
CHAPTER 8: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

INTRODUCTION

The relationship a municipality has with school districts, neighboring communities, the county, the Regional Planning Commission, the state, and the federal government can impact residents in terms of taxation, planning, service provision, and siting of public facilities. An examination of these relationships and the identification of existing or potential conflicts can help a municipality address these situations in a productive manner.

KEY SUMMARY POINTS

The following list summarizes key issues and opportunities identified in the element. The reader is encouraged to review the “Inventory and Analysis” portion of the element for more detail.

Governmental Units and Relationships to the City

- (a) The City shares its borders with the Town of New Holstein.
- (b) The City is served by the New Holstein School District.
- (c) The City is served by the Moraine Park Technical College.
- (d) The Calumet County Health Department provides public health services for the city.
- (e) Library service to City residents is provided through the New Holstein Public Library.
- (f) The Library receives the majority of its revenue from local municipalities and the county.
- (g) The City works with county departments regarding public health, elections and administration of a dog licensing program.
- (h) East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC) provides planning and technical assistance to counties, communities, businesses, interest groups and individuals within its region.
- (i) The WDNR works with the city in the planning and development of shoreland areas.

INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

Governmental Units and Relationships to the City

Adjacent Communities

The City shares its borders with the Town of New Holstein. As a result, the land use planning; road system planning and maintenance; trail planning, construction, and maintenance; other planning issues should be coordinated between municipalities. The City has certain statutory powers and authorities including the power to annex lands and exercise extraterritorial plat review and zoning in the neighboring towns. The City utilizes annexation upon request but does not have boundary agreements or extraterritorial review of surrounding areas.

School Districts

The City is served by the New Holstein School District. The district operates an elementary school, a middle school and one high school. Over 1,000 students are enrolled in the district. The city and the district communicate and collaborate as needed.

The City is served by the Moraine Park Technical College. Campuses are located in Beaver Dam, Fond du Lac and West Bend. Regional centers are located in Jackson and Ripon. Opportunities may exist to partner with the Technical College on projects that would benefit the residents in the City. Fox Valley Technical College is also located near the city with a Regional Center in Chilton.

Community Facilities

The Calumet County Health Department provides public health services for the city. The health department provides a number of programs and services to promote health and prevent illness and injury. It also maintains a Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) that provides an assessment of health in the county along with goals for improving health.

Library service to City residents is provided through the New Holstein Public Library. The library is part of the Manitowoc-Calumet Library System. The Manitowoc-Calumet Library System is one of 17 library systems in the state and operates public libraries in Brillion, Chilton, Kiel, Lester, Manitowoc and New Holstein. Residents of the system may use any of the public libraries. Library systems are designed to provide expanded library services to more people without making additional large expenditures. **The Library receives the majority of its revenue from local municipalities and the county.**

Communication and coordination between the City and providers of utility infrastructure (electric, natural gas, telecommunication, etc.), WisDOT and the Calumet County Highway Department ensures that road construction and utility upgrades will run smoothly and that all work is done before restoration is completed. This lessens the chance that new road surfaces and restored terraces will need to be excavated shortly after construction is complete. Likewise, local governments, school districts and businesses working together on technological upgrades, ensure that these upgrades are made in concert without duplication of efforts so that a common goal can be achieved.

Calumet County

The City is located in Calumet County. **The City works with county departments regarding public health, elections and administration of a dog licensing program.** City residents have access to county departments and services including senior citizen and other social services, recreational resources, property information, birth and death certificates, and others. The City and the county continue to maintain open communications with one another that work to foster good working relationships and mutual respect.

Regional

East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Calumet County, and thus the City, is a member of the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC). **ECWRPC provides planning and technical assistance to counties, communities, businesses, interest groups and individuals within its region.** These services include environmental management, housing, demographics, economic development, transportation (including Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) work), community facilities (including Sewer Service Area (SSA) planning responsibilities), land use, contract planning, and others.

ECWRPC has worked with the City on several projects over the years including transportation and sewer service area work and the current comprehensive plan update.

State

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). The WDNR is responsible for the regulation, protection, and sustained management of natural resources within the state. The WDNR operates various programs in water and air quality management, habitat preservation, recreational trail development, and other programs. ***The WDNR works with the city in the planning and development of shoreland areas.***

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT). WisDOT deals with issues related to all transportation uses in the planning area.

POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

Policies and programs related to the Intergovernmental Cooperation element are found in Appendix D.