

Resolution No. 25RS005

Resolution approving the Public Participation Plan for the City of Viroqua Comprehensive Planning activities, including the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and Historic Preservation Plan.

WHEREAS, the City of Viroqua is updating its Comprehensive Plan under the State of Wisconsin Smart Growth law, and creating a new Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and Historic Preservation Plan; and

WHEREAS, among other things, the law requires that the municipality adopt a Public Participation Plan to guide the process; and

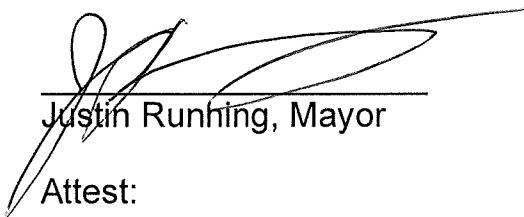
WHEREAS, by reference, this resolution is replacing the previous Public Participation Plan Resolution 854 dated 5/25/2004; and

WHEREAS, the attached Public Participation Plan has been developed by the planning group with the assistance of Redevelopment Resources and Studio GWA and is recommended for approval.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Viroqua, that the attached Public Participation Plan be and hereby is approved.

Adopted this 13th day of May, 2025 by the Common Council of the City of Viroqua.

City of Viroqua
Vernon County, Wisconsin


Justin Runhing, Mayor

Attest:


Lori Polhamus, City Clerk

Public Participation Plan

Introduction – The comprehensive planning program that the City of Viroqua is engaged in includes the creation of a Comprehensive Plan for the City, a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and a Historic Preservation Plan. The effort is being led by a team of City staff and consultant team members of Redevelopment Resources and Studio GWA. This public participation plan is presented below:

Goals Of Public Participation:

1. To facilitate the acceptance and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan, Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and Historic Preservation Plan by the Viroqua Plan Commission and City Council.
2. To foster citizen participation in the planning process.
3. To obtain detailed information and recommendations on specific planning issues by extending special participation opportunities to local officials, to the public and to key resource persons.

Seven Level Public Participation Structure:

- Survey of the public
- Interviews of key stakeholders
- Topic specific focus groups
- Regular updates at Plan Commission meetings
- Public intercept surveys at community events (ex: farmers market, baseball games, etc.)
- A public open house to gather input on findings and recommendations
- A public hearing on the recommended plans

This total program includes numerous public meetings involving the citizens and stakeholders. These are public meetings for which public notice is provided.

Notice of public meetings, such as Plan Commission, City Council, public open houses where there may be a quorum of elected officials will be according to State Statute for public notice of public meetings.

The survey will be marketed on social media, the city's website, and other prominent locations throughout the community. Hardcopies of the survey will be available for citizens who prefer to fill out a paper copy at City Hall and the public library.

This Public Participation Plan was adopted by the Viroqua City Council on May 13, 2025.