

Plan Components

The Town of Byron's Comprehensive Plan Update identifies a 20 year planning horizon and contains four major components:

1. A profile of demographic, economic, and housing characteristics;
2. An inventory and assessment of the environment, community facilities, and agricultural, natural and cultural resources;
3. Visions, goals, strategies and recommendations; and
4. A series of land use maps that depict existing and optimum land use patterns.

The Town of Byron's Comprehensive Plan Update covers nine elements required by the Wisconsin State Statutes 66.1001:

- Issues and Opportunities
 - *Background information, including population, household and employment forecasts, demographic trends, age distribution, education and income levels and employment characteristics.*
- Economic Development
 - *An inventory of the labor force characteristics, commuting patterns, location of workplace, economic base information to promote the stabilization, retention or expansion of the economic base and quality employment opportunities.*
- Housing
 - *An assessment of the age, structural, value and occupancy characteristics of existing housing stock.*
- Transportation
 - *Background information to guide the future development of various modes of transportation, including highways, transit, transportation systems for persons with disabilities, bicycles, walking, railroads, air transportation, trucking and water transportation.*
- Utilities and Community Facilities
 - *Background information to guide the future development of utilities and community facilities such as sanitary sewer, storm water management, water supply, solid waste disposal, on-site wastewater treatment technologies, recycling facilities, parks, telecommunication facilities, power-generating plants and transmission lines, health and child care facilities, police, fire and rescue facilities, libraries, schools and other governmental facilities.*
- Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources
 - *Background information for the conservation, and promotion of the effective management of natural resources such as groundwater, forests, productive agricultural areas, environmentally sensitive areas, threatened and endangered species, stream corridors, surface water, floodplains, wetlands, wildlife habitat,*

metallic and nonmetallic mineral resources, parks, open spaces, historical and cultural resources, recreational resources and other natural resources.

- Land Use
 - *An assessment of the amount, type, intensity and net density of existing land uses such as agricultural, residential, industrial and other public and private uses; an analyzes of the trends in supply, demand and the price of land, opportunities for redevelopment and existing and potential land-use conflicts.*
- Intergovernmental Cooperation
 - *A compilation of policies and programs for joint planning and decision making with other jurisdictions, including school and sanitary districts, counties and adjacent local and tribal governmental units, for siting and building public facilities and sharing public services.*
- Implementation
 - *Programs and specific actions to be completed in a stated sequence, including proposed changes to any applicable zoning ordinances, official maps, sign regulations, erosion and storm water control ordinances, historic preservation ordinances, site plan regulations, design review ordinances, building codes, mechanical codes, property maintenance and housing codes, and sanitary codes or subdivision ordinances.*

Each element (chapters 3 – 11) contains an inventory and analysis, and relevant policies and programs that are applicable to the Town. Goals, strategies and recommendations related to each element are contained in Chapter 2, Plan Framework.