

RECOMMENDATIONS BY DEPARTMENT

Green County Land Use & Zoning Department

The Green County Land Use & Zoning Department was identified as the lead organization for the following recommendations. Recommendation numbers correspond with the numbers within the Livestock Facility Study Group Report & Recommendations document.

RULES & REGULATIONS (page 29)

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2. Review and update the comprehensive plan.

- Rationale: Provides updated direction and vision for Green County.

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3. Conduct a comprehensive review of county zoning regulations.

- Rationale: This has not been done since 1970 and could help address several issues identified in this report.

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4. Use zoning ordinances to create districts that prohibit large livestock facilities in certain areas that are especially vulnerable based on soil type.

- Rationale: Ensure that large livestock facilities are sited in appropriate areas.

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6. Revise county code to increase property line setbacks for feedlots over 1,000 animal units.

- Rationale: Large farms over 1,000 animal units should have a greater setback to reduce odor and potential for ground and surface water contamination in neighboring wells.
- Note: Both the Green County Land and Water Conservation Department and the Green County Land Use and Zoning Department were identified as lead stakeholders for this recommendation. On further discussion, it seems the Green County Land & Water Conservation Department would be the predominate stakeholder to take the lead on this action.

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PERMITTING & FEES (page 30)

8. Only a certain amount of well capacity permitted per square mile to relieve the "straw effect."

- Rationale: Reduce the amount of water taken from one specific area.
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