

## **SECTION 1: VISION STATEMENT & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### **VISION STATEMENT**

The Sherry Town Board has studied the issue of planning for the future needs and land use within the town. With the support of the community, the board decided to adopt the federal and state statutorily recognized process known as coordination (the definition of coordination is *“the establishment of rank; equal, not subordinate”*). The Board adopted a Coordination Resolution on May 11, 2010 sighting state and federal statutes that grant us the right and ability to proceed. As a guideline for the Coordination Plan we are using the nine elements contained in the Wisconsin Comprehensive Planning Law ss. 66.1001.

Our vision is to create a plan that can be amended by the Town as the need arises. This plan allows the residents of Sherry to participate as active partners in the discussions and decisions regarding the use, health, safety, environment and economy of our community, as well as to be able to control both the present and future use of our private and public property.

We recognize intergovernmental coordination as one of the most important elements of this type of plan, with the concept that all plans or actions being considered by governmental units (i.e. county, state, federal) must be preceded by early notification to the town, that is *“before any meeting or public notice”*. Early notice is critical to our community being involved in any process that may affect the economy, environment, or land use of our jurisdiction.

With this vision for the future, the community and the board can embrace the concept of coordinated decisions granted by the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Wisconsin, thereby protecting all of our individual property rights.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

To ensure public participation in the coordination planning process the Sherry Planning Committee developed the following:

- Local citizens were encouraged to attend any or all planning sessions for updates. All meeting times and dates were posted at the official posting places and in compliance with the open meeting laws.
- Local citizens were encouraged to attend both the public informational meeting and the public hearing to be informed about progress and to offer comments/criticisms in an open forum.
- Local citizens were encouraged to access printed copies of drafts approved by the committee as well as the minutes of meetings after approval. Copies are available at the town hall.

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