

Community Wildfire Protection Plan **CWPP**

WILDFIRE PLANNING
at the Town/Village Level



What is a **CWPP**?



A Community Wildfire Protection

Plan is a plan created for high fire risk areas by town/village board members in collaboration with land management agencies, the local fire department and other stakeholders, to proactively manage wildfire risk.

Are you ready to create a **CWPP**?

- Your town/village is a designated **Community at Risk** to wildfire (dnr.wi.gov, keyword “fire”).
- Community leaders and property owners are concerned about the possible **consequences of wildfires**.
- Your town/village board, fire department, local DNR forestry and other area land managers are able to **engage in the process** to develop a CWPP.

What is the **CWPP** planning process?

- 1** Establish core committee members – town board, fire department and DNR forestry.
- 2** Invite other stakeholders to participate – homeowner groups, emergency management, Forest Service, County Forest, etc.
- 3** Tour your community to discuss wildfire-related concerns and possible solutions.
- 4** Create a map of your community that shows the areas of greatest wildfire risk.
- 5** Create an Action Plan that describes the steps that will be taken to educate your community, reduce wildland ‘fuels’ and better prepare your community for wildfire.
- 6** Finalize and share the CWPP with your community.
- 7** Once the CWPP has been adopted by your town/village, the committee meets as needed throughout the year to implement the Action Plan.

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What is a **CWPP** Action Plan?

The most important part of a CWPP is the Action Plan, which outlines the various fuels reduction, education and community planning projects that your community will implement over the life of the plan.



Fuels Reduction Project

CATEGORY	PROJECT EXAMPLES
Fuels Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighborhood brush pickup • Leaf and brush collection sites • Fuelbreaks on public land • Homeowner defensible space projects
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire danger signs • Wildfire information packets • Fire awareness publications • Media outreach • Community events
Community Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update fire number signs • Install dry hydrants • Evacuation planning • Property & driveway assessments

If you feel that creating a Community Wildfire Protection Plan may be right for your community, get started by contacting your local DNR office.

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