

DCTA Update

Town Zoning

The DCTA is working with twelve towns interested in opting out of County Zoning. A Working Committee, led by Berry Town Chair, Tony Varda, has been formed and has created sample resolutions and a draft zoning code. Documents are available on DCTA's website www.danecotowns.net under "Town Zoning".

Farmland Preservation

DCTA is working with the town of Dunkirk to assess farmland protection options including Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) and Transfer of Development Rights (TDR). Information on this effort will soon be posted on Durkirk's website.

Transportation Funding

Inadequate funding for road maintenance is one of the most serious issues facing towns currently. DCTA is very active in pressing the state to increase revenues and road aids. DCTA President Jerry Derr has been spending a great deal of time communicating the urgency of the problem to federal and state officials. Jerry has traveled to Washington DC and attended dozens of meetings with members of Congress and the Legislature, DOT and County transportation officials. The Wisconsin Towns Association is making appropriate efforts to win support for more transportation funding, but WTA needs additional help on this issue. We're fortunate that Jerry Derr is willing to put in hundreds of hours of volunteer time working for road funding.

Dane County Zoning Code Revision

Along with town representatives from Vermont, Roxbury and Pleasant Springs, DCTA is attending meetings of the subcommittee working to re-write the County Zoning Code. DCTA's goal is to share information and to work to coordinate the development of the two new zoning codes.

Comprehensive Plans

Towns are considering amendments to their town comprehensive plans to reflect Act 178 and the requirement that Dane County adopt town Comprehensive Plans "without change." Several towns plan to amend their Comp Plans to address plan interpretation and state that if interpretation or policy clarification is needed, it will be done by the town board and not Dane County Zoning and Land Regulation (ZLR) Committee.