CHAPTER 10: 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. Detailed information and an inventory of all units of government are contained in Appendix H: Intergovernmental Cooperation, while Chapter 2: Framework and Implementation outlines the structure for how this and other elements are addressed.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS AND NARRATIVE

Adjacent Units of Government

The Facts:

- The Town of Eldorado shares its borders with the towns of Friendship, Fond du Lac, Lamartine, Springvale and Rosendale in Fond du Lac County and the towns of Utica, Nekimi and Black Wolf in Winnebago County.
- Currently, Eldorado has no cooperative boundary agreement with adjacent communities.
- The City of Fond du Lac has established extraterritorial plat review, while the villages of North Fond du Lac and Rosendale have not.
- The City of Fond du Lac and the villages of North Fond du Lac and Rosendale have not established extraterritorial zoning into Eldorado.
- Ambulance service is provided through the Village of North Fond du Lac Fire and EMS.
- Library service to Town residents is provided through the Fond du Lac Public Library in the City of Fond du Lac.

What it Means:

The City of Fond du Lac and the villages of North Fond du Lac and Rosendale currently have statutory authority to exercise extraterritorial plat review. The City of Fond du Lac exercises this authority while the two villages do not. In addition, the Town relies on its neighbors for a number of services including ambulance service (Village of North Fond du Lac Fire and EMS); mutual aid for fire, rescue and emergency medical services; library services (City of Fond du Lac); and shared road plowing and maintenance. As such, the Town should be work with its neighbors to continue to provide shared services, share revenues and establish land use criteria.
Overlapping Units of Government, Cooperative Boundary Plans and Agreements, and Extraterritorial Authorities

The Facts:

- The Town of Eldorado is served by two school districts: the Rosendale-Brandon Public School District and the North Fond du Lac Public School District.
- No formal written intergovernmental agreement exists between either of the two school districts and the Town of Eldorado.
- The Town is served by the Moraine Park Technical College.
- The University of Wisconsin System is also available to residents although no UW facilities exist in the Town.
- Police protection for the Town of Eldorado is provided by the Fond du Lac Sheriff's Department.
- The Town works with county departments to coordinate road construction, maintenance and snow plowing on major roads; police, fire and emergency dispatch; election and planning assistance.
- ECWRPC provides planning and technical assistance to counties, communities, businesses, interest groups and individuals within its region.
- WDNR managed lands in the Town of Eldorado include the Eldorado Wildlife Area and the Mascoutin Valley State Trail.
- WisDOT works with Fond du Lac County, and local municipalities to evaluate existing transportation infrastructure including bicycle and pedestrian trails as well as assists in planning efforts for future trails.
- The Town (by virtue of the County) is a member of East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. The agency provides a variety of services that can be beneficial to the Town’s short and long-range planning efforts.
- Currently, Eldorado does not have any cooperative boundary agreement with adjacent communities.
- The City of Fond du Lac has established extraterritorial plat review, while the villages of North Fond du Lac and Rosendale have not.
- The City of Fond du Lac or the villages of North Fond du Lac and Rosendale have not established extraterritorial zoning into Eldorado.

What it Means:

Cooperation and communication between the Town and its overlapping jurisdictions is critical to the provision of services, and hence quality of life, to its residents. The Town’s future plans for land use, infrastructure and economic development will rely on close communication and coordination with other affected entities. Periodic and timely sharing of information regarding desired land uses, densities, and development patterns and planned land use changes will help ensure the appropriate infrastructure and services will be in place to meet the needs of Eldorado residents. At times, specific agreements may be needed between or amongst the Town and these entities for the provision of additional services.
POTENTIAL FRAMING CONCEPTS

These are derived from the data analysis and discussions throughout the process. Framing Concepts provide more detailed discussion of key issues that were identified as well as big ideas expressed in relation to the goals. These may include maps that show where in the community particular policies apply, detailed description of specific strategic directions, specific recommendations as well as diagrams and photo imagery to help convey specific points. The following Framing Concepts are suggested for moving forward in the process:

- Intergovernmental Communication
- Boundary and Service Agreements