

COTTONWOOD COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2005

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A. ACRONYMS AND DEFINITIONS

The following list of acronyms and planning jargon is intended to assist the reader with interpreting sometimes technical information. There are many useful resources available to help understand the terms of the trade, such as *Under Construction: Tools and Techniques for Local Planning* published by the former Minnesota Planning agency, or Moskowitz and Lindbloom's *The Latest Illustrated Book of Development Definitions*.

Legal terms are defined in the applicable ordinances and in statute.

Access Management	Planning, design, and implementation of land use and transportation strategies in an effort to maintain a safe flow of traffic while accommodating the access needs of adjacent development.
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act (federal law)
ATV	All terrain vehicle
AWOSA	Automated weather observation station
Biodiesel	A domestic, renewable fuel for diesel engines derived from natural oils like soybean oil.
BLS	Bureau of Labor Statistics (federal)
CIP	Capital Improvement Plan, a long-range plan or budget for capital expenditures, usually five years in length with annual updates.
Comprehensive Plan	The official public document adopted by a community as the policy guide for decisions about future development and redevelopment. Typically covers 20 years with 5 year updates.
C&NW	Chicago & Northwestern Railway (now part of UP)
CRP	Conservation Reserve Program
CREP	Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program
CSAH	County State Aid Highway
DEED	Department of Employment and Economic Development (Minnesota)
DNR	Department of Natural Resources (Minnesota)
DWSMA	Drinking Water Supply Management Area
E-85	Designed for use in flexible fuel vehicles, 85% ethanol and 15% petroleum.
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
GIS	Geographic information systems
Goal	A statement that describes, usually in general terms, a desired future condition.
Granny Flat	An accessory dwelling unit, smaller than the primary dwelling.
Infrastructure	Public services and facilities needed to support commercial, residential and other land use activities.
ISTS	Individual sewage treatment system

JOBZ	Jobs Opportunities Building Zones (Minnesota)
LMIC	Land Management Information Center (Minnesota)
MHS	Minnesota Historical Society
MN/DOT	Minnesota Department of Transportation
MPCA	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
NAI	No Adverse Impact floodplain management approach
NASS	National Agricultural Statistics Service (federal)
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program (federal)
Official Controls	Ordinances and regulations that control development, implementing the goals and policies of a comprehensive plan. These may include the zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations, site plan & building codes, and sanitation requirements.
Policy	A course of action to be followed in achieving goals.
PUC	Public Utilities Commission (Minnesota)
QCEW	Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages survey
RLUIPA	Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000
RRWS	Red Rock Rural Water System
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office (Minnesota)
SWMHP	Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership
Spot Zoning	Rezoning a parcel to benefit an owner for a use that is incompatible with surrounding land use and that does not further the comprehensive plan.
Sprawl	Poorly planned development separated and at a distance from existing communities and infrastructure.
SRDC	Southwest Regional Development Commission (Minnesota)
TDR	Transfer of Development Rights, a system that moves density permitted in one area to another area.
TH	Trunk Highway
UP	Union Pacific Railroad
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
Watershed	Physical land area that naturally drains into a lake, river or stream system.
WMA	Wildlife Management Area
WPA	Waterfowl Production Area
Zoning	Regulation which divides an area into districts or zones to implement the comprehensive plan.
Zoning Map	The official public map adopted by a community that identifies and defines various zoning district boundaries.
Zoning Ordinance	The legally established text for implementing the vision, goals and policies of a comprehensive plan, typically by regulating the use of land.

B. COLOR MAPS
