

8: IMPLEMENTATION

The Comprehensive Plan serves as a decision-making tool that can be used by a range of stakeholders in Nicollet County. The goals and policies defined in Chapter 3 provide guidance for the desired direction of the county. Chapters 4 through 7 identify tools and regulations that can be utilized to help achieve those goals. The intent of this chapter is to identify a list of potential strategies that put the plan into action and to help the county achieve its defined goals.

The following table identifies implementation actions to assist the county in meeting the plan’s goals. This is not meant to be an exclusive list. Actions can be added to, modified, or removed from the list as warranted. Regular review of this table is recommended to monitor progress towards the long-range goals defined in this plan.

The actions are organized in the following table by Plan Element, and include a recommended timeframe and responsible parties to assist with implementation. The recommended timeframe suggests when the action should be completed, including ongoing and short-term (2020-2030). The Responsible Parties column identifies county departments that can assist with the implementation of the action.

Table 17. Implementation Plan Actions

Plan Element	Implementation Action	Timeframe	Responsible Parties
Long-Range Planning	Review and update the Comprehensive Plan to respond to changing trends and needs within the county, as warranted.	Every five years	All departments
Long-Range Planning	Continue to encourage public participation in all planning efforts.	Ongoing	All departments
Land Use	Monitor and update the existing feedlot setbacks to respond to changing agricultural and community concerns, if warranted.	Short-Term	Property Services
Land Use	Consider the establishment of density requirements for feedlots throughout the county, if warranted.	Short-Term	Property Services
Land Use	Review and update the Renewable Energy Ordinance to ensure it responds to current technology, if warranted.	Every five years	Property Services
Land Use	Review and update the bluff line setback to respond to changing needs, if warranted.	Short-Term	Property Services
Land Use	Continue to update and promote the Zoning Permit Fact Sheet and encourage the development of other tools that assist with the public’s understanding of land use regulations and requirements.	Ongoing	Property Services
Land Use	Consider the enforcement of the Minnesota State Building Code throughout Nicollet County.	Short-Term	All departments
Transportation	Develop an access management ordinance for county roadways.	Short-Term	Public Works

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Transportation	Pursue jurisdictional transfers as opportunities arise among jurisdictions.	Ongoing	Public Works
Transportation	Continue to play an active role in regional transportation planning efforts.	Ongoing	Public Works
Transportation	Explore additional transit and mobility options that serve the entire county.	Ongoing	Public Works
Transportation	Explore the development of a Nicollet County Transportation Plan.	Short Term	Public Works
Natural Resources	Continue efforts to promote, enhance, and protect natural resources within the county.	Ongoing	All departments
Natural Resources	Continue to play an active role in regional and state conservation efforts.	Ongoing	All departments
Natural Resources	Continue to participate in the two existing One Watershed One Plan (“1W1P”) boundaries. Employ recommendations and collaborate with partners.	Ongoing	Property Services
Natural Resources	Continue to participate in discussions for the establishment of a third 1W1P boundary and following plan development and implementation.	Ongoing	Property Services
Natural Resources	Continue to monitor and plan for the county’s response to changing weather patterns and the effects to flooding and erosion.	Ongoing	All departments
Natural Resources	Continue to deploy invasive species management activities throughout the county.	Ongoing	All departments
Parks and Trails	Explore opportunities for trail funding and cost participation programs.	Ongoing	Public Works
Parks and Trails	Continue to monitor the use of existing parks and desired need for additional facilities.	Ongoing	Public Works