



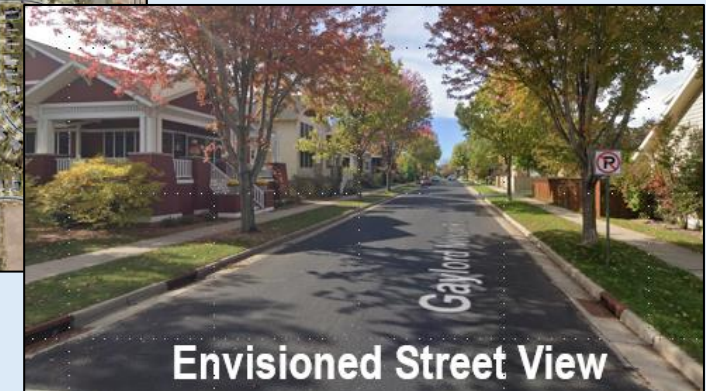
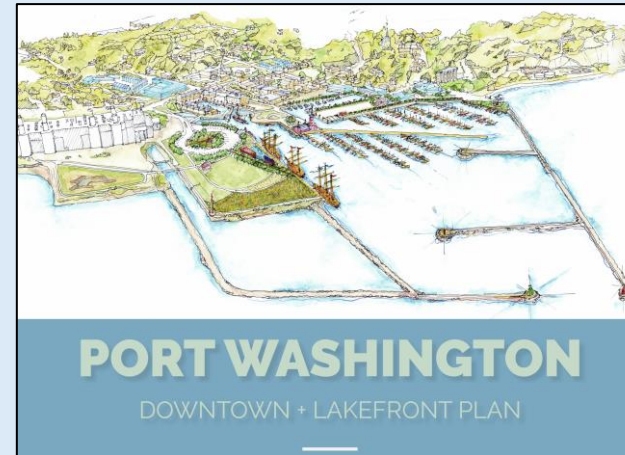
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A Year in Review

A lot was accomplished in 2023. The planning and zoning work by both planning staff and the Plan Commission set the stage for Port Washington to move forward and plan for inevitable future growth.

Highlights of 2023 include:

- Completion of the City of Port Washington Downtown and Lakefront Plan – the first dedicated downtown plan for the City in over 25 years. This plan was partially funded with a Wisconsin Coastal Management grant
- Began the process for the most comprehensive re-write of the City's zoning code in 50 years.
- Re-established the Board of Zoning Appeals
- Readied the City's Schanen Farm land for development



ZONING REWRITE OBJECTIVES

The 19 Objectives for the Zoning Code Rewrite as identified by The City of Port Washington RFP

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| 1. Make the code easier to understand and administer | 9. Expand and modernize terms and definitions listings |
| 2. Make use of certain form-based standards | 10. Add ample illustrations or other graphic types to visually define site and design standards |
| 3. Incorporate building and site design standards – such standards are minimal in the current code | 11. Incorporate a web-based version of the new zoning code into the city's digital Municipal code; the city recently incorporated its Municipal code into General code's "ecode360" format |
| 4. Reduce the number of conditional uses | 12. Retain certain areas of the existing code that allow for administrative flexibility, streamlined approvals and exceptions, including parking requirements |
| 5. Reduce the number of overlay districts | 13. Update the sign code to align with relevant Supreme Court decisions and incorporate recent city sign code amendments and other possible changes |
| 6. Expand Traditional Neighborhood Development style standards throughout the city | 14. Simplify and modernize the planned development (overlay) section |
| 7. Improve zoning consistency with the Future Land Use Update and the Port Washington Downtown & Lakefront Plan | |
| 8. Incorporate user friendly use and site standards tables and diagrams | |

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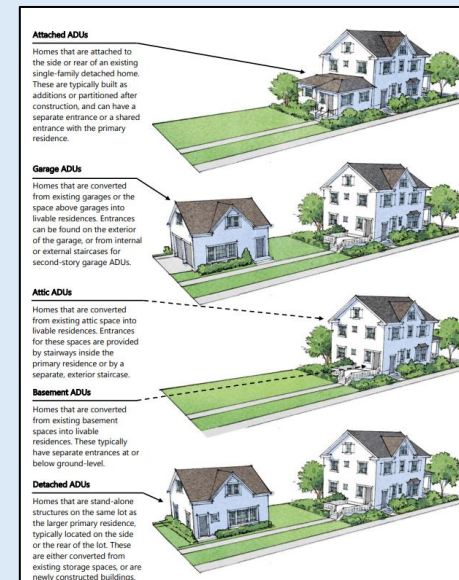
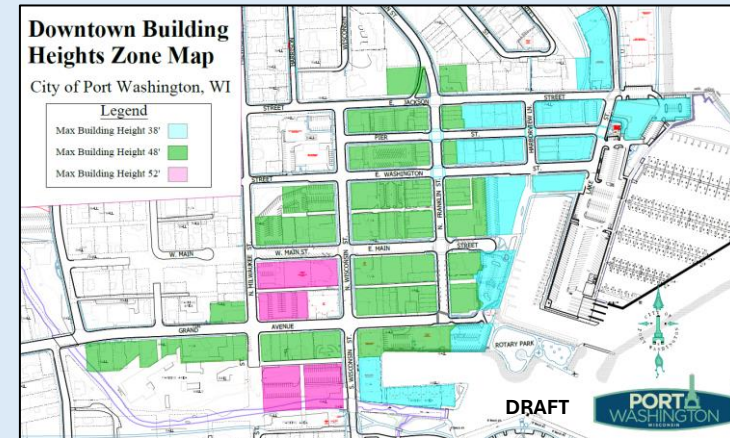
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2023 Goals and Accomplishments

Working with the Plan Commission and through the new Plan Commission annual charters, 2023 goals were established, and the resulting accomplishments are noted here:

- Goal 1:** Complete the Downtown and Lakefront Plan
Status: **Adopted** June 2023
- Goal 2:** Begin re-writing the City zoning code
Status: **Underway and on schedule**
- Goal 3:** Revise downtown building height limitations
Status: Plan Commission **recommended** new building heights to the Common Council December 2023
- Goal 4:** Create zoning standards for accessory dwelling units
Status: Plan Commission **recommended** the ADU standards to the Common Council December 2023
- Goal 5:** Identify adjustments to the sign code
Status: Will be a part of the zoning code re-write



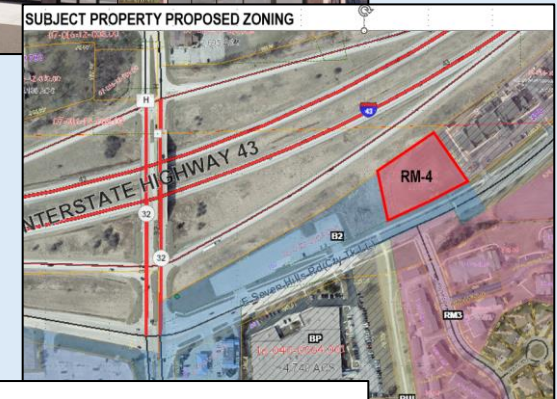
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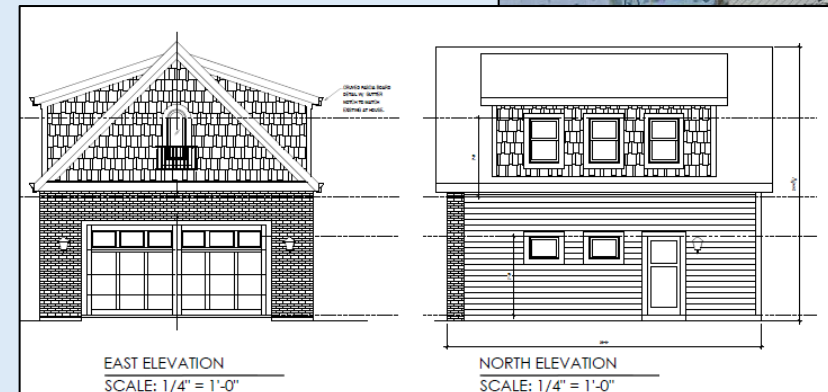
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Plan Commission activity was relatively consistent from 2022. Notable projects included approving a revised design for the Inventor's brewpub building, amending the zoning code to upgrade use and design standards for the City's gateway zoning districts, and to require subdivision of lands in the city to be served by public sewer and water.



Plan Commission Actions	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Building and Site Plans	11	10	9	3	6	6
Rezoning	4	10	7	4	4	3
Zoning Code Amendments		2	0	7	1	4
Conditional Use Grants	2	4	6	4	1	1
CSM / Land Divisions	2	6	8	4	2	3
Subdivision Plats	4	4	2	6	3	1
Concept Plans	4	4	3	5	1	0
Special Exceptions	7	11	7	13	8	4
Minor Reviews	0	0	5	5	9	4
Public Way Vacations	0	0	2	0	0	1
Annexations	0	0	0	1	0	0
Surplus Property Sales	2	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	52	49	52	35	27



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Looking Ahead....

Building off the actions of 2023, the planning department will continue working with the Plan Commission to continue its vision of ramping up capacity and putting in place a proactive planning and development infrastructure that will allow Port Washington to both direct and react to change with confidence and purpose.

Upcoming for 2024:

- Continue work on the zoning code re-write for a 2025 adoption
- Develop and maintain the City's Official Map and Zoning Map
- Proactively analyze and plan for sites susceptible to future growth
- Implement priority plan recommendations from the recently completed future land use update and downtown and lakefront plan.

