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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE - PROGRESS REPORT

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Dear City of Bayfield Property Owner,

It's time for Bayfield to update its Comprehensive Plan, and to celebrate all that we've accomplished in the past fifteen years. This brief "progress report" will describe what's being done to evaluate where we are now, and explore where we want to go based on community input in the next phases of this process.

The 2001 plan was extremely comprehensive to comply with Wisconsin's Smart Growth Law; it's over 150 pages long, with lots of background information in the required "element" areas, goals and objectives, and nearly 250 "action items" assigned to various "responsible entities". In the last six months, all of this information has been discussed and analyzed by the city's elected officials and appointed members of committees. The Plan Commission has held several half-day special work sessions, and every city board and committee and Council member has reviewed the action items it was assigned as well as the maps relevant to its work. Their conclusion: Bayfield is on the right track, but we still have work to do.

Since 2001, the goals, objectives and values expressed in the Comprehensive Plan have been implemented through the Outdoor Recreation and the 120-Acre Plans, Waterfront and Downtown Plans, The Natural Step framework and a Sustainability Plan, and the many ordinances that have been revised to permit the kind of development we want to see in our community. These have also been reviewed in recent months, so the updated plan can build on these efforts, add new areas of focus like health and the impacts of climate change, and incorporate tools for measuring our progress in the years to come.

So how do we chart our course for the future? We're working on a public participation plan to answer your questions, address any concerns you may have and hear your ideas – our goal is to learn about your vision for Bayfield 20 years from now. City boards, committees and the Common Council will also be reviewing drafts before finalizing and adopting them next year. There will be plenty of opportunities for community participation in this process.

We look forward to your input in the months to come, and your feedback on our efforts to refine an updated set of goals and objectives for the City of Bayfield.

Sincerely,

Gordon T. Ringberg, Mayor
City of Bayfield

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