

## City of Oelwein, IA

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## COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – PROJECT #R08884006

The Oelwein Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee met on April 4<sup>th</sup> to review land use preferences and discuss priorities for the downtown plan. MSA is in the process of developing a draft comprehensive plan and accompanying strategic plan which will be reviewed at a combined meeting with the steering committee and City Council on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Following review, a draft plan open house will be hosted for community members to provide feedback prior to final plan edits. Community feedback tools will remain open to the public on the project website until the draft plan is released. Feel free to share the link below to encourage additional responses.

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/ac751ae7ac124474a10dd437f93045c6>

## FLOOD MITIGATION SCOPING – PROJECT #08884010

MSA has reviewed the modeling provided by Atkins, the original flood modeling effort for Oelwein. Several different existing conditions models have been published and MSA has requested additional documentation from the Iowa DNR, the Iowa Flood Center and the Army Corps of Engineers, to ensure that the modeling used within the current analysis incorporates all of the best available data. MSA met with staff from the Iowa Department of Homeland Security on 6/7/23 to review preferred methodologies for estimating flood loss values when evaluating mitigation alternatives for riverine flooding. They provided a tool that matches FEMA methodology for calculating flood losses but allows for more easy data manipulation when considering a wide variety of improvements. Next steps are to finalize the existing conditions model, determine the existing flood loss value for buildings affected by the floodplain, and review proposed improvements in detail with the City prior to formally modeling any potential mitigation alternatives.