

## **Comprehensive Concord Town Plan meeting (Tues April 1, 2008)**

Minutes for Town of Concord Comprehensive Planning Meeting  
April 1, 2008

The meeting opened at 7:00 with 14 citizens including Town Chairman Bill Ingersoll present. Pat Emery presented changes that had been made to the Agricultural Element. A correction was made to the section on "Participation in the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program." The original draft had stated that most farmland owners in Concord participate in this program. This was corrected to say that Concord has about 30% participation in the program while Jefferson County as a whole has about 60% participation.

A second change to the Agricultural Element was to delete the section entitled "Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Option." This was replaced with a section entitled "Jefferson County Farmland Conservation Easement Committee" which outlines a county plan to implement a program involving conservation easements to preserve agricultural land.

The remaining discussion was on the Natural resources element. Pat Emery said she had taken portions of the Natural Resources element of the Jefferson County Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Plan and adapted them to a plan for Concord. Natural resources topics reviewed included: drainage patterns & watersheds, water resources, floodplains, groundwater, woodlands, endangered species, wildlife, waterfowl, and parks. A map of non-metallic mineral sources within the town was also presented. It was pointed out that Concord is one of only four towns in Jefferson County which has large wetland areas which have the potential to store floodwater. Goals for this section would include continuing to work with the Rock River Coalition to identify potential water quality and flow problems in the Rock River Basin.

A copy of the draft of this element is available on the Town of Concord website.