

MONROE COUNTY FOREST COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

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**PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS OF 15 YEAR PLAN/FUTURE
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4000.1 15-YEAR PLAN UPDATE/APPROVAL/AMENDMENT PROCESS

The following will be the process used to update the Monroe County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan (15-Year Plan). This process was reviewed and approved by the Monroe County Natural Resources and Extension Committee on July 9, 2019.

1. Prepare 2-3 draft chapters of the 15-year plan for committee approval.
2. Hold one listening session at the beginning of the 30 day public comment period after the draft plan has been approved. The listening session will provide participants with a brief summary of the 15-year plan and an opportunity for discussion and questions. The public notice will occur through legal notices in the local newspaper, the Forestry & Parks website and by emailing user groups.
3. The comments will be evaluated and addressed, the committee will review and approve the amendments to the 15-year plan.
4. Once the draft plan and amendments have been approved by the Natural Resources Committee, it will be forwarded to the WDNR for review.
5. Amendments will be made, if necessary and the plan will be presented to the Natural Resources Committee for final Approval.
6. County Board approval.
7. Send the final draft to the WDNR.

4000.2 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The 30-day public comment period for the Monroe County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan will be from January 11, 2021 to February 9, 2021. The virtual public listening session was held on January 15, 2021 from 1-3pm. The public comment period began before the listening session so people have more time to review the documents and formulate questions before the listening session. Three people were in attendance at the public listening session: Chad Ziegler, Forest & Parks Administrator, Megan Mickelson, WDNR County Forest Liaison, Richard Folkedahl, IT Director.

Monroe County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan 2021-2035

30-Day Public Review/Comment Opportunity

The Monroe County Natural Resources and Extension Committee has approved the draft Monroe County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan for the years 2021-2035.

The public will have the opportunity to review and comment on the draft plan starting January 11, 2021 through February 9, 2021.

To view the plan, visit the Monroe County Forestry & Parks website at <https://www.co.monroe.wi.us/departments/parks-forestry>

Virtual Public Listening Session Friday, January 15, 2021 1 P.M.

Meeting Information

Meeting link: <https://monroecountywi.webex.com/>

US Toll

Meeting number:

Password: OpenHouse

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You may submit written comment by mail or email to the County Forest Administrator: chad.ziegler@co.monroe.wi.us or by mail: 14345 County Hwy B, Suite 5, Sparta, WI 54656.

4000.3 PUBLIC FEEDBACK

Two written comments were submitted in regards to the Monroe County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan. One group supports having areas within the Monroe County Forest that are off limits to motorized vehicles, including ATVs and UTVs. The other comment expresses appreciation for the county's commitment to sustainable forestry and invasive species control. They would like to see more information included in the plan regarding adapting our management to climate change.