

July 2017

ABOUT THIS PROJECT

St. Croix County has begun the process of updating its zoning ordinance, which regulates the use and improvement of land in most unincorporated parts of the County. The goals of this process are to make our ordinance consistent with current state laws and legal standards, to establish districts and regulations that fit the varied needs of towns across the county, and to make it easier for all users to understand and apply the ordinance.

LEADERSHIP

This process is coordinated by the County’s Community Development Department, at the direction of the County Board. The County has contracted with a team of consultants led by MSA Professional Services, Inc. A Task Force of County residents has been created to help identify issues with the current ordinance and review proposed changes, and we will also be coordinating oversight of the Community Development Committee. In addition, we will be seeking input from frequent users of the ordinance, town governments throughout the County (see page 2), and all County residents.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED

There are several ways that interested residents can get involved in this process. There will be a public meeting in October 2017 to explain the process and solicit opinions about the current ordinance. There will be another public meeting in late summer 2018 to share and seek reactions to the initial draft ordinance. Draft materials and instructions for public comment will be available online in 2018. A formal public hearing will occur in early 2019.

SCHEDULE

This process will take about two years to complete. The schedule below is approximate and may change over the course of the project.

	2017												2018												2019				
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5					
PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PROJECT MEETINGS																													
Comprehensive Revision Advisory Task Force			8						2					7			10												
Community Development Committee			8						2					7					12										
County Board					9																2								
Town Cluster Meetings				9					2					8															
Individual Town Meetings*																9	10	11	12										
General Public Meetings					10										8														
ISSUE IDENTIFICATION			8	9	10	11																							
ZONING ORDINANCE ANALYSIS					10	11	12	1	2																				
DRAFT ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AND MAP										3	4	5	6	7	8														
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REVISIONS																					1	2							
ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION																						2	3	4	5				