to pay for such transportation.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government and all other interested parties
Action 4: Continually maintain and update as needed the <i>Transportation (Transit) Coordination Plan</i> to enable the County and others to be eligible for state and federal transit funding.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government and all other interested parties
<i>Objective 4: Encourage safety improvements to local railroad crossings and airports.</i>		
Action 1: Coordinate meetings between Canadian National (CN) Railway and local townships to discuss safety and other rail transportation related topics.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government and all other interested parties
Action 2: Seek state and federal funds to support airport improvements.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, local units of government and all other interested parties

**Utilities and Community Facilities**Goal

Maintain and enhance applicable county facilities and services, which contribute to the overall quality of life, while supporting other public and private sector organizations that are responsible for providing many of the utilities and community related facilities available within the County.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
<i>Objective 1: Encourage coordinated planning and development of utilities and community facilities as defined within the comprehensive planning legislation.</i>		
Action 1: Continue the dialog between Sawyer County committees and local organizations in developing shared projects that serve the county's residents and visitors.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, municipalities, non-profits, private entities
Action 2: Work with organizations to maximize cooperative efforts.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, municipalities, non-profits, private entities, State and Federal agencies
Action 3: Maintain and refurbish existing park facilities, while partnering with others to develop new facilities where needed.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, municipalities, non-profits, private entities, State and Federal agencies
Action 4: Examine future development projects that may impact the quality and quantity of ground water resources.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Zoning, Sanitary Districts, private and non-profit entities, State and Federal agencies
Action 5: Support the efforts of towns, villages and businesses working to find solutions for the effective disposal of holding tank sewage and septic tank contents.	2010-2015	Sawyer County, municipalities, private entities, State and Federal agencies
Action 6: Support efforts to increase development of renewable energy.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, municipalities, private entities, State and Federal agencies

Action 7: Maintain the effective implementation of a data base for implementation of septic maintenance and disposal.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, municipalities, private entities, State and Federal agencies
Action 8: Investigate the expansion of existing facilities or construction of new treatment facilities to accept holding tank, septic system waste and sewage treatment sludge.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, municipalities, private entities, State and Federal agencies
<i>Objective 2: Improve and expand telecommunication services and coverage related to cellular and broadband throughout the county.</i>		
Action 1: Establish communication with cellular and broadband providers to discuss gaps in coverage across the county.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, municipalities, non-profits, private entities, State and Federal agencies
Action 2: Seek avenues in which to partner with local and national service providers to apply for communication related funding programs.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, municipalities, non-profits, private entities, State and Federal agencies
<i>Objective 3: Protect the natural environment and property owners in all public and private development projects.</i>		
Action 1: Encourage Best Management Practices during all private and public construction related projects.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Zoning, Sanitary Districts, private and non-profit entities, State and Federal agencies
Action 2: Promote effective storm water management measures.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Zoning, Sanitary Districts, private and non-profit entities, State and Federal agencies
<i>Objective 4: Provide law enforcement and emergency/rescue services to residents and visitors.</i>		

Action 1: Explore opportunities to coordinate and share in services.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, municipalities, State and Federal agencies
Action 2: Continue the relationships with the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe regarding services, responsibilities and cooperation.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, LCO
Action 3: Coordinate efforts across the county to secure funding opportunities.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, municipalities, private and non-profit entities, State and Federal agencies
<i>Objective 5: Support upsizing of road stream size infrastructure for flooding</i>		
Action 1: Implement the directives of the Sawyer County Hazard Mitigation Plan to address flooding-related concerns in the county.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, municipalities, State and Federal agencies



**Natural, Agricultural and Cultural Resources**

Natural

Goal

Promote the sustainable use and management of the county's environmental diversity, natural resources and related quality of life.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
<i>Objective 1: Identify and enhance the protection and conservation of environmentally sensitive and vulnerable resources.</i>		
Action 1: Protect and improve quality and quantity of surface and ground waters through the promotion of Best Management Practices and regulatory measures.	Ongoing	WDNR, Sawyer County Zoning, Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, land and water trust's, Corp of Engineers, US Forest Service and others
Action 2: Work with local and national organizations to promote measures useful in protecting and conserving area resources.	Ongoing	WDNR, Sawyer County Zoning, Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, land and water trusts, Corp of Engineers, US Forest Service and others
Action 3: Distribute educational materials and outreach information.	Ongoing	WDNR, Sawyer County Zoning, Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, land and water trusts, Corp of Engineers, US Forest Service, Lake Associations, UW-Extension and others
Action 4: Seek state and federal funding for outreach in curbing the introduction or spreading of invasive species.	Ongoing	WDNR, Sawyer County Zoning, Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, land and water trusts, US Forest Service, Lake Associations, UW-Extension and others

<p>Action 5: Implement recommendations and actions as outlined within documents prepared by the Land and Water Conservation Department.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Sawyer County Board of Supervisors, Land and Water Conservation, Sawyer County Zoning Department</p>
<p><i>Objective 2: Protect area lakes, rivers, streams, shorelands and wetlands.</i></p>		
<p>Action 1: Provide resource and educational materials to land owners, realtors and others concerning the preservation and protection of area water and land resources.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>WDNR, Sawyer County Zoning, Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, land and water trusts, Corp of Engineers, US Forest Service, Lake Associations, UW-Extension and others</p>
<p>Action 2: Encourage all land owners whether on or off water, to initiate measures to control runoff and make ecologic choices in applying chemicals and land application of agricultural/human waste.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>WDNR, Sawyer County Zoning, Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, land and water trusts, Lake Associations, UW-Extension and others</p>
<p>Action 3: Work with local and national organizations to promote measures useful in protecting area resources.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>WDNR, Sawyer County Zoning, Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, land and water trusts, Lake Associations, UW-Extension and others</p>
<p><i>Objective 3: Protect, manage and enhance the sustainable use of forest and land resources whether public or privately owned.</i></p>		

Action 1: Encourage the use of Best Management Practices in all forested areas.	Ongoing	WDNR, Sawyer County Zoning, Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, land and water trusts, Corp of Engineers, US Forest Service, Lake Associations, LCO, UW-Extension and others
Action 2: Encourage dialog between privately held timber resource companies, units of government and others to discuss harvest management strategies and projected schedule of timber harvesting.	Ongoing	WDNR, Sawyer County Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, US Forest Service, UW-Extension and others
Action 3: Implement measures as outlined within the Sawyer County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan.	Ongoing	Forest Department, Sawyer County Board of Supervisors, local units of government, land and water trusts and others
Action 4: Coordinate dialog and discussion with large forest land owners to curb the fragmentation of forest land holdings.	Ongoing	WDNR, Sawyer County Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, US Forest Service, local units of government, UW-Extension and others
Action 5: Work with local and national organizations to promote measures useful in protecting area resources.	Ongoing	WDNR, Sawyer County Zoning, Land and Water Conservation Department, LCO, Forest Department, land and water trusts, Corp of Engineers, US Forest Service, Lake Associations, UW-Extension and others
Action 6: Maintain reclamation plans, monitor metallic and non-metallic mining operations and encourage applicable Best Management Practices at all locations.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Zoning, local units of government, LCO

<i>Objective 4: Explore carbon/climate change solutions and opportunities</i>		
Action 1: Identify funding opportunities	Ongoing	Sawyer County Zoning, local units of government, LCO

**Agricultural**

Goal

Preserve and enhance agricultural activities throughout the county as they support the local, state and national agricultural industry.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
<i>Objective 1: Preserve agricultural land for farming.</i>		
Action 1: Through county, state and federal programs, provide landowners with contacts and other information regarding available agricultural programs.	Ongoing	UW-Extension, Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection
Action 2: Encourage Best Management Practices that are environmentally sound.	Ongoing	UW-Extension, Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection
Action 3: Coordinate with governmental and non-profit organizations to develop land trust measures for the preservation of agricultural land.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Zoning Department, state and federal grant programs, land trusts
Action 4: Encourage developers and private property owners to consider placing residential developments away from farming operations in an effort to minimize land use conflicts.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Zoning Department, local units of government, UW-Extension
Action 5: Coordinate dialog and discussion with farmland owners to curb the fragmentation of farmlands to other non-farmland uses.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Zoning Department, local units of government, UW-Extension

**Cultural**

Goal

Preserve and enhance cultural and heritage resources throughout the county.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
<i>Objective 1: Expand the collection and identification of cultural and heritage resources.</i>		
Action 1: Encourage local municipalities, civic organizations, LCO and others to document and preserve their cultural history.	Ongoing	Historical Societies, civic organizations, LCO, local units of government, museums
Action 2: Encourage developers and contractors to protect cultural and heritage resources prior to or found during development activities.	Ongoing	Developers, contractors, Historical Societies, all land owners

**Economic Development**

Goal

To create an environment that promotes jobs creation and retention through the management of planned growth in a manner that enhances the quality of life for current and future residents.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
<i>Objective 1: Recruit and retain businesses</i>		
Action 1: Identify business opportunities.	Ongoing	NWRPC, SC/LCO EDC, Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SC and local units of government
Action 2: Recruit the identified businesses.	Ongoing	NWRPC, SC/LCO EDC, Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SC and local units of government.
Action 3: Provide incentives if necessary to secure the businesses.	Ongoing	NWRPC, SC/LCO EDC, Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SC and local units of government.
Action 4: Seek out businesses with low ecological footprints.	Ongoing	NWRPC, SC/LCO EDC, Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SC and local units of government.
<i>Objective 2: Encourage planned commercial development.</i>		
Action 1: Adopt standards for commercial development.	Ongoing	Sawyer County and local units of government.
Action 2: Support pollution standards, such as noise, air, water and lighting.	Ongoing	NWRPC, SC/LCO EDC, Chambers of Commerce, VCB, Sawyer County and local units of government.
<i>Objective 3: Encourage and promote businesses that follow sustainable/certifiable forest management practices.</i>		
Action 1: Encourage timber harvest according to accepted best management practices.	Ongoing	Sawyer County Forestry

<p>Action 2: Identify forestry businesses that follow these practices.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>NWRPC, SC/LCO EDC, Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SAWYER COUNTY and local units of government.</p>
<p>Action 3: Explore potential forestry processing locations including mill sites</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>NWRPC, Chambers of Commerce, Sawyer County, and local units of government.</p>
<p><i>Objective 4: Develop economic development policies, which are reflective of the results of the latest Sawyer County Comprehensive Plan Survey.</i></p>		
<p>Action 1: Work with county officials, SC/LCO Economic Development Committee, and business leaders to develop such policies.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>NWRPC, SC/LCO EDC, Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SAWYER COUNTY and local units of government.</p>
<p>Action 2: Design incentive packages that can be blended or stand alone incentive packages to attract and retain businesses.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>NWRPC, SC/LCO EDC, Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SAWYER COUNTY and local units of government.</p>
<p><i>Objective 5: Pursue economic development opportunities related to the expansion of recreational programming, facilities and activities. The connection of properties through shared activities such as hiking, boating, ATV/UTV, snowmobile, etc. spur tourism in our communities and generate economic activity.</i></p>		
<p>Action 1: Create and update a priority list for the development of needed recreational programming, facilities and activities.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>NWRPC, SC/LCO EDC, Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SAWYER COUNTY and local units of government</p>



<p>Action 2: Continue to update the Sawyer County Outdoor Recreation Plan. Plan compliance with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) standards ensures grant funding eligibility for future projects.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>NWRPC, SC/LCO EDC, Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SAWYER COUNTY and local units of government</p>
<p>Action 3: Monitor and assess the economic impacts of recreational programming, facilities and activities in Sawyer County</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>NWRPC, SC/LCO EDC, Chambers of Commerce, VCB, SAWYER COUNTY and local units of government</p>
<p><i>Objective 6: Enhance the capacity for economic growth in Sawyer County</i></p>		
<p>Action 1: Identify and prioritize economic development projects in Sawyer County. Include these projects in the Northwest Region Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).</p> <p><small>*Under the CEDS, the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) may fund eligible projects, including public infrastructure or construction projects, that will lead to the creation of new private industry jobs</small></p>	<p>Ongoing (Annual Update)</p>	<p>Sawyer County, NWRPC (prepares CEDS &amp; updates)</p>

**Intergovernmental Cooperation**Goal

Establish mutually beneficial cooperative relationships with adjacent and overlapping jurisdictions, including but not limited to area school districts, state and federal agencies, Lac Courte Oreilles, town, village, city governments and others.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
<i>Objective 1: Develop methods to address existing and potential conflicts between parties.</i>		
Action 1: When necessary, form working committees between parties and other organizations that will recommend actions to resolve conflicts.	Ongoing	All units of local government and LCO
Action 2: While several different forms of conflict resolution exist, establish parameters that will allow all parties equal input into the discussion leading to a recommendation.	Ongoing	UW-Extension, County Board, Towns Association, school district state and federal agencies, Lac Courte Oreilles, town, village, city governments and others
<i>Objective 2: Share community facilities and services whenever possible.</i>		
Action 1: Explore opportunities for sharing facilities, maintenance, and equipment between county and other partners.	Ongoing	County Board initiation with participation by school districts, state and federal agencies, Lac Courte Oreilles, town, village, city governments and others
Action 2: Develop a formal process and agreement for request and use of shared facilities and services.	Ongoing	County Board initiation with participation by school districts, state and federal agencies, Lac Courte Oreilles, town, village, city governments and others
Action 3: Facilitate the collaboration and sharing of community resources, facilities, equipment, maintenance, and services.	Ongoing	Sawyer County, all units of local government and LCO

<i>Objective 3: Strengthen the relationship between Lac Courte Oreilles and Sawyer County.</i>		
Action 1: Continue joint elected officials meetings between the LCO Council and County Board of Supervisors.	Ongoing	LCO Council and County Board of Supervisors
Action 2: Continue to enhance working relationships between County and LCO Departments to encourage greater collaboration.	Ongoing	LCO Council and County Board of Supervisors

**Land Use**

Goal

A coordinated, planned development pattern consistent with the rural character of Sawyer County.

	<b>Target</b>	<b>Responsible Party</b>
<i>Objective 1: Develop short and long range initiatives that seek collaborative efforts between local, tribal, state and federal agencies and programs.</i>		
Action 1: Through intergovernmental cooperation efforts, prioritize conflicts across jurisdictions to set a working direction for recommended changes to existing and future agreements, policies and regulations.	Ongoing	All units of local government and LCO
Action 2: Utilize town based comprehensive plans and plan commission actions when making department recommendations and county board decisions.	Ongoing	All units of local government and LCO
Action 3: Periodically meet with local units of government, LCO, WDNR, US Forest Service and others to discuss ongoing and future planning activities and developments that may impact communities.	Ongoing	All units of local government, Federal and State agencies, LCO and others
<i>Objective 2: Development patterns and activities that protect and enhance the natural resources of Sawyer County.</i>		
Action 1: Provide examples of Best Management Practices relating to all functional use of land (forestry, logging, development, recreational, etc.).	Ongoing	All units of local government, Federal and State agencies, LCO and others
Action 2: Promote the protection of farmlands and forests through preservation of existing lands and existing or future land use regulations.	Ongoing	All units of local government, Federal and State agencies, LCO and others

Action 3: Implement recommendations from towns regarding development strategies, densities and protection measures.	Ongoing	All units of local government, Federal and State agencies, LCO and others
Action 4: Promote development densities that minimize the effects on the environment.	Ongoing	All units of local government, Federal and State agencies, LCO and others
Action 5: Encourage future development of community design elements/aspects in land use plans related to pedestrian and bicycle access and commercial corridor development.	Ongoing	All units of local government, LCO and others