

Intergovernmental Cooperation

Findings and Recommendations

- ❑ The Town and Village of Oakfield have developed a cooperative working relationship
- ❑ The Town of Oakfield contracts fire services from the Village of Oakfield Volunteer Fire Department
- ❑ The town has a substantial amount of land that is owned and managed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- ❑ To become more efficient in the delivery of services, the Town of Oakfield should always be looking for ways to share services and equipment with surrounding governmental units.

Guidelines for Intergovernmental Cooperation

- ❑ Wisconsin State Statutes provide guidelines for intergovernmental cooperation and boundary agreements between municipalities. This statute enables adjoining communities to enter into agreements that will benefit both communities.
- ❑ Mutual aid agreements are a type of intergovernmental cooperation. For example, municipal fire departments use this vehicle to extend fire protection from one municipality to another. The biggest advantage is that each fire department can share equipment and manpower in times of major fires that would otherwise limit the resources of a particular department in responding to a disaster.
- ❑ Boundary agreements are typically found in urban and urbanizing areas where there is a desire on the part of adjacent municipalities to agree on where each municipality will provide services. These agreements contribute to better planning and the efficient and economical provision of municipal services.

Governmental Jurisdictions

Towns and Village

- ❑ The Town of Oakfield shares common boundaries with the Towns of Waupun, Lamartine, and Byron in Fond du Lac County, and the Town of Le Roy in Dodge County.
- ❑ The Town of Oakfield surrounds the Village of Oakfield and obtains services from the Village's volunteer Fire Department. This ongoing relationship is anticipated to continue into the future.
- ❑ Many residents of the Town attend schools and use public libraries that are in the Villages of Oakfield and Brandon, and the Cities of Fond du Lac and Waupun (Winne-Fox Library system).
- ❑ The Town of Oakfield does not have churches, but residents of the town frequent the four churches in the Village of Oakfield and other places of worship in surrounding communities.
- ❑ The Town of Oakfield occasionally needs to communicate and cooperate on matters of road maintenance with surrounding towns and the Village of Oakfield.

Emergency Response

- ❑ The Town of Oakfield is served by County Emergency response dispatch, Village Police, County Sheriff's Department (if needed), and First Responders Ambulance from the Oakfield Fire Department.

- ❑ Ambulance service is provided by Brooks Ambulance, whose operation is located at 426 E. Main Street, Waupun.

School Districts

- ❑ The Town of Oakfield is served primarily by the Oakfield School District. However, small portions of the Town are also served by the Rosendale-Brandon School District and Waupun Area School District.

Fond du Lac County

- ❑ Fond du Lac County engages in a significant amount of activities within the Town of Oakfield. Police and other protection services are provided by the Sheriff's Department to all residents and businesses. The Town and County actively cooperate in the area of county highway maintenance and improvement projects.
- ❑ Additionally, the County Planning Department has several areas of jurisdiction in terms of administering and enforcing shoreland-floodplain and sanitary permits and enforcement of sanitary ordinances throughout the Town of Oakfield. The Health and Human Services Department performs various activities and social service programs for eligible Town residents.

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC)

- ❑ The Town is a member of the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. ECWRPC assisted the Town in writing a Conservation Subdivision Ordinance.
- ❑ ECWRPC was appointed by the State to prepare a Sewer Service Area Plan for the Town of Oakfield Sanitary District #1.

State of Wisconsin

Department of Transportation (DOT)

- ❑ STH 151 in the northwestern part of the town and STH 49 along the southern border of the Town are two state highways within the Town border. Jurisdiction for these roads comes from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Northeast Regional Office in Green Bay. At times, the WisDOT may have discussions with the Town regarding highway projects.

Department of Natural Resources

- ❑ The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources owns and operates a large number of acres in the Town of Oakfield for public hunting and fishing areas and for preservation of natural areas.

Federal Government

Department of Fish and Wildlife Services

- ❑ The Department of Fish and Wildlife has acquired a substantial amount of land area to preserve hunting and fishing grounds for general public use.

Conflicts and Opportunities

- ❑ At this time, the Town of Oakfield does not have any conflict with neighboring incorporated communities. If conflict arises, the Land Use Chapter of this Plan includes a discussion on the "Conflict between Adjacent Land Uses".
- ❑ When any significant conflicts occur in the Town of Oakfield, initial attempts to address it will involve written and face-to-face communication. If initial attempts are not successful, the

Town will consider other methods including mediation, arbitration and other dispute resolution techniques as described in Wisconsin State Statutes 802.12.

- Town of Oakfield officials have demonstrated, through past and current planning efforts, that they are willing to proactively engage in discussions with other government officials to promote and enhance opportunities in the general vicinity. Town leaders are encouraged to continue this practice in order to best maximize local efforts and minimize potential conflicts.

Goals, Objectives, and Policies

Goal

To continue fostering a mutually beneficial, friendly, working relationship with the surrounding units of government and the Village of Oakfield.

Objectives

1. Coordinate emergency response services with local Fire Departments and the Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Department.
2. Meet as needed with the Village of Oakfield to discuss mutual issues and opportunities.
3. Review, as part of the Town's annual budgeting process, the opportunities to provide efficient and economical public facilities and services through cooperation with other units of government.
4. Continue to coordinate a joint planning process and the implementation of the Town's Comprehensive Plan with Village of Oakfield's Comprehensive Plan.
5. Work with WDNR and USFWS to support the protection and restoration of lands in the Town.

Policy

1. The Town of Oakfield shall continue to cooperate with the surrounding Towns, Village of Oakfield, and Fond du Lac County to minimize land use and policy conflicts, and to achieve economies of scale.

