

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 C-10, while Chapter 2-Framework Plan contains implementation recommendations.

SUMMARY OF INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

Adjacent Units of Government

THE FACTS:

- *At this time, North Fond du Lac has only one formal cooperative boundary agreement with the Town of Fond du Lac.*

WHAT IT MEANS:

Cooperative boundary plans and agreements help proactively address issues with the timing of such actions with respect to established boundary lines, provision of shared public services and facilities, share revenues, and establish land use criteria. Cooperative boundary plans, which are subject to a minimum of a ten-year period, must be approved by the Wisconsin Department of Administration.

PLAN COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

- *Does the existing Boundary Agreement work well?*
- *Should the village pursue a Boundary Agreement with the Town of Friendship?*

Overlapping Units of Government

THE FACTS:

- *North Fond du Lac is served by the School District of North Fond du Lac. The district currently maintains six schools throughout the area.*
- *North Fond du Lac is served by the Moraine Park Technical College (MPTC).*
- *The University of Wisconsin System is also available to residents although no UW facilities exist within North Fond du Lac.*
- *North Fond du Lac is located in the Fond du Lac SSA and Planning Area Boundary.*
- *The library is part of the Winnefox Federated Library System, which is one of 16 public libraries in the state.*

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- *Fond du Lac County, and thus North Fond du Lac, is a member of the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC).*
- *State agencies, including WisDOT, WDNR and DATCP are involved in many aspects of land use, transportation, resource and agricultural issues.*

WHAT IT MEANS:

Cooperation and communication between North Fond du Lac and its overlapping jurisdictions is critical to the provision of services, and hence the quality of life, to its residents. North Fond du Lac'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 North Fond du Lac residents. At times, specific agreements may be needed between or amongst North Fond du Lac and these entities for the provision of additional services.

PLAN COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

- *Are there other opportunities for cooperation?*

GOALS, FRAMING CONCEPTS, POLICIES, STRATEGIES & ACTIONS

The goals, framing concepts, policies, strategies and actions are provided in Chapter 2 - Framework Plan. A single goal was developed for each plan element, along with a series of Framing Concepts which outline specific policies, strategies and action items pertaining to the implementation of this Chapter.

POLICIES AND PROGRAMS

A comprehensive listing of federal, state, county and local policies and programs which may apply to topics discussed in this chapter (where known about) are contained in Appendix G.

