

COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

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4000 PROPOSED PLAN TIMELINE

Wood County Forest 15 Year plan (2021-2035) Project Schedule

The following is a proposed timeline for completion of the plan and approval process. This schedule is subject to change.

<u>Wood County Forest 15-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan</u> <u>Planning Timeline</u>	
January 2019	Wood county HIRC Committee Reviews and Approves Public Participation Process and Projected Project Completion Timeline. Stakeholder letters mailed. General public notification via Wood County website, Facebook, and newspaper(s).
February 2019	HIRC Committee review & recommend changes, Chapters 100-300. Public participation: Draft chapters posted on website, P&F Facebook. Public comment received via email, in writing, at regular committee meetings.
March 2019	HIRC Committee review & recommend changes, Chapters 400-500. Public participation and comment: See above
April 2019	HIRC Committee review & recommend changes, Chapters 600-700. Public participation and comment: See above
May 2019	HIRC Committee review & recommend changes, Chapters 800-900. Public participation and comment: See above
June 2019	HIRC Committee review & recommend changes, Chapters 1000-2000. Public participation and comment: See above
July 2019	HIRC Committee review & recommend changes, Chapters 3000-4000. Public participation: See above
August 2019	Allow 30-Day Public Comment Period Open House Public Meeting
September 2019	Make Final Plan Changes and Committee Discussion
October 2019	Committee Approval of draft plan Send to DNR for Review
November 2019	Incorporate any DNR mandated changes. Final Committee approval (if necessary). Send to County Board for approval (by resolution).
December 2019	DNR Final approval for Wood County Forest 15 Year Plan

4005 OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

Note: All HIRC Committee meetings are legally noticed public meetings and contain public comment as a regular part of all agendas. All 15 Year Plan draft chapters posted on Wood County website once approved by HIRC Committee.

January 2020

- HIRC Committee 1/2/2020
 - 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan Proposed Timeline and Discussion

February 2020

- HIRC Committee 2/6/2020
 - 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan Draft Chapters 100, 200, 300

March 2020

- HIRC Committee 3/12/2020
 - 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan Draft Chapter 400

April 2020

- HIRC Committee 4/9/2020
 - 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan Draft Chapter 500

June 2020

- HIRC Committee 6/4/2020
 - 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan Draft Chapter 600

November 2020

- HIRC Committee 11/5/2020
 - 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan Draft Chapter 700 & Assorted Maps

December 2020

- HIRC Committee 12/3/2020
 - 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan Draft Chapter 800

March 2021

- HIRC Committee 3/4/2021
 - 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan Draft Chapter 900

April 2021

- HIRC Committee 4/1/2021
 - 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan Draft Chapter 1000

July 2021

- HIRC Committee 7/6/2021
 - 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan Draft Chapter 2000

August 2021

- HIRC Committee 8/5/2021
 - 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan Draft Chapters 3000, 4000, Glossary
 - Start of 30-day public comment period (8-6-2021)*
 - Open House Public Meeting(s) (dates TBD)*

**Public notice on Wood County website, Facebook, newspaper. Letters sent to stakeholders.*

September 2021

- HIRC Committee 9/2/2021 *(tentative)*
 - 15 Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan – Committee approval including any changes as directed by the Committee
 - End of 30-day public comment period (9-6-2021)
 - Send plan to DNR for review

November 2021

- Incorporate DNR mandated changes as needed
- HIRC Committee 11/4/2021 *(tentative)*
 - Final Committee approval and Resolution
- Wood County Board 11/9/2021
 - County Board approval and Resolution

December 2021

- Final DNR approval of Wood County Forest 15-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan

4010 PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SURVEY

4010.1 Stakeholder Letter January 29, 2020



Wood County WISCONSIN

PARKS AND
FORESTRY
DEPARTMENT

January 29, 2020

Dear Wood County Forest Stakeholder:

We are beginning the process to update our Wood County Forest 15-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Once completed, the new plan will guide the management of the Wood County Forest for the years 2021 through 2035. We have identified you or your organization as someone who may have an interest in the Wood County Forest.

The Comprehensive Land Use Plan is required under State Statute 28.11, also known as the County Forest Law - Wood County has managed a county forest under this law since 1932. The plan describes the forest in detail and identifies the policies and procedures used in caring for the forest. Some of the issues covered in the plan include:

- mission statement
- description of the forest and history of the county forest program
- administration and financial operations
- forest resources planning
- aesthetics and endangered resources management
- timber management
- recreation and wildlife management
- forest protection
- roads, trails, and access issues

Our forest is a valuable asset to Wood County. Timber revenues and the associated wildlife, recreation, and environmental benefits that occur because of sustainable forestry practices are critical to the economy and a benefit to the citizens of the county and state. We encourage your input on issues related to this vital resource. A comment form /Survey is attached to this letter for you to use to let us know about issues of concern to you and/or your organization as we start the planning process. Please take the time to complete the comment form and return it to the Wood County Parks and Forestry office at the address shown on the form. The comment form can also be found on our website at the following address: <https://www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/Parks/ForestryPlan.aspx>.

You may also choose to go directly to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SNT52ZK>.

As we develop the plan, draft copies of each chapter will be posted at the website shown above. Please feel free to comment on any portion of the plan, as they are made available for review. Furthermore, please be aware that draft chapters will be agenda items and discussed at monthly HIRC Committee meetings. The HIRC Committee is the oversight committee composed of five County Board members responsible for county policy decisions relating to the County Highway, Parks and Forestry Departments. Their meetings are open to the public and legally noticed in the paper. In addition, there will be an opportunity for public review and comments on the entire plan prior to formal adoption by the county board later this year.

We look forward to your input in this important process. Please contact the Wood County Parks and Forestry Department with your questions, concerns, and comments.

Thank you,

Fritz Schubert

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Wood County Forest Administrator

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<https://www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/Parks> or find us on Facebook

4010.2 Survey



WOOD COUNTY FOREST SURVEY

Name:
Street Address:
City, State, Zip:
E-mail Address:

How often do you use the Wood County Forest?

- ☐ At least once per month
☐ Once every 2-3 months
☐ Seasonally during hunting seasons
☐ Never

How do you use the Wood County Forest?

- ☐ Hunting
☐ ATV riding or snowmobiling
☐ General Recreation(specify) _____
☐ Other(specify) _____

How important is this issue to you?	Scale of Importance				
	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not Too Important	Not at all Important	Unsure
1. Size and location of Wood County Forest and future land acquisition, (e.g. too big, too small, location of future acquisitions, etc.)					
2. The amount, size, location and methods of timber harvest on the Wood County Forest.					
3. How to effectively protect Wood County Forest aesthetic values.					
4. The amount and location of habitats that favor game species, such as deer, grouse, and turkey.					
5. Satisfaction with types of recreational activities available on Wood County Forest. Develop/improve opportunities for....? (e.g. mountain bikes)					
6. ATV use on the Wood County Forest.					
7. The general quality of recreational experience on the Wood County Forest.					
8. The amount of roads (including logging roads) that are open to public motor vehicles.					

Additional Comments: Please provide comments on the above topics – ***The aspects of the issue that are important to me are:***

Issue 1: _____

Issue 2: _____

Issue 3: _____

Issue 5:

Issue 6:

Issue 7:

Issue 8:

_____ Water Quality Protection	_____ Environmental benefits (biodiversity,
_____ Recreational use of the forest	_____ endangered resources, scenic beauty)

[illegible]

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Questions? 715-421-8422

4015 Future Amendments

Note: 8/5/2026 Updated Wood County Forest Blocking Boundaries Map

4020 HIRC Committee and Authors of the Plan

- Jake Hahn Chair
 - Al Breu Vice Chair
 - John Hokamp Committee Member
 - Dave LaFontaine Committee Member
 - Lee Thao Committee Member
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- Gavin Hutchinson; WDNR County Forest Liaison
 - Sandra Green; Office Manager; Wood County P&F Dept.
 - Fritz Schubert; Wood County Forest Administrator

4025 Resolution # Approving The Wood County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2021-2035

Note: Insert Resolution here once approved by Wood County Board.