

DOOR COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN
DRAFT VISION STATEMENT
(for Core Planning Committee discussion on August 29th, 2007)

In the year 2030, Door County has an exceptional quality of life preserved for both present and future generations through a sustainable balance between its economic activities, the preservation of its natural environment, and its social systems. The county's beautiful scenery and rural character are maintained through the public and private preservation of large areas of undeveloped natural and pastoral open space. Many rural areas have remained in agricultural use so people are making a living through agriculture while at the same time preserving rural character. Public access to and recreational opportunities utilizing green space are diverse and wide-spread.

Door County residents and visitors value and protect the county's natural resources for the long-term enjoyment of all and to continue to responsibly realize the economic benefits. Tourism programs are sustainable, recognized as dependent on the health of the natural environment, and focused on educational themes about preserving the county's unique natural and cultural landscape. Ground and surface water quality are continually monitored and maintained for use as drinking water and enhanced recreational opportunities. Renewable energy resources are promoted and used whenever possible as the county's residents strive to become less dependent on outside energy sources. New development is aesthetically and ecologically sensitive, and occurs contiguous with existing development and without harm to the natural environment.

Door County is a diverse place with a wide range of housing, employment, and transportation options that are accessible year-round to people of all ages and incomes. Both non-profit and for-profit ventures capitalize on the depth and breadth of our resident's knowledge and social conscience to specialize in the arts, education, health care, and research for the long-term wellness of all. Through public and private partnerships, health care and support services for the elderly are widely available. High-quality educational programs, both formal and in-formal, and cultural activities are available year-round and for people of all ages.