

You're invited to help Create Somerset's Future

Join other Village residents in shaping Somerset's future by participating on a community-led planning process. The Village is asking your help to generate fresh ideas, explore new opportunities, and make recommendations through the award winning Community Action Plan process.

What is the Community Action Plan?

This new Community Action Plan (CAP) process empowers the community take a direct role and ownership of Somerset's future by developing their own ideas in a hands-on community engagement approach to assist in updating of the Village's Comprehensive Plan.

Who is Facilitating the Process?

Community Collaboration, a public engagement consultant, has been hired to engage the Village community with its *Planning Excellence in Innovation Award (American Planners Association-WI)* process for its work on the Comprehensive Plan for the City of New Richmond.

How Can Citizens Participate?

Somerset residents, business and commercial property owners, and community organizations are encouraged to participate on the CAP Committee that will be formed to identify new ideas to address issues and develop fresh opportunities to be incorporated into the Village's Comprehensive Plan for the next 10 to 20 years.



"What I like about the new approach is the city officials step back and let the community dream away without consideration of what staff may think. It is truly liberating for the community and the city."

– Lynda Woulfe, Administrator,
City of Cambridge, MN



"I really wanted the Comp Plan to be community driven. What happened in the end was it was community led. So there was a different process and that happened with Community Collaboration."

– Beth Thompson, Community
Development Director,
City of New Richmond, WI

Attend Somerset's Community Action Plan Kick-off Gathering

Wednesday, October 26

Somerset High School – Multi-Media Room

Program

5 pm – Social reception *Enjoy hosted food & refreshments*

6 pm – Project presentation *Q&A | Committee sign-up*

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How Will Recent Survey Results be Used?

We recently offered a pre-CAP project survey to help shape the Committee's ongoing work. More than 140 individual responses identified a wide range of key issues the Committee will focus on.

What Topics Will Citizens Work On?

Committee members will choose among 6 subcommittees to focus on a specific area of their interest. See website for full descriptions.

- **Community Connectivity** (Transportation)
- **Community Pride** (Public Facilities, Safety & Services)
- **Creating Community** (Land Use & Housing)
- **Downtown Revitalization** (Economic Development)
- **Economic Prosperity** (Economic Development)
- **Quality of Life** (Parks, Trails and Recreation)

What Happens with the Committee's Work?

Phase 1 - The first phase focuses on Committee members identifying community issues and researching successful solutions and new opportunities. Committee recommendations will be presented to the community at a CAP Open House and at a final community and Village Board Presentation. Final CAP Committee recommendations will be incorporation into the Village Comprehensive Plan document.

Phase 2 - In the second phase, CAP recommendations will be converted into community projects, allowing residents, businesses and community organizations to participate in supporting any project that matches their interests. The outcome of the new CAP process provides ongoing projects the Village and community can work on together to bring to fruition.

What If I Can't Attend the Kickoff Meeting?

If you are interested in participating on the CAP Committee but can't attend the Kickoff meeting, you can sign-up for your subcommittee interests online on the Village website below.

For More Information & Online Sign-up

Visit the Village website for more information, subcommittee descriptions and online sign-up.

www.villageofsomerset.us



"They were fresh ideas to plot the course of city government and planning going forward and thought it was incredible the number of new faces, folks I didn't know that were part of this and I think that's unbelievably refreshing."

– Mike Montello, Council President,
City of New Richmond, WI



"What I just witnessed (Open House) was amazingly talented and authentic people from throughout the community speak with passion and purpose about their ideas for our collective community. Inspiring!!! This process and plan rocks. Thank you for inspiring us!"

– Mike Darrow, Administrator,
City of New Richmond, WI



"It's a fun process. I learned a lot and I can tell you I'm quite passionate now. I feel honored to be part of this process."

– City of New Richmond, WI
CAP Committee Member