

**Section
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2009 Strategic Initiatives

MISSION

Service is Our Purpose

EFFECTIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES

FINANCIAL & OPERATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

PRESERVATION /PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

RESPONSIBLE ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Preserve, protect and enhance our Community infrastructure assuring efficient and effective core services. Provide services as funding and resources allow; consistent with our mandates and taxpayer support.

Minimize the direct costs and the social costs of providing services. Assure compliance with Federal and State funding mandates. Maintain excellent bond ratings. Manage County Government and Operations to maximize internal effectiveness and efficiency.

Preserve and protect our natural resources, wildlife habitats, and open public spaces. Make decisions based upon sustainability, our ability to extend the use of natural resources, reduce waste, and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

Encourage positive and responsible economic growth and development. Support families in pursuing financial security and a high quality of life. Assure appropriate balance between agricultural and urban interests.

Strategic Initiatives

1. County Board will agree to a shared vision for the nursing home operation and set a target appropriation by the Fall of 2009 *(Health & Human Services Board)*
2. Continue to reduce crime in the County by addressing crime trends and by providing public education. Ask law enforcement and judicial staff to identify 2-year priorities and targets. *(Public Safety)*

Strategic Initiatives

3. Justify county department staffing levels by showing workload demands and performance measures for 2009 budgeting. *(Finance Committee)*
4. Develop cross-training plans (inter-departmental) to achieve efficiencies for 2009. Implement plan by 2010. *(Finance Committee & Dept. Heads)*
5. Continue to address property tax issues, economic development and unfunded mandates. *(Finance Committee)*
6. Continue to use technology to achieve efficiencies, improvements and innovations in County operations. *(Administrative Coordinator, and St. Croix County Management and Staff)*

Strategic Initiatives

7. Reduce nutrient and sediment runoff by 20% by 2020. *(Land and Water Conservation Committee)*
8. Establish public/private partnerships to increase recycling of hazardous waste. Ask primary stakeholders to identify targets and deadlines. *(Planning and Zoning Committee)*
9. Reduce county energy use by 10% by 2013. *(Energy Committee)*
10. Increase the use and encourage the development of renewable energy. *(Ag and Extension and Energy Committees)*

Strategic Initiatives

11. Update the County Land Management Plan taking townships into consideration by October 2010. Use the Planning and Zoning process to identify land for expansion of public parks, trails, etc. *(Planning and Zoning Committee)*
12. County owned land should be rezoned for future sale (south part of Gov. Center and highway commercial part of "County Farm". *(Finance Committee)*
13. Continue to periodically update the 6-year plan for the county transportation infrastructure. As a core service, continue to pursue increasing financial support for the plan so that funding priorities are in congruence with transportation priorities. *(Transportation Committee & Highway Commissioner)*