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AN ACT to amend 66.945 (8) (a), 66.945 (10) and 66.945 (11) of the statutes, relating to advisory action of a regional planning commission.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 66.945 (8) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.945 (8) (a) The regional planning commission may conduct all types of research studies, collect and analyze data, prepare maps, charts and tables, and conduct all necessary studies for the accomplishment of its other duties; it may make plans for the physical, social and economic development of the region, and may adopt by resolution any plan or the portion of any plan so prepared as its official recommendation for the development of the region; it may publicize and advertise its purposes, objectives and findings, and may distribute reports thereon; it may provide advisory services on regional planning problems to the local government units within the region and to other public and private agencies in matters relative to its functions and objectives, and may act as a co-ordinating agency for programs and activities of such local units and agencies as they relate to its objectives. All public officials shall, upon request, furnish to the regional planning commission, within a reasonable time, such available information as it * * * requires for its work. In general, the regional planning commission shall have * * * all powers * * * necessary to enable it to perform its functions and promote regional planning. *The functions of the regional planning commission shall be solely advisory to the local governments and local government officials comprising the region.*

SECTION 2. 66.945 (10) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.945 (10) The master plan shall be made with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a co-ordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of the region which will, in accordance with existing and future needs, best promote public health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity or the general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development. The regional planning commission may adopt the master plan as a whole by a single resolution, or, as the work of making the whole master plan progresses, may by resolution adopt a part or parts thereof, any such part to correspond generally with one or more of the functional subdivisions of the subject matter of the plan. The resolution shall refer expressly to the maps, plats, charts, programs and descriptive and explanatory matter, and other matters intended by the regional planning commission to form the whole or any part of the plan, and the action taken shall be recorded on the adopted plan or part thereof by the identifying signature of the chairman of the regional planning commission and a copy of the plan or part thereof shall be certified to the legislative bodies of the local governmental units within the region. *The purpose and effect of adoption of the master plan shall be solely to aid the regional planning commission and the local governments and local government officials comprising the region in the performance of their functions and duties.*

SECTION 3. 66.945 (11) of the statutes is amended to read:

66.945 (11) The officer or public body of a local governmental unit within the region having final authority thereon shall refer to the regional planning commission, for its consideration and report * * * the follow-

ing matters: The location of or acquisition of land for any of the items or facilities which are included in the adopted regional master plan * * *. Within 20 days after the matter is referred to the regional planning commission or such longer period as may be stipulated by the referring officer or public body, the commission shall report its recommendations to the referring officer or public body * * *. *The report and recommendations of the commission shall be advisory only.* Local units and state agencies may authorize the regional planning commission with the consent of the commission to act for such unit or agency in approving, examining or reviewing plats, pursuant to ss. 236.10 (4) and 236.12 (2) (a). * * *

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