



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

EXECUTIVE ORDER #236

Relating to the Creation of the  
State Interagency Land Use Council and  
the Wisconsin Strategic Growth Task Force

WHEREAS, there is a need for a renewed land use vision, and policies and strategies to implement that vision across all levels of government in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, local government should and do have the primary responsibility for land use decision-making in Wisconsin, and yet find it increasingly difficult to respond to multiple land use objectives within their own communities and between their communities and neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS, local levels of government have called for greater state awareness of the land use impacts of state agency decisions, more consistency in the policies and programs of state agencies, and increased state assistance to local governments in resolving land use problems; and

WHEREAS, local land use decisions increasingly affect the ability of state agencies to accomplish their missions, and consequently state agencies have a growing need to identify appropriate and acceptable responses to these local decisions; and

WHEREAS, land use issues are becoming increasingly challenging for all levels of government in Wisconsin due to the multiple objectives and diverse viewpoints involved; and

WHEREAS, public infrastructure cost savings and increased private economic development activities can be anticipated as a result of state-initiated land use and growth coordination efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Land Use Task Force, created in 1992 by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, recommended that a state interagency task force be created to develop the state's policy on land use and a more coordinated approach to achieving state land use planning goals;

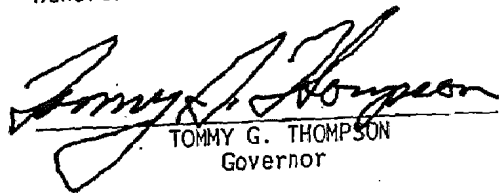
NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, and specifically by Wisconsin Statute section 14.109, do hereby:

1. Create the State Interagency Land Use Council to:

- a) Develop a renewed vision for land use in the state of Wisconsin;
  - b) Recommend consistent land use policy objectives for state agencies, including identification of alternative coordination processes; and
  - c) Establish a framework for state agency participation in land use discussions currently being conducted by other state-level bodies.
2. Direct the Council to initiate a process, ultimately involving representatives from the Strategic Growth Task Force created below, that will lead to a land use vision, and supporting policies and strategies for Wisconsin.
  3. Provide that the Council be made up of the Secretaries, or their designees, of the following state agencies:
    - Department of Administration;
    - Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection;
    - Department of Development;
    - Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations;
    - Department of Natural Resources;
    - Department of Revenue; and
    - Department of Transportation.
  4. Direct the State Interagency Land Use Council to create and appoint the members of the Wisconsin Strategic Growth Task Force to recommend processes for coordinating land use activities and issues between state agencies and local public and private interests. In addition to each member of the Council, representation on the Strategic Growth Task Force shall be drawn from state and local agencies, municipal associations, private and public associations, and citizen members to accomplish the intent of this order. The Council and Task Force may seek advice from other sources as it determines necessary.
  5. Provide that the Task Force serve as a public and formal discussion group that meets on a regularly-scheduled basis and seeks broad public input on its efforts.
  6. Provide that the Secretary of the Department of Revenue shall chair the Council to serve at the pleasure of the Governor and shall appoint the chair for the Task Force to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
  7. Direct the Council to submit to the Governor an interim report no later than January 1, 1996, followed by a more comprehensive report with recommendations related to state level and joint state-local level issues and a coordinated plan of action concerning these issues no later than July 1, 1996, at which time the Council may continue to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

- 8. Direct state agencies that are members of the Council to provide staff and other necessary resources to the Council and the Task Force.
- 9. Direct state agencies that administer land use related programs to cooperate fully with this Task Force and provide an agency liaison to the Task Force if so requested.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this fifteenth day of September in the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-four.

  
 TOMMY G. THOMPSON  
 Governor

By the Governor:

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 DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
 Secretary of State