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INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

INTRODUCTION

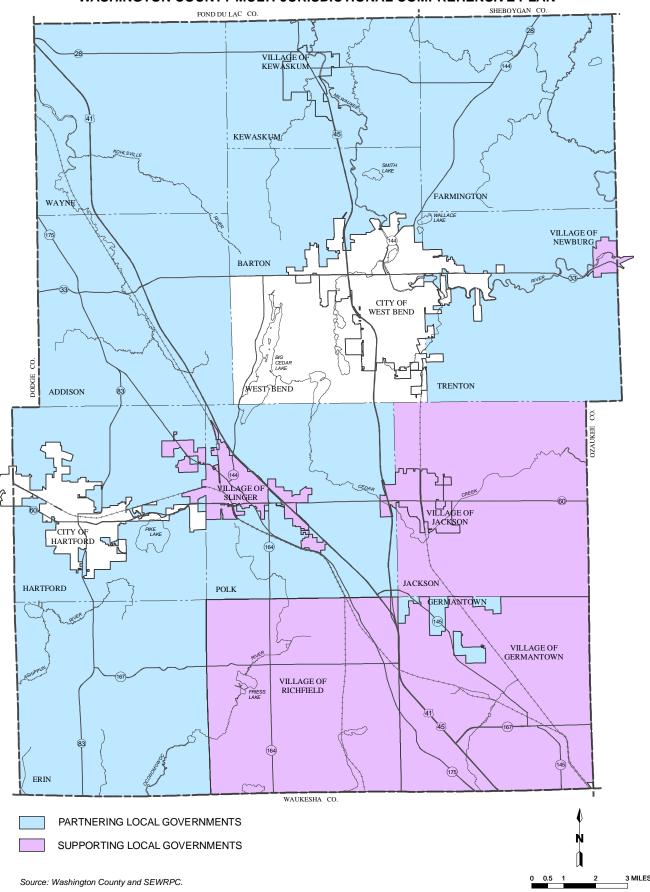
In 1999 the Wisconsin Legislature enacted a comprehensive planning law, set forth in Section 66.1001 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The requirements supplement earlier provisions in the Statutes for the preparation of county development plans (Section 59.69(3) of the Statutes) and local master plans (Section 62.23 of the Statutes). The requirements, which are often referred to as the "Smart Growth" law, provide a new framework for the development, adoption, and implementation of comprehensive plans in Wisconsin. The law includes a "consistency" requirement, whereby zoning, subdivision, and official mapping ordinances adopted and enforced by towns, villages, and cities must be consistent with the comprehensive plan adopted by the town board, village board, or common council, respectively. Zoning and subdivision ordinances adopted and enforced by a county, including shoreland zoning ordinances, must be consistent with the comprehensive plan adopted by the county board. The consistency requirement will take effect on January 1, 2010.

To address the State comprehensive planning requirements, a multi-jurisdictional comprehensive planning process was undertaken by Washington County; 11 local government partners, including the Town of Erin; UW-Extension; and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC). The 11 local government partners are shown on Map 1.

As a result of the multi-jurisdictional process, comprehensive plans that satisfy the planning requirements set forth in Section 66.1001 of the *Statutes* have been developed for the County and each local government partner. The comprehensive plan for the Town of Erin is documented in this report.

Although not all local governments partnered with Washington County to prepare a comprehensive plan, several local governments agreed to participate in the planning process by attending a series of regular intergovernmental meetings to discuss countywide issues of mutual concern. In addition, the Villages of Germantown, Newburg, and Slinger and the Town of Richfield acknowledged, through adoption of a resolution, that it is in their best interest to participate in the intergovernmental meetings for the general purpose of accomplishing coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development within Washington County. The Village of Jackson and Town of Jackson also agreed to participate in intergovernmental meetings. The Village of Newburg, which is located partially in Ozaukee County, partnered with Ozaukee County in applying for a grant to prepare its local comprehensive plan, but also participated in the development of the Washington County plan by serving on the plan Advisory Committee. Local governments that are not full partners, but who have agreed to cooperate in the planning process, are designated as "supporting local governments" on Map 1.

Map 1
PLANNING PARTNERS FOR THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PARTNERSHIP

A community workshop was sponsored by the Washington County Planning, Conservation, and Parks Committee on October 15, 2003, to discuss comprehensive planning efforts at the regional, county, and local levels. The concept of preparing a multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan as a cooperative effort among all interested local governments, Washington County, and SEWRPC was discussed at that meeting as a way to meet the State comprehensive planning requirements in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Local governments interested in working with the County and SEWRPC were asked to notify the County by the end of 2003. Three villages and ten towns, including the Town of Erin, indicated a willingness to cooperate with Washington County in preparing a multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan.

A comprehensive planning workgroup made up of local government representatives, County officials, and County, UW-Extension, and SEWRPC staff was formed to establish a framework for preparation of the multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan. Through a series of nine monthly meetings held between February and October 2004, the workgroup developed a work program, public participation plan, and an application for a comprehensive planning grant. The workgroup also developed a conflict resolution process for resolving disputes pertaining to the relationship between local plans and the County plan, including future plan amendments, which was approved by the County Board.

In the fall of 2004, the Washington County Board, the Kewaskum Village Board, and the Town Boards of the Towns of Addison, Barton, Erin, Farmington, Germantown, Hartford, Kewaskum, Polk, Trenton, and Wayne each adopted a resolution agreeing to participate in a multi-jurisdictional planning process and agreeing to submit an application to the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) for a comprehensive planning grant to help fund preparation of the plan. A copy of the Town of Erin resolution is included in Appendix A.

A grant was awarded in March 2005, and a grant agreement between Washington County and the DOA was signed on June 7, 2005. Prior to accepting the grant, Washington County and SEWRPC signed a three-party Cooperative Agreement with the Town of Erin and with each of the other 10 local government partners. Each Agreement is a formal commitment among the local government, Washington County, and SEWRPC to participate in a coordinated, multi-jurisdictional comprehensive planning effort. The Town of Erin agreement is available for review at the Town Hall or at the Washington County Planning and Parks Department office.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for the development and adoption of a comprehensive plan under the *Wisconsin Statutes* are summarized in this section. All of the requirements were met as part of the Town comprehensive planning process.

Nine Elements of the Comprehensive Plan

This plan contains the following nine elements, which are required by Section 66.1001(2) of the Statutes:

- 1. Issues and opportunities element
- 2. Land use element
- 3. Housing element
- 4. Transportation element
- 5. Utilities and community facilities element
- 6. Agricultural, natural, and cultural resources element
- 7. Economic development element
- 8. Intergovernmental cooperation element
- 9. Implementation element

Comprehensive Plan and Ordinance Consistency

Following adoption of this plan by the Town Board, the Town will amend its zoning, subdivision, and official mapping ordinances, as may be necessary, to bring those ordinances into compliance with the comprehensive plan. Under Section 66.1001 (3), zoning, subdivision, and official mapping ordinances adopted or enforced by the Town of Erin must be consistent with the comprehensive plan adopted by the Town Board beginning on January 1, 2010. Recommended changes to the Town zoning and subdivision ordinances are summarized in Chapter XII.

Fourteen State of Wisconsin Comprehensive Planning Goals

The nine plan elements documented in this plan address the 14 planning goals set forth in Section 16.965(4)(b) of the *Wisconsin Statutes*. The 14 planning goals are:

- 1. Promotion of the redevelopment of lands with existing infrastructure and public services and the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing residential, commercial, and industrial structures.
- 2. Encouragement of neighborhood designs that support a range of transportation choices.
- 3. Protection of natural areas; including wetlands, wildlife habitats, lakes, woodlands, open spaces, and groundwater resources.
- 4. Protection of economically productive areas, including farmland and forests.
- 5. Encouragement of land uses, densities and regulations that promote efficient development patterns and relatively low municipal, state government, and utility costs.
- 6. Preservation of cultural, historic, and archaeological sites.
- 7. Encouragement of coordination and cooperation among nearby units of government.
- 8. Building of community identity by revitalizing main streets and enforcing design standards.
- 9. Providing an adequate supply of affordable housing for individuals of all income levels throughout each community.
- 10. Providing adequate infrastructure and public services and an adequate supply of developable land to meet existing and future market demand for residential, commercial, and industrial uses.
- 11. Promoting the expansion or stabilization of the current economic base and the creation of a range of employment opportunities at the state, regional, and local level.
- 12. Balancing individual property rights with community interests and goals.
- 13. Planning and development of land uses that create or preserve varied and unique urban and rural communities.
- 14. Providing an integrated, efficient and economical transportation system that affords mobility, convenience, and safety and that meets the needs of all citizens, including transit-dependant and disabled citizens.

Public Participation Plan

Section 66.1001(4) of the *Statutes* requires that the Town Board adopt written procedures that are "designed to foster public participation, including open discussion, communication programs, information services, and public meetings for which advance notice has been provided, in every stage of the preparation of a comprehensive plan." Proposed plan elements must be widely distributed, and opportunities must be provided for written comments to be submitted by the public to the governing body. A procedure for the governing body to respond to those comments must also be identified.

The multi-jurisdictional comprehensive planning workgroup, with assistance from County and UW-Extension staff, developed a recommended public participation plan for the multi-jurisdictional plan and each local government plan. The public participation plan was adopted by resolution of the Erin Town Board on September 27, 2004. A copy of the resolution is included in Appendix B. The public participation plan is available for review at the Erin Town Hall, at the Washington County Planning and Parks Department or Washington County UW-Extension offices, and on the comprehensive planning website (www.co.washington.wi.us/smartgrowth).

Plan Review and Adoption

Section 62.23 (the local master planning Statute) and Section 66.1001 (the comprehensive planning Statute) require that the Town Plan Commission recommend to the Town Board a comprehensive plan or plan amendment prior to Town Board adoption of a plan or plan amendment. The plan commission recommendation must be in the form of a resolution adopted by a majority vote of the entire membership of the commission. The *Statutes* further require that the Town must adopt Village powers in order to establish a Plan Commission. The Town of Erin adopted Village powers on April 3, 1962, and established the Town Plan Commission on January 26, 1998.

Section 66.1001 (4) of the *Statutes* requires that a comprehensive plan or plan amendment be adopted by an ordinance enacted by a majority vote of the full membership of the Town Board. The law further requires that all nine elements be adopted simultaneously, and that at least one public hearing be held prior to adopting the plan. The *Statutes* require that an adopted comprehensive plan, or an amendment to a plan, be sent to all governmental units within and adjacent to the Town; Washington County; the Wisconsin Department of Administration; the regional planning commission (SEWRPC); and the public library serving the Town (the City of Hartford Public Library).

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN COUNTY AND LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANS

A great deal of discussion took place during the comprehensive planning workgroup meetings in 2004 to determine how the plans developed by cities, villages, and towns would relate to the Washington County comprehensive plan. Sections 59.69 (3) and 62.23 (2) of the *Wisconsin Statutes* explicitly require the County to "incorporate" into the County plan those comprehensive plans and official maps that have been adopted by a city or village. The Wisconsin Department of Administration has stated at comprehensive planning workshops that county plans need only incorporate city and village plans for the area within city and village limits. Although State law does not require Town comprehensive plans and official maps to be incorporated into the County plan, Washington County incorporated adopted Town plans and maps into the County plan provided the land use element of the town comprehensive plan was in substantial agreement with the objectives, principles, and standards set forth in Chapter IV of the Regional Land Use Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2020, as determined by the Washington County Planning, Conservation and Parks Committee. Further information is included in the Intergovernmental Cooperation Element Chapter (Chapter XI).

While all local comprehensive plans—cities, villages, and towns—were "incorporated" into the Washington County plan document to the extent practicable, it is recognized that Washington County may choose to disagree with one or more proposals included in a city, village, or town plan, with such disagreements relating to, for example, State mandated shoreland zoning requirements. Every effort was made to discuss and resolve issues between Washington County and the cities, villages, and towns in the County. Where conflicts could not be resolved, they were documented in the intergovernmental cooperation element of the County plan report. Washington County explicitly recognizes that cities, villages, and towns may choose to disagree with a position that the County may take. The County respects the rights of cities, villages, and towns to adopt plans that may differ from the County plan.

COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

On May 21, 2001, the Town established a Town Smart Growth Committee which had the primary responsibility for reviewing this Town comprehensive plan and those aspects of the multi-jurisdictional plan that relate to the Town. Oversight was provided by the Town Plan Commission and the Town Board. The members of the Smart Growth Committee, the Town Plan Commission, and the Town Board are listed on the inside front cover of this report.

¹As of late 2007, the State had not provided any written guidance on whether city and village plans for extraterritorial areas are required to be incorporated into a county comprehensive plan. However, the Washington County Attorney determined that the County's Planning and Parks Department qualifies as a "regional planning department" under Section 62.23 (2) of the Wisconsin Statutes. As such, a city or village master plan cannot include unincorporated parts of the county, including extraterritorial areas, unless the full County Board has given permission.

A draft of the Town comprehensive plan prepared under the guidance of the Smart Growth Committee was provided to the Town Plan Commission for review. The Town Plan Commission reviewed the Town plan and forwarded its recommendations to the Town Board. The Town Board reviewed the draft plan and the recommendations of the Smart Growth Committee and Town Plan Commission. Following revisions made by the Town Board, the plan was adopted by an ordinance of the Town Board in accordance with the requirements of Section 66.1001 (4) of the *Wisconsin Statutes*.

The Town also participated in the development of the multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan for Washington County by providing comments on draft plan chapters and other materials and by serving on the advisory committee and three element workgroups established to develop the County plan. Town representatives on the County advisory committee and workgroups are also listed on the inside front cover of this report.

THE PLANNING AREA

The planning area is composed of the Town of Erin, which in 2007 encompassed a total of 23,132 acres, or about 36 square miles. The Town is located in the southwest corner of Washington County. It is bordered by the Town of Hartford on the north and by the Village of Richfield on the east, both located in Washington County; by the Town of Merton in Waukesha County on the south, and by the Town of Ashippun in Dodge County on the west.

REPORT FORMAT

This planning report consists of 13 chapters. Following this introductory chapter, Chapters II and III present inventory data about Existing Plans and Ordinances: 2007 (II) and Population, Household, and Employment Trends and Projections (III). Chapters IV through XII constitute the town comprehensive plan. Plan element chapters include: Issues and Opportunities (IV); Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources (V); Land Use (VI); Housing (VII), Transportation (VIII); Utilities and Community Facilities (IX); Economic Development (X); Intergovernmental Cooperation (XI); and Implementation (XII). A summary of the plan is provided in Chapter XIII.

BENEFITS OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

In addition to the need to address State planning requirements, there are general positive results of thoughtful comprehensive planning from which the Town of Erin and other participants in the planning process may benefit, including the following:

• Planning Helps Define the Future Character of a Community

The physical design, setting, and arrangement of land uses can make it possible for people to carry out their daily lives and activities in an attractive and safe community environment. Land use planning and design can foster a distinctive sense of place. Planning allows a community to identify, preserve, and build upon the defining features of the community.

• Planning Helps Protect Natural and Cultural Resources

Planning can help protect environmental features like wetlands, woodlands, and stream corridors which provide important public benefits, such as stormwater storage and groundwater recharge areas and recreational opportunities. Such resources would be difficult and expensive to replace if lost or damaged. Planning can also help identify and preserve prime agricultural soils, nonmetallic mining resources, and historic, archaeological, and other important cultural structures and sites.

• Planning Can Provide a Rational Basis for Local Decisions

Plans provide a factual and objective guide that can be used by public officials and citizens to make informed decisions about land use and development. Planning is a process that can help a community prepare for change rather than react to it.

• Planning Can Provide Certainty Regarding Future Development

Plans and related maps show landowners and developers the location and type of development desired by the community, which can save them time and money in developing plans for future land uses. Planning can help increase the consistency and fairness of the development review and approval process while protecting the established property interests of existing residents.

• Planning Can Save Money

Well-planned, orderly, and phased development patterns are less expensive for a community to provide public services and infrastructure than low density and scattered development patterns.

• Planning Can Promote Economic Development

Planning can provide information about existing businesses and industries and help determine desirable types of new businesses. Planning can also help determine if the existing work force is sufficient to staff particular employment sectors and whether local services and housing are adequate to handle the impacts of new economic development.

• Planning Can Promote Public Health

Finally, well planned development patterns and transportation options can make recreational, educational, and commercial facilities accessible to pedestrians. The ability to safely walk or bike to these facilities promotes physical health and community interaction.

While planning provides many important public benefits, it is important to recognize that an adopted plan is not an "end result," but rather provides recommendations for future action. Plan recommendations will be fulfilled over time in generally small, incremental steps. A comprehensive plan provides a foundation and guide for many implementing tools, including the Town zoning ordinance and map, subdivision ordinance, and official mapping ordinance, which are required under State law to be consistent with the comprehensive plan. Other possible implementation tools include capital improvements programming, plans for local parks, and other local ordinances, programs, and policies.

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Chapter II

EXISTING PLANS AND ORDINANCES: 2007

This comprehensive plan is intended to update existing land use-related plans adopted by the Town of Erin to comply with the comprehensive planning law (Section 66.1001 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*) and to reflect changes that have occurred since earlier Town plans were adopted. This plan is also intended to identify changes to the Town zoning and subdivision ordinance needed to implement the comprehensive plan and to refine and detail the regional land use plan and other areawide plans adopted by SEWRPC and Washington County. Accordingly, an important step in the planning process was a review of the existing framework of areawide and local plans and related land use regulations. This chapter presents a summary of that review. Plans and ordinances described in this chapter summarize those documents as they existed in 2007. Plans summarized in this chapter are an inventory of plans and regulations adopted during or prior to 2007, and should not be confused with the recommendations developed and adopted as part of this comprehensive plan. Comprehensive plan recommendations are set forth in the following nine element chapters (Chapters IV through XII).

PART 1: AREA-WIDE PLANS

Regional Plans

For the past 40 years, SEWRPC has used a cooperative, voluntary approach to preparing regional comprehensive plans. That approach envisions a 10-year planning cycle, beginning with each Federal Census of population and housing. During the first several years of each decade, planning efforts at the regional level are focused on updating the comprehensive planning database (new orthophotography, updated census information, travel surveys, updated land use and environmental corridor inventories, and updated information on local plans and zoning regulations). Population, household, and employment projections for a new design year are also prepared. The next phase of activity involves the preparation, documentation, and adoption of updated regional plans, focusing in particular on the regional land use and transportation plans. The regional plans are prepared cooperatively, with the involvement of State agencies, county and local governments, and private sector interests.

The regional plan contains extensive and detailed inventory information relating to existing land use and natural resources; population and employment information and projections; and regional land use, transportation, and other plan elements that provide an areawide, or metropolitan, planning framework for the preparation of county and local comprehensive plans; although there are no requirements that County and local plans conform to regional plans. Plans prepared by SEWRPC are advisory to County and local governments; however, county and local plans often refine and detail the recommendations set forth in the regional plan. The recommendations and implementation actions related to county and local plans are taken into account when the regional comprehensive plan is updated every 10 years. As a result, there is a continuous feedback loop that seeks to fully integrate local, county, and regional planning in Southeastern Wisconsin.

Regional plans affecting the Town of Erin include:

- The regional land use plan for 2035, adopted in June 2006 (the fifth-generation regional land use plan). The regional land use plan is the building block for all regional plans prepared by SEWRPC. The plan recommends that urban development occur in centralized, compact areas that can be served efficiently by public water, sewer, and other public facilities; that primary environmental corridors be preserved; and that prime agricultural lands outside planned urban service areas be protected. The regional plan recommends that each County identify prime agricultural lands through its Farmland Preservation Plan.
- The regional transportation system plan for 2035, adopted in June 2006 (the fifth-generation regional transportation plan) is intended to provide a vision for, and guide to, transportation system development in the Region. The plan consists of four principal elements: public transit, systems management, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and arterial streets and highways. Future needs for transit, street and highway, and other transportation improvements identified through the regional transportation planning process are designed to serve the future growth proposed in the regional land use plan.
- The regional natural areas plan, adopted in September 1997, identifies the most significant remaining natural areas, critical species habitats, geological sites, and archaeological sites in the Region, and recommends means for their protection and management. The plan identifies potential sites to be placed in public or private protective ownership, and other sites to be protected, insofar as it is possible, through zoning or other regulatory means without protective ownership. It also recommends that a detailed management plan be prepared and implemented for each site placed under protective ownership. An inventory of natural areas, critical species habitat sites, and geological areas in the Town is included in Chapter V.
- The regional water quality management plan, adopted in 1979, is a guide to achieving clean and healthy surface waters within the seven-county Region. The plan has five elements: a land use element; a point source pollution abatement element; a sludge management element; and a water quality monitoring element. The point source pollution abatement element of the regional water quality management plan is of particular importance to land use planning. That plan element recommends major sewage conveyance and treatment facilities and identifies planned sewer service areas for each of the sewerage systems in Southeastern Wisconsin. Under Wisconsin law, major sewerage system improvements and all sewer service extensions must conform to the regional water quality management plan.
- A regional water supply plan is currently being conducted for the seven-county Region. The plan will include the following major components:
 - Water supply service areas and forecast demand for water use.
 - Recommendations for water conservation efforts to reduce water demand.
 - Evaluation of alternative sources of supply, recommended sources of supply, and recommendations for development of the basic infrastructure required to deliver that supply.
 - Identification of groundwater recharge areas to be protected from incompatible development.
 - Specification of new institutional structures necessary to carry out plan recommendations.
 - Identification of constraints to development levels in subareas of the Region due to water supply sustainability concerns.
- Telecommunications have become increasingly important in the local, national, and global economies. SEWRPC has undertaken a regional telecommunications planning effort to create a better understanding of telecommunications networks and the provision of services such as wireless and wireline telecommunications and high speed, broadband telecommunications throughout the Region. An inventory of wireless telecommunications providers and antennas providing cell phone service in Washington County is included in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 51, A Wireless Antenna Siting and Related Infrastructure Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin, published in September 2006. In addition to

presenting inventories of both infrastructure and performance for the existing cellular/PCS mobile wireless networks operating in the Region, the plan describes a recommended wireless telecommunications plan for the Region.

A regional broadband access plan, which built upon the wireless telecommunications plan, was completed in 2007. Upon implementation, this plan will support a mix of wireline and wireless networks that will provide fourth generation (4G) video, voice, and data communications services to the entire Region. A central feature of the recommended plan is the potential for cooperative efforts between the public and private sectors in which infrastructure costs are shared between the public safety and commercial networks. Implementation of the recommended plan will require county or multi-county action, although partial implementation can be achieved at the community or multi-community level.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Master Plans

Each property owned by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is required to have a "master plan" that establishes the goals and objectives for the property and identifies how the area will be managed and developed. These plans are designed to clearly communicate to the public how the property will "look" and what benefits the area will provide. The DNR has adopted master plans for the Allenton Wildlife Area, the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Northern Unit, the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Loew Lake Unit, and the Theresa Wildlife Area. The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board adopted a master plan in 1996 to guide the management of the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Loew Lake Unit, which lies in the Town of Erin. The major recommendations include additional land acquisitions (2,133 acres); vegetation management activities (includes thinning to promote growth and desired species composition, restoring prairie and grasslands, and developing forest-management demonstration areas); construction and management of recreation facilities (including trails and support facilities such as parking lots and a hostel or other public/private partnership facility at the log house); developing, restoring, and maintaining wildlife areas (includes restoring wetlands, a turkey management zone and a deer management unit for muzzle-loading weapons, trapping opportunities, and wildlife habitat-management demonstration areas); lake improvements (includes protecting and enhancing the habitat for both game and nongame fish species); protecting endangered resources; and cultural resource management.

Ice Age Trail Corridor Plan

The Ice Age Trail, which is planned to extend approximately 1,000 miles across the State of Wisconsin along the terminus of the continental glacier, was designated as a National Scenic Trail by the U.S. Congress in 1980. The Trail is administered by the National Park Service in cooperation with the DNR and the Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation. A trail corridor was established by the National Park Service in 1995. About 27 miles of the proposed 37-mile length of the Trail within Washington County had been completed by 2006, including about eight miles of the Trail located within the Town of Erin. Existing segments of the trail are open to pedestrian travel only, which includes hiking, snowshoeing, and limited cross-country skiing. Such uses as biking, horseback riding, and snowmobiling are not permitted.

PART 2: WASHINGTON COUNTY PLANS AND ORDINANCES

Washington County Land Use-Related Plans

Washington County Park and Open Space Plan. An updated County park and open space plan with a
design year of 2020 was adopted by the Washington County Board in March 2004. That plan consists of
both an open space preservation element and an outdoor recreation element, intended to, respectively,
protect areas containing important natural resources and to provide major parks, areawide trails, and
resource-oriented recreational facilities.

¹Documented in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 53, A Regional Broadband Telecommunications Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin, October 2007.

• Washington County Farmland Preservation Plan. Farmland preservation areas in Washington County were identified by the Washington County farmland preservation plan, which was adopted by the Washington County Board in August 1981. That plan defined farmland preservation areas as contiguous blocks of farmland at least 640 acres in size that were relatively uninterrupted by conflicting uses, with at least 50 percent of the soils on each farm meeting Soil Conservation Service (now the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service) criteria as "Prime Farmland" or "Farmland of Statewide Importance." Generally, prime farmlands are Class I or II soils and farmlands of statewide importance are Class III soils. The plan was amended in 2004 to update farmland preservation areas in the Towns of Hartford and Kewaskum, and to revise advisory guidelines for secondary farmland areas to discourage residential development not associated with farming.

At the time this comprehensive plan was being prepared, the State of Wisconsin was considering changes to the State Farmland Protection Program as part of its "Working Lands Initiative." The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) launched the Working Lands Initiative in 2005 and established a steering committee to develop a consensus vision on managing Wisconsin's farm and forest lands. The Working Lands Initiative Steering Committee issued a report in August 2006 with a set of recommendations intended to update and expand policies and programs affecting Wisconsin farmlands and forests. The report recommends an update to the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program, which would include setting a flat per-acre tax credit for landowners instead of basing the credit on household income; requiring all land in the program to be zoned for exclusive agricultural use; and streamlining the process of applying for the program and claiming the tax credits. Proposed changes to the Farmland Preservation Program were included in DATCP's 2007-09 budget request. The Committee's report also recommends establishing a number of programs, including a Working Lands Enterprise Areas program, a purchase of development rights program, and a beginning farmer/logger program. Any new State laws and regulations resulting from the Working Lands Initiative will likely require a new Farmland Preservation Plan to be prepared by the County.

- Farmland and Open Space Preservation Tools. In 2004 the Washington County Planning, Conservation, and Parks Committee requested the Planning and Parks Department to study various means of preserving farmland and open space in Washington County. This study's goal was to objectively research and analyze different tools and funding sources that could be used in Washington County for farmland and open space preservation. The preservation tools described and analyzed represent existing and potential strategies for the protection of farmland and open space within Washington County. Preservation tools are grouped into three categories:
 - Regulatory Based Tools These tools control or define the activities or modifications that a landowner may conduct on his or her land through ordinances.
 - Incentive Based Tools These tools support or encourage a specific activity or modification that a
 landowner may conduct on his or her land and, although some of these tools may be incorporated into
 an ordinance, they are voluntary.
 - Economic Viability Tools These tools focus on improving/enhancing the economic environment for the agricultural industry.
- Land and Water Resources Management Plan. An updated land and water resources management plan was adopted by the County Board in December 2005. The plan identifies eight priority issues related to County land and water resources. These issues include development, fertilizer and pesticides, stormwater, animal waste, groundwater, soil sustainability and sedimentation, nonmetallic mining, and waste management. To address these issues the plan identifies the following goals: improve and implement planning strategies that protect/preserve land and water resources; improve and protect surface and ground water through the proper use of fertilizers and pesticides; reduce the quantity and improve the quality of stormwater runoff from developed and developing areas; reduce the human and environmental risks posed by animal waste; protect and improve the quality and quantity of groundwater; protect and enhance the productivity and sustainability of all cropland; reduce sediment delivery into streams, lakes, and wetlands; assure reclamation of mines when operations are terminated; and reduce the human and

environmental risks posed by hazardous waste. The plan defines a work plan. The work plan sets forth the objectives and actions that will be carried out in order to achieve the goals associated with each issue and identifies the agency or organization responsible for carrying out the listed action steps.

- Jurisdictional Highway System Plan. In 1975 the Washington County Board of Supervisors adopted an initial jurisdictional highway system plan. That plan, with a design year of 1990, was intended to help provide the County with a highway transportation system that would serve and promote a desirable land use pattern in the County, abate traffic congestion, reduce travel time and costs, and reduce accident exposure. The initial plan has been amended periodically to cope with growing traffic demands and adjust the existing highway system to serve changes in traffic patterns taking place within the County, and achieve an equitable distribution of arterial street and highway development and maintenance costs and revenues among the various levels and units of government. The 2035 regional transportation plan, described earlier in this chapter, recommends updates to the current jurisdictional highway system plan for Washington County. Recommendations for the maintenance, improvement, and expansion of arterial streets and highways from the Regional Transportation System Plan were refined in 2007 and 2008 during the preparation of an updated Washington County Jurisdictional Highway System Plan for the year 2035. The updated County jurisdictional highway system plan is described in Chapter VIII.
- A Public Transit Plan for Washington County. The current public transit plan for Washington County, adopted in 1996, sets forth the findings and recommendations from a study of transit service needs in Washington County and the means by which those needs might best be met. The primary focus of the plan was to provide transit service for Milwaukee County residents to jobs in Washington County through the establishment of the Washington County Commuter Express Service (described in Chapter VIII). The service has evolved over time to primarily provide traditional work commute trips from Washington County to downtown Milwaukee, Wauwatosa, and West Allis. The transit plan also recommended the establishment of shared-ride taxicab services, which are currently provided by Washington County and the Cities of Hartford and West Bend.

Washington County Land-Use Related Ordinances

• County Shoreland and Floodplain Zoning Ordinance. Under Section 59.692 of the Wisconsin Statutes and Chapter NR 115 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, counties are responsible for regulating shoreland areas within unincorporated (town) areas. Shorelands are defined as all lands lying within 1,000 feet of the ordinary high-water mark of navigable lakes, ponds, and flowages; or within 300 feet of the ordinary high-water mark of navigable rivers and streams or to the landward side of the floodplain, whichever distance is greater. The Washington County shoreland, wetland, and floodplain zoning ordinance is set forth in Chapter 23 of the Washington County Code of Ordinances and applies to shorelands, shoreland-wetlands, and floodplains in all towns within the County, including the Town of Erin.

The shoreland zoning ordinance includes restrictions on uses in wetlands of two acres or more located within the shoreland, and limits the types of uses that can occur within the 100-year floodplain zoning district to prevent damage to structures and property and to protect the floodwater conveyance and storage capacity of floodplains. The ordinance also includes restrictions on the removal of vegetation and filling, grading, and excavating within a shoreland area. Most structures must be set back a minimum of 75 feet from the ordinary high-water mark if adjacent to a Class 3 waterbody, 100 feet if adjacent to a Class 2 waterbody, and 125 feet if adjacent to a Class 1 waterbody, although the setbacks along Class 1 and 2 waterbodies may be reduced to 100 feet and 75 feet, respectively, subject to approval of mitigation measures. Minimum requirements for uses in unincorporated shoreland areas are set forth in Chapter NR 115 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*. Minimum floodplain requirements are set forth in Chapter NR 116.

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²Documented in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 23, 2nd edition, A Jurisdictional Highway System Plan for Washington County: 2035, July 2008.

Under Chapter NR 117 of the *Administrative Code*, cities and villages are required to restrict uses in wetlands located in the shoreland area. The provisions of NR 115, which regulate uses in unincorporated portions of the shoreland, apply in cities and villages in shoreland areas annexed to a city or village after May 7, 1982. The same floodplain regulations set forth in NR 116 for unincorporated areas also apply within cities and villages. Each city and village administers the floodplain regulations within its corporate limits.

- County Land Division Ordinance. Washington County adopted a Land Division Ordinance on June 12, 1972, which is updated periodically. The ordinance regulates land divisions in towns that initially or by subsequent divisions create five or more lots of five acres each or less in area within a five-year period. In addition, the Washington County shoreland and floodplain zoning ordinance includes land division regulations for areas located in the shoreland area. As required by Chapter NR 115 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code, the ordinance regulates land divisions in the shoreland area that create three or more lots of five acres or less within a five-year period.
- County Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance. The Washington County nonmetallic mining reclamation ordinance (Chapter 18 of the County Code of Ordinances) was established to ensure the effective reclamation of nonmetallic mining sites in Washington County in compliance with Chapter NR 135 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code and Chapter 295 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The requirements of the ordinance apply to all operators of nonmetallic mining sites within Washington County operating or commencing operation after August 1, 2001, except for nonmetallic mining sites located in a city, village, or town that has adopted a local mining reclamation ordinance that meets State requirements, in which case the local ordinance requirements apply. The Town of Erin is regulated by the County nonmetallic mining ordinance. Washington County is responsible for the review and approval of reclamation plans for nonmetallic mines in the Town in accordance with County ordinance requirements.

The County ordinance requires that a reclamation plan be prepared and submitted for approval by the Land and Water Conservation Division of the Planning and Parks Department. The ordinance includes minimum standards for surface water and wetland protection, groundwater protection, topsoil management, final grading and slopes, topsoil redistribution for reclamation, and re-vegetation and site stabilization, and also sets forth the criteria for assessing completion of successful site reclamation, intermittent mining, and maintenance.

• Erosion Control and Stormwater Management. The Washington County Erosion Control and Stormwater Management Ordinance is set forth in Chapter 17 of the Washington County Code of Ordinance. The ordinance includes requirements for land development and land disturbing activities designed to minimize sedimentation, water pollution, flooding, and related property and environmental damage caused by soil erosion and uncontrolled stormwater runoff during and after construction. The ordinance applies to all unincorporated lands in Washington County unless a Town Board has adopted an ordinance at least as restrictive as the County ordinance. County ordinance requirements continue in effect in any area annexed by a city or village, unless the city or village enforces a city or village ordinance which complies with the minimum standards established by the DNR and is at least as restrictive as Washington County's ordinance. The Town of Erin has not adopted a Town Erosion Control and Stormwater Management Ordinance, and is therefore regulated under the County ordinance.

PART 3: TOWN LAND USE-RELATED PLANS AND ORDINANCES

Town of Erin Land Use Plan

The *Town of Erin Land Use Plan* was adopted on April 21, 2003. The plan sets forth policies and objectives to preserve prime agricultural land to the greatest extent possible and maintain existing residential density for the Town as a whole and prohibit further division of existing low-density residential lots into higher-density residential lots. The plan also sets forth the policies and objective to maintain the visual character of the Town's shorelands. The plan suggests locating buildings to minimize the disruption of the lakeshores and restricting new development along those lakeshores to single-family residential.

This comprehensive plan revises and replaces the Town land use plan to reflect changing conditions in the Town, and to meet State comprehensive planning requirements.

Town of Erin Park and Open Space Plan

In addition to identifying needed recreational facilities, the park and open space plan is intended to establish or maintain eligibility for Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund and Wisconsin Stewardship Fund grant programs administered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

The *Town of Erin Park and Open Space Plan: 2020* was adopted on February 15, 1999. The plan is intended to be a legally adopted tool for guiding future park land purchases and development. The plan recommends that the Town acquire land adjacent to Erin Park for the development of new facilities as well as low-impact, passive uses and that conservation easements be purchased for future expansion and development of trail systems in the Town and for preserving rural views adjacent to current and future Town roads. The plan also recommends the adoption of regulations to support the County park and open space plan.

Town of Erin Forest Management Cover Type Mapping Plan

The *Town of Erin Forest Management Cover Type Mapping Plan* was adopted by the Town Board on August 17, 1998. The objective of the plan is to establish strategies to properly manage the urban/rural forest resources and to evaluate the species, age, density, and overall condition of the forest and vegetation in the Town. The plan recommends establishing a healthy, safe, diverse, and growing forest that will contribute to the general welfare of residents by reducing energy costs, increasing property values, providing wildlife habitats, and inducing visitors and businesses. The plan also recommends educating Town officials and residents on the proper techniques of tree care.

Intergovernmental Agreement

An intermunicipal agreement between the City of Hartford and the Town of Erin to provide for orderly development and land preservation was signed in 2004. The term of the agreement is 20 years, unless superseded by a boundary agreement between the City and the Town.

As part of the agreement, the City waived its extraterritorial zoning authority in the Town and agreed to extend sewer service into the Town upon request of the Town Board without requiring annexation. The City also agreed to provide fire service to 22 sections within the Town (see Map 24). The Town agreed not to pursue incorporation or charter town status, and also agreed to limit new commercial, industrial, and institutional development to parcels of less than two acres. The Town also agreed to support development of Arthur Road as a northern transportation route from USH 41 to Dodge Industrial Park on the west side of the City.

Boundary Agreement

The Wisconsin Statutes provide several options for neighboring cities, villages, and towns to cooperatively determine common boundaries. Section 66.0307 of the Wisconsin Statutes allows any combination of cities, villages, and towns to determine the boundary lines between themselves under a cooperative plan. Section 66.0307 envisions the cooperative preparation of a plan for the affected area by the local units of government concerned and prescribes in detail the contents of the cooperative plan. The cooperative plan must identify agreed-upon boundary changes and existing boundaries that will not change during the planning period; identify any conditions that must be met before a boundary change may occur; include a schedule of the period during which a boundary change shall or may occur; and specify arrangements for the provision of urban services to the territory covered by the plan. A boundary agreement can also be achieved under Section 66.0225, which allows two abutting communities who are parties to a court action to enter into a written stipulation determining a common boundary. In addition, communities can agree upon common boundaries under Section 66.0301, the "intergovernmental cooperation" statute.

A boundary agreement under Section 66.0225 of the *Statutes* between the then Town of Richfield and the Town of Erin, Town of Hartford, and the City of Hartford was signed in January 2007. The term of the agreement is 20

years, and the agreement is contingent upon the Town of Richfield's incorporation as a Village.³ As part of the agreement, the Town of Richfield will not accept or grant any annexations from the Town of Erin following the Town of Richfield's incorporation as a Village. The Town of Richfield also agreed to not exercise extraterritorial plat or zoning authority within the Town of Erin subject to the condition that the Town of Erin not allow development inconsistent with its adopted comprehensive plan and/or comprehensive plan map in Sections 1, 12, 13, 14, 24, 25, or 36. Richfield may elect to exercise extraterritorial plat and zoning authority if the Town of Erin allows development that is not consistent with its comprehensive plan. In return, the Town of Erin adopted a resolution supporting the Town of Richfield's incorporation petition as a Village.

Zoning and Subdivision Regulations

Good community development depends not only on quality planning at all levels of government, but on practical implementation measures. Land use and development regulations affect the type of uses allowed, as well as the detailed design and site layout of proposed developments. The following presents a summary of zoning and subdivision regulations adopted by the Town as of 2007.

Town of Erin Zoning Ordinance

A zoning ordinance is a public law that regulates and restricts the use of property in the public interest. The primary function of zoning should be to implement an adopted master or comprehensive plan. Indeed, Section 66.1001(3) of the *Wisconsin Statutes* requires that zoning, land divisions, and official mapping decisions made by local and county governments be consistent with local and county comprehensive plans, respectively, as of January 1, 2010.

A zoning ordinance divides a community into districts for the purpose of regulating the use of land and structures; the height, size, shape, and placement of structures; and the density of housing. A zoning ordinance typically consists of two parts: a text setting forth regulations that apply to each of the various zoning districts, together with related procedural and administrative requirements; and a map delineating the boundaries of zoning districts.

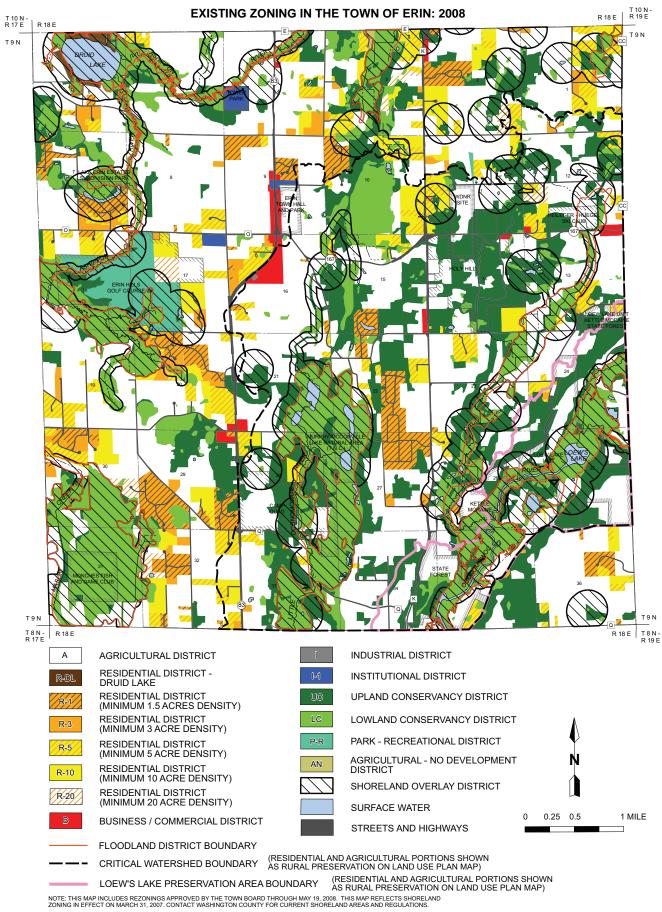
The Erin Town Board adopted a zoning ordinance in December 1989 and revised the ordinance in September 1992. Zoning within the Town consists of 14 basic zoning districts, one overlay zoning district, and a floodland district. An updated zoning map, reflecting zoning in the Town as of May 19, 2008, was adopted by the Town Board on December 21, 2009, and is shown on Map 2. Table 1 presents a summary of district regulations included in the zoning ordinance.

Washington County enforces shoreland and floodplain zoning regulations in shoreland areas in the Town of Erin. The County shoreland and floodplain zoning ordinance is described in Part 2.

Cluster Subdivision Regulations

The Town Board adopted a cluster subdivision ordinance on October 17, 2005. The intent of the ordinance is to enhance community character through the preservation of open space within residential developments, minimize environmental and visual impacts on natural resources and historic and cultural sites, provide a continuous network of permanent open space, encourage efficient forms of development that conform to existing topography, reduce erosion and sedimentation, permit the clustering of houses, thus reducing infrastructure, and provide flexibility for creative development. The single-family cluster ordinance allows development of agricultural and other open spaces at least 40 acres in size into single-family residential lots and subdivisions at a gross density that does not exceed one dwelling unit per five or seven acres, depending on the parcel's classification on the Town land use plan map. The minimum lot size is 1.5 acres and the maximum lot size is three acres within a cluster subdivision. As an incentive, developers that develop cluster subdivisions may be granted a density bonus of 10 percent (rounded to the nearest whole number), equivalent to a minimum of one additional lot that could be created from a 40-acre parent parcel.

³The Town of Richfield incorporated as a Village on February 13, 2008.



NOTE: THE BOUNDARIES OF UPLAND AND LOWLAND CONSERVANCY DISTRICTS ARE BASED ON PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS AND ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS IDENTIFIED BY SEWRPC IN 2000.

Source: Town of Erin, Washington County, and SEWRPC.

Table 1

TOWN OF ERIN ZONING ORDINANCE SUMMARY OF DISTRICT REGULATIONS

	T		ī	
District	Typical Principal Uses	Typical Conditional Uses	Minimum Lot Size ^a	Minimum / Maximum Floor Area (square feet)
A Agricultural	Single-family farm dwelling with garage, crop production, livestock, dairying, fish farming, fish hatcheries, field nurseries, orchards, and accessory structures	Churches and schools, cemeteries, agricultural warehouses, livestock operations over 300 head and poultry raising over 1,000 birds, housing for farm laborers, and seasonal roadside stands, and man-made ponds	5 acres	N/A
AN Agricultural No Development	All A District uses, except no new single-family dwellings may be created.	All A District conditional uses	5 acres	N/A
R-1 Residential	Single-family dwellings with garage, accessory structures not exceeding 864 square feet, yard and gardening equipment storage structures not exceeding 120 square feet, home occupations, bus shelter, and group homes serving eight or fewer residents	Churches and schools, public parks and playgrounds, and accessory structures exceeding 864 square feet	1.5 acres	1,200 minimum for one-story; 1,400 minimum for one and one-half, 950 first floor; 1,400 minimum for two-story, 800 first floor; 1,200 minimum for bi-level, 800 first floor; and 1,200 minimum for tri-level, 800 first floor with full basement. 1,400 minimum for one-story; 1,400 minimum for one and one-half, 1,150 first floor; 1,400 minimum for two-story, 1,000 first floor with slab at grade
R-3 Residential	All R-1 principal uses	All R-1 principal uses	3 acres	Same as R-1
R-5 Residential	All R-1 principal uses, and livestock limited to no more than one large- sized animal per two acres up to 20 animals	All R-1 conditional uses	5 acres	Same as R-1
R-10 Residential	All R-5 principal uses	All R-1 conditional uses	10 acres	Same as R-1
R-20 Residential	All R-5 principal uses	All R-1 conditional uses	20 acres	Same as R-1
R-DL Druid Lake Residential	Residential dwellings, essential services (i.e. public utilities), legal structures and uses in existence prior to the effective date of the ordinance, private garages (attached or detached), and carports and school bus shelters	N/A	1.5 acres	1,200 minimum with 1,000 on lower level plus attached or detached garage 3,000 maximum
B Business / Commercial	b	All non-manufacturing industries, trades, and services as defined in the Standard Industrial Classification Manual	1.5 acres	N/A
l Industrial	_ , b	All manufacturing uses as classified by the Standard Industrial Classification Manual	1.5 acres	N/A
I-1 Institutional	Public schools (K-12), governmental public service facilities, including public works facilities, public safety facilities, community centers, and emergency shelters	Hospitals, sanitariums, medical clinics, community-based residential facilities, assisted living centers, churches, traditional libraries, museums and art galleries, nonpublic schools and educational facilities, daycare and preschools, and activities associated with the principal use or conditional use established to complement/support the principal or conditional use	40,000 square feet minimum	N/A
Park- Recreational District	Parks, playgrounds, neighborhood tot lots, picnicking areas, playfields, hiking and nature trails and walks, cross country ski trails, non-motorized bike and equestrian trails, botanical gardens, nature conservancies and arboretums, outdoor ice skating, sledding, tobogganing and ski hills (without facilities), and historic monuments	All permitted uses, if operated privately or if operated as part of or in association with a business or commercial enterprise; best access/rental sites; hunting clubs and archery and firearm ranges; clubhouses and similar facilities	N/A	N/A

Table 1 (continued)

District	Typical Principal Uses	Typical Conditional Uses	Minimum Lot Size ^a	Minimum / Maximum Floor Area (square feet)
UC Upland Conservancy	Agriculture uses in accordance with the Washington County Conservation Standards, hunting and fishing, preservation of scenic and historic areas, forest and game management, park and recreation areas, and single-family dwellings with garage	Clustering of homes on 1.5 acre lots	5 acres	N/A
LC Lowland Conservancy	Agricultural uses and structures as they existed in 1979, wild crop harvesting, nature trails, forest management practices, wildlife preserves, hunting and fishing, public park and recreation areas without buildings, and soil and water conservation practices	Drainage projects and basins, ponds and fish hatcheries, water impoundments, private recreational facilities such as golf courses or recreational camps, and utility transmission lines and related facilities	N/A	N/A
F Floodland	Uses in compliance with the Washington County Shoreland/ Floodplain Ordinance	Uses in compliance with the Washington County Shoreland/ Floodplain Ordinance	N/A	N/A
SO Shoreland Overlay	Uses in compliance with the Washington County Shoreland/ Floodplain Ordinance, in addition to the underlying district, whichever is more restrictive	Uses in compliance with the Washington County Shoreland/ Floodplain Ordinance, in addition to the underlying district, whichever is more restrictive	N/A	N/A

Note: This table is a summary and should not be used as a guide to answer zoning-related questions. Refer to the Town of Erin zoning ordinance and map for specific zoning information.

Source: Town of Erin Zoning Ordinance, with amendments through October 2006, and SEWRPC.

Extraterritorial Zoning Regulations

The Wisconsin Statutes authorize cities and villages to adopt extraterritorial zoning regulations for adjacent unincorporated areas, in cooperation with the adjacent town, within three miles of a city of the first, second, or third class, and within 1.5 miles of a city of the fourth class or villages. The City of Hartford is a third-class city, and is therefore entitled by the Statutes to exercise extraterritorial zoning authority up to three miles outside city boundaries, if agreed to by the Town. A summary of the process set forth in the Statutes for enacting an extraterritorial zoning ordinance and other land-use related extraterritorial authorities granted to cities and villages is provided in Appendix C. A city or village can initiate preparation of an extraterritorial zoning ordinance and map at any time. Initiation of the extraterritorial zoning ordinance freezes existing zoning in the extraterritorial (town) area for two years, while the city or village and affected town jointly develop an extraterritorial zoning ordinance and map. A joint committee is formed to develop the ordinance. The time period can be extended for one additional year at the end of the two-year period if agreed to by the affected town. The Town of Erin is within the extraterritorial area of the City of Hartford and the Village of Richfield, but has entered into agreements that waive these authorities if the Town complies with specified conditions.

^aThe allowable net density for land within the "Critical Watersheds" and "Loew's Lake Preservation Area" overlays is one dwelling unit for every seven acres of development opportunity. The minimum lot size must meet the requirement of the underlying zoning district. See Section 5.04 of the Town of Erin Zoning Ordinance for more information, including the definition of development opportunity.

^bNo principal uses permitted.

Land Division Regulations

A land division ordinance is a public law that regulates the division of land into smaller parcels. Land division ordinances provide for appropriate public oversight of the creation of new parcels and help ensure that new development is appropriately located; lot size minimums specified in zoning ordinances are observed; street rights-of-way are appropriately dedicated or reserved; access to arterial streets and highways is limited in order to preserve the traffic-carrying capacity and safety of such facilities; adequate land for stormwater management, parks, drainageways, and other open spaces is appropriately located and preserved; street, block, and lot layouts are appropriate; and adequate public improvements are provided. Land division ordinances can be enacted by cities, villages, towns, and counties, with the latter's approval authority applying only in unincorporated (town) areas and limited objecting authority applying within cities and villages. Cities and villages also have extraterritorial plat approval jurisdiction over subdivisions proposed in town areas near their corporate boundaries.

Chapter 236 of the *Wisconsin Statutes* sets forth general requirements governing the subdivision of land, including, among others, surveying and monumenting requirements, necessary approvals, recording procedures, and requirements for amending or changing subdivision maps. The *Statutes* also grant authority to county and local governments to review subdivision maps, commonly referred to as plats, with respect to local plans and ordinances. Section 236.45 authorizes county and local governments to adopt their own land division ordinances, which may be more restrictive than State requirements. Washington County has adopted a County land division ordinance, which is summarized in Part 2 of this chapter.

The Town of Erin adopted a land division ordinance in December 1989. The ordinance was revised in September 1992. Under Chapter 236, local governments are required to review and take action on plats for subdivisions. Subdivisions are defined in the *Statutes* as "a division of a lot, parcel, or tract of land by the owner thereof or the owner's agent for purpose of sale or of building development, where the act of division creates five or more parcels or building sites of 1.5 acres each or less in area; or five or more parcels or building sites of 1.5 acres each or less in area are created by successive divisions within a period of five years." Local subdivision ordinances may be broader in scope and require review and approval of land divisions in addition to those meeting the statutory definition of a "subdivision," which is the case in the Town.

The Town of Erin land division ordinance applies to all lands within the Town. A subdivision is defined as a land division that creates five or more parcels or building sites of 10 acres each or less in area or where five or more parcels or building sites of 10 acres each or less created by successive divisions within a five-year period. All other divisions of land within the Town require Town Board approval of a certified survey map.

Extraterritorial Plat Authority

Under Section 236.10 of the Statutes, a city or village may review, and approve or reject, subdivision plats located within its extraterritorial area if the city or village has adopted a subdivision ordinance or an official map. Section 236.02 of the Statutes defines the extraterritorial plat review jurisdiction as the unincorporated area within three miles of the corporate limits of a city of the first, second, or third class, or within 1.5 miles of the corporate limits of a city of the fourth class or a village. In accordance with Section 66.0105 of the Statutes, in situations where the extraterritorial plat approval jurisdiction of two or more cities or villages would otherwise overlap, the extraterritorial jurisdiction between the municipalities is divided on a line, all points of which are equidistant from the boundaries of each municipality concerned, so that no more than one city or village exercises extraterritorial jurisdiction over any unincorporated area. The extraterritorial area changes whenever a city or village annexes land, unless the city or village has established a permanent extraterritorial area through a resolution of the common council or village board or through an agreement with a neighboring city or village. A municipality may also waive its right to approve plats within any portion of its extraterritorial area by adopting a resolution that describes or maps the area in which it will review plats, as provided in Section 236.10(5) of the Statutes. The resolution must be recorded with the County register of deeds. The Town is within the extraterritorial area of the City of Hartford and the Village of Richfield. The Village of Richfield has waived its extraterritorial platting authority in the Town, but the City of Hartford continues to exercise that authority.

Official Mapping Ordinances

Section 62.23(6) of the *Wisconsin Statutes* allows the Common Council of any City to establish an official map for the precise identification of right-of-way lines and boundaries of streets, highways, waterways, ⁴ and parkways and the location and extent of railroad rights-of-way, public transit facilities, parks, and playgrounds. An official map is intended to be used as a precise planning tool for implementing master and comprehensive plans and for insuring the availability of land for the above features.

Section 61.35 of the *Statutes* applies the authority provided cities under Section 62.23 to develop an official map to villages. A town may prepare and adopt an official map if it has adopted village powers. The clerk of any local government that adopts an official map by ordinance or resolution must record a certificate showing that the local government has established an official map with the Washington County register of deeds.

One of the basic purposes of the official map is to discourage the construction of structures and their associated improvements on land that has been designated for future public use. Local government subdivision ordinances can also require land shown on the official map to be dedicated for street, park, or other public use at the time land is subdivided. The official map is a plan implementation device that operates on a communitywide basis in advance of land development and can thereby effectively assure the integrated development of the street and highway system, and unlike subdivision control, which operates on a plat-by-plat basis, the official map can operate over the entire community in advance of development proposals. The official map is a useful device to achieve public acceptance of long-range plans in that it serves legal notice of the government's intention well in advance of any actual improvements.

The Town of Erin has not adopted an official map.⁵

SUMMARY

Southeastern Wisconsin, Washington County, and Washington County's communities have a rich history of planning. Numerous plans have been developed at the regional level including a regional land use plan, transportation system plan, natural areas plan, a water quality management plan, and a telecommunications plan. Preparation of a regional water supply plan is underway. Plans developed at the County level include a farmland preservation plan, County park and open space plan, land and water resources management plan, jurisdictional highway system plan, and a public transit plan.

The Town of Erin adopted a master plan (the Town of Erin land use plan) in April 2003, which has been revised and replaced by this comprehensive plan. The Town has also adopted a park and open space plan and a forest management and cover type mapping plan. The Town adopted an updated zoning ordinance and land division ordinance in September 1992. The Town also adopted a cluster subdivision ordinance in October 2005. In 2004, the Town signed an intergovernmental agreement with the City Hartford to provide for orderly development and land preservation. In 2007, the Town signed a boundary agreement with the then Town of Richfield in which the Town of Richfield agreed not to exercise extraterritorial plat approval or zoning authority jurisdiction over the Town of Erin if the Town complies with specified conditions. The agreement took effect upon the Town of Richfield's incorporation as a Village in February 2008.

The comprehensive planning law requires that zoning, subdivision, and official mapping ordinances be consistent with a governmental unit's comprehensive plan as of January 1, 2010. As of that date, the Town's zoning and subdivision ordinances must be consistent with the comprehensive plan adopted by the Town Board. The Implementation Element (Chapter XII) identifies modifications to existing ordinances needed to implement the comprehensive plan presented in this report.

⁴Waterways may be placed on the map only if included within a comprehensive surface water drainage plan.

⁵An official map under Section 62.23 (6) of the Statutes is not the same as a zoning map, which is often mistakenly referred to as an "official map."

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Chapter III

POPULATION, HOUSEHOLD, AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS AND PROJECTIONS

INTRODUCTION

Information on the size, characteristics, and distribution of population, household, and employment levels in Washington County and in the Town of Erin assists in preparing projections that will anticipate changes in these factors over time, which is essential to the comprehensive planning process. Many of the planning recommendations set forth in the following chapters of this report are directly related to the existing and probable future population, household, and employment levels in the Town. Part 1 of this chapter provides information on existing and historical population, household, and employment levels. Population and household projections for the year 2035, which were used to design the plan presented later in this report, are presented in Part 2. Employment projections are presented in Chapter X.

Much of the historical demographic data in this chapter is from the U. S. Bureau of the Census. Census data are collected every ten years and are derived from both short and long form questionnaires. The short form is sent to every household and provides a complete count of all persons, and certain selected characteristics of all persons, living in the United States. Data tabulations derived from the short form are referenced as Summary File 1 Data. The long form is sent to one of every six households. Data tabulations derived from the long form are referenced as Summary File 3 Data. Data from Summary File 1 are more reliable than data from Summary File 3, due to sampling-related errors present in the Summary File 3 tabulations; however, Summary File 3 includes a wider range of population, housing, and income characteristics and, in some cases, is the only source available for certain information. If available, Summary File 1 data were used to prepare this chapter. Data relating to education, housing, and income are from Summary File 3.

PART 1: EXISTING POPULATION, HOUSEHOLD, AND EMPLOYMENT LEVELS

Population Trends

Washington County has experienced an increase in population in each decade since 1890. Between 1940 and 1980 the County experienced a rapid rate of increase in population, followed by a growth rate of about 12 percent between 1980 and 1990 and by about 23 percent between 1990 and 2000. The County had 117,496 residents in 2000. The County population is expected to increase to 157,265 persons, an increase of about 34 percent, between 2000 and 2035.

Population changes in Washington County communities between 1980 and 2000, and 2005 population estimates from the DOA, are set forth in Table 2. Between 1990 and 2000, about 29 percent of the County's population

Table 2

POPULATION TRENDS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITIES: 1980-2005

		Υ	'ear		Change 1990-2000		
Community	1980	1990	2000	2005 ^a	Number	Percent	
Towns							
Addison	2,834	3,051	3,341	3,546	290	9.5	
Barton	2,493	2,586	2,546	2,616	-40	-1.5	
Erin	2,455	2,817	3,664	3,879	847	30.1	
Farmington	2,386	2,523	3,239	3,497	716	28.4	
Germantown	267	258	278	269	20	7.8	
Hartford	3,269	3,243	4,031	4,016	788	24.3	
Jackson	3,180	3,172	3,516	3,767	344	10.8	
Kewaskum	1,243	1,139	1,119	1,141	-20	-1.8	
Polk	3,486	3,540	3,938	3,988	398	11.2	
Richfield	8,390	8,993	10,373	11,336	1,380	15.3	
Trenton	3,914	3,967	4,440	4,677	473	11.9	
Wayne	1,471	1,374	1,727	1,932	353	25.7	
West Bend	3,588	4,165	4,834	4,856	669	16.1	
Villages							
Germantown	10,729	13,658	18,260	19,189	4,602	33.7	
Jackson	1,817	2,486	4,938	5,884	2,452	98.6	
Kewaskum	2,381	2,514	3,277	3,689	763	30.4	
Newburg ^b	783	958	1,119	1,162	161	16.8	
Slinger	1,612	2,340	3,901	4,243	1,561	66.7	
Cities							
Hartford ^c	7,159	8,188	10,905	12,728	2,717	33.2	
West Bend	21,484	24,470	28,152	29,612	3,682	15.0	
Washington County ^d	84,848	95,328	117,496	125,940	22,168	23.2	

^aThe 2005 population levels are estimates by the Wisconsin Department of Administration. All other years are from the U.S. Census.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Wisconsin Department of Administration, and SEWRPC.

growth occurred in cities, about 28 percent occurred in towns, and about 43 percent occurred in villages. In 2000, about 33 percent of the County's population lived in cities, about 40 percent lived in towns, and about 27 percent lived in villages.

The Town of Erin experienced the largest percentage increase in population, about 30 percent, of the 13 towns in the County between 1990 and 2000. Also between 1990 and 2000, the Towns of Farmington, Hartford, and Wayne experienced percentage increases in population ranging between 20 and 30 percent. The Town of Richfield experienced the largest gain in the number of new residents; increasing by 1,380 persons, or by about 15 percent.

Historical population levels in the Town of Erin from 1860 to 2000 are set forth in Table 3. The Town's population declined from 1,445 residents in 1860 to 916 in 1930. Between 1930 and 1950 the population increased to 995 residents. The Town's population almost tripled in number between 1950 and 1990, increasing to 2,817 residents in 1990. The Town's population grew by 847 residents, or about 30 percent, between 1990 and 2000 reaching a level of 3,664 residents in 2000. The 2005 DOA population estimate for the Town is 3,879, an increase of 215 residents from 2000.

^bIncludes that portion of the Village of Newburg located in Ozaukee County. There were 92 Newburg residents in Ozaukee County in 2000.

^cIncludes that portion of the City of Hartford located in Dodge County. There were 10 Hartford residents in Dodge County in 2000.

^dIncludes Washington County only.

¹The January 1, 2007 DOA population estimate for the Town of Erin was 3,898 residents.

Table 3
HISTORIC POPULATION LEVELS IN
THE TOWN OF ERIN: 1860-2000

		Change From Pr	receding Census
Year	Population	Number	Percent
1860	1,445		
1870	1,266	-179	-12.4
1880	1,273	7	0.5
1890	1,301	28	2.2
1900	1,200	-101	-7.7
1910	1,086	-114	-9.5
1920	1,081	-5	-0.4
1930	916	-165	-15.2
1940	955	39	4.2
1950	995	40	4.2
1960	1,133	138	13.8
1970	1,641	508	44.8
1980	2,455	814	49.6
1990	2,817	362	14.7
2000	3,664	847	30.0

Age Distribution

The age distribution of the population has important implications for planning and for the formation of public policies in the areas of education, health, housing, transportation, and economic development. In 2000, about 29 percent of the County population was under the age of 20; about 60 percent was between the ages of 20 and 64; and about 11 percent was age 65 and older. Over the planning period, the number and percentage of County residents in the age 65 and older category is expected to increase dramatically in both numbers (an increase of 25,113 persons) and percentage of the population (an increase to about 24 percent of the County's population).

Age distribution in the Town of Erin and in Washington County in 2000 is set forth in Table 4. In the Town of Erin in 2000, children less than five years old numbered 238, or about 6 percent of the Town population, while children in the age group five through 19, inclusive, numbered 820, or about 23 percent of the population. Adults in

the age group 20 through 64, inclusive, numbered 2,278, or about 62 percent of the Town population, and persons age 65 and older numbered 328, or about 9 percent of the population. The percentage distribution of the population by age group in the Town was very similar to that in the County as a whole for the under five and five through 19 age groups; however, the percentage distribution of the population by age group in the Town was higher than that of the County for the 20 through 64 age group and lower than that of the County for the 65 and older age group. The median age in the Town of Erin in 2000 was 39 years, compared to a median age of 37 years in the County.

Racial Composition

Racial composition in the Town of Erin and in Washington County is set forth in Table 5. The Town has a relatively homogeneous population. More than 98 percent of the population, or 3,609 of the total 3,664 residents in 2000, were white. The percentage of whites in the Town was about equal to that in the County in 2000, but was higher than in the Region, where about 79 percent of the residents were white, and in the State of Wisconsin, where about 89 percent of the residents were white.

Educational Attainment

The level of educational attainment is one indicator of earning potential, which, in turn, influences such important choices as location, type, and size of housing. Educational attainment is also an indicator of the type of occupations the County workforce is most suited to fill. This information is useful for formulating strategies to retain and expand existing businesses in the County and to attract new businesses to the County over the planning period.

The educational attainment of residents at least 25 years of age for the County and for each local government in 2000 is set forth in Table 6. In 2000, nearly 89 percent of County residents, and nearly 94 percent of Town of Erin residents, at least 25 years of age, had attained a high school or higher level of education. These levels are higher than the educational attainment of the overall population of the seven—county Southeastern Wisconsin Region, where 84 percent of the population 25 years of age and older had attained this level of education as of 2000.

As further shown in Table 6, nearly 54 percent of the population 25 years of age and older in Washington County, and about 58 percent of Town of Erin residents age 25 and older, had attended some college or earned either an

Table 4

POPULATION BY AGE GROUP AND MEDIAN AGE IN
THE TOWN OF ERIN AND WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2000

	Town	of Erin	Washington County		
Age Group	Number Percent		Number	Percent	
Under 5	238	6.4	7,970	6.8	
5 through 19	820	22.5	26,146	22.3	
20 through 64	2,278	62.2	70,165	59.7	
65 and Older	328	8.9	13,212	11.2	
Total	3,664	100.0	117,493	100.0	
Median Age	39.3		36.6		

Table 5

RACIAL COMPOSITION OF RESIDENTS IN
THE TOWN OF ERIN AND WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2000

	Town o	of Erin	Washington County		
Race ^a	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
White Alone	3,609	98.5	114,781	97.7	
Black or African American Alone	6	0.2	465	0.4	
American Indian and Alaska Native Alone	10	0.3	296	0.3	
Asian Alone	16	0.4	674	0.6	
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander Alone		b	35	^b	
Some Other Race Alone	6	0.2	474	0.4	
Two Or More Races	17	0.5	771	0.6	
Total	3,664	100.0	117,496	100.0	

^aThe Federal government does not consider Hispanic origin to be a race, but rather an ethnic group.

Source: U. S. Bureau of the Census and SEWRPC.

associate, bachelor, or graduate degree, compared to about 54 percent of Region residents. This level of education suggests that residents of the Town, and the County as a whole, are well suited for skilled employment such as management, professional, business, and financial occupations and skilled and high tech production positions. This factor is examined in greater detail in the Economic Development Element of this report (Chapter X).

HOUSEHOLDS

Household Trends

The number of households, or occupied housing units, is important to land use and public facility planning. Households directly influence the demand for urban land as well as the demand for transportation and other public facilities and services, such as public sewer, water, and parks. A household includes all persons who occupy a housing unit, which is defined by the Census Bureau as a house, apartment, mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room that is occupied, or intended to be occupied, as separate living quarters.

The number of households and the average household size in Washington County and in each local government for 1980, 1990, and 2000 are set forth in Table 7. There were 43,842 households in Washington County in 2000, with an average household size of 2.65 persons, compared to an

average household size of 2.52 persons in the Region. There were 1,287 households in the Town of Erin in 2000, with an average household size of 2.83 persons. The average household size (the number of people living in each housing unit) is generally higher in areas where the predominant type of housing is single-family homes, as is the case in the Town of Erin, rather than in areas with a mix of single-family and multi-family housing.

As further shown in Table 7, the number of households has, with few exceptions, increased in each local government and in the County in each decade. While the number of households has generally increased, the average number of persons per household has decreased in each local government and in the County between 1980 and 1990 and again between 1990 and 2000. This trend has occurred throughout Wisconsin, and reflects the fact that family sizes (average number of children per family) have decreased and that unmarried persons have increasingly tended to establish their own households rather than to live with family.

Household Income²

The 1999 annual household incomes in Washington County and in each local government are set forth in Table 8. The 1999 annual median income of all households in the County was \$57,033. The annual median household

^bLess than 0.05 percent.

²Households include persons who live alone; unrelated persons who live together, such as college roommates; and families. Persons not living in households are classified as living in group quarters, such as hospitals for the chronically ill, homes for the aged, correctional institutions, and college dormitories.

Table 6
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF PERSONS 25 AND OLDER IN WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITIES: 2000

	Less Thai	n 9 th Grade	9 th to 12 th Grae	de No Diploma	High Scho	ool Graduate
Community	Persons	Percent of Total	Persons	Percent of Total	Persons	Percent of Tota
Towns						
Addison	152	7.1	158	7.4	841	39.4
Barton	61	3.6	158	9.3	619	36.6
Erin	40	1.6	114	4.5	892	35.4
Farmington	109	5.1	148	6.9	926	43.3
Germantown	2	1.1	12	6.4	58	30.9
Hartford	104	4.0	128	4.9	961	36.6
Jackson	130	5.3	97	3.9	852	34.5
Kewaskum	63	8.1	50	6.4	343	43.9
Polk	30	1.2	123	5.0	1,000	40.2
Richfield	112	1.6	435	6.2	2,397	34.4
Trenton	176	5.9	246	8.3	1,195	40.1
Wayne	63	5.5	84	7.3	513	44.9
West Bend	180	5.2	244	7.0	956	27.4
Villages						
Germantown	301	2.5	714	5.8	3,515	28.8
Jackson	57	1.8	257	8.1	1,087	34.4
Kewaskum	154	7.5	173	8.4	848	41.4
Newburg ^a	25	3.6	51	7.3	269	38.6
Slinger	165	6.0	121	4.4	1,247	45.7
Cities						
Hartford ^b	473	6.8	566	8.1	2,559	36.7
West Bend	990	5.4	1,481	8.1	6,252	34.1
Washington County ^c	3,382	4.4	5,356	6.9	27,308	35.1

	Some College or Associates Degree Bachelor or Gradua		aduate Degree	Total Persons A	ge 25 and Older	
Community	Persons	Percent of Total	Persons	Percent of Total	Persons	Percent of Total
Towns						
Addison	771	36.0	217	10.1	2,139	100.0
Barton	598	35.4	256	15.1	1,692	100.0
Erin	738	29.2	739	29.3	2,523	100.0
Farmington	629	29.4	328	15.3	2,140	100.0
Germantown	55	29.2	61	32.4	188	100.0
Hartford	1,031	39.3	399	15.2	2,623	100.0
Jackson	811	32.9	578	23.4	2,468	100.0
Kewaskum	222	28.5	103	13.1	781	100.0
Polk	772	31.0	562	22.6	2,487	100.0
Richfield	2,300	33.0	1,734	24.8	6,978	100.0
Trenton	804	27.0	558	18.7	2,979	100.0
Wayne	324	28.4	159	13.9	1,143	100.0
West Bend	1,102	31.5	1,011	28.9	3,493	100.0
Villages						
Germantown	4,081	33.5	3,585	29.4	12,196	100.0
Jackson	1,029	32.6	731	23.1	3,161	100.0
Kewaskum	558	27.2	315	15.5	2,048	100.0
Newburg ^a	244	35.1	107	15.4	696	100.0
Slinger	683	25.0	516	18.9	2,732	100.0
Cities						
Hartford ^b	2,306	33.0	1,077	15.4	6,981	100.0
West Bend	5,574	30.4	4,023	22.0	18,320	100.0
Washington County ^c	24,606	31.7	17,057	21.9	77,709	100.0

^aIncludes that portion of the Village of Newburg located in Ozaukee County.

^bIncludes that portion of the City of Hartford located in Dodge County.

^cIncludes Washington County only.

Table 7

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS AND AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SIZE
FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITIES: 1980-2000

		1980			1990			2000	
Community	Number of House- holds	Percent of County House- holds	Average House- hold Size	Number of House- holds	Percent of County House- holds	Average House- hold Size	Number of House- holds	Percent of County House- holds	Average House- hold Size
Towns									
Addison	796	3.0	3.56	943	2.9	3.22	1,149	2.6	2.90
Barton	703	2.6	3.55	821	2.5	3.21	896	2.0	2.84
Erin	718	2.7	3.39	911	2.8	3.07	1,287	2.9	2.83
Farmington	677	2.5	3.52	789	2.4	3.20	1,116	2.5	2.90
Germantown	75	0.3	3.56	81	0.3	3.19	89	0.2	3.12
Hartford	988	3.3	3.31	1,105	3.3	2.93	1,397	3.2	2.88
Jackson	915	2.5	3.48	995	3.0	3.19	1,201	2.7	2.93
Kewaskum	366	1.4	3.40	356	1.0	3.19	394	0.9	2.84
Polk	1,057	4.0	3.28	1,136	3.4	3.10	1,352	3.1	2.89
Richfield	2,384	8.9	3.52	2,839	8.6	3.17	3,614	8.2	2.87
Trenton	1,112	4.2	3.52	1,236	3.7	3.25	1,520	3.5	2.91
Wayne	409	1.5	3.60	418	1.3	3.29	582	1.3	2.97
West Bend	1,033	3.9	3.10	1,629	5.0	2.56	1,611	3.7	2.74
Villages									
Germantown	3,428	3.1	3.13	4,931	15.0	2.77	6,904	15.8	2.63
Jackson	672	2.7	2.70	953	2.9	2.60	1,949	4.4	2.53
Kewaskum	787	2.9	3.00	925	2.8	2.72	1,212	2.8	2.64
Newburg ^a	226	0.8	3.04	290	0.9	2.94	398	0.8	2.80
Slinger	526	2.0	3.05	882	2.7	2.62	1,562	3.6	2.46
Cities	·					·			·
Hartford ^b	2,550	9.5	2.75	3,051	9.2	2.64	4,279	9.8	2.51
West Bend	7,293	2.9	2.90	8,686	26.3	2.71	11,375	26.0	2.44
Washington County ^c	26,715	100.0	3.14	32,977	100.0	2.86	43,842	100.0	2.65

^aIncludes that portion of the Village of Newburg located in Ozaukee County. There where 226 households in Washington County in 1980, 290 households in 1990, and 356 households in 2000.

income in the Town of Erin in 1999 was \$74,875, which was \$17,842, or about 31 percent, higher than the 1999 annual median household income in the County. Overall, median incomes tended to be higher in the towns than in the cities and villages. This reflects the likelihood that persons with more modest or limited incomes would live in cities and villages, which tend to have a greater range of housing choices.

Although there is great economic prosperity in the County, a number of households have experienced annual incomes below the poverty level. In 1999, there were 1,628 households in the County with an annual income below the poverty level.³ There were 44 households in the Town of Erin living below the poverty level in 1999, or about 3.3 percent of all Town households.

^bIncludes that portion of the City of Hartford located in Dodge County. There where 2,550 households in Washington County in 1980, 3,051 households in 1990, and 4,276 households in 2000.

^cIncludes Washington County only.

³Multiple thresholds exist to determine if a household is under the poverty level. An example of the types of variables used to determine poverty thresholds include: age of householder, age of family members, number of family members, and number of children present in a household related to the householder. In 1999, poverty threshold levels varied from an annual household income of \$8,501 for a household with one householder under the age of 65 to an annual income of \$37,076 for a household with nine or more people, one of which is a child under the age of 18 related to the householder.

Table 8

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITIES: 1999

	Household Less than \$		Household \$15,000 to		Household \$25,000 to \$		Household \$35,000 to		Household \$50,000 to	
Community	Households	Percent of Total	Households	Percent of Total	Households	Percent of Total	Households	Percent of Total	Households	Percent of Total
Towns										
Addison	71	6.2	95	8.3	136	11.8	143	12.5	351	30.6
Barton	26	2.9	46	5.2	50	5.6	167	18.7	248	27.8
Erin	62	4.7	45	3.4	65	4.9	182	13.8	305	23.2
Farmington	49	4.5	44	4.1	58	5.4	164	15.2	431	39.9
Germantown	4	4.2	4	4.2	5	5.2	8	8.3	27	28.1
Hartford	31	2.2	96	7.0	138	10.0	149	10.8	345	25.1
Jackson	23	1.9	58	4.9	143	12.1	181	15.3	346	29.2
Kewaskum	38	9.1	28	6.7	39	9.3	65	15.6	119	28.5
Polk	26	2.0	45	3.5	51	3.9	235	18.2	358	27.7
Richfield	94	2.6	169	4.7	211	5.8	452	12.5	953	26.3
Trenton	67	4.3	106	6.8	112	7.2	215	13.8	479	30.7
Wayne	24	4.1	15	2.6	66	11.3	94	16.1	195	33.4
West Bend	67	4.1	86	5.3	125	7.7	176	10.8	378	23.3
Villages										
Germantown	376	5.4	478	6.9	737	10.6	1,128	16.3	1,769	25.5
Jackson	159	8.2	146	7.5	166	8.6	406	20.9	656	33.8
Kewaskum	92	7.7	110	9.3	153	12.9	241	20.3	320	26.9
Newburg ^a	29	7.2	33	8.2	33	8.2	78	19.4	112	27.8
Slinger	178	10.9	156	9.5	236	14.4	345	21.1	406	24.8
Cities										
Hartford ^b	517	12.0	456	10.6	562	13.1	756	17.6	1,291	30.1
West Bend	965	8.5	1,285	11.3	1,556	13.7	2,121	18.7	3,173	27.9
Washington County ^c	2,893	6.6	3,494	8.0	4,642	10.6	7,298	16.6	12,255	27.9

	Household \$75,000 to \$		Household \$100,000 to		Household \$150,000 to \$		Household Income \$200.000 Or More		Madian
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Community	Households	of Total	Households	of Total	Households	of Total	Households	of Total	Income
Towns									
Addison	223	19.4	104	9.1	18	1.6	7	0.5	\$56,875
Barton	212	23.8	127	14.2	0	0.0	16	1.8	64,861
Erin	325	24.7	231	17.6	66	5.0	34	2.7	74,875
Farmington	180	16.7	105	9.7	25	2.3	24	2.2	61,677
Germantown	19	19.8	14	14.6	12	12.5	3	3.1	75,000
Hartford	325	23.7	199	14.5	71	5.2	20	1.5	69,896
Jackson	217	18.3	182	15.3	20	1.7	16	1.3	64,070
Kewaskum	75	17.9	43	10.3	7	1.7	4	0.9	59,500
Polk	253	19.6	214	16.6	69	5.3	42	3.2	62,933
Richfield	788	21.8	676	18.7	118	3.3	155	4.3	72,809
Trenton	229	14.7	307	19.7	35	2.2	11	0.6	66,213
Wayne	128	22.0	52	8.9	6	1.0	3	0.5	61,033
West Bend	253	15.6	313	19.3	121	7.4	105	6.5	73,333
Villages									
Germantown	1,305	18.8	949	13.7	128	1.9	59	0.9	\$60,742
Jackson	216	11.1	133	6.9	44	2.3	14	0.7	53,990
Kewaskum	175	14.7	69	5.8	16	1.3	13	1.1	49,861
Newburg ^a	78	19.3	29	7.2	8	12.0	3	0.7	57,024
Slinger	166	10.1	128	7.8	16	1.0	7	0.4	47,125
Cities									
Hartford ^b	415	9.7	194	4.5	27	0.6	79	1.8	\$46,553
West Bend	1,241	10.9	758	6.7	126	1.1	141	1.2	48,315
Washington County ^c	6,819	15.5	4,823	11.0	930	2.1	756	1.7	\$57,033

^aIncludes that portion of the Village of Newburg located in Ozaukee County.

^bIncludes that portion of the City of Hartford located in Dodge County.

^cIncludes Washington County only.

Household Size

In addition to determining the number of additional housing units needed over the planning period, household size can be used to determine the type and size of housing which will best meet the needs of Washington County and local government residents. Table 9 sets forth the number of households in each household size category, ranging from one person households to households containing seven or more members, in the County and in each local government. Two-person households were the most common type of households in Erin and in the County overall in 2000. About 40.5 percent of all households in the Town were in the two-person household category, followed respectively by four-person households at about 18.6 percent and by three-person households at about 18.0 percent. Household size information coupled with household income and housing affordability information provided the basis for the housing recommendations set forth in the Housing Element chapter of this report.

EMPLOYMENT

Employment and Occupational Characteristics

There were 2,054 Town of Erin residents age 16 and older in the labor force in 2000. Of that number, 1,983 were employed and 71 were unemployed at the time the Census was taken. About 72 percent of Town residents age 16 years and over were in the labor force, compared to about 74 percent in the County, 68 percent in the Region, and about 69 percent in the State.

The occupations of Town of Erin workers are set forth in Table 10. The occupational breakdown by percentage of Town workers was similar to that of the County. The largest percentage of Town workers, about 41 percent, was employed in management, professional, and related occupations. Ranking second, for both Town and County workers, were sales and office occupations, which employed about 23 percent of Town residents. About 15 percent of Town workers were employed in production, transportation, and material moving occupations. Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations employed about 12 percent of Town workers.

Place of Work

As shown in Table 11, approximately one-third (32.4 percent) of Town of Erin workers were employed in Washington County in 2000. A higher percentage of Town of Erin workers commuted to Milwaukee County than did workers in the County as a whole (about 30 percent compared to 23 percent). A higher percentage of Town of Erin workers also commuted to Waukesha County than did workers in the County as a whole (about 29 percent compared to 16 percent), which is not unexpected given the Town's immediate proximity to Waukesha County.

Total Employment Levels⁴

The previous two sections provided information on the employment characteristics of Town of Erin residents. Total employment in the County, that is, the number of jobs located in Washington County, stood at about 61,700 jobs in 2000, compared to about 46,100 jobs in 1990. About 500 jobs were located within the Town of Erin in 2000.

Employment by Industry

Information regarding employment levels by industry group provides valuable insight into the structure of the economy of an area and into changes in that structure over time. This section presents current (2000) and historical employment levels by general industry groups for Washington County residents (this information is not available at the Town level). With the exception of government employment, the industry-related employment data presented in this section are based on the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system (see Figure 1 for major SIC categories). Government employment includes all employees who work for government agencies and enterprises, regardless of the SIC code of such entities.

⁴Information on jobs located in Washington County is derived from the U. S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, which compiles its data largely from information collected under State Unemployment Insurance programs.

Table 9
HOUSEHOLD SIZE BY CATEGORY IN WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITIES: 2000

	1-person F	louseholds	2-person H	louseholds	3-person H	Households	4-person H	Households
Community	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Towns								
Addison	167	14.5	391	34.0	194	16.9	246	21.4
Barton	120	13.4	325	36.3	177	19.8	170	19.0
Erin	149	11.6	521	40.5	232	18.0	239	18.6
Farmington	127	11.4	426	38.2	181	16.2	244	21.9
Germantown	10	11.2	24	27.0	16	18.0	27	30.3
Hartford	202	14.4	470	33.6	265	19.0	279	20.0
Jackson	156	13.0	405	33.7	231	19.2	250	20.8
Kewaskum	58	14.7	145	36.8	65	16.5	81	20.6
Polk	170	12.6	515	38.1	228	16.9	251	18.5
Richfield	397	11.0	1,385	38.3	657	18.2	769	21.3
Trenton	180	11.9	546	35.9	292	19.2	305	20.1
Wayne	63	10.8	215	36.9	101	17.3	129	22.2
West Bend	257	15.9	618	38.4	248	15.4	312	19.4
Villages								
Germantown	1,411	20.4	2,416	35.0	1,239	18.0	1,209	17.5
Jackson	447	22.9	706	36.2	324	16.6	329	16.9
Kewaskum	256	21.1	425	35.1	199	16.4	206	17.0
Newburg ^a	74	18.6	125	31.4	81	20.4	67	16.8
Slinger	417	26.7	536	34.3	263	16.8	203	13.0
Cities								
Hartford ^b	1,123	26.2	1,416	33.1	694	16.2	651	15.2
West Bend	3,132	27.5	3,948	34.7	1,743	15.3	1,608	14.1
Washington County ^c	8,903	20.3	15,539	35.5	7,425	16.9	7,570	17.3

	5-person Househol		6-person l	Households	7-or-more-person Households		Total	
Community	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Towns								
Addison	105	9.1	34	3.0	12	1.1	1,149	100.0
Barton	76	8.5	23	2.6	5	0.5	896	100.0
Erin	103	8.0	29	2.2	14	1.1	1,287	100.0
Farmington	102	9.1	28	2.5	8	0.7	1,116	100.0
Germantown	10	11.2	0	0.0	2	2.3	89	100.0
Hartford	128	9.2	43	3.1	10	0.7	1,397	100.0
Jackson	108	9.0	44	3.7	7	0.6	1,201	100.0
Kewaskum	27	6.8	13	3.3	5	1.3	394	100.0
Polk	137	10.1	28	2.1	23	1.7	1,352	100.0
Richfield	305	8.4	83	2.3	18	0.5	3,614	100.0
Trenton	148	9.7	37	2.4	12	0.8	1,520	100.0
Wayne	45	7.8	21	3.6	8	1.4	582	100.0
West Bend	139	8.6	30	1.9	7	0.4	1,611	100.0
Villages								
Germantown	475	6.9	119	1.7	35	0.5	6,904	100.0
Jackson	101	5.2	29	1.5	13	0.7	1,949	100.0
Kewaskum	94	7.7	25	2.1	7	0.6	1,212	100.0
Newburg ^a	34	8.5	10	2.5	7	1.8	398	100.0
Slinger	112	7.2	23	1.5	8	0.5	1,562	100.0
Cities								
Hartford ^b	293	6.9	77	1.8	25	0.6	4,279	100.0
West Bend	689	6.1	199	1.8	56	0.5	11,375	100.0
Washington County ^c	3,229	7.4	894	2.0	282	0.6	43,842	100.0

^aIncludes that portion of the Village of Newburg located in Ozaukee County. There are 356 households located in Washington County.

^bIncludes that portion of the City of Hartford located in Dodge County. There are 4,276 households located in Washington County.

^cIncludes Washington County only.

Table 10

EMPLOYED PERSONS 16 YEARS AND OLDER BY OCCUPATION
IN THE TOWN OF ERIN AND WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2000

	Town	of Erin	Washing	ton County
Occupation	Number	Percent of Total	Number	Percent of Total
Management, Professional, and Related Occupations				
Farmers and Farm Managers	17	0.9	521	0.8
Other Management, Business, and Financial Operations	325	16.4	8,340	12.9
Professional and Related	462	23.3	11,944	18.5
Subtotal	804	40.5	20,805	32.2
Service Occupations				
Healthcare Support	23	1.2	1,063	1.7
Protective Service	27	1.4	594	0.9
Food Preparation and Serving Related	66	3.3	2,646	4.1
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	44	2.2	1,561	2.4
Personal Care and Service	16	0.8	1,380	2.1
Subtotal	176	8.9	7,244	11.2
Sales and Office Occupations				
Sales and Related	174	8.8	6,577	10.2
Office and Administrative Support	273	13.8	9,671	14.9
Subtotal	447	22.6	16,248	25.1
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	19	1.0	353	0.5
Construction, Extraction, and Maintenance Occupations				
Construction and Extraction	127	6.4	3,542	5.5
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	106	5.3	2,926	4.5
Subtotal	233	11.7	6,468	10.0
Production, Transportation, and Material Moving Occupations				
Production	240	12.1	10,174	15.7
Transportation and Material Moving	64	3.2	3,395	5.3
Subtotal	304	15.3	13,569	21.0
Total	1,983	100.0	64,687	100.0

^aIncludes farm labor contractors, agricultural inspectors, animal breeders, graders and sorters, agricultural equipment operators, and farmworkers and laborers (including crop, nursery, greenhouse, and farm/ranch workers). Farmers and farm managers are included under the "management, professional, and related" occupations.

Current and historical job levels by general industry group for Washington County and for the Region are set forth in Table 12. The 1990s saw a continuation of a shift in the regional economy from manufacturing to service jobs. Manufacturing employment in the Region was virtually unchanged during the 1990s, following a 15 percent decrease during the 1980s, and a modest 4 percent increase during the 1970s. Conversely, service-related employment has increased substantially during each of the past three decades—by 33 percent during the 1990s, by 41 percent during the 1980s, and by 53 percent during 1970s. Due to these differential growth rates, the proportion of manufacturing jobs relative to total jobs in the Region has decreased from 32 percent in 1970 to 18 percent in 2000, while service-related employment increased from 18 percent in 1970 to 33 percent in 2000. In comparison to the manufacturing and service industry groups, other major industry groups—such as wholesale trade; retail trade; government; and finance, insurance, and real estate—have been relatively stable in terms of their share of total employment in the Region over the last three decades. Regional agricultural jobs have decreased by over 50 percent between 1970 and 2000, the only regional industry group other than manufacturing to lose jobs.

Unlike the Region and the rest of Wisconsin, Washington County has experienced an increase in manufacturing jobs. Between 1970 and 2000, manufacturing jobs in Washington County increased from 9,255 to 17,307 jobs, or by about 87 percent. All other County job categories increased employees between 1970 and 2000, with the exception of agricultural jobs. County agricultural jobs decreased by about 37 percent between 1970 and 2000, the only County industry group to lose jobs.

Table 11

PLACE OF WORK^a OF TOWN OF ERIN AND WASHINGTON COUNTY RESIDENTS: 2000

	Town	of Erin	Washingto	on County
		Percent		Percent
Place of Work	Number	of Total	Number	of Total
City of Hartford	266 ^b	13.7	4,548 ^b	7.2
City of West Bend	24	1.2	11,968	18.8
Village of Germantown	54	2.8	4,394	6.9
Village of Jackson	6	0.3	1,533	2.4
Village of Kewaskum	5	0.3	731	1.1
Village of Slinger	29	1.5	1,398	2.2
Remainder of Washington County	245	12.6	7,494	11.8
Subtotal	629	32.4	32,066	50.4
City of Milwaukee	406	21.0	8,947	14.1
Remainder of Milwaukee County	183	9.4	5,388	8.5
Subtotal	589	30.4	14,335	22.6
Dodge County	35 ^b	1.8	791 ^b	1.2
Fond du Lac County	0	0	541	0.9
Ozaukee County	24	1.3	4,545	7.1
Waukesha County	566	29.2	9,983	15.7
Worked Elsewhere	95	4.9	1,359	2.1
Total	1,938	100.0	63,620	100.0

^aThe place of work Census Data estimates the number of people 16 years of age and older who were both employed and at work during the reference week (generally the week prior to April 1, 2000). People who did not work during this week due to temporary absences and other reasons are not included in the place of work data. Therefore, the place of work data may understate the total employment in a geographic area.

PART 2: POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD PROJECTIONS

To ensure that adequate and suitable land is available to accommodate anticipated future population growth in the Town, a probable 2035 design year plan population level was selected by the Town Board. In an effort to lessen the uncertainty associated with fore-casting a future population level, two alternative population projections were developed and a build-out analysis was performed for consid-eration by Town officials.

The first of the two projections was prepared by SEWRPC under the 2035 regional land use plan. The second projection, also prepared by SEWRPC, was based on population trends experienced in the Town from 1980 to 2005. The "recent trends" analysis used a technique similar to that used by the Wisconsin Department of Administration to prepare its population forecasts, wherein population changes between 1990 and 2005 were weighted more heavily than changes between 1980 and 1990.

The 2035 regional land use plan envisions a future population of 4,660 Town residents in 2035, while a continuation of recent trends would result in about 5,590 Town residents in 2035. Under the regional land use plan projection, the Town's population would increase by about 995 residents, or by approximately 27 percent, from the 3,664 residents in the Town in 2000. Under the "recent trends" projection, the Town's population would increase by about 2,225 residents, or by approximately 61 percent, from the 2000 population level. A comparison of the two projections, in relation to changes in the Town's population from 1950 to 2005, is shown in Figure 2.

A build-out analysis is performed to determine the potential number of dwelling units and population if all available land were to be developed following the densities permitted in the current land use plan. In completing the build-out analysis for the Town of Erin, it was determined that about 1,400 additional dwelling units are permitted in the Town under the current land use plan. The Town had an estimated 1,499 dwelling units at the end of 2005. The Town would therefore have a total of about 2,900 dwelling units if all available land were developed.

The Town of Erin selected a household size of 2.50 persons per household in 2035. Applying the projected household size to the total number of dwelling units derived from the build-out analysis would result in a population of about 7,250 people, assuming all dwelling units are occupied (the Town had a vacancy rate of about 5 percent in the 2000 census).

The two alternative projections and build-out analysis provide a reasonable range for the 2035 population level in the Town. The Plan Commission and Town Board considered the projections, along with local knowledge and expectations regarding anticipated future growth and development and past growth trends, and determined that the Town would base its future land use plan and other comprehensive planning elements on a 2035 population projection of 4,660 persons, which is the regional land use plan projection for the Town.

^bThe 2000 Census reported employees of the Quad Graphics plant in that portion of the City of Hartford located in Dodge County as working in the City of Hartford, Washington County.

Figure 1

STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION (SIC) CODE STRUCTURE

Agriculture, I	Forestry and Fishing	Wholesale T	rade
Group 01	Agricultural Production – Crops	Group 50	Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods
Group 02	Agricultural Production – Livestock	Group 51	Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods
Group 07	Agricultural Services	·	
Group 08	Forestry	Retail Trade	
Group 09	Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping	Group 52	Building Materials and Garden Supplies
•		Group 53	General Merchandise Stores
Mining		Group 54	Food Stores
Group 10	Metal Mining	Group 55	Automotive Dealers and Service Stations
Group 12	Coal Mining	Group 56	Apparel and Accessory Stores
Group 13	Oil and Gas Extraction	Group 57	Furniture and Home Furnishings Stores
Group 14	Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels	Group 58	Eating and Drinking Places
•		Group 59	Miscellaneous Retail
Construction	1	•	
Group 15	General Building Contractors	Finance, Ins	urance and Real Estate
Group 16	Heavy Construction, Except Building	Group 60	Depository Institutions
Group 17	Special Trade Contractors	Group 61	Non-depository Institutions
•	·	Group 62	Insurance Carriers
Manufacturin	ng	Group 64	Insurance Agents, Brokers, and Service
Group 20	Food and Kindred Products	Group 65	Real Estate
Group 21	Tobacco Products	Group 67	Holding and Other Investment Offices
Group 22	Textile Mill Products	-	-
Group 23	Apparel and Other Textile Products	Services	
Group 24	Lumber and Wood Products	Group 70	Hotels and Other Lodging Places
Group 25	Furniture and Fixtures	Group 72	Personal Services
Group 26	Paper and Allied Products	Group 73	Business Services
Group 27	Printing and Publishing	Group 75	Auto Repair, Service, and Parking
Group 28	Chemicals and Allied Products	Group 76	Miscellaneous Repair Services
Group 29	Petroleum and Coal Products	Group 78	Motion Pictures
Group 30	Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products	Group 79	Amusement and Recreation Services
Group 31	Leather and Leather Products	Group 80	Health Services
Group 32	Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	Group 81	Legal Services
Group 33	Primary Metal Industries	Group 83	Social Services
Group 34	Fabricated Metal Products	Group 84	Museum, Botanical, Zoological Gardens
Group 35	Industrial, Commercial, and Computer	Group 86	Membership Organizations
	Equipment	Group 87	Engineering and Management Services
Group 36	Electronic and Other Electric Equipment	Group 89	Services Not Elsewhere Classified (NEC)
Group 37	Transportation Equipment		
Group 38	Instruments and Related Products	Public Admi	
Group 39	Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	Group 91	Executive, Legislative, and General
		Group 92	Justice, Public Order, and Safety
	on, Communication, Electric, Gas and	Group 93	Finance, Taxation, and Monetary Policy
Sanitary Se	rvices	Group 94	Administration of Human Resources
Group 40	Railroad Transportation	Group 95	Environmental Quality and Housing
Group 41	Local and Inter-Urban Passenger Transit	Group 96	Administration of Economic Programs
Group 42	Trucking and Warehousing	Group 97	National Security and International Affairs
Group 43	U.S. Postal Service		
Group 44	Water Transportation		able Establishments
Group 45	Transportation by Air	Group 99	Non-classifiable Establishments
Group 46	Pipelines, Except Natural Gas		
Group 47	Transportation Services		
Croup 40	Communications		

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Communications

Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services

Group 48

Group 49

Table 12

EMPLOYMENT BY GENERAL INDUSTRY GROUP IN
WASHINGTON COUNTY AND SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN: 1970-2000

			Washington County										
					Employ		wasnington	County		Percent Change in Number of Jobs			
		19	970	19	80	19	990	2	000				
General Industry Group	SIC Code ^a	Jobs	Percent of Total	Jobs	Percent of Total	Jobs	Percent of Total	Jobs	Percent of Total	1970- 1980	1980- 1990	1990- 2000	1970- 2000
Agriculture	01-02	2,002	8.2	1,919	5.5	1,511	3.3	1,255	2.0	-4.1	-21.3	-16.9	-37.3
Construction	15-17	1,104	4.5	1,785	5.1	2,960	6.4	3,746	6.1	61.7	65.8	26.6	239.3
Manufacturing	20-39	9,255	38.1	10,900	31.0	12,923	28.0	17,307	28.1	17.8	18.6	33.9	87.0
Transportation, Communication, and Utilities	40-42; 44-49	1,013	4.2	1,139	3.2	1,667	3.6	2,313	3.7	12.4	46.4	38.7	128.3
Wholesale Trade	50-51	323	1.3	1,003	2.9	1,642	3.6	2,946	4.8	210.5	63.7	79.4	812.1
Retail Trade	52-59	3,753	15.4	5,552	15.8	7,912	17.2	10,152	16.4	47.9	42.5	28.3	170.5
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	60-67	1,130	4.6	2,659	7.6	2,876	6.2	3,738	6.1	135.3	8.2	30.0	230.8
Service	70-89	3,161	13.0	5,956	16.9	9,283	20.1	13,152	21.3	88.4	55.9	41.7	316.1
Government ^b	N/A	2,377	9.8	3,954	11.2	4,840	10.5	6,018	9.8	66.3	22.4	24.3	153.2
Other ^c	07-09; 10-14; 99	208	0.9	293	0.8	506	1.1	1,064	1.7	40.9	72.7	110.3	411.5
Total		24,326	100.0	35,160	100.0	46,120	100.0	61,691	100.0	44.5	31.2	33.8	153.6

			Southeastern Wisconsin Region										
					Empl	oyment				Percent Change in Number of Jobs			
		19	970	19	980	19	90	20	00				
General Industry Group	SIC Code ^a	Jobs	Percent of Total	Jobs	Percent of Total	Jobs	Percent of Total	Jobs	Percent of Total	1970- 1980	1980- 1990	1990- 2000	1970- 2000
Agriculture	01-02	12,000	1.5	10,000	1.0	7,200	0.7	5,900	0.5	-16.7	-28.0	-18.1	-50.8
Construction	15-17	32,400	4.1	33,900	3.6	45,100	4.2	53,800	4.4	4.6	33.0	19.3	66.0
Manufacturing	20-39	254,400	32.4	264,200	27.9	223,500	21.0	224,400	18.3	3.9	-15.4	0.4	-11.8
Transportation, Communication, and Utilities	40-42; 44-49	38,500	4.9	42,200	4.4	46,300	4.4	54,800	4.5	9.6	9.7	18.4	42.3
Wholesale Trade	50-51	37,200	4.7	46,200	4.9	55,300	5.2	64,400	5.3	24.2	19.7	16.5	73.1
Retail Trade	52-59	133,900	17.1	153,900	16.2	185,400	17.4	193,700	15.8	14.9	20.5	4.5	44.7
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	60-67	47,600	6.1	75,600	8.0	81,800	7.7	93,700	7.7	58.8	8.2	14.5	96.8
Service	70-89	141,800	18.1	216,700	22.8	304,700	28.7	406,000	33.2	52.8	40.6	33.2	186.3
Government ^b	N/A	84,400	10.8	101,100	10.7	106,200	10.0	114,400	9.3	19.8	5.0	7.7	35.5
Other ^c	07-09; 10-14; 99	2,700	0.3	4,400	0.5	7,100	0.7	11,700	1.0	63.0	61.4	64.8	333.3
Total	1	784,900	100.0	948,200	100.0	1,062,600	100.0	1,222,800	100.0	20.8	12.1	15.1	55.8

^aSee Figure 1 for a list of SIC Codes and the occupations associated with each code.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and SEWRPC.

The selected population projection would result in approximately 1,856 households in the Town in 2035, based on an anticipated average household size of 2.50 persons per household and an anticipated 2035 group-quartered population of 20 persons.

SUMMARY

This chapter has presented information on historical and existing demographic conditions and on population and household projections for the year 2035. The following findings are of particular significance to the preparation of the Washington County multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan and to the Town of Erin comprehensive plan.

• The Town of Erin's population decreased between 1860 and 1930. The Town's population has since increased in each succeeding decade from 916 residents in 1930 to 3,664 residents in 2000.

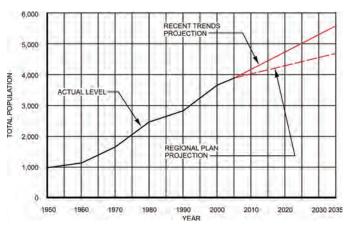
^bIncludes all nonmilitary government agencies and enterprises.

^cIncludes agricultural services, forestry, commercial fishing, mining, and unclassified jobs.

- The Town Board selected a population projection of 4,660 residents in 2035, which is the projection for the Town developed by SEWRPC as part of the regional land use plan.
- In the Town of Erin in 2000, children less than five years old numbered 238, or about 6 percent of the Town population, while children between the ages of five and 19 numbered 820, or about 23 percent of the population. Adults in the age group 20 through 64 numbered 2,278, or about 62 percent of the Town population, and persons age 65 and older numbered 328, or about 9 percent of the population.
- Almost 54 percent of County residents, and about 58 percent of Town of Erin residents, have attended some college or attained an associate, bachelor, or graduate degree.

Figure 2

HISTORICAL AND ALTERNATIVE FUTURE
POPULATION LEVELS IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 1950-2035



- There were 1,287 households in the Town of Erin, with an average household size of 2.83 persons, in 2000. An increase of 569 households is forecast during the planning period. Average Town household size is anticipated to decrease to about 2.5 persons by 2035.
- The 1999 median annual household income for Town of Erin residents was \$74,875, about 31 percent higher than that of Washington County as a whole.
- In 2000, about 72 percent of all Town of Erin residents 16 years of age and older were employed. Similar to the County as a whole, the largest percentage, about 41 percent, was in management, professional, and related occupations. This high percentage may correlate to the relatively high level of educational attainment of both County and Town residents.
- About 32 percent of Town of Erin workers were employed in Washington County in 2000. A higher percentage of Erin workers commuted to Milwaukee County than did workers in the County as a whole (about 30 percent compared to 23 percent). A higher percentage of Town of Erin workers also commuted to Waukesha County than did workers in the County as a whole (about 29 percent compared to 16 percent), which is not unexpected given the Town's immediate proximity to Waukesha County.

Chapter IV

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES ELEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the issues and opportunities element is to define a desired future for the Town and provide an overall framework for development of the comprehensive plan. A vision statement was developed by the Town to express the preferred future and key characteristics desired by the Town.

Section 66.1001 (2) (a) of the *Wisconsin Statutes* requires that the Issues and Opportunities Element include a "statement of the overall objectives, policies, goals, and programs of the governmental unit to guide the future development and redevelopment of the governmental unit over the planning period." Although not defined in the *Statutes*, the Wisconsin Department of Administration has provided the following definitions of those terms:

Goals: Broad and general expressions of a community's aspirations, towards which the planning effort is directed. Goals tend to be ends rather than means.

Objectives: More specific targets, derived from goals and necessary to achieve those goals. While still general in nature, objectives are more precise, concrete, and measurable than goals.

Policies: Rules or courses of action necessary to achieve the goals and objectives from which they are derived. They are precise and measurable.

Programs: A system of projects or services necessary to achieve plan goals, objectives, and policies.

The comprehensive planning law also requires that the Issues and Opportunities Element include demographic information and population, household, and employment projections. Demographic information for the Town is presented in Chapter III, along with population and household projections for 2035. An employment projection is set forth in Chapter X.

VISION STATEMENT 2035

Visioning Process

To develop a vision statement for the Town, Washington County University of Wisconsin – Extension (UWEX) staff examined the opinions generated by the public during the input opportunities carried out as part of the comprehensive planning process, along with the Town's existing planning and zoning documents, and identified recurring "key concepts" that could be appropriate for the Town's vision. UWEX staff then met with the Town

Plan Commission and Town Board on May 17, 2007, to review the key concepts and determine which ones might best describe the Town's future. The most supported concepts were subsequently used to draft a vision statement that was brought back to the Town on June 21, 2007, for approval.

Vision Statement

"In 2035, the Town of Erin is a community known for its natural beauty and unique heritage. Traditional and alternative forms of agriculture are encouraged while allowing quality residential development at densities and locations compatible with the Town's rural character. The Town takes protection of the environment seriously and works cooperatively with neighboring communities for the benefit of all."

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

The following public participation events were held to obtain input from Town residents and identify the Town's issues and opportunities.

Comprehensive Planning "Kickoff" Meeting

A comprehensive planning "kickoff" meeting was held in the Town on March 28, 2006. The meeting was an opportunity for Town residents to learn about the comprehensive planning process and participate in a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) assessment. A total of 80 people attended the meeting. The following are the issues identified as being most important by SWOT analysis participants.

Strengths: Something that makes a community stand out when compared to other communities; resources or capabilities that help a community be successful/strong.

- Topography
- Wildlife (other than deer)
- Rural character/rustic roads/people take care of the rural quality
- Identity/ethnic history/heritage/generations of families
- Small town
- Natural beauty/scenic
- Quiet
- Lakes
- Woodlands
- Close enough to cultural/city amenities
- Friendly and charming
- Presence of farms
- Good school system and youth programs
- Recreation Holy Hill, ski hill, Ice Age Trail, and golf course

Weaknesses: Deficiencies in resources for a community to be successful.

- Lack of strategy and/or effective land use vision to fight annexation
- Public apathy
- Special interests
- Lack of ground water data
- Lack of affordable housing/lack of elderly housing/limited home ownership opportunities for young families
- Lack of social services/minimal provisions for the elderly

Opportunities: Something that could be done to improve a community; factors or situations that can affect a community in a favorable way.

- Keep Town rural
- Sense of identity
- Controlled growth
- Community involvement
- More hobby farms and horse farms
- Increase quality of life to attract wealthy homeowners (hiking trails, bike paths) and single-family homeowners with a vested interest in preserving rural character
- Good future road planning and bicycle trails
- Preserve and enhance current lands in conservancy Holy Hill area, Loew's Lake, Ice Age Trail

Threats: Anything that could jeopardize the future success of a community; factors or situations that can affect a community in a negative way.

- Loss of land owner rights
- Population growth
- Misuse of development rights
- Strip malls/"Big Box" mentality
- Traffic and poor transportation plan/accessibility for emergency services
- Loss of farms (rural character) and agrarian economy
- Annexation
- Loss of affordable housing
- Airports
- Loss of wildlife
- Sewer and water (City of Hartford)

Comprehensive Planning Visioning Workshop

A comprehensive planning visioning workshop/open house was held in the Town on September 26, 2006. The event was an opportunity for Town residents to review the inventory chapters of the comprehensive plan, map future land use on an interactive Smart Board using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software, review existing Town goals, share opinions on development preferences, and develop a vision statement for the Town. A total of 11 residents attended the workshop and the majority wanted to preserve wetlands, agricultural land, natural areas, and open space. Residents in attendance also discussed development appropriate for the Town. It was determined from this discussion that rural density residential development is appropriate for the Town and multi-family homes, industrial development, and commercial development are not appropriate.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The following goals and objectives are overall goals that should guide the protection of natural resources and future development and redevelopment in the Town through the plan design year of 2035. The overall goals are general and provide the framework for more specific goals in the following chapters. Because they are intended to be general rather than specific, no policies or programs are associated with the general goals and objectives presented in this chapter. Policies and programs are presented in each of the following eight element chapters, in association with the more specific element goals and objectives.

A meeting was held with the Town Plan Commission and Town Board on June 21, 2007, to develop goals and objectives for the comprehensive plan. The meeting was facilitated by UWEX staff. The following goals and objectives were developed for the Town comprehensive plan:

Goal: To preserve both the rural character and economic base of the Town.

- **Objective:** Affirm and encourage traditional and alternative forms of agriculture.
- **Objective:** Allow and attract businesses that support the primary economic activities in the Town: agriculture, tourism, recreation, and residents' needs.

Goal: To maintain the unique beauty of the Town.

- **Objective:** Recognize that the primary and secondary environmental corridors represent a comprehensive open space system that is the main element defining the rural character and scenic beauty of the Town.
- Objective: Recognize and preserve the critical role that farmland, open space, historical architecture, scenic vistas and landscapes, natural resources and features, rustic roads, the Loew Lake Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, the Ice Age Trail, Holy Hill, and the archaeological and cultural features play in defining and enhancing the Town's historic and rural character.
- **Objective:** Nonmetallic mining sites will not negatively impact the environmental features within the Town of Erin or its existing developments.

Goal: To reduce ecological problems by managing development in floodplains, shorelands, and primary environmental corridors of the Town.

- **Objective:** Nonmetallic mining sites will not negatively impact the environmental features within the Town of Erin or its existing developments.
- **Objective:** Protect environmentally sensitive areas that are not suitable for growth.
- **Objective:** Visual character Locate buildings to minimize the disruption to the lakeshore environment.

Goal: To encourage voluntary conservation measures.

- **Objective:** Recognize that the primary and secondary environmental corridors represent a comprehensive open space system that is the main element defining the rural character and scenic beauty of the Town.
- **Objective:** Recognize and preserve the critical role that farmland, open space, historical architecture, scenic vistas and landscapes, natural resources and features, rustic roads, the Loew Lake Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, the Ice Age Trail, Holy Hill, and the archaeological and cultural features play in defining and enhancing the Town's historic and rural character.
- **Objective:** Design to preserve open space.
- **Objective:** Visual character Locate buildings to minimize the disruption to the lakeshore environment.

Goal: To promote good soil and water conservation practices that preserve water quality in the Town.

- **Objective:** Nonmetallic mining sites will not negatively impact the environmental features within the Town of Erin or its existing developments.
- **Objective:** Protect environmentally sensitive areas that are not suitable for growth.
- **Objective:** Visual character Locate buildings to minimize the disruption to the lakeshore environment.

Goal: Encourage preservation of historic or cultural structures and archaeological sites.

• **Objective:** Recognize and preserve the critical role that farmland, open space, historical architecture, scenic vistas and landscapes, natural resources and features, rustic roads, the Loew Lake Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, the Ice Age Trail, Holy Hill, and the archaeological and cultural features play in defining and enhancing the Town's historic and rural character.

Goal: To limit residential development to densities and in locations compatible with the rural character of the Town, and therefore avoid the need to provide urban facilities and services to such development.

• **Objective:** Limit residential development to densities and locations compatible with the rural character of the Town.

Goal: To avoid the creation of water pollution and public health problems by limiting residential development to soils that are well suited to development when served by on-site sewage disposal systems and private wells.

• **Objective:** Limit residential development to densities and locations compatible with the rural character of the Town.

Goal: To preserve and protect the capacity and safety of the transportation system within the Town.

- **Objective:** Plan ahead for future roadside vegetation.
- **Objective:** Preserve the scenic nature of the Town roads while maintaining safety.
- **Objective:** Build and maintain quality roads.
- Objective: Maintain existing Rustic Roads.
- **Objective:** Work with local and state governments to create an efficient arterial to STH 16 or other major highway.
- **Objective:** Plan new roads so that new and existing roads connect wherever feasible.

Goal: Continue to maintain and improve Town roads in a timely and well-planned manner.

 Objective: As required by State law, continue to use the Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads (WISLR); continue to update road ratings, as required; and seek outside funds to help with road improvements.

Goal: To promote good stormwater management and drainage practices.

• **Objective:** Require developers to pay their "fair share" for improvements needed to support new development requests.

Goal: To achieve a logical relationship between existing and new land uses.

• **Objective:** Limit residential development to densities and locations compatible with the rural character of the Town.

Goal: In cooperation with neighboring communities, support a range of housing types to serve the varied and special needs of area residents.

- **Objective:** Support appropriate county, private, and church efforts and consider new programs that provide needed assistance for elderly and disabled residents who wish to stay in their own homes.
- **Objective:** Limit residential development to densities and locations compatible with the rural character of the Town.

Goal: To promote intergovernmental communication.

- **Objective:** Work with local and state governments to create an efficient arterial to STH 16 or other major highway.
- **Objective:** Recognize that extraterritorial zoning powers affect the Town of Erin.

Goal: Ensure the Town of Erin's comprehensive plan remains relevant.

• **Objective:** Routinely consult the comprehensive plan when carrying out Town government functions and developing the Town budget.

ELEMENT GOALS, OBJECTIVES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS

Within the framework of the overall goals and objectives, more specific goals and objectives were developed through preparation of the remaining eight comprehensive plan elements. Each of the specific element goals relate directly to its element. Each element also includes recommended policies and programs that directly promote the achievement of specific element goals and objectives.

SUMMARY

This chapter has defined a desired future for 2035 through a statement summarizing the desired vision for the future of the Town. Inventory data, projections, and various forms of public input were considered during development of the vision statement.

This chapter also includes overall goals and objectives that support the vision statement and are designed to guide the development and redevelopment of the Town through 2035 as required by Section 66.1001 (2) (a) of the Wisconsin Statutes. The overall goals and objectives provided the framework for the development of specific goals and objectives for each of the other plan elements. In addition to more specific goals and objectives, each element also includes a set of recommended polices and programs to achieve the goals and objectives.

Chapter V

AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL, AND CULTURAL RESOURCES ELEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The agricultural, natural, and cultural resources element is one of the nine elements of a comprehensive plan required by Section 66.1001 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*. Section 66.1001 (2) (e) of the *Statutes* requires this element to compile goals, objectives, policies, and programs for the conservation and effective management of the following natural resources:

- Groundwater
- Forests
- Productive agricultural areas
- Environmentally sensitive areas
- Threatened and endangered species
- Stream corridors
- Surface water

- Floodplains
- Wetlands
- Metallic and nonmetallic mineral resources
- Parks, open spaces, and recreational resources
- Historical and cultural resources
- Community design

In addition, the following comprehensive planning goals related to the agricultural, natural, and cultural resources element are set forth in Section 16.965 of the *Statutes* and must be addressed as part of the planning process:¹

- Promotion of the redevelopment of lands with existing infrastructure and public services and the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing residential, commercial, and industrial structures.
- Protection of natural areas, including wetlands, wildlife habitats, lakes, woodlands, open spaces, and groundwater resources.
- Protection of economically productive areas, including farmland and forests.

¹Chapter I lists all 14 of the comprehensive planning goals included in Section 16.965 of the Statutes. All 14 goals must be addressed in County and local plans that received funding though a Department of Administration comprehensive planning grant, such as the Town of Erin and Washington County.

- Encouragement of land uses, densities, and regulations that promote efficient development patterns and relatively low municipal, state government, and utility costs.
- Preservation of cultural, historic, and archaeological sites.
- Building of community identity by revitalizing main streets and enforcing design standards.
- Planning and development of land uses that create or preserve varied and unique urban and rural communities.

This chapter also provides inventory information on soils, existing farmland, farming operations, topography and geology, nonmetallic mining resources, water resources, woodland resources, natural areas and critical species habitats, environmental corridors, park and open space sites, and cultural (historical and archaeological) resources. This chapter consists of four parts: Part 1, Inventory of Soils and Agricultural Resources; Part 2, Inventory of Natural Resources; Part 3, Inventory of Cultural Resources; and Part 4, Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Recommendations.

The conservation and wise use of agricultural and natural resources and the preservation of cultural resources are fundamental to achieving strong and stable physical and economic development as well as maintaining community identity. This comprehensive plan recognizes that agricultural, natural, and cultural resources are limited and may be very difficult or impossible to replace if damaged or destroyed. Information on the characteristics and location of agricultural, natural, and cultural resources in the Town of Erin will assist in properly locating future land uses to help avoid serious environmental problems and to protect existing natural resources.

The base years for the various inventory data presented in this chapter range from 1994 to 2005. Much of the inventory data have been collected through regional land use and natural area planning activities conducted by SEWRPC. Additional inventory data have been collected from and by Washington County; the Town of Erin; and State and Federal agencies, including the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP), the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

PART 1: INVENTORY OF SOILS AND AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

Soil Survey

The USDA Soil Conservation Service, now the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), issued a soil survey for Washington County in 1971.² Soils were identified, organized, and mapped by soil association, soil series, and soil type. The soil survey results, including the attributes of each soil type, are now available on the NRCS website as part of the Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) database. Unless otherwise noted, the soil information presented in this chapter was obtained from the SSURGO database.

The soil survey can play an important role in land use decisions. The information contained in the soil survey can help identify which areas of the Town are suitable for agricultural use; which areas may have limitations for development due to wet soils or bedrock near the surface; and which areas may have marketable nonmetallic mineral resources present.

Soil Associations

A soil association is a landscape that has a distinctive pattern of soils. It normally consists of one or more major soils and at least one minor soil, and is named for the major soil or soils present. The following soil associations are found in the Town of Erin:

²Documented in the Soil Survey, Washington County, Wisconsin, published by the USDA Soil Conservation Service in June 1971.

The *Brookston-Pella-Lamartine association* consists of generally poorly-drained soils that have a subsoil of clay loam or silty clay loam, formed in loess and underlying loam to sandy loam glacial till. This association, encompassing about 4 percent of the Town, is generally located in stream beds in the northwest corner of the Town.

The *Casco-Fox-Rodman association* consists of well-drained soils that have a subsoil of gravelly sandy loam to clay loam, very shallow to moderately deep over gravel and sand, on glacial outwash terraces. This association encompasses about 36 percent of the Town and is generally found on lower elevations within the Kettle Moraine in the northwest and southeast portions of the Town.

The *Hochheim-Theresa association* contains well-drained soils that have a subsoil of clay loam, formed in loess with underlying sandy loam to loamy glacial till on uplands. This association, encompassing about 44 percent of the Town, is the predominant soil association present in the Town.

The *Houghton-Palms-Adrian association* contains very poorly drained organic soils located along drainage ways, in depressions, and in old glacial lakebeds. This association encompasses about 16 percent of the Town of Erin.

Saturated Soils

Soils that are saturated with water, or that have a water table at or near the surface, are known as hydric soils. These soils pose significant limitations for most types of development. High water tables often cause wet basements and poorly-functioning absorption fields for private onsite waste treatment systems (POWTS). The excess wetness may also restrict the growth of landscaping plants and trees. Wet soils also restrict or prevent the use of land for crops, unless the land is artificially drained. Approximately 27 percent of the Town of Erin is covered by hydric soils (about 6,318 acres), generally associated with stream beds and wetland areas. Although hydric soils are generally unsuitable for development, they may serve as important locations for the restoration of wetlands, as wildlife habitat, and for stormwater detention.

Soil Suitability for Agricultural Production

The NRCS has classified the agricultural capability of soils based on their general suitability for most kinds of farming. These groupings are based on the limitations of the soils, the risk of damage when used, and the manner in which the soils respond to treatment. Generally, lands with Class I and II soils are considered "National Prime Farmlands" and lands with Class III soils are considered "Farmlands of Statewide Significance." Class I soils have few limitations, the widest range of uses, and the least risk of damage when used. The soils in the other classes have progressively greater natural limitations. Class II soils have some limitations that reduce the choice of plants that can be grown, or require moderate conservation practices to reduce the risk of damage when used. Class III soils have more stringent limitations that will likely reduce the choice of plants, require special conservation practices, or both; and Class IV soils have severe limitations. Class V, VI, and VII soils are considered suitable for pasture but not for crops, and Class VIII soils are so rough, shallow, or otherwise limited that they do not produce economically worthwhile yields of crops, forage, or wood products.

The location and quantity of Class I, II, and III soils were an important consideration when farmland preservation areas were identified in the existing County farmland preservation plan (adopted in 1981) and in existing town land use and master plans. The County Farmland Preservation Plan³ used the following criteria to designate Primary Farmlands: farms with at least 50 percent of soils classified as Class I, II, or III; located within a farming block of at least 640 acres; and having a minimum farm size of 35 acres. Farms less than 35 acres were included if used for the production of specialty crops or livestock, provided that the soil criterion and minimum farming block criterion were met. The number of acres contained in, and the relative proportion of, these various soil

³Farmland Preservation Plan, Washington County, Wisconsin; prepared by the firm Stockham & Vandewalle, Madison, Wisconsin.

Table 13

AGRICULTURAL SOIL CAPABILITY IN THE TOWN OF ERIN AND WASHINGTON COUNTY

	Tow	n of Erin	Washington County		
Agricultural Soil Capability Class	Acres	Percent of Total Area	Acres	Percent of Total Area	
Class I Soils	633	2.7	4,971	1.8	
Class II Soils	9,698	41.9	144,392	51.8	
Class III Soils	6,426	27.8	76,277	27.4	
Class IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII Soils and Unclassified					
Areas	6,045	26.2	48,609	17.4	
Surface Water	330	1.4	4,507	1.6	
Total Area	23,132	100.0	278,756	100.0	

Source: USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service and SEWRPC.

classes in the Town of Erin are set forth in Table 13. Although 72 percent of the Town of Erin is covered by Class I, II, and III soils, no Primary Farmlands were identified in the Town by the County Farmland Preservation Plan.

AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) Analysis

A land evaluation and site assessment (LESA) analysis of agricultural land in Washington County was conducted as part of the multi-jurisdictional planning process. The LESA process was developed in 1981 by the USDA – Soil Conservation Service

(now the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)) and is an analytical tool designed to provide a systematic and objective procedure for rating and ranking the agricultural importance of a parcel. A LESA subcommittee was formed by the Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Workgroup for the Washington County Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan to oversee the LESA analysis for the County.

The Washington County LESA analysis identified parcels that are best suited for long-term agricultural use. The results of the analysis are intended to help the County and Town identify areas for farmland protection. The County intends to use the results of the analysis to update the Washington County Farmland Preservation Plan, which is expected to be updated following adoption of the County comprehensive plan.

The LESA analysis included a "land evaluation" component and a "site assessment" component. The land evaluation (LE) component of the LESA analysis was determined by the NRCS, which rated each soil in Washington County based on soil type, slope, agricultural capability class, and soil productivity for producing corn and soybeans. The resulting ratings were then placed into groups ranging from the best to worst suited for cropland production. The site assessment (SA) component rates non-soil factors affecting a parcel's relative importance for agricultural use and is separated into three classifications. The LESA subcommittee selected the following nine SA factors to be used in the Washington County LESA analysis:

SA-1 Factors (agricultural productivity)

- Size of farm in contiguous management by one farm operator
- Compatibility of surrounding land uses within one-half mile
- Percent of farm in agricultural use

SA-2 Factors (development pressures impacting a site's continued agricultural use)

- Distance from adopted sewer service area
- Distance from selected hamlets
- Distance from interchanges along USH 41 and 45

SA-3 Factors (other public values of a site supporting retention in agriculture)

- Primary environmental corridors, secondary environmental corridors, isolated natural resource areas, natural areas, or critical species habitat outside environmental corridor areas present on farm
- Floodplains present on farm
- Proximity to permanently protected land 20 acres or more in size

Each parcel included in the LESA analysis received a final score ranging from 0 to 10, with 10 being the best parcels for long-term agricultural protection. The LESA scores for agricultural parcels in the Town, grouped into categories, are shown on Map 3. Table 14 sets forth the number of parcels and number of acres in each category. The average LESA score for agricultural parcels in the Town was 7.0. The median LESA score was 7.1. The LESA analysis included some parcels that have other uses on them, which may include natural resource features such as woodlands, wetlands, or surface water, or fallow lands. In some cases, parcels developed partially for residential use, with a portion of the parcel used for agriculture, were included in the analysis (provided at least 2 percent of the parcel was in agricultural use). A hatch pattern is included on Map 3 to show areas that were in agricultural use in 2006.

Existing Farmland

Agricultural lands were identified by SEWRPC as part of the 2000 regional land use inventory conducted as part of the regional planning program. The land use inventory identified croplands, pasture lands, orchards, nurseries, specialized farming, and nonresidential farm buildings. Farm residences, together with a 20,000 square foot dwelling site, are classified as single-family residential land uses in the 2000 inventory. Based upon the 2000 land use inventory, about 141,755 acres, or about 222 square miles, representing almost 51 percent of Washington County, and approximately 10,065 acres, or about 44 percent of the Town, were in agricultural use in 2000. This figure includes lands actually used for agriculture—primarily cultivated lands and lands used for pasture—and excludes the wetland and woodland portions of farm fields. The number of acres occupied by farmland in the Town in 2000 is set forth in Table 15 and is categorized as follows:

- Cultivated Lands, which includes lands used for the cultivation of crops including row crops, grain crops, vegetable crops, and hay.
- Pasture Land and Unused Agricultural Lands, which includes lands used as pasture, or lands which were formerly cultivated or used for pasture and which have not yet succeeded to a wetland or woodland plant community.
- Orchards, Nurseries, and Specialty Crops, which includes lands used for orchards, nurseries, sod farms, and specialty crops such as mint, ginseng, and berries.
- Farm Buildings, which includes barns, silos, and other buildings used to store farm equipment or supplies or house farm animals.

The amount of land in agricultural use in the Town was updated to 2006 as part of the LESA analysis. Land uses were also generalized to include farmhouses on agricultural parcels of 20 acres or larger in the "agricultural" land use category. The 2006 land use map is included in Chapter VI.

Farm Production and Revenue

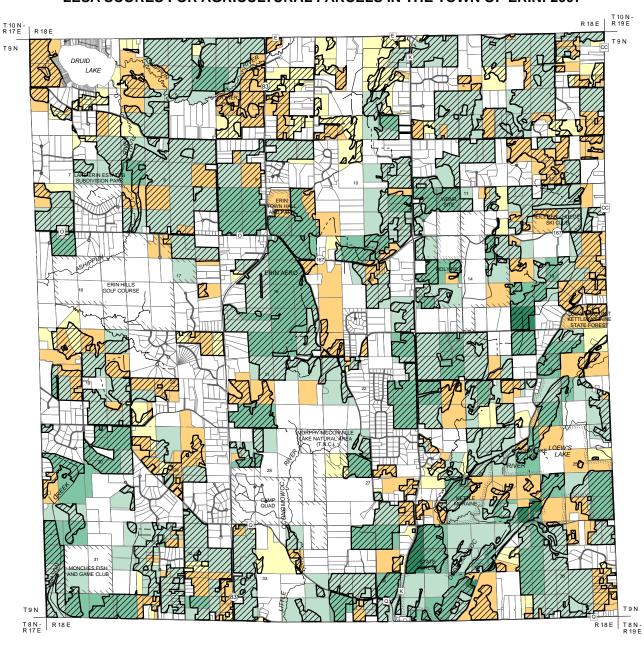
Farm production and revenue inventory data^{5, 6} are useful in determining the major types of agricultural products produced and the economic impact of agriculture in Washington County. Agricultural sectors identified in the County and State in 2002, and the amount and percentage of sales associated with each sector, are set forth in Table 16. Dairy products were the predominant source of agricultural sales in the County in 2002, accounting for about 45 percent of all agricultural sales. A similar percentage, about 47 percent, of agricultural sales Statewide was received from dairy products. Of the 844 farms in the County in 2002, 174 farms, or about 21 percent of all farms, were dairy farms.

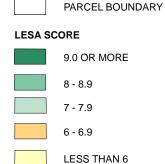
⁴See Chapter VI for more information about the SEWRPC 2000 land use inventory.

⁵Data included in this section are 2002 data for Washington County from the USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service unless otherwise noted. Data is reported at the County level, and is not available for the Town of Erin. Additional information on County agriculture is available in the report Farmland and Open Space Preservation Tools, prepared by the Washington County Planning and Parks Department, June 2005.

⁶The USDA defines a farm as any place from which \$1,000 or more of agricultural products (crops and livestock) were sold or normally would have been sold during the year under consideration.

Map 3
LESA SCORES FOR AGRICULTURAL PARCELS IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2007





LANDS IN AGRICULTURAL USE IN 2006

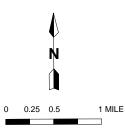


Table 14

LESA SCORES FOR AGRICULTURAL PARCELS IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2007

	Parcels in Category		Total Acres	in Category ^a	Agricultural Acres in Category ^b		
LESA Score	Number	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	
Less than 6	118	14.9	1,342	9.4	470	5.3	
6-6.9	235	29.8	3,580	25.1	1,748	19.9	
7-7.9	314	39.8	6,406	44.8	4,238	48.2	
8-8.9	118	14.9	2,844	19.9	2,240	25.5	
9-10	5	0.6	110	0.8	95	1.1	
Total	790	100.0	14,282	100.0	8,791	100.0	

^aIncludes entire area of parcels analyzed, including areas not being used for farming, such as woodlands, wetlands, and surface water.

Source: SEWRPC.

Table 15

AGRICULTURAL LANDS IN THE TOWN OF ERIN AND WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2000

	Tow	n of Erin	Washington County		
Agricultural Soil Capability Class	Acres	Percent of Total Area	Acres	Percent of Total Area	
Cultivated Lands	5,824	57.9	115,662	81.6	
Pasture Land and Unused Agricultural Land	4,052	40.3	22,408	15.8	
Orchards, Nurseries, and Specialty Crops	33	0.3	932	0.6	
Farm Buildings	156	1.6	2,753	2.0	
Total	10,065	100.0	141,755	100.0	

Source: SEWRPC.

Table 16

AGRICULTURAL SECTORS IN
WASHINGTON COUNTY AND WISCONSIN: 2002

	Washingtor	n County	State of Wisconsin		
Sector	2002 Sales (in thousands)	Percent of Total Agricultural Revenues	2002 Sales (in thousands)	Percent of Total Agricultural Revenues	
Dairy	\$33,100	45.4	\$2,651,000	47.1	
Horticulture	14,000	19.2	197,400	3.5	
Grains (Crops)	10,600	14.5	893,300	15.9	
Cattle and Calves	8,100	11.1	834,900	14.9	
Vegetables	1,600	2.3	341,600	6.1	
Other	5,500	7.5	705,100	12.5	
Total	\$72,900	100.0	\$5,623,300	100.0	

Source: USDA-National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002 Census of Agriculture.

Horticulture was the second-largest source of agricultural sales in Washington County in 2002, accounting for just over 19 percent of all sales. Statewide, horticulture accounted for just 3.5 percent of sales. The relative importance of the horticultural industry in the County compared to the State is likely a response to the demand for landscaping material for urban development in the County and in the Milwaukee metropolitan area.

Farms categorized by the total value of all 2002 agricultural sales in the County and the State are set forth in Table 17. Almost one-third (263 farms, or about 31 percent) of all farms in Washington County had a total value of sales of less than \$2,500, compared to about 39 percent of farms Statewide with a total value of sales of less than \$2,500. There were 174 farms, or about 21 percent of farms in the County, with a total value of sales of \$100,000 or more, compared to about 18 percent of State farms with a total value of sales of \$100,000 or more.

Average net income from farm operations in the County in 2002 was \$24,654, which was about 37 percent higher than the State average of \$17,946. In Washington County, farming was the principal occupation of the farm operator on 552 farms, or almost 65 percent, and was not the primary occupation of the farm operator on the remaining 292 farms, or about

35 percent. Statewide, farming was the principal occupation of the farm operator on about 59 percent of farms and was not the principal occupation of the farm operator on the remaining 41 percent of farms.

^bIncludes only those portions of parcels in agricultural use in 2006.

Table 17

FARMS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

AND WISCONSIN BY VALUE OF SALES: 2002

	Washingto	on County	State of Wisconsin		
Value of Sales	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Less than \$2,500	263	31.2	30,491	39.5	
\$2,500 to \$4,999	66	7.8	5,389	7.0	
\$5,000 to \$9,999	75	8.9	5,788	7.5	
\$10,000 to \$24,999	133	15.7	8,362	10.8	
\$25,000 to \$49,999	59	7.0	5,929	7.7	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	74	8.8	7,242	9.4	
\$100,000 or more	174	20.6	13,930	18.1	
Total	844	100.0	77,131	100.0	

Source: USDA-National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002 Census of Agriculture.

Table 18

FARM SIZE IN WASHINGTON
COUNTY AND WISCONSIN: 2002

	Washingto	on County	State of Wisconsin		
Size (acres)	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Less than 10 acres	67	7.9	4,141	5.4	
10 to 49 acres	268	31.8	17,152	22.2	
50 to 179 acres	314	37.2	29,458	38.2	
180 to 499 acres	143	16.9	20,021	25.9	
500 to 999 acres	33	3.9	4,465	5.8	
1,000 acres or more	19	2.3	1,894	2.5	
Total	844	100.0	77,131	100.0	

Source: USDA-National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002 Census of Agriculture.

Number and Size of Farms

The number of farms by size category⁷ in Washington County and Wisconsin in 2002 is set forth in Table 18. As previously noted, there were 844 farms in the County in 2002. The average County farm size was 154 acres, and the median farm size was 86 acres. This compares to 204 acres and 140 acres, respectively, for farms in the State. Of the 844 farms in the County in 2002, 314 farms, or about 37 percent of all farms, were between 50 and 179 acres in size, and an additional 268 farms, or about 32 percent of all farms, were between 10 and 49 acres in size. Only 52 County farms, or about 6 percent of all County farms, were more than 500 acres in size in 2002.

Farms Enrolled in State and Federal Preservation Programs

There are a number of State and Federal conservation programs that have been created to help protect farmland and related rural land. These programs include the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), Soil and Water Resource Management Program (SWRM), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), and the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP).

Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program

The Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program provides income tax credits to eligible farmland owners. The program is administered by County and local governments, but the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) must first certify that the county farmland preservation plan meets the standards specified in Chapter 91 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Of the 72 counties in Wisconsin, 70 have certified farmland preservation plans. Washington County's farmland preservation plan was certified in 1981. To be eligible to enroll in the program, farmland must be designated as such in the County Farmland Preservation Plan, must be a minimum of 35 contiguous acres, and must produce a minimum of \$6,000 in gross farm receipts in the previous year or \$18,000 in the previous three years. Farmland owners may participate in one of two ways: through exclusive agricultural zoning (in towns that have adopted an exclusive agricultural district in their zoning ordinance) or through Farmland Preservation Agreements. Because the Town of Erin has not adopted exclusive agricultural zoning, landowners must enter into a Farmland Preservation Agreement with the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Contracts are for 10- or 25-year periods. In 2005, there was one Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Agreement encompassing 89 acres of farmland in the Town. Under State regulations, no new Farmland Preservation Agreements may be made for farmland in Washington County or in any county with a population density of 100 or more persons per square mile unless the local government has adopted an exclusive agricultural zoning district.

⁷Data included in this section includes lands owned by the farmer, not lands the farmer may rent.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a Federal-State-Local partnership between the USDA Farm Services Agency (FSA), the NRCS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), DATCP, and participating County Land Conservation Departments (LCD) throughout Wisconsin. The goal of CREP in Washington County is to establish riparian buffers and/or restore wetlands along navigable streams in order to reduce upland sediment (erosion) and pollution from entering surface waters. Agricultural lands that are currently being farmed are eligible for this program through 15-year contracts or through permanent conservation easements. In 2005, there were no CREP agreements in place with any Town landowners.

Soil and Water Resource Management Program

In 2004 the Washington County Land and Water Conservation Division elected to no longer participate in the CREP program; however, through annual grants from the DATCP Soil and Water Resource Management (SWRM) Program, the Land and Water Conservation Division has continued to promote the installation of riparian buffers. Landowners agreeing to the same restrictions required by CREP receive the same financial incentives that were offered through the CREP as CREP Equivalent Payments. Similar to CREP, agricultural lands that are currently being farmed are eligible for this program through 15-year contracts or through permanent conservation easements. In 2005, no permanent conservation easements had been placed on any land located within the Town; however, three 15-year agreements were in place on about five acres of land.

Conservation Reserve Program

The USDA administers the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to help provide water quality protection, erosion control, and wildlife habitat in agricultural areas. Under the CRP, the landowner enters into an agreement to restore or protect lands for a 10-year or longer period in return for cash payments or assistance in making conservation improvements. In 2005, there were 197 CRP contracts in Washington County, encompassing 2,756 acres. (Note: The USDA adopted a policy in 2005 that prohibits the agency from releasing specific data regarding parcels enrolled in the CRP, so this information cannot be mapped. This policy effectively prevents the identification of the number of CRP agreements, if any, in effect in the Town. The County has appealed the decision to the Washington office of the Farm Services Administration.)

Wetland Reserve Program

The Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) is a program aimed at protecting wetlands on private property. This is typically done by providing a financial incentive to landowners to restore wetlands that have been drained for agricultural use. Landowners who choose to participate in the program may sell a conservation easement to the USDA or enter into a cost-share restoration agreement with the USDA to restore wetlands. The landowner retains private ownership of the wetland area but limits future uses. In 2005, there were two WRP agreements encompassing about 11 acres of land in Washington County. (Note: The USDA adopted a policy in 2005 that prohibits the agency from releasing specific data regarding parcels enrolled in the WRP, so this information cannot be mapped. This policy effectively prevents the identification of the number of WRP agreements, if any, in effect in the Town. The County has appealed the decision to the Washington office of the Farm Services Administration.)

PART 2: INVENTORY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Topography and Geology

The dominant landform in Washington County is the Kettle Moraine, an interlobate moraine, or glacial deposit, formed between the Green Bay and Lake Michigan lobes of the continental glacier that moved across the Great Lakes area approximately 11,000 years ago. The Kettle Moraine is oriented in a general northeast-southwest direction across the County. Some of its features include kames, or conical hills; kettles, which are steep-sided depressions that mark the site of buried glacial ice blocks that became separated from the retreating main ice mass and which subsequently melted to form the "kettles"; eskers, or long, narrow ridges of glacial drift deposited in meltwater tunnels within the ice; and abandoned drainageways. The Kettle Moraine forms some of the most attractive and interesting landscapes within the County and is the location of the highest elevation in the County and the location of the greatest local elevation differences, or relief.

Two of the three points of highest elevation in Washington County are located in the Town of Erin within the Kettle Moraine. Holy Hill, at 1,332 feet above sea level, is the highest point in the County. A nearby unnamed hilltop, also in the Town of Erin, is 1,330 feet above sea level; the same elevation as Powder Hill, located nearby in the Town of Hartford.

The remainder of the County is covered by a variety of glacial landforms and features, including rolling landscapes of material deposited beneath the glacial ice; terminal moraines, consisting of material deposited at the forward edges of the ice sheet; lacustrine basins, which are former glacial lakes; outwash plains formed by the action of flowing glacial meltwater; drumlins, which are elongated teardrop-shaped mounds of glacial deposits that formed parallel to the flow of the glacier; and eskers. Except for a few isolated spots where dolomite bedrock is exposed at the surface, the entire County is covered with glacial deposits ranging from large boulders to fine grain clays.

The eastern portion of the Town of Erin is located in the Kettle Moraine; the western portion of the Town is largely comprised of glacial till and glacial outwash deposits which formed along the western flanks of the moraine.

Topographical features, particularly slopes, have a direct bearing on the potential for soil erosion and the sedimentation of surface waters. Slope steepness affects the velocity of and, accordingly, the erosive potential of runoff. As a result, steep slopes place moderate to severe limitations on urban development and agricultural activities, especially in areas with highly erodible soil types such as in the Kettle Moraine. About 2,012 acres, or about 7 percent of the Town, have slopes of 20 percent or greater; while about 2,818 acres, or about 12 percent of the Town, have slopes ranging from 12 to 20 percent.

Poorly planned hillside development in areas of steep slopes can lead to high costs for public infrastructure development and maintenance and construction and post-construction erosion problems. Steeply sloped agricultural land may make the operation of agricultural equipment difficult or even hazardous. Development or cultivation of steeply sloped lands is also likely to negatively impact surface water quality through related erosion and sedimentation.

A total of 11 sites of geological importance—seven glacial sites (including the Kettle Moraine) and four bedrock geology sites—were identified in the County in 1994 as part of the regional natural areas plan. The geological sites included in the inventory were selected on the basis of scientific importance, significance in industrial history, natural aesthetics, ecological qualities, educational value, and public access potential. Two of the 11 sites were considered to be of statewide significance; and one of these two, the Kettle Moraine, runs in a general north south direction through the eastern portion of the Town of Erin. The second site in the County which was considered to be of statewide significance, the Friess Lake Crevasse Filling, is located just across the eastern border of the Town in the adjoining Village of Richfield. The Erin Esker, located in the Town of Erin, was judged to be of county or regional significance.

Nonmetallic Mineral Resources⁸

Nonmetallic minerals include, but are not limited to, sand, gravel, crushed stone, building or dimension stone, peat, and clay. Nonmetallic mines (quarries and pits) in Southeastern Wisconsin provide sand, gravel, and crushed limestone or dolomite for structural concrete and road building; peat for gardening and horticulture; and dimension stone for use in buildings, landscaping, and monuments. Nonmetallic mineral resources are important economic resources that should be taken into careful consideration whenever land is being considered for development. Mineral resources, like other natural resources, occur where nature put them, which is not always convenient or desirable. Wise management of nonmetallic mineral resources is important to ensure an adequate supply of aggregate at a reasonable cost for new construction and for maintenance of existing infrastructure in the future.

⁸There are no marketable metallic mining resources in Washington County.

According to the U. S. Geological Survey, each person in the United States uses an average of 9.5 tons of construction aggregate per year (construction aggregate includes sand, gravel, crushed stone, and recycled crushed concrete). Construction of one lane-mile of Interstate Highway uses 20,000 tons of aggregate. Aggregate is heavy and bulky, and is therefore expensive to transport. Having sources of aggregate relatively close (within 25 miles) of a construction project lessens the overall cost of construction. The cost of a ton of aggregate can more than double when it has to be hauled 25 miles or more.

Potential Sources of Sand, Gravel, Clay, and Peat

The location of potential commercially workable sources of sand, gravel, clay, and peat in the Town of Erin has been identified by the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey (WGNHS) using a variety of sources, including geologic studies, ⁹ data from Road Material Survey records collected by WGNHS for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, information on existing nonmetallic mines, and information on closed nonmetallic mines that were recently active. The sand and gravel potential is categorized as high, medium, and low by the WGNHS based on the glacial geology (Mickelson and Syverson, 1997¹⁰).

Approximately 13,170 acres in the Town of Erin, or about 57 percent of the Town's total area, have been identified as having a relatively high potential for the location of commercially viable deposits of gravel and coarse- to medium-grained sand. An additional 3,516 acres, or about 15 percent of the Town, have been identified as having the potential for commercially viable deposits of peat. The balance of the Town may contain isolated pockets of commercially viable sand and/or gravel deposits; but overall, the potential for these remaining areas is considered to be relatively low.

Potential Sources of Crushed and Building Stone

The potential for commercially workable sources of stone suitable for crushed or building stone in the Town of Erin has been evaluated by the WGNHS based principally upon locating and mapping areas underlain by Silurian dolomite within 50 feet of the land surface. No areas within the Town have been identified as having the potential for the development of commercially viable sources of crushed stone or building stone.

Existing Nonmetallic Mining Sites

There were no identified active or inactive nonmetallic mining sites in the Town in 2007. In that same year, there was one nonmetallic mining site in the Town, which was used as a stockpiling site. The owner/operator of the site is the Town of Erin. The site is located in the northwest portion of the Town and encompasses ten acres.

Registered Nonmetallic Mining Sites

Chapter NR 135 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code* establishes a procedure for landowners to register marketable nonmetallic mineral deposits in order to preserve these resources. There was one registered nonmetallic mining site in Washington County as of December 31, 2007; the Dawson site in the Town of Jackson.

NR 135 defines a marketable nonmetallic mineral deposit as one which can be or is reasonably anticipated to be commercially feasible to mine and which has significant economic or strategic value. The significant economic or strategic value must be demonstrable using geologic, mineralogical or other scientific data, based upon the deposit's quality, scarcity, location, quantity or proximity to a known user. Only the owner of the land (as opposed to the owner of the mineral rights or other partial rights) can register a marketable nonmetallic mineral deposit. The registration must include a legal description of the land and certification and delineation by a registered professional geologist or a registered professional engineer. In making this certification, the geologist or engineer must describe the type and quality of the nonmetallic mineral deposit; the areal extent and depth of the

⁹Bedrock geology from Preliminary Bedrock Maps of Washington County (WOFR 2004-17) by T. Evans, K. Massie-Ferch, and R. Peters, WGNHS.

¹⁰Mickelson, D. M. and K. M. Syverson, Quaternary Geology of Ozaukee and Washington Counties, Wisconsin, WGNHS Bulletin 91, 1997.

deposit; the manner whereby the deposit's quality, extent, location, and accessibility contribute to its marketability; and the quality of the deposit in relation to current and anticipated standards and specifications for the type of material concerned.

A person wishing to register land pursuant to NR 135 must provide evidence that nonmetallic mining is a permitted or conditional use of the land under zoning in effect on the day notice is provided by the owner to government authorities. A copy of the proposed registration and supporting information must be provided to the applicable zoning authority (the Town of Erin), the County, and the DNR at least 120 days prior to filing the registration. The registration must include a certification by the landowner, which is binding on the landowner and his or her successors in interest, that the landowner will not undertake any action that would permanently interfere with present or future extraction of nonmetallic materials for the duration of the registration.

Notification Requirements

Section 66.1001(4) of the *Statutes* requires any unit of government that prepares and adopts a comprehensive plan to prepare and adopt written procedures to foster public participation. These written procedures must describe the methods the local government will use to distribute proposed elements of a comprehensive plan to owners or persons with a leasehold interest in property to extract nonmetallic mineral resources in or on property, in which the allowable use or intensity of use of the property is proposed to be changed by the comprehensive plan. All such parties were provided with copies of the proposed Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources and Land Use elements of the comprehensive plan and offered an opportunity to submit comments to the Town Plan Commission and Town Board.

Water Resources

Surface water resources, consisting of lakes and streams and their associated wetlands, floodplains, and shorelands, form important elements of the natural resource base of the Town. Their contribution to economic development, recreational activity, and scenic beauty is immeasurable. In 2000, there were 330 acres of surface water, 3,567 acres of floodplains, and 4,213 acres of wetlands in the Town.

Both surface water and groundwater are interrelated components of a single hydrologic system. The groundwater resources are hydraulically connected to the surface water resources inasmuch as the former provide the base flow of streams and contribute to inland lake levels. The groundwater resources constitute the major source of supply for domestic, municipal, and industrial water users in Washington County.

Watersheds and Subwatersheds

A subcontinental divide that separates the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River drainage basins crosses Washington County from the Town of Wayne on the north to the Village of Richfield on the south. About 164,684 acres, or 59 percent of the County, are located east of the divide and drain to the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River system; the remaining 114,072 acres, or 41 percent of the County, drain west to the Mississippi River.

The subcontinental divide not only exerts a major physical influence on the overall drainage pattern of the County, but also carries with it legal constraints that, in effect, prohibit the diversion of any substantial quantities of Lake Michigan water across the divide. Areas east of the divide can utilize Lake Michigan as a source of water supply, with the spent water typically returned to the lake via the sanitary sewerage system. Areas west of the divide must use the groundwater reservoir as the supply source. A recent accord—the Great Lakes Charter Annex—signed by the governors of the eight States bordering the Great Lakes water outside the drainage basin, but make limited exceptions for communities and counties that straddle the watershed boundary. The accord must be approved by the Legislature of each of the eight States and the U. S. Congress before taking effect. If approved, each affected state and province would develop regulations to carry out the accord.

¹¹Includes the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

The Town of Erin is located entirely west of the subcontinental divide within the Rock River watershed of the Mississippi River drainage basin.

Lakes and Streams

Major streams are defined as those which maintain, at a minimum, a small continuous flow throughout the year except under unusual drought conditions. Major streams in the Town include the Ashippun River, Mason Creek, the Little Oconomowoc River, and the Oconomowoc River.

Major lakes are defined as those lakes which have a surface area of 50 or more acres. Druid Lake is the only major lake in the Town. A Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District has been formed for Druid Lake. Lake districts are special-purpose units of government formed under Chapter 33 of the *Wisconsin Statutes* to maintain, protect, and improve the quality of a lake and its watershed. Although the District has been formed, it has yet to complete a lake management plan, or a component of such a plan.

Lakes and streams are readily susceptible to degradation through improper land use development and management. Water quality can be degraded by excessive pollutant loads, including nutrient loads, which enter from malfunctioning and improperly located onsite waste treatment systems, from sanitary sewer overflows, from construction and other urban runoff, and from careless agricultural practices. The water quality of lakes and streams may also be adversely affected by the excessive development of riparian areas and by the filling of peripheral wetlands, which remove valuable nutrient and sediment traps while adding nutrient and sediment sources. It is important that existing and future development in riparian areas be managed carefully to avoid further water quality degradation and to enhance the recreational and aesthetic values of surface water resources.

Wetlands

Wetlands generally occur in depressions and near the bottom of slopes, particularly along lakeshores and stream banks, and on large land areas that are poorly drained. Wetlands may, however, under certain conditions, occur on slopes and even on hilltops. Wetlands perform an important set of natural functions which include support of a wide variety of desirable, and sometimes unique, forms of plant and animal life; water quality protection; stabilization of lake levels and streamflows; reduction in stormwater runoff by providing areas for floodwater impoundment and storage; and protection of shorelines from erosion.

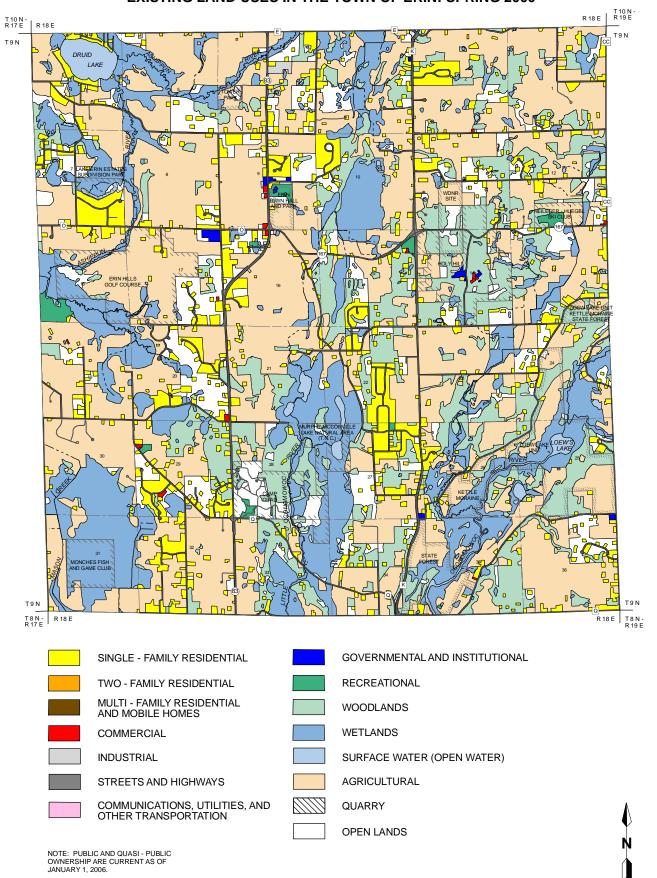
Wetlands identified in SEWRPC's regional land use inventory encompassed about 4,213 acres, or about 18 percent of the Town, in 2000, and are shown on Map 4. The identification of wetlands is based on the Wisconsin Wetlands Inventory completed in 1982, updated to the year 2000 as part of the regional land use inventory. In addition to the wetlands shown on Map 4, certain other areas have been identified by the NRCS as farmed wetlands, which are subject to Federal wetland regulations. An updated wetland inventory for Washington County will be released in 2008. The updated inventory was conducted by SEWRPC under contract to the DNR.

Wetlands and their boundaries are continuously changing in response to changes in drainage patterns and climatic conditions. While wetland inventory maps provide a basis for areawide planning, detailed field investigations are

¹²The definition of "wetlands" used by SEWRPC is the same as that of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Under this definition, wetlands are areas that are inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency, and with a duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstance do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. This definition differs somewhat from the definition used by the DNR. Under the DNR definition, wetlands are areas where water is at, near, or above the land surface long enough to be capable of supporting aquatic or hydrophytic vegetation and which has soils indicative of wet conditions. As a practical matter, application of either the DNR definition or the EPA-Army Corps of Engineers-SEWRPC definition has been found to produce relatively consistent wetland identification and delineations in the majority of the situations in southeastern Wisconsin.

Map 4

EXISTING LAND USES IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: SPRING 2000



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Source: SEWRPC.

often necessary to precisely identify wetland boundaries on individual parcels. Field investigations are generally conducted at the time a parcel is proposed to be developed or subdivided.

Floodplains

The floodplains of a river are the wide, gently sloping areas usually lying on both sides of a river or stream channel. The occasional flow of a river onto its floodplain is a normal phenomenon and, in the absence of flood control works, can be expected to occur periodically. For planning and regulatory purposes, floodplains are defined as those areas subject to inundation by the 100-year recurrence interval flood event. This event has a 1 percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. Floodplains are generally not well suited for urban development because of the flood hazard, the presence of high water tables, and/or the presence of wet soils.

Floodplains in Washington County for which floodplain elevations have been determined through detailed engineering studies were delineated by SEWRPC on large scale topographic maps as part of an update to the Washington County shoreland and floodplain zoning maps completed in 2001. Detailed studies and 100-year flood profiles are available for the Ashippun River, Flynn Creek, Marsh Creek, the Oconomowoc River, and Unnamed Tributary No. 1 to the Oconomowoc River. Where flood elevations were not available, approximate floodplain delineations from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Maps were mapped on the orthophotos as part of the update to the shoreland and floodplain zoning maps. "Approximate" floodplains are those mapped by FEMA without the support of detailed engineering studies. Floodplains within the Town identified as part of the shoreland and floodplain zoning map update for Washington County encompass 3,567 acres, or about 15 percent of the Town.

FEMA is currently conducting a Map Modernization Program for Washington County which will result in updated FEMA floodplain maps for both incorporated (city and village) and unincorporated (town) areas. Preliminary maps were released in August 2007. Final maps are expected to be available in 2009. The map modernization project will result in new floodplain delineations in some areas and new floodplain maps for the entire County. Depending on the extent of the changes, the new floodplain mapping may require that the County update its floodplain zoning maps.

Shorelands

Shorelands are defined by the *Wisconsin Statutes* as lands within the following distances from the ordinary high water mark of navigable waters: 1,000 feet from a lake, pond, or flowage; and 300 feet from a river or stream, or to the landward side of the floodplain, whichever distance is greater. In accordance with the requirements set forth in Chapters NR 115 (shoreland regulations) and NR 116 (floodplain regulations) of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*, the Washington County shoreland and floodplain zoning ordinance restricts uses in wetlands located in the shorelands, and limits the uses allowed in the 100-year floodplain to prevent damage to structures and property, to protect floodwater conveyance areas, and to maintain the storage capacity of floodplains. The ordinance also includes restrictions on the removal of vegetation and filling, grading, and excavating within the shoreland area. Most structures must be set back a minimum of 75 feet from the ordinary high-water mark if adjacent to a Class 3 waterbody, 100 feet if adjacent to a Class 2 waterbody, and 125 feet if adjacent to a Class 1 waterbody, although the setbacks along Class 1 and 2 waterbodies may be reduced to 100 feet and 75 feet, respectively, subject to approval of mitigation measures. Shorelands within the Town identified as part of the shoreland and floodplain zoning map update for Washington County encompass 7,613 acres, or about 33 percent of the Town.

State law requires that counties administer shoreland and floodplain regulations in unincorporated areas. Chapter II provides additional information about the County shoreland and floodplain zoning ordinance and lake and stream classification study.

Under Chapter NR 117 of the Administrative Code, cities and villages are required to restrict uses in wetlands located in the shoreland area. The provisions of NR 115, which regulate uses in unincorporated portions of the

shoreland, apply in cities and villages only in shoreland areas annexed to a city or village after May 7, 1982. The same floodplain regulations set forth in NR 116 for unincorporated areas also apply within cities and villages. Each city and village administers the floodplain regulations within its corporate limits.

Groundwater Resources

Groundwater resources constitute another key element of the natural resource base of the Town and County. Groundwater not only sustains lake levels and wetlands and provides the base flow of streams, but also provides the water supply for domestic, municipal, and industrial water users in Washington County. The depth to the watertable, or groundwater, in the Town of Erin is shown on Map 5.

Groundwater occurs within three major aquifers that underlie the County and the remainder of southeastern Wisconsin. From the land's surface downward, they are: 1) the sand and gravel deposits in the glacial drift; 2) the shallow dolomite strata in the underlying bedrock; and 3) the deeper sandstone, dolomite, siltstone, and shale strata. Because of their proximity to the land's surface and hydraulic interconnection, the first two aquifers are commonly referred to collectively as the "shallow aquifer," while the latter is referred to as the deep aquifer. Within the County, the shallow and deep aquifers are separated by the Maquoketa shale, which forms a relatively impermeable barrier between the two aquifers.

Recharge to groundwater is derived almost entirely from precipitation. Much of the groundwater in shallow aquifers originates from precipitation that has fallen and infiltrated within a radius of about 20 or less miles from where it is found. The deeper sandstone aquifers are recharged by downward leakage of water through the Maquoketa Formation from the overlying aquifers or by infiltration of precipitation beyond the western boundary of the County where the sandstone aquifer is not overlain by the Maquoketa Formation and is unconfined.

On the average, precipitation annually brings about 32 inches of water to the surface of Washington County. For the area of the County that would translate into about 660 million gallons per day (mgd) of water averaged over the year (a total of 240,900 million gallons a year). It is estimated that approximately 80 percent of that total is lost by evapotranspiration. Of the remaining water, part runs off in streams and part becomes groundwater. The average annual groundwater recharge to shallow aquifers varies from about 5 to 15 percent of annual precipitation. To document the utilization of the shallow aquifers in the Region, it may be assumed, for example, that, on the average, 10 percent of the annual precipitation reaches groundwater. Then, the average groundwater recharge in Washington County would be estimated to be 66 mgd. This precipitation will be returned to the shallow aquifer within days or months, depending on the soil. The estimated daily use of groundwater in 2000 was 13 mgd, which is about 20 percent of the total amount of groundwater assumed to be recharged in that year. This indicates that there is an adequate annual groundwater recharge to satisfy water demands on the shallow aquifer system in Washington County for years to come on an areawide basis. However, the availability on a localized area basis will vary depending upon usage, pumping system configuration, and groundwater flow patterns. Groundwater modeling 13 indicates small areas of drawdown of five feet or less in the shallow aquifer.

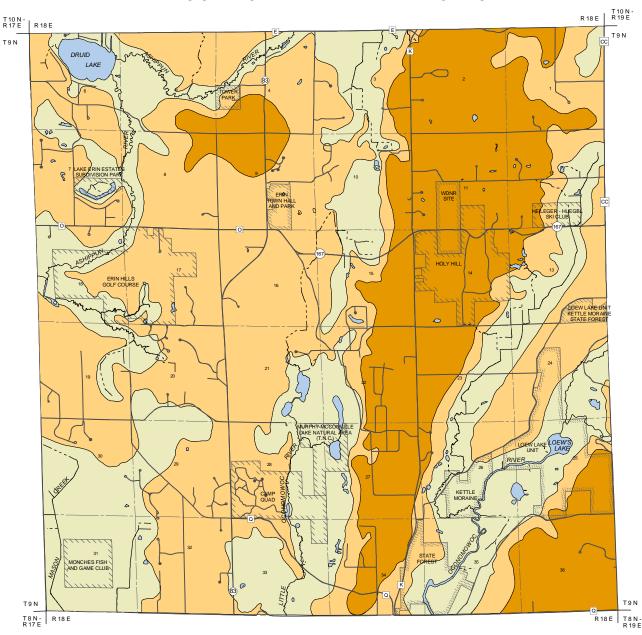
The situation is different for the deep aquifers, where withdrawals of groundwater cause supply/demand imbalance in areas of concentrated use of groundwater, which has resulted in the "mining" of groundwater, and where recharge of the aquifer may take years or even decades, depending on the depth and geology of the aquifer. The deep aquifer levels have decreased from 50 to 150 feet within the County. Most of this decline is due to pumping beyond the County boundaries.

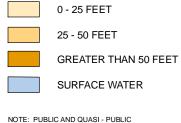
To satisfy future water demands in the Southeastern Wisconsin Region, including Washington County, coordinated regional water resource management is needed, which would optimize the use of ground and surface water. The regional water supply planning program¹⁴ currently being conducted by the Southeastern Wisconsin

¹³Documented in SEWRPC Technical Report No. 41, A Regional Aquifer Simulation Model for Southeastern Wisconsin, June 2005.

¹⁴Documented in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 52, A Regional Water Supply Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin (underway). The plan is expected to be completed in 2009.

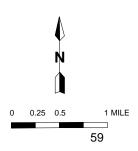
Map 5
DEPTH TO SHALLOW WATER TABLE IN THE TOWN OF ERIN





NOTE: PUBLIC AND QUASI - PUBLIC OWNERSHIP ARE CURRENT AS OF JANUARY 1, 2006.

Source: Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey and SEWRPC.



Regional Planning Commission will provide guidance in this regard and is scheduled to be completed in 2008. At the time this comprehensive plan was prepared, areas within Washington County and the remainder of the Region had been analyzed and classified based on their potential for water recharge. The analysis was based on a combination of topography, soil hydrologic groups, soil water storage, and land use. An "average" weather year of 1997 was selected for the analysis, since the amount of precipitation received also affects the amount of water that reaches (and recharges) the groundwater. Areas were placed into the following classifications: very high (more than six inches of recharge per year), high (four to six inches of recharge per year), moderate (three to four inches of recharge per year), and low (less than three inches of recharge per year).

Areas within each of the recharge classifications in the County are shown on Map 6, and the acreage within each category is listed on Table 19. About 3 percent of the County is rated "very high" for recharge potential, and about 20 percent is rated "high" for recharge potential. Most of the high and very high recharge potential areas are located within the Kettle Moraine, due largely to soils that conduct water well. Primary environmental corridors and floodplains were overlaid on Map 6 to indicate the correlation between such areas and groundwater recharge potential. Over half (52.8 percent) of the areas classified as having very high water recharge potential are located in primary environmental corridors or floodplains, and about 30 percent of areas classified as having high recharge potential are located in primary environmental corridors or floodplains. Over half (55.4 percent) of the areas classified as having low recharge potential are located in primary environmental corridors or floodplains. Most of the areas with low recharge potential are located in areas of hydric soils adjacent to wetlands. Areas for which no soil survey data was available (shown as "undetermined" on Map 6) were not classified. Areas shown as "undetermined" are largely made up of wetlands. Much of the Town of Erin has been identified as having areas of "high" or "very high" recharge potential.

Development at rural densities, agricultural uses, and preservation of natural resources will preserve groundwater recharge capabilities. In addition, the use of conservation subdivision design and stormwater management measures that maintain natural hydrology can help preserve the groundwater recharge potential in areas developed for suburban-density residential uses and other urban uses.

Forest Resources

Woodlands

With sound management, woodlands can serve a variety of beneficial functions. In addition to contributing to clean air and water and regulating surface water runoff, woodlands help maintain a diversity of plant and animal life. The destruction of woodlands, particularly on hillsides, can contribute to excessive stormwater runoff, siltation of lakes and streams, and loss of wildlife habitat. Woodlands identified in the 2000 SEWRPC land use inventory are shown on Map 7. Woodlands are defined as upland areas of one acre or more in area, having 17 or more trees per acre, each deciduous tree measuring at least four inches in diameter 4.5 feet above the ground, and having canopy coverage of 50 percent or greater. Coniferous tree plantations and reforestation projects are also classified as woodlands. In 2000, woodlands encompassed 3,558 acres, or about 15 percent of the Town.¹⁵

Managed Forest Lands

The Managed Forest Law (MFL) is an incentive program intended to encourage sustainable forestry on private woodlands in Wisconsin with a primary focus on timber production. The MFL offers private owners of woodlands a reduced property tax rate as an incentive to participate. All Wisconsin private woodland owners with at least 10 acres of contiguous forestland in the same city, village, or town are eligible to apply provided the lands meet the following criteria: 1) a minimum of 80 percent of the land must be wooded, 2) the land must be used primarily for growing forest products (agricultural uses such as cropland, pasture, or orchards are not eligible), and 3) there are no recreational uses that interfere with forest management.

¹⁵This data includes upland woods only, not lowland woods classified as wetlands, such as tamarack swamps. Lowland woods may be enrolled in the Managed Forest Law program as discussed in the following section.

Participants enter into a 25 or 50 year contract. A penalty is assessed if an agreement is terminated before its end. Starting with 2008 entries, applications must include a management plan prepared by a person certified by the DNR. If the enrolled property is sold before the agreement period has expired, the new owner can choose one of three options: 1) complete the agreement period with the approved plan, 2) adjust the plan to meet new goals and objectives, or 3) withdraw the land and pay the penalty. Lands can be open or closed to the public, but the tax benefit is substantially greater for enrolled acreage that is open to the public. In 2005, 1,265 acres of woodlands in the Town, all of which were closed to the public, were enrolled in the program. distribution of these managed forest lands within the Town is also shown on Map 7.

Table 19

CLASSIFICATION OF POTENTIAL WATER
RECHARGE AREAS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2007

Water Recharge		hin Each	Portion Within Primary Environmental Corridor or Floodplain		
Classification	Acres	Percent ^a	Acres	Percent ^b	
Very High	7,803	2.8	4,122	52.8	
High	54,991	19.7	16,561	30.1	
Moderate	103,115	37.0	9,526	9.2	
Low	1,490	0.5	852	55.4	
Urban Development and Undetermined ^c	111,357	40.0	43,041	38.7	
Total	278,756	100.0	74,075	26.6	

^aPercent of County within each classification.

Source: Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey and SEWRPC.

Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Sites

A comprehensive inventory of natural resources and important plant and animal habitats was conducted by SEWRPC in 1994 as part of the regional natural areas and critical species habitat protection and management plan. The inventory systematically identified all remaining high-quality natural areas, critical species habitat, and sites having geological significance within the Region. Ownership of identified natural areas and critical species habitat sites in the County were reviewed and updated in 2005.

Natural Areas

Natural areas are tracts of land or water so little modified by human activity, or sufficiently recovered from the effects of such activity, that they contain intact native plant and animal communities believed to be representative of the landscape before European settlement. Natural areas are classified into one of three categories: natural areas of statewide or greater significance (NA-1), natural areas of countywide or regional significance (NA-2), and natural areas of local significance (NA-3). Classification of an area into one of these three categories is based on consideration of the diversity of plant and animal species and community type present, the structure and integrity of the native plant or animal community, the uniqueness of the natural features, the size of the site, and the educational value.

A total of 12 natural areas, encompassing about 2,640 acres, have been identified in the Town of Erin. One of the 12 sites, the Murphy Lake-McConville Lake Wetland Complex natural area, is classified as a NA-1 site and encompasses about 889 acres. There are also four NA-2 sites which together encompass about 943 acres located wholly or partially in the Town. The remaining seven sites are classified as NA-3 sites and encompass about 808 acres. Town of Erin natural areas are described in Table 20.

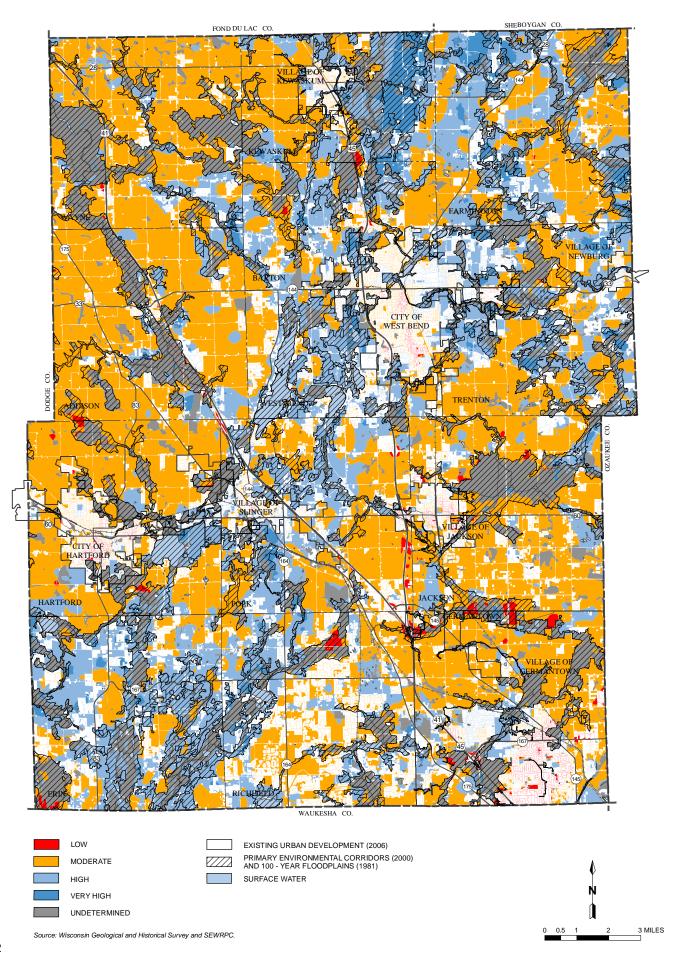
Critical Species Habitat and Aquatic Sites

Critical species habitat sites consist of areas outside natural areas that are important for their ability to support rare, threatened, or endangered plant or animal species. Such areas constitute "critical" habitat considered to be important to the survival of a particular species or group of species of special concern. Ten aquatic sites supporting threatened or rare fish, herptile, or mussel species have been identified in the Town of Erin, five within river and stream reaches—about 17 miles in total length—and five within lakes—totaling about 195 acres of water surface—in the Town. These Town of Erin aquatic habitat sites are described in Table 21.

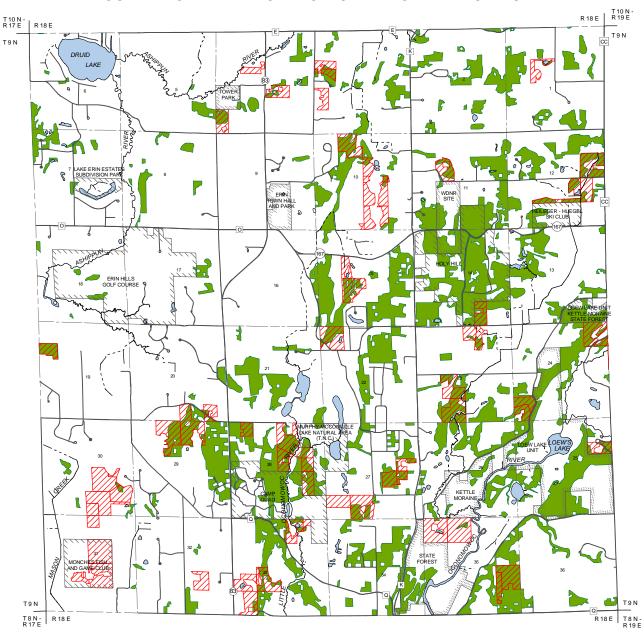
^bPercent of each classification included in a primary environmental corridor or floodplain.

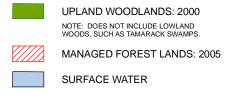
^cIncludes 63,841 acres developed with urban uses and 47,516 acres where the recharge potential has not been determined. Areas for which the recharge potential is undetermined are primarily wetlands.

Map 6
WATER RECHARGE POTENTIAL IN WASHINGTON COUNTY



Map 7
WOODLANDS AND MANAGED FOREST LANDS IN THE TOWN OF ERIN





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Source: Washington County and SEWRPC.

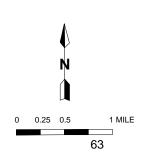


Table 20 NATURAL AREAS IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2005^a

Area Name	Classification Code ^b	Location	Ownership	Size (acres)	Description and Comments
Murphy Lake- McConville Lake Wetland Complex	NA-1 (RSH)	T9N, R18E Sections 21, 22, 27, 28, 33, and 34 Town of Erin	The Nature Conservancy and other private	889	Large wetland complex surrounding undeveloped hard-water seepage lakes located in a large glacial basin. The variety of plant communities includes shrub-carr, alder thicket, lowland hardwoods, sedge meadow, deep and shallow marsh, and both young and mature tamarack forest. Good to excellent quality overall
Holy Hill Woods	NA-2	T9N, R18E Sections 2, 11, and 14 Town of Erin	Carmelite Fathers, Ozaukee Washington Land Trust, and other private	258	Moderate- to good-quality, medium-aged southern mesic and dry- mesic woods located on gently sloping to steep interlobate kettle moraine topography. Dominated by sugar maple, red oak, red maple, white ash, white oak, and basswood. Total wooded area is large, but dissected by highways. However, it remains as one of the larger, better-quality upland hardwood forests locally
Toland Swamp	NA-2	T9N, R18E Sections 18, 19, and 20 Town of Erin	Private	192	Large, wooded wetland mixture of shrub-carr, lowland hardwoods, and tamarack relict, with a history of disturbance
Loew Lake Wetland Complex	NA-2 (RSH)	T9N, R18E Sections 24, 25, 26, 34, and 35 Town of Erin	Department of Natural Resources and private	481	Undeveloped drainage lake and wetland corridor associated with the upper Oconomowoc River. The diverse wetland communities are in generally good condition, and include sedge meadow, lowland hardwoods, emergent aquatics, shrub-carr, and tamarack swamp. Swamp metalmark butterfly and queen snake have been documented
Friess Lake Tamarack Swamp	NA-2	T9N, R18E Section 24 Town of Erin T9N, R19E Sections 18 and 19 Town of Richfield	Private	12 ^c	Large, mostly wooded, wetland complex, consisting of young to medium-aged tamarack swamp, shrub-carr, and shallow marsh. South portion divided by high east-west crevasse fill
Hults Bog and Marsh	NA-3	T9N, R18E Sections 3 and 10 Town of Erin	Private	14	Small, moderate-quality sphagnum bog-tamarack swamp and associated shallow marsh. Marsh is stopover spot for migrating waterfowl
CTH E Wetlands	NA-3	T9N, R18E Section 3 Town of Erin T10N, R18E Section 34 Town of Hartford	Private	14 ^d	Wetland complex of shrub-carr, sedge meadow, and shallow marsh that has suffered from past disturbance
Erin Sedge Meadow	NA-3	T9N, R18E Sections 4 and 5 Town of Erin	Town of Erin and private	17	Moderate-quality sedge meadow
Thompson Swamp	NA-3	T9N, R18E Section 10 Town of Erin	Private	182	Large but disturbed wetland complex of lowland hardwoods, shrub- carr, sedge meadow, and tamarack relict. Contains some northern species, including white pine
Donegal Road Woods	NA-3	T9N, R18E Sections 13 and 24 Town of Erin T9N, R19E Section 18 Town of Richfield	Department of Natural Resources and private	140 ^e	Large, irregularly shaped dry-mesic woods on steep, southeast-facing slopes
St. Augustine Road Sedge Meadow	NA-3	T9N, R18E Section 24 Town of Erin	Private	10	Good-quality southern sedge meadow
Mason Creek Swamp	NA-3	T9N, R18E Sections 30 and 31 Town of Erin	University of Wisconsin Milwaukee and private	431	Large lowland hardwoods area
Total – 12 Sites				2,640	

^aInventory conducted in 1994; ownership information updated in 2005.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey, and SEWRPC. Sites were identified as part of the regional natural areas plan, documented in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 42, A Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin, September 1997.

^bNA-1 identifies Natural Area sites of statewide or greater significance.

NA-2 identifies Natural Area sites of countywide or regional significance.

NA-3 identifies Natural Area sites of local significance.

RSH, or Rare Species Habitat, identifies those sites which support rare, threatened, or endangered animal or plant species officially designated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

^cA portion of the site is located outside the Town, a total of 228 acres.

 $^{^{\}it d}$ A portion of the site is located outside the Town, a total of 28 acres.

^eA portion of the site is located outside the Town, a total of 141 acres.

Table 21

AQUATIC HABITAT AREAS IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2005

River, Stream, or Lake	Size ^a	Rank⁵	Description ^c and Comments
Oconomowoc River downstream from Friess Lake to North Lake	5.2 miles	AQ-1 (RSH)	Contains critical fish, herptile, and mussel species habitat; bisects high-quality Natural Areas
Mason Creek	2.7 miles	AQ-2 (RSH)	Class I trout stream; Biotic Index Rating ^d of Good; critical fish species present
Ashippun River upstream from Druid Lake	4.3 miles	AQ-3 (RSH)	Critical fish species present
Ashippun River downstream from Druid Lake to Washington-Dodge county line	1.7 miles	AQ-3 (RSH)	Critical herptile species habitat
Little Oconomowoc River	2.7 miles	AQ-3 (RSH)	Biotic Index Rating ^d of Excellent; upper reaches bisect a high-quality Natural Area, Murphy Lake-McConville Lake Wetland Complex
Loew's Lake	23 acres	AQ-1 (RSH)	An undeveloped drainage lake located in the heart of the valuable upper Oconomowoc River environmental corridor
Beck Lake	16 acres	AQ-2 (RSH)	An undeveloped seepage lake encompassed by a high-quality Natural Area, Murphy Lake-McConville Lake Wetland Complex
McConville Lake	14 acres	AQ-2 (RSH)	An undeveloped seepage lake encompassed by a high-quality Natural Area, Murphy Lake-McConville Lake Wetland Complex
Murphy Lake	16 acres	AQ-2 (RSH)	An undeveloped seepage lake encompassed by a high-quality Natural Area, Murphy Lake-McConville Lake Wetland Complex
Druid Lake	124 acres	AQ-3	A drainage lake within the Ashippun River watershed

^aSize is listed as stream miles for rivers and streams and lake surface area (in acres) for lakes. Includes the length of a river or stream and the area of a lake located within the Town.

RSH, or Rare Species Habitat, identifies those aquatic areas which support rare, endangered, threatened, or "special concern" species officially designated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey, and SEWRPC. Sites were identified as part of the regional natural areas plan, documented in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 42, A Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Protection and Management Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin, September 1997.

Reestablishment of Forest Interior

In addition to setting forth recommendations for the protection of existing areas with important biological resources, the regional natural areas plan also recommends that efforts be made to reestablish relatively large tracts of grasslands and forest interiors in the Region. Reestablishment of such tracts would serve to provide additional habitat for bird populations, which have been adversely affected by loss of habitat due to development in the Region. Two sites in Washington County, one in the Town of Addison and one in the Town of Trenton, were identified for reestablishment of forest interior.

Environmental Corridors and Isolated Natural Resource Areas

One of the most important tasks completed under the regional planning program for Southeastern Wisconsin has been the identification and delineation of those areas in which concentrations of the best remaining elements of the natural resource base occur. It has been recognized that preservation of these areas is essential to both the maintenance of the overall environmental quality of the Region and to the continued provision of the amenities required to maintain a high quality of life for residents.

^bAQ-1 identifies Aquatic Area sites of statewide or greater significance.

AQ-2 identifies Aquatic Area sites of countywide or regional significance.

AQ-3 identifies Aquatic Area sites of local significance.

^c"Seepage lakes" are lakes which have no inlet or outlet and whose main source of water is direct precipitation and runoff supplemented by groundwater. "Spring lakes" are lakes which have no inlet but do have an outlet and whose main source of water is groundwater flowing directly into the basin and from the immediate drainage area. "Drainage lakes" are lakes that have both an inlet and an outlet and whose main water source is a river or stream.

^dBased upon the Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI) discussed in U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, General Technical Report No. 149, Using the Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI) to Measure Environmental Quality in Warmwater Streams of Wisconsin, April 1992.

Seven elements of the natural resource base are considered essential to the maintenance of the ecological balance and the overall quality of life in the Region, and served as the basis for identifying the environmental corridor network. These seven elements are: 1) lakes, rivers, and streams and associated shorelands and floodplains; 2) wetlands; 3) woodlands; 4) prairies; 5) wildlife habitat areas; 6) wet, poorly-drained, and organic soils; and 7) rugged terrain and high relief topography. In addition, there are certain other features which, although not a part of the natural resource base, are closely related to the natural resource base and were used to identify areas with recreational, aesthetic, ecological, and natural value. These features include existing park and open space sites, potential park and open space sites, historic sites, scenic areas and vistas, and natural areas.

The mapping of these 12 natural resource and resource-related elements results in a concentration of such elements in an essentially linear pattern of relatively narrow, elongated areas that have been termed "environmental corridors" by SEWRPC. Primary environmental corridors include a wide variety of the most important natural resources and are at least 400 acres in size, two miles long, and 200 feet wide. Secondary environmental corridors serve to link primary environmental corridors, or encompass areas containing concentrations of natural resources between 100 and 400 acres in size. Where secondary environmental corridors serve to link primary corridors, no minimum area or length criteria apply. Secondary environmental corridors that do not connect primary corridors must be at least 100 acres in size and one mile long. An isolated concentration of natural resource features, encompassing at least five acres but not large enough to meet the size or length criteria for primary or secondary environmental corridors, is referred to as an isolated natural resource area.

The preservation of environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas in essentially natural, open uses can help reduce flood flows, reduce noise pollution, and maintain air and water quality. Corridor preservation is important to the movement of wildlife and for the movement and dispersal of seeds for a variety of plant species. In addition, because of the many interacting relationships between living organisms and their environment, the destruction and deterioration of any one element of the natural resource base may lead to a chain reaction of deterioration and destruction. For example, the destruction of woodland cover may result in soil erosion and stream siltation, more rapid stormwater runoff and attendant increased flood flows and stages, as well as destruction of wildlife habitat. Although the effects of any single environmental change may not be overwhelming, the combined effects will eventually create serious environmental and developmental problems. These problems include flooding, water pollution, deterioration and destruction of wildlife habitat, reduction in groundwater recharge, as well as a decline in the scenic beauty of the County. The importance of maintaining the integrity of the remaining environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas thus becomes apparent.

The primary environmental corridors in the Town are located principally along the Ashippun River, Mason Creek, the Little Oconomowoc River, the Oconomowoc River and east of Druid Lake. Primary environmental corridors are also found throughout the Kettle Moraine and the Town's numerous woodland and wetlands. In 2000, 8,173 acres, comprising about 35 percent of the Town, were encompassed within primary environmental corridors. Secondary environmental corridors encompassed 191 acres, or about 1 percent of the Town. Isolated natural resource areas within the Town accounted for 543 acres, or 2 percent of the Town.

Park and Open Space Sites

A comprehensive region wide inventory of park and open space sites was conducted in 1973 under the initial regional park and open space planning program conducted by SEWRPC. The inventory is updated periodically, and was updated in 2005 as part of this planning process. The inventory identified all park and open space sites owned by a public agency, including Federal, State, County, and local units of government and school districts. The inventory also included privately owned outdoor recreation sites such as golf courses, campgrounds, boating access sites, hunting clubs, group camps, and special use outdoor recreation sites. Sites owned by nonprofit conservation organizations, such the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust and the Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation, were also identified. As of 2005, there were 25,527 acres of park and open space land encompassing about 9 percent of Washington County in fee simple ownership. An additional 1,155 acres were under conservation or other easements intended to protect the natural resources of a site. Information on park and open space sites in the Town of Erin is provided in the following sections.

County and State-Owned Park and Open Space Sites

Washington County

There are no County parks located in the Town. Glacier Hills Park in the Village of Richfield, Heritage Trails Park in the Town of Polk, and Family Park/Washington County Golf Course in the Town of Hartford are County-owned parks located nearby in adjacent towns. The outdoor recreation element of the Washington County Park and Open Space Plan is shown on Map 8.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has acquired large areas of park and open space lands in Washington County for a variety of resource protection and recreational purposes. DNR sites in the Town of Erin include a site of 120 acres in Sections 11 and 14 acquired for the Ice Age Trail and 1,063 acres comprising the Kettle Moraine State Forest-Loew Lake Unit. Existing segments of the Ice Age Trail in the Town are shown on Map 9.

In addition to land currently owned by the DNR, there is a larger project boundary associated with the Kettle Moraine State Forest-Loew Lake Unit. Project boundaries are approved by the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board for State forests, parks, and wildlife areas. Lands within the approved project boundaries have been identified by the Board as appropriate additions to adjacent forests, natural areas, or wildlife areas and are intended to be acquired by the DNR, on a "willing seller-willing buyer" basis, for recreational or open space purposes as funding permits. Within the Town, the Kettle Moraine State Forest-Loew Lake Unit project boundary encompasses approximately 964 additional acres for possible future acquisition. The project boundary is shown on Map 9.

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

In 2005, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee owned one 20-acre open space site in Section 31 of the Town. This site is located within the 431-acre Mason Creek Swamp natural area; a large lowland hardwoods site.

Private and Public-Interest Resource Oriented Park and Open Space Sites

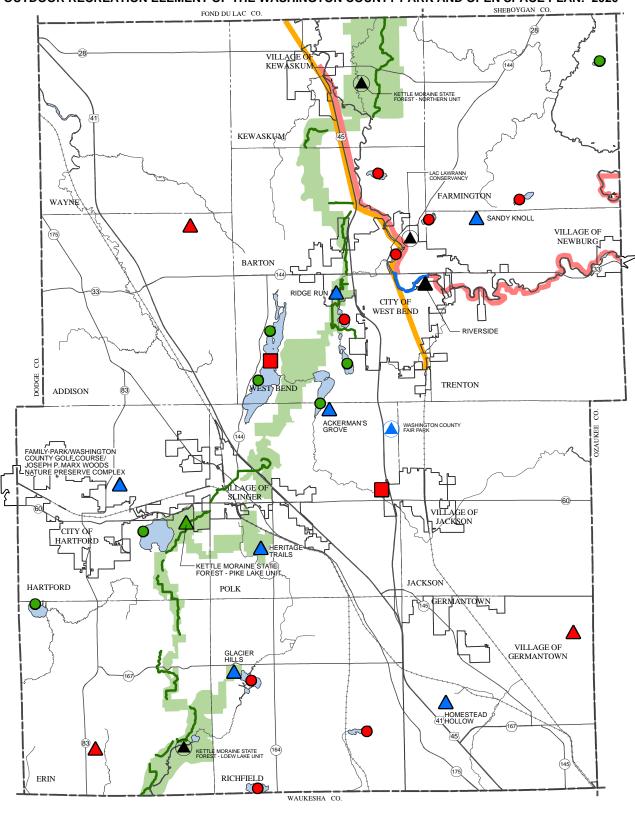
There are a number of conservation organizations active in Washington County, including the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust, the Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, and other non-profit conservation organizations. These organizations acquire lands for resource protection purposes. As of 2006, the Ice Age Trail Foundation had acquired two sites in the Town totaling 22 acres and The Nature Conservancy had acquired two sites totaling 162 acres. In addition, the Carmelite Fathers, a religious organization, owned a 446-acre site which included Holy Hill, the point of highest elevation in the County.

Similar to the DNR project areas, the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust (OWLT) has identified several focus areas throughout Washington County in their ongoing efforts to protect and preserve important natural resource areas. The land trust has identified the Holy Hill Woods Natural Area in the Town as one of three focus areas in the County. The focus area is shown on Map 9.

Lands Under Protective Easements

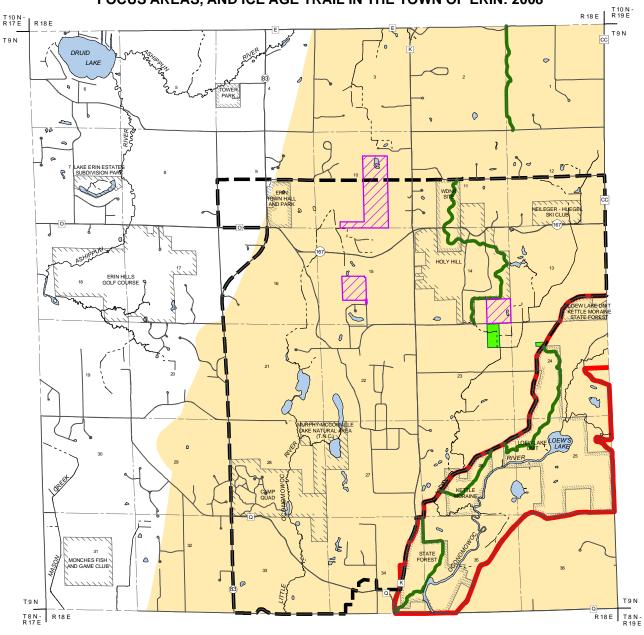
Several open space and environmentally sensitive sites in Washington County are protected under conservation easements. These easements are typically voluntary contracts between a private landowner and a land trust or government agency that limit, or in some cases prohibit, future development of the parcel. With the establishment of a conservation easement, the property owner sells or donates the development rights for the property to a land trust or government agency, but retains ownership. The owner is not prohibited from selling the property, but future owners must also abide by the terms of the conservation easement. The purchaser of the easement is responsible for monitoring and enforcing the easement agreement for the property. Conservation easements do not require public access to the property, although public access is generally required if Wisconsin stewardship funds or other DNR grant funds are used to acquire the property. In 2005, the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust held easements on three sites located in Sections 10, 14 and 15 in the Town. These three easements totaled 211 acres.

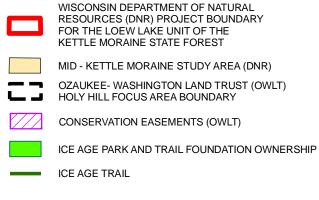
OUTDOOR RECREATION ELEMENT OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY PARK AND OPEN SPACE PLAN: 2020





Map 9
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PROJECT BOUNDARIES,
FOCUS AREAS, AND ICE AGE TRAIL IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2008





Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Ozaukee - Washington Land Trust, and SEWRPC.

Town of Erin Park and Open Space Sites

Park and open space sites located in the Town are set forth in Table 22. The Town of Erin owns three sites encompassing 111 acres. The Erin Elementary School is also located in the Town and provides 15 acres of recreational land. Together, these four sites provide 126 acres of local government owned park and open space.

Commercial and Organizational Park and Open Space Sites

There are eight private park and open space sites, also set forth in Table 22, located in the Town. Together, these eight sites provide a total of 1,286 acres of park and open space, the majority of which is accounted for by the Erin Hills Golf Course; Camp Quad, owned by Quadgraphics for use by its employees; and the Monches Fish and Game Club.

PART 3: INVENTORY OF CULTURAL RESOURCES

The term cultural resource encompasses historic buildings, structures and sites; archaeological sites; and museums. Cultural resources in Washington County have important recreational and educational value. Cultural resources help to provide the County and each of its distinct communities with a sense of heritage, identity, and civic pride. Resources such as historical and archaeological sites and historic districts can also provide economic opportunities through tourism.

Table 22

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARK, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE SITES IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2005

Public Sites	Size ^a (acres)
Town of Erin Sites	
Druid Lake Access	1
Erin Town Hall and Park	69
Tower Park	41
Subtotal – Town Sites (3)	111
School District Site	
Erin Elementary School	15
Subtotal – Public Sites (4)	126
Private Sites	Size (acres)
Monches Fish and Game Club	161
Camp Quad	333
Erin Meadows Subdivision Park	3
Heileger-Huegel Ski Club	80
Lake Erin Estates Subdivision Park	55
Sconfinato Park	21
Spring Ridge Park	5
Erin Hills Golf Course	628
Subtotal – Private Sites (8)	1,286
Total – 12 Sites	1,412

^aSite area is rounded to the nearest whole number. Sites less than one acre are rounded up to one acre.

Source: SEWRPC Park and Open Space Site Inventory.

Historical Resources

In 2005 there was one historic district located in the Town, Holy Hill, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the State Register of Historical Places. Sites and districts listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places have an increased measure of protection against degradation and destruction. Listing on the National or State Register requires government agencies to consider the impact of their activities, such as the construction or reconstruction of a highway, or a permit which they issue, on the designated property. If the property would be adversely affected, the agency must work with the State Historic Preservation Officer to attempt to avoid or reduce adverse effects.

The 22 historic places and districts in Washington County listed on the National and State registers of historic places are only a small fraction of the buildings, structures, and districts listed in the Wisconsin Architecture and History Inventory. The Wisconsin Architecture and History Inventory is a database administered by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin of sites that have architectural or historical characteristics that may make them eligible for listing on the National and State registers of historic places. The inventory can be accessed through the State of Wisconsin Historical Society website at www.wisconsinhistory.org/ahi.

In addition to historic sites and districts listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places, 29 sites, including Holy Hill, have been designated as County landmarks by the Washington County Landmarks Commission.

County and local governments may designate landmarks once a landmarks commission or historic preservation commission has been established by ordinance and certified by the State Historical Society. Procedures for designating local landmarks can and do vary depending on the local government. The Washington County Landmarks Commission has developed a simple, yet effective set of landmark designation procedures. First, an application is filed with the County Clerk by the owner of the proposed landmark. The County Landmarks Commission—composed of nine individuals appointed by the County Board Chairperson—then votes on whether to approve or deny the application based on a set of criteria established by the Commission. These criteria aim to protect, enhance, and perpetuate archaeological sites, geological formations, and structures of special historical value or interest. The Landmarks Commission in Washington County is given full authority by the County Board to designate and remove landmarks.

Archaeological Resources

Preservation of archaeological resources is also important in preserving the cultural heritage of Washington County. Like historical sites and districts, significant prehistoric and historic archaeological sites provide the County and each of its communities with a sense of heritage and identity, which can provide for economic opportunities through tourism if properly identified and preserved. Archaeological sites found in Washington County fall under two categories: prehistoric sites and historic sites. Prehistoric sites are defined as those sites which date from before written history. Historic sites are sites established after history began to be recorded in written form (the State Historical Society of Wisconsin defines this date as A.D. 1650).

As of 2005, there were 425 known prehistoric and historic archaeological sites in Washington County listed in the State Historical Society's Archaeological Sites Inventory, including prehistoric and historic camp sites, villages, and farmsteads; marked and unmarked burial sites; and Native American mounds. There are three mound groups in the Town of Farmington listed on the National Register of Historic Places: the Lizard Mound group, located in and adjacent to Lizard Mound County Park, the Glass mound group, and the Susen-Backhaus mound group. These three mound groups together are classified as the "Island" Effigy mound district listed on the National Register.

An additional mound group in the County was recently acquired by the City of West Bend and incorporated into Quaas Creek Park. This group, known as the Joedike Mound group, is located near the confluence of Quaas Creek and the Milwaukee River on the east side of the City of West Bend.

Local Historical Societies and Museums

A local historical society, the Erin Historical Society, affiliated with the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, is located within the Town. In addition, the resources of the Washington County Historical Society, itself affiliated with the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, are also available to Town residents. The County Society operates several historic sites within the County, including the Old Courthouse and the Old Jailhouse Museums in the City of West Bend. The museums include interactive and interpretive galleries and a research center. The Washington County Historical Society is also working to convert the St. Agnes Convent in the Town of Barton to a museum over the next few years. This site consists of three buildings constructed in the mid-19th century. Other museums in Washington County include the Wisconsin Automotive Museum in the City of Hartford and the West Bend Art Museum in the City of West Bend.

PART 4: RECOMMENDATIONS

This section sets forth recommendations in the form of goals, objectives, policies, and programs for the management of agricultural, natural, and cultural resources and community design.

AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL, AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Goal: Maintain the unique beauty of the Town.

Goal: Encourage voluntary conservation measures.

Goal: Promote good soil and water conservation practices that preserve water quality in the Town.

Goal: Reduce ecological problems by managing development in floodplains, shorelands, and primary environmental corridors of the Town.

Goal: Promote good stormwater management and drainage practices.

Goal: Encourage the preservation of historic or cultural structures and archaeological sites.

Goal: Support a wide range of cultural entertainment and recreational opportunities in the Town and Washington County.

- **Objective:** Affirm and encourage traditional and alternative forms of agriculture.
- **Objective:** Recognize that the primary and secondary environmental corridors represent a comprehensive open space system that is the main element defining the rural character and scenic beauty of the Town.
- **Objective:** Recognize and preserve the critical role that farmland, open space, historical architecture, scenic vistas and landscapes, natural resources and features, rustic roads, the Loew Lake Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, the Ice Age Trail, Holy Hill, and the archaeological and cultural features play in defining and enhancing the Town's historic and rural character.
- **Objective:** Protect environmentally sensitive areas that are not suitable for growth.
- **Objective:** Design to preserve open space.
- **Objective:** Nonmetallic mining sites will not negatively impact the environmental features within the Town of Erin or its existing developments.
- **Objective:** Upon request, forward appropriate Town records of historical value to interested organizations.
- **Objective:** Identify and preserve historic structures, sites, and districts in the Town.
- **Objective:** Recognize and preserve the critical role that farmland, open space, historical architecture, scenic vistas and landscapes, natural resources and features, rustic roads, the Loew Lake Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, the Ice Age Trail, Holy Hill, and the archaeological and cultural features play in defining and enhancing the Town's historic and rural character.
- **Objective:** Support cultural events held in the Town and County.
 - Policy: Protect natural resource features, including those within primary and secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas that provide habitats for native plants and wildlife.
 - Policy: Encourage the protection of high-quality open space lands through public and nonprofit conservation organization (NCO) fee simple purchase and purchase of conservation easements.
 - Policy: Wetland and floodplain areas should not be altered in any way, including, but not limited to, filling or draining, unless such alteration would result in the enhancement of the natural resource being disturbed.
 - Policy: Scenic views from roads and existing structures should be preserved when possible.
 - **Policy:** Preserve the scenic nature of Town roads while maintaining safety.
 - Policy: Design to preserve open space.
 - Policy: Recognize that primary and secondary environmental corridors represent a comprehensive open space system that is the main element defining the rural character and scenic beauty of the Town.
 - Policy: Protect environmentally sensitive areas that are not suitable for development.
 - Policy: Use sanitation systems that are sensitive to the environment. Sanitation systems should not harm the groundwater or environment, including, but not limited to, water quality, wildlife, and vegetation.
 - Policy: Discourage, regulate, and in some instances, prohibit activities that are a nuisance or a
 danger to the environment.

- Policy: Limit recreational activities on pristine lakes. All lakes in the Town of Erin, with the
 exception of that portion of Druid Lake that is developed, are deemed pristine and should remain that
 way. Recreational activities should be restricted to viewing of the lake, picnicking, canoeing, and
 other forms of nonintrusive activities. They should not include active recreation of boat launches for
 motorized boats.
- **Policy:** Restrict new development along shorelines to single-family residential.
- Policy: Encourage construction practices that will protect surface water quality from siltation and pollution. This includes minimizing soil erosion both during and after construction.
- Policy: Preserve historic structures and sites that have potential to be listed on the National or State Registers of Historic Places.
- Policy: Support the efforts of cultural organizations to organize and promote cultural venues and events in the Town and County. Existing cultural organizations and venues in the County are listed in Table 23
 - Program: Work with the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust and other Nonprofit Conservation
 Organizations to protect primary and secondary environmental corridors, natural areas, critical
 species habitat sites, and other endangered species habitat areas.
 - Program: Discourage incompatible land uses in primary and secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas, based on the guidelines set forth in Table 24.
 - Program: Adopt a lake use ordinance to limit recreational activities on pristine lakes in the Town.
 - Program: Encourage Town residents to utilize the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource's (DNR) Managed Forest Law program, where applicable.
 - Program: Continue to utilize the Town Forest Management Cover Type Mapping Plan, as cited in Chapter II.
 - Program: Continue to maintain the system of parks in the Town and develop additional facilities, when necessary.
 - Program: Consider updating the Town park and open space plan to re-establish eligibility to receive available State and Federal outdoor recreation grants.
 - Program: Support the park and outdoor recreation element of the Washington County Park and Open Space Plan, which is shown on Map 8.
 - Program: Work with the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and the Washington County Landmarks Commission to conduct historical surveys to identify historically significant structures and districts in the Town and methods to protect them.
 - Program: Conserve agricultural structures. Many traditional agricultural barns and structures
 do not conform to conventional zoning regulations and development patterns, yet many of the
 structures are definitely part of a rural landscape and reflect the history of the Town. Such
 structures should be conserved and allowed to be utilized in accordance with land use guidelines
 where possible.

COMMUNITY DESIGN

Goal: Preserve both the rural character and economic base of the Town.

Goal: Encourage voluntary conservation measures.

- Objective: Protect environmentally sensitive areas that are not suitable for growth.
- **Objective:** Design to preserve open space.
 - Policy: Preserve and enhance the landscape. All development and land divisions should be configured to preserve the natural landforms, woodlands, and environmental features. Try to preserve existing hedgerows and woodlands surrounding farming areas and homesteads.

Table 23
CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS AND VENUES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2007

Cultural Organizations	Cultural Venues
Broken Valley Saddle Club	Cedar Lake Campus Theatre
Deutschatadt Heritage Foundation, Inc.	Chandelier Ballroom
Discalced Carmelite Friars, Holy Hill	Christ Church Museum
Downtown West Bend Association	Dheinsville Settlement
Friends of Kewaskum	Holy Hill
Friends of LacLawrann Conservancy	Lac Lawrann
Germantown Junior Women's Club	Museum of Wisconsin Art
Hartford Area Chamber of Commerce	Old Courthouse Square Museum
Hartford City Band	Richfield Historical Park
Hartford Community Choir	Riveredge Nature Center
Hartford Downtown Business Improvement District	Schauer Arts and Activities Center
It's a Stitch Quilt Guild	Shalom Wildlife Sanctuary
Kettle Moraine Fine Arts Guild	Sila Lydia Bast Bell Museum
Kettle Moraine Symphony	UW-Washington County
Kewaskum Junior Women's Club	Washington County Fair Park
Kiwanis Noon Club	Washington County UW Theatre
Lighthouse Ministry, Inc.	West Bend Community Memorial Library
Moraine Symphonic Band	Wisconsin Automotive Museum
Museum of Wisconsin Art Friends	
Richfield Historical Society	
Richfield Lioness Club	
Riveredge Bird Club	
Slinger Advancement Association	
Slinger Area Women's Association	
Tri-County Pork Producers	
Washington County Farm Bureau Women	
Washington County Historical Society	
Washington County Humane Society	
West Bend Wisconsin Chapter Model A Ford Club	
Ziegler Kettle Moraine Jazz Festival	

Note: This table is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all cultural organizations and venues in Washington County, but rather to provide examples of cultural resources that are available.

Source: Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau and SEWRPC.

- Policy: Encourage the reuse of older structures that reflect the historic rural character of the area such as farmsteads, barns, silos, fences, and similar items, and do not categorize them as nonconforming.
- Policy: Prior to construction, consider preserving trees and vegetation when locating driveways and buildings.
- **Policy:** Discourage landscaping berms and other topographic changes.
- Policy: Restrict large-scale billboards and other large signs. Design directional signs to fit the natural character of the Town as it relates to material, colors, and lighting.
- **Policy:** Locate buildings along lakeshores to minimize the disruption to the lakeshore environment.
- Policy: Locate buildings so that lake views are preserved and the degrees to which the buildings are
 prominently featured on hilltops are minimized. Height limitations and fencing regulations should be
 enforced.
- Policy: Accessory storage of crafts, structures, and other property should not mar the visual character of the lake or surrounding properties. Structures that are in a significant state of disrepair should be repaired or removed.
 - Program: Amend the Town Land Division Ordinance to require land divisions to be designed to
 preserve natural landforms, woodlands, and environmental features, and existing hedgerows and
 woodlands surrounding farming areas and homesteads.

- Program: Adopt design guidelines that would enhance the visual character of shoreland residential areas by locating buildings that will minimize the disruption to the lakeshore environment.
- **Program:** Adopt design guidelines that would preserve lakeviews by minimizing development on hilltops.
- Program: Amend the Town Zoning Ordinance to address accessory storage buildings or other property on lakes.
- **Program:** Adopt property maintenance regulations.

SUMMARY

This chapter provides inventory information on existing agricultural, natural, and cultural resources in the Town of Erin. Information regarding soil types, existing farmland, farming operations, topography and geology, water resources, forest resources, natural areas and critical species habitat sites, environmental corridors, park and open space sites, historical resources, archaeological resources, and nonmetallic mining resources is included in this chapter. Inventory findings include:

- There are four soil associations present in the Town of Erin: the Brookston-Pella-Lamartine association, the Casco-Fox-Rodman association, the Hochheim-Theresa association, and the Houghton-Palms-Adrian association.
- Approximately 27 percent of the Town of Erin is covered by hydric, or saturated, soils, generally
 associated with stream beds and wetland areas. Although hydric soils are generally unsuitable for
 development, they may serve as important locations for the restoration of wetlands, as wildlife habitat,
 and for stormwater detention.
- The U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has created a land evaluation and site analysis (LESA) system to help identify areas to be preserved for farmland. LESA is a numeric system for rating potential farmland preservation areas by evaluating soil quality (LE or land evaluation) and geographic variables (SA or site assessment). To develop the LE rating the NRCS rated each soil type in Washington County and placed the rated soils into groups ranging from the best suited to the worst suited for cropland use. The land evaluation component considers slope, the agricultural capability class of the soil, and soil productivity for corn and soybeans.
- Lands used for agriculture were identified in the SEWRPC 2000 land use inventory and include all croplands, pasture lands, orchards, nurseries, and nonresidential farm buildings. In 2000, agricultural lands occupied about 10,755 acres, or approximately 44 percent of the Town area. Cultivated lands were the predominant type of agricultural use in the Town in 2000, accounting for about 58 percent of all agricultural land.
- Washington County farms produce a varied array of agricultural products including many varieties of crops and livestock. Dairy was the predominant source of agricultural revenue in the County in 2002, accounting for 45 percent of the agricultural revenue.
- There were 844 farms in Washington County in 2002. The average farm size in the County was 154 acres in 2002, while the median farm size was 86 acres. This compares to 204 acres and 140 acres, respectively, for farms in the State.
- In 2005, there was one Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Agreement encompassing 89 acres of farmland in the Town. Because the Town of Erin has not adopted exclusive agricultural zoning, the farmland owner in this case participated in the program through a direct contract with the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP). Although no *new* contracts can be entered into by landowners in local governments without a certified ordinance, agreements existing prior to 1981 may be renewed.

Table 24

GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPMENT CONSIDERED COMPATIBLE WITH ENVIRONMENTAL CORRIDORS AND ISOLATED NATURAL RESOURCE AREAS

	Permitted Development																
	(see		and Utility Facilitie ppment Guidelines			_	Reci	reational Facilit	es (see Ger	neral Dev	elopmer/	nt Guidelines be	elow)				
Component Natural Resource and Related Features within Environmental Corridors ^a	Streets and Highways	Utility Lines and Related Facilities	Engineered Stormwater Management Facilities	Engineered Flood Control Facilities ^b	Trails ^c	Picnic Areas	Family Camping ^d	Swimming Beaches	Boat Access	Ski Hills	Golf	Playfields	Hard- Surface Courts	Parking	Buildings	Rural Density Residential Development (see General Development Guidelines below)	Other Development (See General Development Guidelines below)
Lakes, Rivers, and Streams	e	f,g		h	!			Х	Х								
Shoreland ^j	X	X	X	X	Y	X		X	X		X			X	X		
Floodplain ^k		×	×	X	×	X		X	X		×	X		X	X		
Wetland ^m		X			X ⁿ				X		0						
Wet Soils	X	x	X	X	X			X	X		×			X			
Woodland	×	X	Xp		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X ^q	X	Х
Wildlife Habitat	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Steep Slope	X	X			r					Xs	X						
Prairie		g			r												
Park	X	X	X	X	Х	Х	X	X	Х	Х	X	X	Х	Х	Х		
Historic Site		g			^r									Х			
Scenic Viewpoint	X	X			Х	Х	X		Х	Х	Х			Х	Х	X	X
Natural Area or Critical Species Habitat Site					q												

NOTE: An "X" indicates that facility development is permitted within the specified natural resource feature. In those portions of the environmental corridors having more than one of the listed natural resource features, the natural resource feature with the most restrictive development limitation should take precedence.

APPLICABILITY

These guidelines indicate the types of development that can be accommodated within primary and secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas while maintaining the basic integrity of those areas. Throughout this table, the term "environmental corridors" refers to primary and secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas.

Under the regional plan:

- As regionally significant resource areas, primary environmental corridors should be preserved in essentially natural, open use—in accordance with the guidelines in this table.
- Secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas warrant consideration for preservation in essentially natural open use, as determined in county and local plans and in a manner consistent with State and Federal regulations. County and local units of government may choose to apply the guidelines in this table to secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas.

GENERAL DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

• <u>Transportation and Utility Facilities</u>: All transportation and utility facilities proposed to be located within the important natural resources should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to consider alternative locations for such facilities. If it is determined that such facilities should be located within natural resources, development activities should be sensitive to, and minimize disturbance of, these resources, and, to the extent possible following construction, such resources should be restored to preconstruction conditions.

The above table presents development guidelines for major transportation and utility facilities. These guidelines may be extended to other similar facilities not specifically listed in the table.

• Recreational Facilities: In general, no more than 20 percent of the total environmental corridor area should be developed for recreational facilities. Furthermore, no more than 20 percent of the environmental corridor area consisting of upland wildlife habitat and woodlands should be developed for recreational facilities. It is recognized, however, that in certain cases these percentages may be exceeded in efforts to accommodate needed public recreational and game and fish management facilities within appropriate natural settings. In all cases however, the proposed recreational development should not threaten the integrity of the remaining corridor lands nor destroy particularly significant resource elements in that corridor. Each such proposal should be reviewed on a site-by-site basis.

The above table presents development guidelines for major recreational facilities. These guidelines may be extended to other similar facilities not specifically listed in the table.

• Rural Density Residential Development: Rural density residential development may be accommodated in upland environmental corridors, provided that buildings are kept off steep slopes. The maximum number of housing units accommodated at a proposed development site within the environmental corridor should be limited to the number determined by dividing the total corridor acreage within the site, less the acreage covered by surface water and wetlands, by five. The permitted housing units may be in single-family or multi-family structures. When rural residential development is accommodated, conservation subdivision designs are strongly encouraged.

Table 24 (continued)

• Other Development: In lieu of recreational or rural density residential development, up to 10 percent of the upland corridor area in a parcel may be disturbed in order to accommodate urban residential, commercial, or other urban development under the following conditions: 1) the area to be disturbed is compact rather than scattered in nature; 2) the disturbance area is located on the edge of a corridor or on marginal resources within a corridor; 3) the development does not threaten the integrity of the remaining corridor; 4) the development does not result in significant adverse water quality impacts; and 5) development of the remaining corridor lands is prohibited by a conservation easement or deed restriction. Each such proposal must be reviewed on a site-by-site basis.

Under this arrangement, while the developed area would no longer be part of the environmental corridor, the entirety of the remaining corridor would be permanently preserved from disturbance. From a resource protection point of view, preserving a minimum of 90 percent of the environmental corridor in this manner may be preferable to accommodating scattered homesites and attendant access roads at an overall density of one dwelling unit per five acres throughout the upland corridor areas.

- Pre-Existing Lots: Single-family development on existing lots of record should be permitted as provided for under county or local zoning at the time of adoption of the land use plan.
- · All permitted development presumes that sound land and water management practices are utilized.

FOOTNOTES

^aThe natural resource and related features are defined as follows:

Lakes, Rivers, and Streams: Includes all lakes greater than five acres in area and all perennial and intermittent streams as shown on U. S. Geological Survey quadrangle maps.

Shoreland: Includes a band 50 feet in depth along both sides of intermittent streams; a band 75 feet in depth along both sides of perennial streams; a band 75 feet in depth around lakes; and a band 200 feet in depth along the Lake Michigan shoreline. Floodplain: Includes areas, excluding stream channels and lake beds, subject to inundation by the 100-year recurrence interval flood event.

Wetlands: Includes areas that are inundated or saturated by surface water or groundwater at a frequency, and with a duration sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions.

Wet Soils: Includes areas covered by wet, poorly drained, and organic soils.

Woodlands: Includes areas one acre or more in size having 17 or more deciduous trees per acre with at least a 50 percent canopy cover as well as coniferous tree plantations and reforestation projects; excludes lowland woodlands, such as tamarack swamps, which are classified as wetlands.

Wildlife Habitat: Includes areas devoted to natural open uses of a size and with a vegetative cover capable of supporting a balanced diversity of wildlife.

Steep Slope: Includes areas with land slopes of 12 percent or greater

Prairies: Includes open, generally treeless areas which are dominated by native grasses; also includes savannas.

Park: Includes public and nonpublic park and open space sites.

Historic Site: Includes sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Most historic sites located within environmental corridors are archeological features such as American Indian settlements and effigy mounds and cultural features such as small, old cemeteries. On a limited basis, small historic buildings may also be encompassed within delineated corridors.

Scenic Viewpoint: Includes vantage points from which a diversity of natural features such as surface waters, wetlands, woodlands, and agricultural lands can be observed.

Natural Area and Critical Species Habitat Sites: Includes natural areas and critical species habitat sites as identified in the regional natural areas and critical species habitat protection and management plan.

^bIncludes suchimprovements as stream channel modifications and such facilities as dams.

cludes trails for such activities as hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing, nature study, and horseback riding, and excludes all motorized trail activities. It should be recognized that trails for motorized activities such as snowmobiling that are located outside the environmental corridors may of necessity have to cross environmental corridor lands. Proposals for such crossings should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and if it is determined that they are necessary, such trail crossings should be designed to ensure minimum disturbance of the natural resources.

dincludes areas intended to accommodate camping in tents, trailers, or recreational vehicles which remain at the site for short periods of time, typically ranging from an overnight stay to a two-week stay.

^eCertain transportation facilities such as bridges may be constructed over such resources.

^fUtility facilities such as sanitary sewers may be located in or under such resources.

⁹Electric power transmission lines and similar lines may be suspended over such resources.

hCertain flood control facilities such as dams and channel modifications may need to be provided in such resources to reduce or eliminate flood damage to existing development.

¹Bridges for trail facilities may be constructed over such resources.

^jConsisten with Chapter NR 115 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

^kConsisten with Chapter NR 116 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

Streets and highways may cross such resources. Where this occurs, there should be no net loss of flood storage capacity or wetlands. Guidelines for mitigation of impacts on wetlands by Wisconsin Department of Transportation facility projects are set forth in Chapter Trans 400 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

^mAny development affecting wetlands must adhere to the water quality standards for wetlands established under Chapter NR 103 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

ⁿOnly and appropriately designed boardwalk/trail should be permitted.

^oWetlands may be incorporated as part of a golf course, provided there is no disturbance of the wetlands.

^pGenerally excludes detention, retention, and infiltration basins. Such facilities should be permitted only if no reasonable alternative is available.

^qOnly if no alternative is available.

Only appropriately designed and located hiking and cross-country ski trails should be permitted.

^sOnly an appropriately designed, vegetated, and maintained ski hill should be permitted.

Source: SEWRPC. 2035 Regional Land Use Plan.

- The dominant landform in Washington County is the Kettle Moraine, an interlobate moraine, or glacial deposit, formed between the Green Bay and Lake Michigan lobes of the continental glacier that moved across the Great lakes area approximately 11,000 years ago. The eastern portion of the Town of Erin is located in the Kettle Moraine; the western portion of the Town is largely comprised of glacial till and glacial outwash deposits which formed along the western flanks of the moraine. Two of the three points of highest elevation in Washington County are located in the Town of Erin within the Kettle Moraine. Holy Hill, at 1,332 feet above sea level, is the highest point in the County. A nearby unnamed hilltop, also in the Town of Erin, is 1,330 feet above sea level; the same elevation as Powder Hill, located nearby in the Town of Hartford.
- About 2,012 acres, or about 7 percent of the Town have slopes of 20 percent or greater while about 2,818 acres, or about 12 percent of the Town have slopes ranging from 12 to 20 percent. Poorly planned hillside development in areas of steep slopes can lead to high costs for public infrastructure development and maintenance and construction and post-construction erosion problems. Steeply sloped agricultural land may make the operation of agricultural equipment difficult or even hazardous. Development or cultivation of steeply sloped lands is also likely to negatively impact surface water quality through related erosion and sedimentation.
- A total of 11 sites of geological importance—seven glacial features and four bedrock geology sites—were identified in the County in 1994 as part of the regional natural areas study. Two of the eleven sites were considered to be of statewide significance and one of these two, the Kettle Moraine, runs in a general north south direction through the eastern portion of the Town of Erin. The second site in the County which was considered to be of statewide significance, the Friess Lake Crevasse Filling, is located just across the eastern border of the Town in the adjoining Village of Richfield. The Erin Esker, a site judged to be of county or regional significance, is also located in the Town.
- Approximately 13,170 acres, or about 57 percent of the Town, have been identified as having a relatively high potential for the location of commercially viable deposits of gravel and coarse- to medium-grained sand. An additional 3,516 acres, or, about 15 percent of the Town, have been identified as having a potential for commercially viable deposits of peat. No areas within the Town have been identified as having the potential for the development of commercially viable sources of crushed stone or building stone.
- There were no identified active or inactive nonmetallic mining sites located in the Town in 2007. In that same year, there was one nonmetallic mining site which was used as a stockpiling site. Chapter NR 135 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code* provides a procedure for landowners to register marketable nonmetallic mineral deposits in order to preserve these resources; however, as of December 31, 2007, there were no sites in the Town *registered* as having marketable nonmetallic mineral deposits.
- There are approximately 330 acres of surface water, approximately 3,567 acres of floodplains, approximately 4,213 acres of wetlands, and approximately 7,613 acres of shorelands in the Town. Both surface water and groundwater are interrelated components of a single hydrologic system.
- The Town of Erin is located entirely west of the subcontinental divide within the Rock River watershed of the Mississippi River drainage basin. The subcontinental divide not only exerts a major physical influence on the overall drainage pattern of the Town and County, but also carries with it legal constraints that, in effect, prohibit the diversion of any substantial quantities of Lake Michigan water across the divide.
- Major streams in the Town include the Ashippun River, Mason Creek, the Little Oconomowoc River, and
 the Oconomowoc River. Druid Lake is the only major lake located in the Town. A Lake Protection and
 Rehabilitation District has been formed for Druid Lake; however the District has not completed a lake
 management plan, or a component of such a plan.
- The Managed Forest Law (MFL) is an incentive program intended to encourage sustainable forestry on private woodlands in Wisconsin with a primary focus on timber production. In 2005, there were about 1,265 acres of forestlands in the Town enrolled in this program.

- Natural areas are tracts of land or water so little modified by human activity, or sufficiently recovered from the effects of such activity, that they contain intact native plant and animal communities believed to be representative of the landscape before European settlement. Twelve natural areas, encompassing about 2,640 acres, have been identified in the Town.
- Critical species habitat sites consist of areas outside natural areas which are important for their ability to support rare, threatened, or endangered plant or animal species. Ten aquatic sites, containing about 17 miles of rivers and streams and 124 acres of lake water, supporting rare or threatened fish, herptile, or mussel species have been identified in the Town.
- Two sites in Washington County have been identified as sites suitable for possible future reestablishment
 of forest interior. One of these sites is located in the Town of Addison and the other is in the Town of
 Trenton
- Environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas include the best remaining woodlands, wetlands, plant and wildlife habitat areas, and other natural resources and have truly immeasurable environmental and recreational value. Environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas are identified by SEWRPC and classified depending on their size. Primary environmental corridors are at least 400 acres in area, two miles in length, and 200 feet in width. Secondary environmental corridors are between 100 and 400 acres in size and at least one mile in length except where secondary corridors serve to link primary environmental corridors, in which case no minimum area or length criteria apply. Isolated natural resource areas are between five and 100 acres in size and at least 200 feet in width.
- Primary environmental corridors in the Town are located along the Ashippun River, Mason Creek, the Little Oconomowoc River, and the Oconomowoc River, and east of Druid Lake. Primary environmental corridors are also found in abundance throughout the Kettle Moraine and the Town's numerous woodlands and wetlands. In 2000, 8,173 acres, comprising about 35 percent of the Town, were located within primary environmental corridors. Secondary environmental corridors totaled 191 acres, or about 1 percent of the Town. Isolated natural resource areas within the Town totaled 543 acres, or about 2 percent of the Town.
- There are no County parks located in the Town. Glacier Hills Park in the Village of Richfield, Heritage
 Trails Park in the Town of Polk, and Family Park/Washington County Golf Course in the Town of
 Hartford are County-owned parks located nearby in adjacent towns.
- In 2005, there were two DNR owned park and open space sites in the Town: a 120-acre site located in Sections 11 and 14 acquired for the State Ice Age Trail and 1,063 acres comprising the Kettle Moraine State Forest-Loew Lake Unit. Also in 2005, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee owned one 20-acre open space site in Section 31 of the Town. The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee site is located within the Mason Creek Swamp natural area, a large lowland hardwoods area of approximately 431 acres.
- There are a number of conservation organizations active in Washington County, including the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust, the Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, and other nonprofit conservation organizations. These organizations acquire lands for resource protection purposes. As of 2006, the Ice Age Trail Foundation had acquired two sites in the Town totaling 22 acres and The Nature Conservancy had acquired two sites totaling 162 acres. In addition, the Carmelite Fathers, a religious organization, owned a 446-acre site which included Holy Hill, the point of highest elevation in the County.
- In 2005, the Town owned three park and open space sites totaling 111 acres. There was also one 15-acre public elementary school site in the Town. These four publicly owned sites provided 126 acres of park and open space. In addition, eight sites owned by private and commercial organizations provided an additional 1,286 acres of park an open space. Together these 12 sites provided a total of 1,412 acres of park and open space in the Town.
- In 2005, there was one historic district located in the Town, Holy Hill, listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the State Register of Historical Places. Holy Hill is also one of the 29 sites designated as landmarks by the Washington County Landmarks Commission.

- As of 2005, there were 425 known prehistoric and historic archaeological sites in Washington County
 listed in the State Historical Society's Archaeological Sites Inventory, including prehistoric and historic
 camp sites, villages, and farmsteads; marked and unmarked burial sites; and Native American mounds.
 One archaeological site, consisting of three mound groups, is listed on the National Register of Historic
 Places.
- The Erin Historical Society, the Town's local historical society, is affiliated with the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. In addition, the resources of the Washington County Historical Society, itself associated with the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, are also available to Town residents.
- Goals, objectives, policies, and programs intended to protect agricultural, natural, and cultural resources in the Town are presented in Part 4 of this Chapter.

Chapter VI

LAND USE ELEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The land use element is one of the nine elements of a comprehensive plan required by Section 66.1001 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*. Section 66.1001 (2) (e) of the *Statutes* requires this element to compile goals, objectives, policies, programs, and maps to guide future development and redevelopment of public and private property. The *Statutes* also require this element to include:

- Information regarding the amount, type, and intensity or density of existing land uses
- Land use trends
- Potential land use conflicts
- Projected land use needs in five year increments to the plan design year (2035)
- Maps showing existing and future land uses; productive agricultural soils; natural limitations to building
 site development; floodplains, wetlands, and other environmentally sensitive lands; and boundaries of
 areas to which public utility and community services will be provided by the plan design year

In addition, the 14 State of Wisconsin comprehensive planning goals, which are related to each of the nine comprehensive plan elements, set forth in Section 16.965 of the *Statutes* must be addressed as part of the Town comprehensive planning process.¹ The Land Use Element relates to each of the other comprehensive plan elements, and therefore relates to all 14 State comprehensive planning goals. Goals that are most directly related to the Land Use Element include:

- Promotion of the redevelopment of land with existing infrastructure and public services and the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing residential, commercial, and industrial structures.
- Protection of natural areas, including wetlands, wildlife habitats, lakes, woodlands, open spaces, and groundwater resources.
- Protection of economically productive areas, including farmland and forests.
- Encouragement of land uses, densities and regulations that promote efficient development patterns and relatively low municipal, State government, and utility costs.

¹Chapter I lists all 14 comprehensive planning goals included in Section 16.965 of the Statutes. All 14 goals must be addressed in County and local plans that received funding though a Department of Administration comprehensive planning grant, such as the Town of Erin and Washington County.

- Providing adequate infrastructure and public services and an adequate supply of developable land to meet existing and future market demand for residential, commercial, and industrial uses.
- Balancing property rights with community interests and goals.
- Planning and development of land uses that create or preserve varied and unique urban and rural communities.

Section 16.965 also requires the identification of "Smart Growth Areas" in County and local plans. A "Smart Growth Area" is defined by the *Statutes* as "an area that will enable the development and redevelopment of lands with existing infrastructure and municipal, State, and utility services, where practicable, or that will encourage efficient development patterns that are both contiguous to existing development and at densities which have relatively low municipal, state governmental, and utility costs."

All of the information required by the comprehensive planning law is provided in this chapter.

EXISTING LAND USE CONDITIONS AND TRENDS

Land Use Trends

SEWRPC periodically conducts a detailed land use inventory of the seven-county Region to inventory and monitor urban growth and development occurring over time. The land use inventory places all land and water areas into one of 66 land use categories. The most current detailed land use inventory was conducted in 2000. Based on that inventory, urban land uses, including residential, commercial, industrial, governmental and institutional, recreational, and transportation, communication, and utility uses, encompassed about 2,954 acres, or about 13 percent of the Town. Nonurban land uses, consisting of agricultural lands; natural resource areas, including surface waters, wetlands, and woodlands; extractive sites; and unused land, encompassed about 20,178 acres, or about 87 percent of the Town. A significant portion of the Town (about 34 percent) was encompassed within woodlands and wetlands.

The number of acres in various land use categories in the Town of Erin in 1980, 1990, and 2000 is shown on Table 25. Table 25 also includes the acreage and percentage changes in each land use category between 1980 and 2000, and for intervening time periods.

Between 1980 and 2000, the amount of land used for urban uses, including residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation uses, increased by about 1,303 acres, from about 1,651 acres to about 2,954 acres, or about 79 percent. The amount of land used for residential, commercial, and industrial purposes more than doubled during this time period. Most of the increase was due to single-family residential development, which increased by 1,110 acres, or about 124 percent, between 1980 and 2000.

The percentage of land classified as "nonurban" decreased by about 6 percent between 1980 and 2000. Much of the land developed for urban uses between 1980 and 2000 was converted from agricultural to urban use. The amount of land used for agriculture decreased by about 3,039 acres, or by about 23 percent. The number of acres in the "open lands" category, that is, lands that are vacant and apparently unused, increased by about 1,236 acres during the 1980 to 2000 period. Much of the increase in the "open lands" category is likely due to land being taken out of agriculture. The acreage of woodlands, wetlands, and surface waters increased by about 7 percent between 1980 and 2000.

Land Price

Equalized value trends by real estate class in the Town in 2003 and 2007 are set forth in Table 26. Commercial properties experienced the greatest increase in equalized value, with an increase of 357 percent. Residential and agricultural properties also experienced increases over the same period. The equalized value of undeveloped lands, forest lands, and lands categorized as "other" decreased. The Town experienced an overall increase in equalized value of 32 percent between 2003 and 2007, compared to a 40 percent increase in Washington County over the same period.

Table 25

LAND USE TRENDS IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 1980-2000

		Area (Acre	s)		Change in Area					
				1980	1980-1990		1990-2000)-2000	
Land Use Category	1980	1990	2000 ^a	Acres	Percent Change	Acres	Percent Change	Acres	Percent Change	
Urban										
Residential										
Single-Family	893	1,326	2,003	433	48.5	677	51.1	1,110	124.3	
Two-Family		1	1	1				1		
Multi-Family										
Mobile Homes										
Subtotal	893	1,327	2,004	434	48.6	677	51.0	1,111	124.4	
Commercial	16	17	19	1	6.3	2	11.8	3	18.8	
Industrial	13	19	19	6	46.2			6	46.2	
Transportation, Communications, and Utilities										
Arterial Street Rights-of-Way	175	182	244	7	4.0	62	34.1	69	39.4	
Nonarterial Street Rights-of-Way	420	417	515	-3	-0.7	98	23.5	95	22.6	
Railroad Rights-of-Way										
Communications and Utilities and Other Transportation	1	3	1	2	50.0	-2	-66.7			
Subtotal	596	602	760	6	1.0	158	26.2	164	27.5	
Governmental and Institutional	35	35	34			-1	-2.9	-1	-2.9	
Recreational	98	108	118	10	10.2	10	9.3	20	20.4	
Urban Subtotal	1,651	2,108	2,954	457	27.7	846	40.1	1,303	78.9	
Nonurban	,	,	,					,		
Natural Resource Areas										
Woodlands	3,222	3,520	3,558	298	9.2	38	1.1	336	10.4	
Wetlands	4,074	4,108	4,212	34	0.8	104	2.5	138	3.4	
Surface Water	307	321	330	14	4.6	9	2.8	23	7.5	
Subtotal	7,603	7,949	8,100	346	4.6	151	1.9	497	6.5	
Agricultural	13.104	11,564	10,065	-1.540	-11.8	-1.499	-13.0	-3,039	-23.2	
Landfills										
Quarries	7	4	10	-3	-42.9	6	150.0	3	42.9	
Open Lands	767	1,507	2,003	740	96.5	496	32.9	1,236	161.1	
Nonurban Subtotal	21,481	21,024	20,178	-457	-2.1	-846	-4.0	-1,303	-6.1	
Total	23.132	23,132	23.132							

^aAs part of the regional land use inventory for the year 2000, the delineation of existing land use was referenced to real property boundary information not available for prior inventories. This change increases the precision of the land use inventory and makes it more usable to public agencies and private interests throughout the Region. As a result of the change, however, year 2000 land use inventory data are not strictly comparable with data from the prior inventories. The most significant effect of the change is the increase to the transportation, communication, and utilities category due to the use of actual street and highway rights-of-way as part of the 2000 land use inventory, as opposed to the use of narrower estimated rights-of-way in prior inventories. This treatment of streets and highways generally diminishes the area of adjacent land uses traversed by those streets and highways in the 2000 land use inventory relative to prior inventories.

Source: SEWRPC.

Existing Land Uses in 2006

The Town of Erin, through its comprehensive plan, must look ahead at least twenty years to ensure adequate supplies of land for urban and nonurban land uses. To ensure that future planning reflects land use development that has occurred to date, the 2000 land use inventory was updated to 2006, based on the 2005 aerial photographs produced by SEWRPC, the record of subdivision and condominium plats maintained by Washington County, field checks, and consultation with Town officials.

Map 10 shows generalized land use in the Town at the end of 2006. Acres within each land use category are shown on Table 27.

The generalized land use map differs from the more precise 2000 land use inventory map (Map 3) in that the generalized map includes farmhouses in the "agricultural" category rather than the "residential" category.

Table 26

EQUALIZED VALUE BY REAL ESTATE CLASS IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2003 and 2007

	Statement of Equalized Values 2003 ^a						
Real Estate Class	Acres	Land	Improvements	Total			
Residential	7,687	\$125,811,300	\$284,690,300	\$410,501,600			
Commercial	62	721,800	1,685,400	2,407,200			
Manufacturing	0	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Agricultural	6,144	1,240,500	N/A	1,240,500			
Undeveloped	3,219	11,450,600	N/A	11,450,600			
Ag Forest	0	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Swamp and Waste	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A			
Forest	1,586	8,559,000	N/A	8,559,000			
Other ^c	71	1,228,200	4,440,300	5,668,500			
Total	18,769	\$149,011,400	\$290,816,000	\$439,827,400			

	;	Statement of Equa	Change in Equalized Value 2003 and 2007			
Real Estate Class	Acres	Land	Improvements	Total	Number	Percent
Residential	7,382	\$157,254,200	\$388,358,200	\$545,612,400	\$135,110,800	32.9
Commercial	435	3,586,200	7,417,100	11,003,300	8,596,100	357.1
Manufacturing	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Agricultural	5,876	1,314,700	N/A	1,314,700	74,200	6.0
Undeveloped	3,323	6,780,800	N/A	6,780,800	-4,669,800	-40.8
Ag Forest	995	5,060,000	N/A	5,060,000	N/A	N/A
Swamp and Waste	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Forest	631	6,520,000	N/A	6,520,000	-2,039,000	-23.8
Other ^c	45	1,125,000	3,292,100	4,417,100	-1,251,400	-22.1
Total	18,687	\$181,640,900	\$399,067,400	\$580,708,300	\$140,880,900	32.0

^aEqualized values for 2003 were as of March 15, 2004.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Revenue and SEWRPC.

Undeveloped portions of lots less than five acres were designated with the primary use of the lot. The number of acres in the single-family residential category was significantly higher in 2006 than in 2000, due primarily to the entire lot area of lots less than five acres with a home being included in residential land use category. Previously, portions of such lots that were not developed with a home, driveway, or accessory buildings (such as sheds) were included in the "open lands" category.

Urban Land Uses

Urban land uses include residential, commercial, industrial, governmental and institutional, recreational, and transportation, communication, and utility uses. Urban uses encompassed about 5,466 acres, or about 24 percent of the Town in 2006.

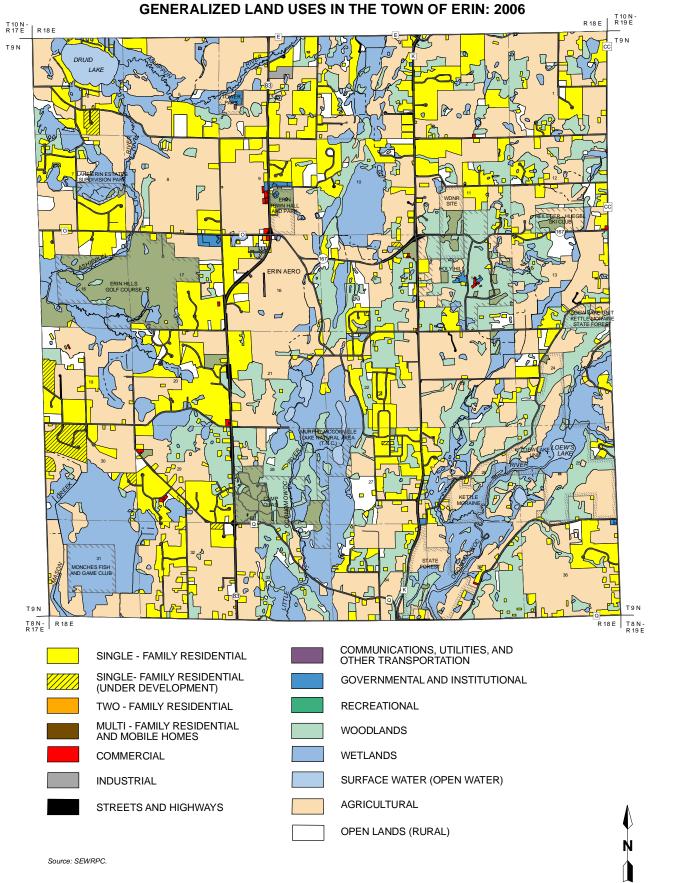
Residential

Residential land comprised the largest urban land use category in the Town in 2006. Residential uses encompassed 23,702 acres, or about 68 percent of all urban land and about 16 percent of the Town. All residential uses in the Town were single-family, with the exception of one two-family dwelling near the intersection of STH 83 and CTH O and one mobile home near the intersection of Clare Lane and Roosevelt Road. Although characterized as "urban," most residential development in the Town has occurred at rural densities (an average density of at least five acres per home).

^bEqualized values for 2007 were as of November 15, 2007.

^cThis category includes agricultural buildings and improvements and the land necessary for their location.

Map 10



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Table 27

LAND USES IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2006

Land Use Category ^a	Acres	Percent of Subtotal (Urban or Nonurban)	Percent of Total
Urban	Acics	(Nonarban)	rotai
Residential			
Single-Family	3,699	67.7	16.0
,	3,099	67.7	16.0
Two-Family	1	b	b
Multi-Family and Mobile Homes			
Subtotal	3,702	67.7	16.0
Commercial	21	0.4	0.1
Industrial	20	0.4	0.1
Transportation, Communications, and Utilities			
Street and Highway Rights-of- Way	797	14.6	3.5
Communications, Utilities, and Other Transportation ^c	5	0.1	b
Subtotal	802	14.7	3.5
Governmental and Institutional ^d	53	0.9	0.2
Recreational ^e	868	15.9	3.7
Urban Subtotal	5.466	100.0	23.6
Nonurban	0,100	100.0	20.0
Natural Resource Areas			
Woodlands	3,560	20.2	15.4
Wetlands	4.211	23.8	18.2
Surface Water	333	1.9	1.4
Subtotal	8,104	45.9	35.0
Agricultural ^f		49.8	38.1
Open Lands ⁹	762	4.3	3.3
Nonurban Subtotal	17,666	100.0	76.4
Total	23.132	100.0	100.0
Total	20,102		100.0

Note: This table, and the accompanying map, is more general than the land use inventory conducted in 2000. The two inventories are therefore not directly comparable, due primarily to the inclusion of farmhouses as an agricultural use on parcels of 20 acres or larger, and the identification of entire parcels of five acres or less as residential areas if a house was on the property in 2006. Also, lands under development in 2006 are included in the underlying category. For example, lands platted for residential use but not yet developed are included in the residential category.

Source: SEWRPC.

Commercial

In 2006, commercial land encompassed about 21 acres, which is less than 1 percent of the Town. Commercial development was primarily located along STH 83. Commercial uses included the Holy Hill gift shop, the Monches farm nursery and gift shop, a motel, a gas station, small restaurants, several taverns, an auto repair shop, and an outdoor equipment sales establishment.

Industrial

In 2006, industrial land encompassed about 20 acres, or less than 1 percent of the Town. There were three parcels developed for industrial use, all located along STH 83.

Transportation, Communication, and Utilities

Transportation, communication, and utility uses encompassed about 802 acres, or about 14 percent of all urban land uses and about 4 percent of the Town, in 2006. All but five acres were located within street and highway rights-of-way. A description of highway and street classifications is provided in the Transportation Element chapter (Chapter VIII).

Land used for transportation other than street rightsof-way included the Erin Aero airstrip, an unpaved airstrip south of the intersection of STH 83 and STH 167. Areas used for communication facilities and utilities include a cell tower site and an electrical substation.

Governmental and Institutional

In 2006, land used for government and institutional uses encompassed about 53 acres, or about 16 percent of urban land uses and about 4 percent of the Town. Governmental and institutional lands include the Town Hall, one public elementary school, Holy Hill, two parish churches, and six cemeteries. Two of those cemeteries are located next to a church (including St. Paul United Church of Christ Cemetery located in the southeast portion of the Town and St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery in the hamlet of Thompson). Information about these community facilities is presented in Chapter IX.

Recreational

In 2006, intensively used recreational land encompassed about 868 acres, or about 4 percent of urban land uses and about 1 percent of the Town. Intensive recreational land includes only those parks or portions of parks that have been developed with buildings or facilities such as campgrounds, golf courses, ski hills, playgrounds, baseball diamonds, soccer fields, and other playfields. There were five intensively used recreational sites in the

^aParking included in associated use.

bLess than 0.05 percent.

^c"Other Transportation" includes public and private airports and other transportation facilities not classified as street or railroad rights-of-way.

^dIncludes schools, government offices, cemeteries, religious institutions, and similar facilities.

^eIncludes only that land which is intensively used for recreational purposes.

^fFarmhouses are categorized as agricultural uses on parcels of 20 acres or larger in agricultural use.

⁹Open lands includes lands in rural areas that are not being farmed and other lands that have not been developed, including residual lands or outlots attendant to existing urban development that are not expected to be developed.

Town, consisting of portions of the Erin Town Hall and Park, the Quadgraphics Campground (Camp Quad), Spring Ridge Park, the Heileger-Huegel Ski Club, and the Erin Hills golf course. A complete inventory of park and open space sites in the Town is included in Chapter V.

Nonurban Land Uses

Nonurban land uses consist of agricultural lands; natural resource areas, including surface waters, wetlands, and woodlands; extractive sites; and unused land. As indicated in Table 27 and on Map 4, nonurban land uses encompassed about 17,666 acres, or about 76 percent of the Town, in 2006. Significant portions of the Town were used for agricultural purposes (about 38 percent) and encompassed within woodlands and wetlands (an additional 34 percent).

Agricultural Lands

Agriculture was the predominant land use in the Town in 2006. Agricultural lands encompassed 8,800 acres, or about 50 percent of nonurban land uses and 38 percent of the Town. Agricultural lands include all croplands, pasture lands, orchards, nurseries, and farm buildings. A more detailed inventory of agricultural land in the Town is included in Chapter V.

Natural Resource Areas

In 2006, natural resource areas consisting of surface water, wetlands, and woodlands combined to encompass 8,104 acres, or about 46 percent of nonurban land uses and about 35 percent of the Town. Natural resource areas in the Town included lakes, rivers, streams, 4,211 acres of wetlands, and 3,560 acres of woodlands. Major natural resource areas include Druid, Murphy, Malloy, Beck, McConville, Hickey, and Loew's lakes; portions of the Oconomowoc River; the Murphy-McConville Lake Natural Area; and a portion of the Kettle Moraine. Portions of the southeast part of the Town are located in the Kettle Moraine State Forest-Loew Lake Unit. A complete inventory of natural resource areas is included in Chapter V.

Extractive Sites

There were no operational nonmetallic mining (extractive) sites in the Town in 2006. A small former nonmetallic mining site is located within a park site owned by the Town.

Open Lands

In 2006, open lands encompassed about 762 acres, or 3 percent of the Town. Open lands include lands in rural areas that are not being farmed, and other lands that have not been developed. Examples of lands in the latter category include lots that have been platted but not yet developed.

Former Landfills and Contaminated Sites

Former Landfills

There are no active landfills in the Town. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has identified one former landfill, shown on Table 28, which encompassed about 4.4 acres, in its registry of waste disposal sites. The DNR registry of waste disposal sites includes active, inactive, and abandoned sites where solid or hazardous wastes were known or likely to have been disposed. The inclusion of a site does not mean that environmental contamination has occurred, is occurring, or will occur in the future, but is intended to serve as a general informational source for the public and Town officials regarding the location of waste disposal sites. The former landfill site has not been identified as a contaminated site by the DNR.

Contaminated Sites

The DNR Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment identifies and monitors contaminated sites. Contaminated sites include leaking underground storage tank (LUST) sites and environmental repair (ERP) sites. A LUST site has soil and/or groundwater contaminated with petroleum, which includes toxic and cancer causing substances. However, given time, petroleum contamination naturally breaks down in the environment (biodegradation). Some LUST sites may emit potentially explosive vapors. As shown on Table 28, the DNR has identified three LUST sites in the Town. One of the sites has been cleaned up and closed. There have been clean-up efforts at the other two sites, which are being monitored by the DNR.

Table 28

FORMER LANDFILLS AND CONTAMINATED SITES IDENTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2007

Name	Site Location	Activity Type ^a	Size (acres)	Status/Comments
Town of Erin Dump/Earl Matter Gravel Pit	Druid Lake Road	Former Landfill	4.4	Closed landfill that has not caused contamination. Site is currently open space
Lucy's Horseshoe Inn/Lucille Krapfl property	1874 STH 83	LUST	b	Soil contamination from petroleum within 100 feet of a private well. DNR received Remedial Action Options Report (workplan) in 1996. Site closed in 1999. No further action required (site within STH 83 right-of-way)
Fowler Residence	1044 St. Augustine Road	LUST	b	Soil contamination from petroleum. Conditional closure letter sent in 2000. DNR waiting for receipt of documentation of disposal of soils for closure of site. Site currently in residential use
Kenealy's Erin Inn	1301 CTH K	LUST	b	Soil contamination from petroleum within 100 feet of a private well. Oversight of low or moderate risk petroleum cleanup reported in 1996. Site continues to be monitored by the DNR. Site currently in commercial use
Total – 4 sites				

^aIncludes former landfills and Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) contaminated sites.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and SEWRPC.

An ERP site is a site, other than a LUST, that has contaminated soil and/or groundwater. Examples include industrial spills (or dumping) that require long-term investigation, buried containers of hazardous substances, or closed landfills that have caused contamination. ERP sites also include areas with petroleum contamination from above-ground (but not from underground) storage tanks. No ERP sites have been identified in the Town.

Background Data and Maps

Chapters II through XI provide background data and maps used to help design the Town land use plan map. In addition to the detailed inventories included in these chapters, the comprehensive planning law requires that the following maps be included in the land use element:

• Productive Agricultural Soils

A land evaluation and site assessment (LESA) analysis was conducted as part of the comprehensive planning process to meet this requirement and to develop goals and objectives for farmland preservation as part of the Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Element. Map 3 in Chapter V shows the results of this analysis. The LESA Analysis will be used to help update the Washington County Farmland Preservation Plan following adoption of the County comprehensive plan by the Washington County Board of Supervisors.

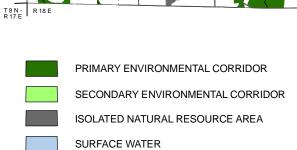
• Environmentally Sensitive Lands and Natural Limitations to Building Site Development

Environmentally sensitive lands are shown on Map 11, and include primary environmental corridors, secondary environmental corridors, isolated natural resource areas, and surface waters. Several natural resource features that may limit development were identified by the Town Smart Growth Committee and Plan Commission, and are shown on Map 12. These features include 100-year floodplains, wetlands, slopes of 12 percent or greater, and surface water. Recommendations for the protection and management of these resources are included in the Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Element (Chapter V).

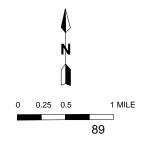
^bDNR does not determine the size of each contaminated site, therefore, this information is not available.

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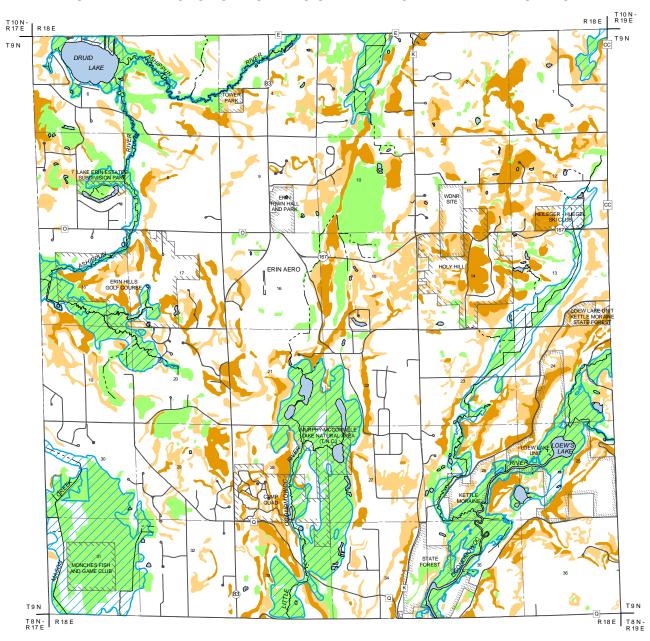
Map 11

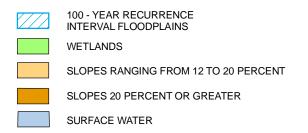


Source: SEWRPC.

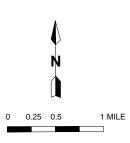


Map 12
NATURAL LIMITATIONS FOR BUILDING SITE DEVELOPMENT IN THE TOWN OF ERIN





Source: USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service, Washington County, and SEWRPC.



• Utilities and Community Services

The comprehensive planning law requires the land use element to include maps showing boundaries of areas to which public utility and community services will be provided by the plan design year. Chapter IX includes such maps for the Town.

Opportunities for Redevelopment and Smart Growth Areas

The greatest opportunities for redevelopment in Washington County exist where there is available land served by existing infrastructure, typically in the older and underutilized commercial buildings and parcels located in and adjacent to the traditional downtowns, and older shopping centers located in cities and villages. The following areas were identified as potential "Smart Growth Areas" in the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Washington County:

- Environmentally contaminated sites identified by local governments as suitable for redevelopment
- Underutilized parcels in and adjacent to traditional downtowns, including older shopping centers
- Undeveloped land within planned urban service areas that is adjacent to existing development and does not encompass lands with significant environmental features or potential for long-term agricultural use²
- Hamlets identified for urban development in local land use plans.

Three environmentally contaminated sites have been identified in the Town, and are listed in Table 28. All three sites have been developed for urban use.

Land for additional commercial development in the Town is located in and just south of the hamlet of Thompson, along STH 83. There are no public sanitary sewer or water services provided in the Town, which may be expected to limit the number and type of commercial and other urban development in the Town. There are no planned urban service areas within the Town. The Town intends to maintain its rural character and does not encourage the intensity of urban development envisioned by the State comprehensive planning law within "Smart Growth Areas."

Existing and Potential Land Use Conflicts

The potential for land use conflicts is greatest in city and village planning areas that overlap with the towns. In accordance with Section 62.23 of the *Statutes*, a city or village planning area can include areas outside its corporate limits, including any unincorporated land outside of the city or village boundaries that, in the plan commission's judgment, relates to the development of the city or village. City and village planning areas are typically associated with city and village extraterritorial areas.³ Potential land use conflicts can arise in these areas because they may be planned for in both the town comprehensive plan and the city or village comprehensive plan, with different or conflicting land uses recommended by each plan. The Village of Richfield, whose extraterritorial area extends into the Town, has not included Town areas within its comprehensive plan. The City of Hartford has not yet completed its comprehensive plan. As noted in Chapter II, the Town signed an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Hartford in 2004 in which the City agreed not to exercise extraterritorial plat approval or zoning authority jurisdiction over the Town of Richfield in which Richfield agreed not to exercise extraterritorial plat approval or zoning authority jurisdiction over the Town of

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²Lands with significant environmental features are identified on Map 11 (Environmentally Sensitive Lands) and 12 (Natural Limitations to Building Site Development). Lands with potential for long-term agricultural use are identified on Map 3, LESA Analysis Map, in Chapter V.

³The Wisconsin Statutes grant cities and villages the authority to approve or deny subdivision plats within 1.5 miles of villages and cities of the fourth class, and within three miles of cities of the first, second, or third class (the Cities of Hartford and West Bend are cities of the third class). Cities and villages may also enact extraterritorial zoning regulations for their extraterritorial areas, but must work with the affected town to develop and approve such regulations.

Table 29
PLANNED LAND USES IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2035

Land Use Category	Acres	Percent
Rural Preservation ^a	7,053	30.5
Agricultural Transition ^b	8,781	38.0
Shoreline Residential	27	0.1
Roadside Commercial	146	0.6
Government and Institutional	145	0.6
Parks and Recreation	1,615	7.0
Street and Highway Rights-of-Way	823	3.6
Surface Water	333	1.4
Wetlands	4,209	18.2
Total	23,132	100.0
Overlay Categories		
Primary Environmental Corridor	8,173	35.3
Secondary Environmental Corridor	191	0.8
Little Oconomowoc River	2,212	9.6
Holy Hill	1,690	7.3

^aAllows agricultural uses and residential uses with an average density of one home per seven acres.

Source: SEWRPC.

Erin if the Town complies with specified conditions. The agreement took effect upon the Town of Richfield's incorporation as a Village in February 2008. Each agreement also includes a condition that neither the City nor Village would agree to annex lands from the Town of Erin.

TOWN OF ERIN LAND USE PLAN

Land Use Plan

The land use plan map for the Town of Erin for the year 2035 is presented on Map 13. Table 29 sets forth the number of acres and percent of the Town in each land use category on the Land Use Plan map. The Town of Erin is essentially a rural community with scattered clusters of residential development and limited commercial and industrial development. The Town contains a rich and unique natural, cultural, and historical resource base that includes environmental corridors, rustic roads, scenic drives, and other attractive features such as Holy Hill (see Map 13). This Town land use element seeks to protect natural resources, including groundwater quality and quantity, and preserve the rural character of the Town. Map 13 and the goals, objectives, policies, and

programs presented later in this chapter represent a continuation of the policies contained in the Town of Erin Land Use Plan adopted by the Town Board in April 2003.

Variations of Map 13 are shown on Maps 14, 15, and 16 to assist in the interpretation of the land use plan map. Map 14 shows the land use categories from Map 13, without the scenic and rustic roads and unique environmental area overlays. Map 15 shows the land use categories from Map 13 as they relate to parcel lines as of January 1, 2007. Map 16 shows the scenic and rustic roads; unique environmental areas; wetlands, surface water, and streams; and the environmental corridor overlays that are on the land use plan map.

Rural Preservation and Agricultural Transition

Most of the land within the Town of Erin has been placed in these two categories. The rural preservation land use category is intended to accommodate continued agricultural uses and rural residential development at a density of no more than one home per seven acres. The limits of the rural preservation area generally follow the boundary of the Little Oconomowoc River watershed. The agricultural transition land use category is intended to accommodate continued agricultural uses and rural residential development at a density of no more than one home per five acres. The Town encourages the use of conservation subdivision design or lot-averaging techniques to help preserve rural character and provide a buffer between adjacent farmland and residential uses in these areas.

Shoreline Residential

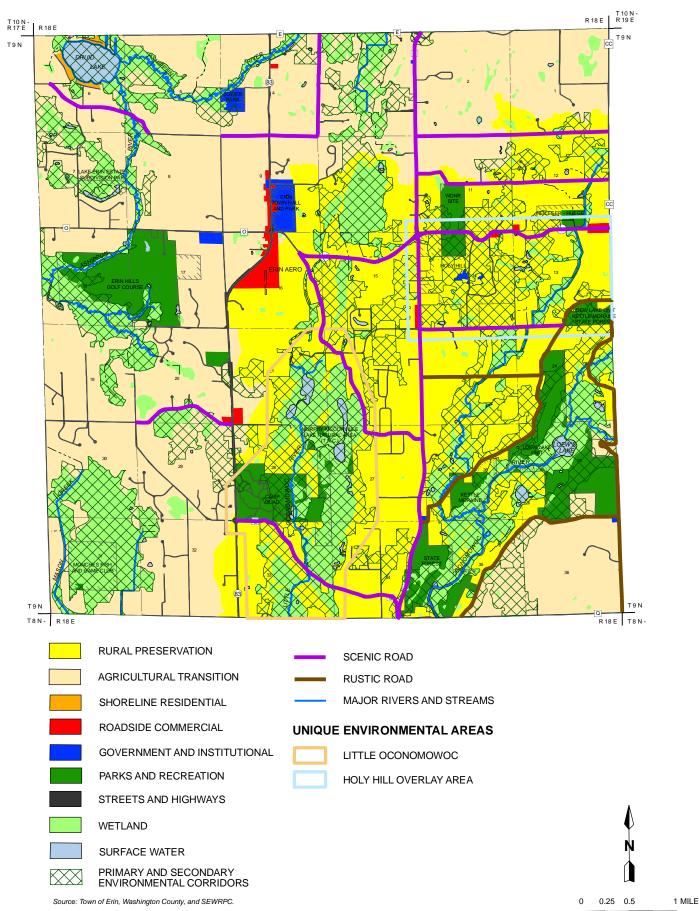
This category includes areas along the shoreline of Druid Lake which were divided into urban-density residential lots prior to preparation of the Town land use plan in 2003. This category is intended to accommodate existing small lots surrounding the lake, and does not designate any additional areas for urban-density residential development.

Roadside Commercial

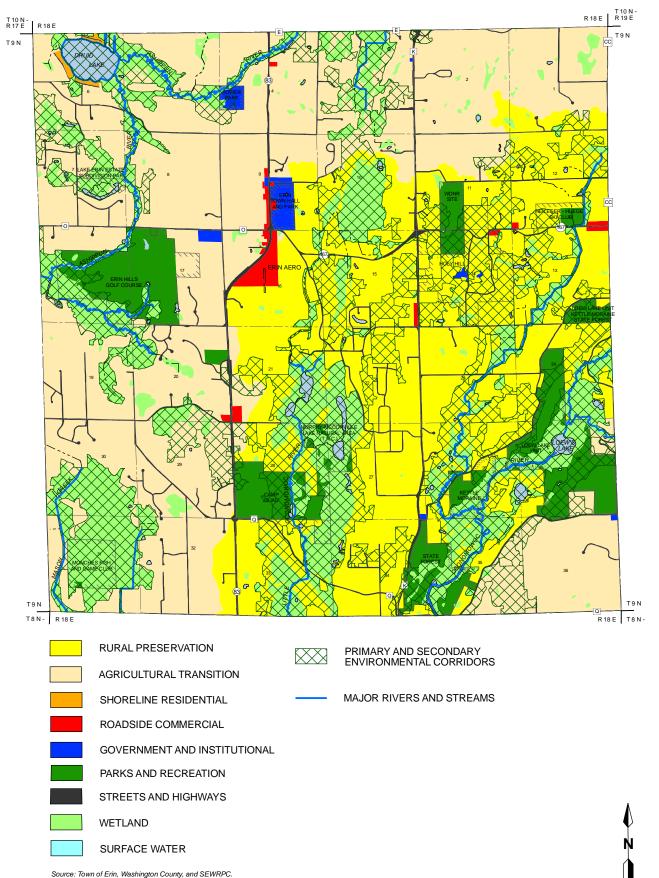
This category included existing commercial development in the Town, including taverns, small restaurants, automobile service stations, a motel, and small retail shops. The land use plan map includes an additional 125 acres of land in the category, for a total of 146 acres compared to the 21 acres in commercial uses in 2006. Much

^bAllows agricultural uses and residential uses with an average density of one home per five acres.

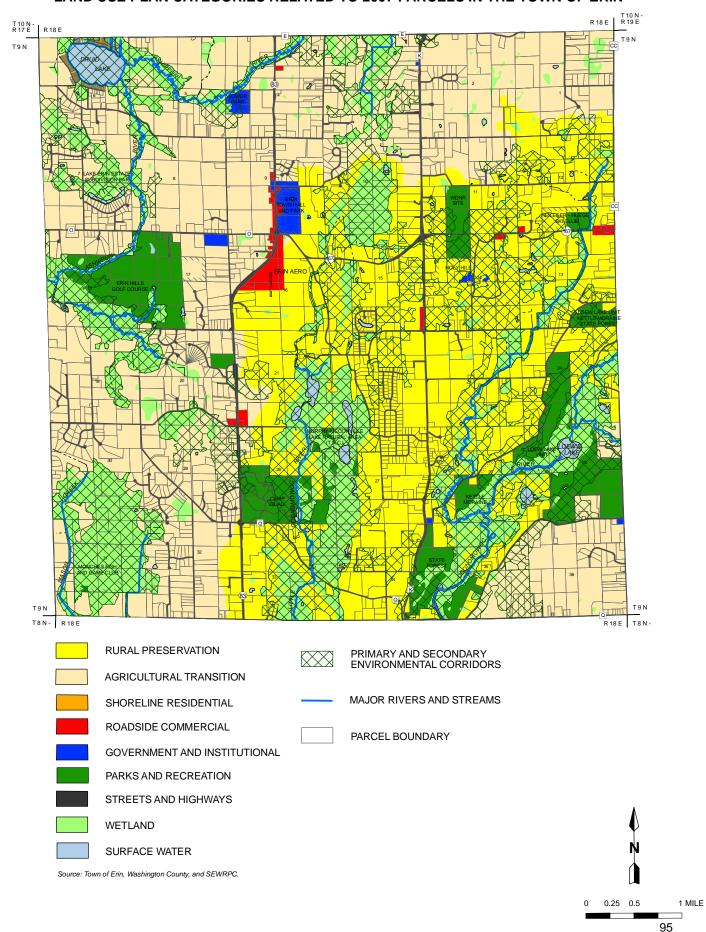
Map 13 LAND USE PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2035



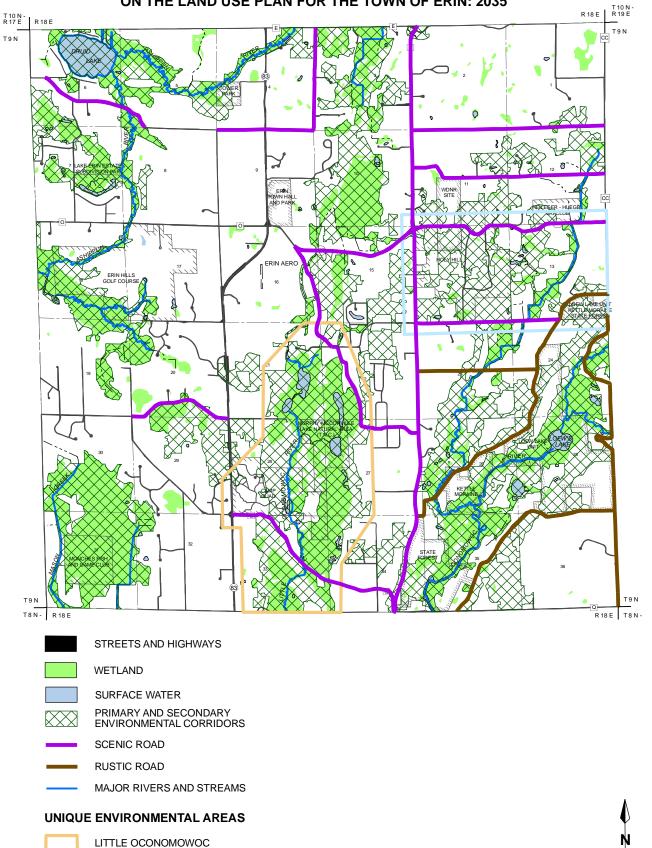
Map 14
LAND USE PLAN CATEGORIES FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2035



Map 15
LAND USE PLAN CATEGORIES RELATED TO 2007 PARCELS IN THE TOWN OF ERIN



Map 16
SCENIC AND RUSTIC ROADS AND ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES INCLUDED
ON THE LAND USE PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2035



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HOLY HILL OVERLAY AREA

of the additional land designated for commercial use is located on the east side of STH 83, south of STH 167. Currently, the Town zoning ordinance would accommodate all nonmanufacturing trades and services within this category (the "B" Business/Commercial zoning district). All uses within the "B" zoning district require review and approval of a conditional use permit by the Town Plan Commission.

Governmental and Institutional

The Governmental and Institutional land use category includes governmental and institutional uses existing in the Town in 2006, which include the Town Hall, one public elementary school, Holy Hill, two parish churches, and six cemeteries.

Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Recreation land use category includes lands developed with facilities for public and private outdoor recreation, including public and private parks and private campgrounds, golf courses, and ski hills. This category also includes open space sites owned by the DNR, The Nature Conservancy, UW-Milwaukee, and the Monches Fish and Game Club for primarily natural resource protection purposes, with limited recreational uses permitted.

Street and Highway Rights-of-Way

All existing street and highway rights-of-way (as of January 1, 2007) are shown on Map 13 as a separate category. Chapter VIII provides additional information regarding planned transportation facilities in the Town.

Environmentally Significant Areas

The Town land use plan map shows primary and secondary environmental corridors as an overlay. Locating new development outside of primary and secondary environmental corridors will serve to maintain a high level of environmental quality in the Town, and will also avoid costly development problems such as flood damage, wet basements, and failing pavements. Properly relating new development to such environmentally significant areas will also help preserve the scenic beauty of the Town.

This comprehensive plan recommends substantial preservation of remaining primary and secondary environmental corridors in accordance with the guidelines set forth in Table 24 in Chapter V. Development within these areas should be limited to required transportation and utility facilities, compatible outdoor recreation facilities, and very low density residential development carefully designed so as to minimize the impact on natural resources.

Primary Environmental Corridors

Environmental corridors, more fully described in Chapter V, are linear areas in the landscape that contain concentrations of high-value elements of the natural resource base. Primary environmental corridors contain almost all of the best remaining woodlands, wetlands, and wildlife habitat areas, as well as floodplains and steeply sloped areas where intensive urban development would be ill-advised. The protection of the primary environmental corridors from additional intrusion by urban development is one of the principal objectives of this plan. Primary environmental corridors are shown as an overlay on the land use plan map, and occupy about 35 percent of the Town.

Secondary Environmental Corridors

Secondary environmental corridors contain concentrations of high-value elements of the natural resource base, but are smaller in area than primary environmental corridors. Secondary corridors serve to link primary corridors, or encompass areas containing concentrations of natural resources between 100 and 400 acres in size. Secondary environmental corridors are shown as an overlay on the land use plan map, and occupy about 1 percent of the Town.

Wetlands

Wetlands perform an important set of natural functions which include support of a wide variety of desirable, and sometimes unique, forms of plant and animal life; water quality protection; stabilization of lake levels and

streamflows; reduction in stormwater runoff by providing areas for floodwater impoundment and storage; and protection of shorelines from erosion. Wetlands should not be developed. Wetlands occupy over 18 percent of the Town.

Surface Water

The Surface Water land use category includes lakes, ponds, rivers, creeks, and streams. Surface water and adjacent shoreland areas should be protected to maintain water quality. Surface waters encompass about 1 percent of the Town.

Unique Environmental Areas

The land use plan map also designated two unique environmental areas as overlay districts. They include the Little Oconomowoc River area, which encompasses about 10 percent of the Town; and the Holy Hill Overlay Area, which encompasses about 7 percent of the Town.

Land Use Projections

The comprehensive planning law requires the land use element to include projections, in five-year increments, of future residential, agricultural, commercial, and industrial land uses. Due to the uncertainty in predicting the rate of future development, it was assumed for the purpose of fulfilling this requirement that the same amount of growth would occur in each of the six five-year periods between 2006 and 2035. The amount of growth in each category is estimated as:

- Residential: Based on the population projection of 4,660 persons selected by the Town for the year 2035, an additional 498 housing units will be needed between 2006 and 2035, for a total of 1,912 housing units in the Town by 2035 (see the Housing Element chapter for more information). An additional 498 units between 2006 and 2035 average to 83 new housing units during each five-year period. Assuming that 42 new units would be developed in the Agricultural Transition area at an average density of one home per five acres, and that 41 new units would be developed in the Rural Preservation area at an average density of one home per seven acres, 497 acres of land will be converted from agricultural use to rural-density residential uses during each five-year period. Over 30 years, about 2,980 acres would be converted to residential use. Through the use of conservation subdivision design and lot averaging techniques, much of the 2,980 acres can be preserved in open space use, natural resources, or agricultural land.
- *Commercial and Industrial*: The Town land use plan designates an additional 125 acres in the Roadside Commercial land use category compared to commercial uses existing in 2006. This averages to about 20 acres of additional commercial development during each five-year period. The Town has not designated any additional land for industrial development on the land use plan map.
- Agricultural: The number of acres in agricultural use will likely continue to decline during the planning period, as land is converted from farming to residential or commercial uses. The Town will encourage the use of conservation subdivision design and lot averaging techniques to help preserve a portion of existing agricultural uses when parcels are developed for residential use.

LAND USE GOALS, OBJECTIVES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS

This section sets forth land use goals and objectives through the plan design year of 2035. Policies, which are steps or actions recommended to be taken to achieve land use goals and objectives; and programs, which are projects or services intended to achieve land use policies, are also identified.

Goals: To preserve both the rural character and economic base of the Town.

Goals: To maintain the unique beauty of the Town.

Goals: To achieve a logical relationship between existing and new land uses.

- **Objectives:** Affirm and encourage traditional and alternative forms of agriculture.
- **Objectives:** Protect groundwater quality by limiting the gross density in critical watersheds.
- **Objectives:** Limit residential development to densities and locations compatible with the rural character of the Town.
- **Objectives:** Allow and attract businesses that support the primary economic activities in the Town: agriculture, tourism, recreation, and residents' needs.
 - Policies: To limit residential development to densities and in locations compatible with the rural character of the Town, and therefore avoid the need to provide urban facilities and services to such development.
 - Policies: To avoid the creation of water pollution and public health problems by limiting residential
 development to soils that are well suited to development when served by private on-site sewage
 treatment systems and private wells.
 - Policies: Recognize that the primary and secondary environmental corridors represent a
 comprehensive open space system that is the main element defining the rural character and scenic
 beauty of the Town.
 - **Policies:** Protect environmentally sensitive areas that are not suitable for development.
 - Policies: Recognize that the cumulative effect of private on-site sewage treatment systems
 contributing discharge in sensitive watersheds is a threat to groundwater contamination. Therefore,
 the overall density of home sites in the Little Oconomowoc River watershed should be limited.
 - Policies: Recognize and preserve the critical role that farmland, open space, historical architecture, scenic vistas and landscapes, natural resources and features, rustic roads, the Loew Lake Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, the Ice Age Trail, Holy Hill, and archaeological and cultural features play in defining and enhancing the Town's historic and rural character.
 - Policies: Scenic views from roads and existing structures should be preserved when possible.
 - **Policies:** Design to preserve open space.
 - Policies: Maintain the existing residential density for the Town as a whole and prohibit further division of existing low-density residential lots into higher density residential lots.
 - Policies: Livestock, other than domestic pets, should be restricted to lots that are of adequate size.
 - Policies: Use preservation techniques to protect the land. Require deed restriction, covenants, and easements that guarantee land control and management of natural areas.
 - **Policies:** Permit commercial development only in areas served by state or county highways.
 - Policies: New commercial and industrial development should occur only in those areas that are currently planned and zoned for such uses. Prohibit the creation of new commercial or industrial zones.
 - Policies: Allow commercial uses needed by Town residents that will not detract from the scenic beauty of the Town.
 - **Programs:** Maintain the present five-acre and seven-acre residential densities.
 - **Programs:** Allow for nonconforming properties to be conforming, where safe and practical.
 - **Programs:** Utilize incentives in cases where a planned rural conservation design is used.
 - **Programs:** Amend the Town zoning ordinance to limit the number of livestock based on lot size.
 - Programs: Encourage the preservation of common areas in conservation design and lotaveraging developments by precluding their future development through the use of conservation easements.
 - Programs: Require community property maintenance in conformance to recorded subdivision covenants accepted by the Town at the time of the subdivision approval.
 - Programs: Amend the town zoning and subdivision ordinances to allow the use of lot averaging techniques.

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Chapter VII

HOUSING ELEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The housing element is one of the nine elements of a comprehensive plan required by Section 66.1001 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*. Section 66.1001 (2) (b) of the *Statutes* requires the housing element to assess the age, structural condition, value, and occupancy characteristics of existing housing stock in the Town. In addition, specific policies and programs must be identified that:

- Promote the development of housing for residents of the Town and provide a range of housing choices that meet the needs of persons of all income levels and age groups and persons with special needs.
- Promote the availability of land for the development or redevelopment of affordable housing.
- Maintain or rehabilitate existing housing stock.

In addition, the following comprehensive planning goals related to the housing element are set forth in Section 16.965 of the *Statutes* and must be addressed as part of the planning process:¹

- Promotion of the redevelopment of lands with existing infrastructure and public services and the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing residential, commercial, and industrial structures.
- Encouragement of land uses, densities and regulations that promote efficient development patterns and relatively low municipal, state government, and utility costs.
- Providing an adequate supply of affordable housing for individuals of all income levels throughout the community.
- Providing adequate infrastructure and public services and an adequate supply of developable land to meet existing and future market demand for residential, commercial, and industrial uses.

Part 1 of this chapter provides an inventory of existing housing stock, including age, structural condition, value, and occupancy characteristics. This information, along with housing demand inventory data such as household, income, and demographic information presented in Chapter III, is used to analyze future housing needs for residents of the Town.

Part 2 provides a description of government programs which facilitate the provision of housing, including affordable housing, and Part 3 includes information on Town policies and ordinances affecting housing and zoning regulations for minimum home sizes, minimum lot sizes, and housing type.

¹Chapter I lists all 14 of the comprehensive planning goals included in Section 16.965 of the Statutes.

Table 30

TOTAL HOUSING UNITS BY TENURE IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2000

	Housin	g Units
Tenure of Housing Units	Number ^a	Percent
Owner-occupied	1,233	91.2
Renter-occupied	54	4.0
Vacant	65	4.8
Total	1,352	100.0

^aTotals are based on 100 percent of respondents to the 2000 Census.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census and SEWRPC.

Part 4 of this chapter sets forth housing goals and objectives through the plan design year of 2035. Policies, which are steps or actions recommended to be taken to achieve housing goals and objectives; and programs, which are projects or services intended to achieve housing policies, are also identified in Part 4.

Census Data

Census 2000 Summary File 1 and Census 2000 Summary File 3 were used in the collection of the majority of existing housing stock data presented in this chapter. Summary File 1 data was used when possible. Data from Summary File 1 is generally more accurate because it is based on 100 percent of

the responses to the 2000 Census. In most cases, data from Summary File 3 were used because the data were not available from Summary File 1. Summary File 3 is generally less accurate because the data is based on a sampling of one in six households; however, Summary File 3 covers a greater range of topics. Because the sample sizes are different, the data reported by the Census may differ for each data source. Unfortunately, the Census does not make adjustments to reconcile the discrepancies. In addition, some of the data to follow in this chapter are based on total housing units and some are based on occupied units only, depending on how the Census data were reported. This distinction is footnoted on all applicable tables.

PART 1: INVENTORY

Housing Supply

The characteristics of the existing housing stock in the planning area have been inventoried to help determine the number and type of housing units that will best suit the needs of Town residents through 2035. The existing housing stock inventory includes:

- Total housing units
- Vacancy rate
- Value of owner-occupied housing units
- Median sale price of housing units
- Monthly cost of housing units by tenure (owner- or renter-occupied)
- Number of bedrooms
- Structure type and year built
- Condition of existing housing stock

Total Housing Units

The quantity and tenure (owner- or renter-occupied) of existing housing units in the Town is one of the key inventory items needed to project the number of additional housing units that will be needed in the Town and in Washington County in 2035. As shown in Table 30, there were 1,352 housing units in the Town in 2000. About 91 percent, or 1,233, were owner-occupied and about 4 percent, or 54, were renter-occupied. About 5 percent of the total housing units, or 65 units, were vacant.

Vacancy

Another key housing supply inventory item is the vacancy rate of various housing types. The vacancy rate is the number of vacant and available housing units divided by the total number of housing units. The vacancy rates for owner-occupied units and rental units are shown on Table 31.

Table 31
HOUSING VACANCIES IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2000

Vacancy Type	Number ^a
For rent	4
For sale only	8
Rented or sold, not occupied ^b	2
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	41
For migrant workers	0
Other vacant ^c	10
Total vacant units	65
Total units	1,352
Total vacancy rate (percent)	4.8

^aTotals are based on 100 percent of the responses to the 2000 Census.

Table 32

VALUE FOR SPECIFIED OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS^a IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2000

	Housing Units		
Value	Number	Percent	
Less than \$50,000	4	0.4	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	43	4.6	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	130	14.0	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	303	32.6	
\$200,000 to \$299,999	380	40.9	
\$300,000 to \$499,999	62	6.7	
\$500,000 or more	8	0.8	
Total	930	100.0	
Median Value	\$197,400		

^aThe data for specified owner-occupied housing units excludes mobile homes, houses with a business or medical office on the property, houses on 10 or more acres, and housing units in multi-unit buildings. Totals are based on a sample of one in six respondents to the 2000 Census.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census and SEWRPC.

Some vacancies are necessary for a healthy housing market. The Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) states that an area needs a minimum overall vacancy rate of 3.0 percent to ensure adequate housing choices, which should include a minimum 1.5 percent vacancy rate for owner-occupied housing units and a minimum 5 percent vacancy rate for rental units. Vacant units can fall into several categories including for rent; for sale only; for seasonal, recreational, or occasional use; for migrant workers; and other vacant units. The overall vacancy rate in the Town was 4.8 percent in 2000.

The vacancy rate for owner-occupied units was determined by dividing the number of units from Table 31 that were "for sale only" by the combined total number of units "for sale only" and owner-occupied units shown on Table 30. The approximate vacancy rate for rental units was determined by dividing the number of units "for rent" from Table 31 by the combined number of units "for rent" and rental units from Table 30. The results of these calculations were a vacancy rate of 0.6 percent for owner-occupied units, which is lower than the vacancy rate recommended by HUD, and 6.9 percent for rental units, which is much higher than the recommended vacancy rate.

Value of Owner-Occupied Housing Units

Table 32 sets forth the value of specified owner-occupied housing units² in the Town in 2000. These values can be used to determine if there are adequate home ownership opportunities for residents of all income levels. About 41 percent of owner-occupied homes had values between \$200,000 and \$299,999 and about 33 percent had values between \$150,000 and \$199,999. About 14 percent of owner-occupied homes had values between \$100,000 and \$149,999 and about 7 percent had values between \$300,000 and \$499,999. About 4 percent of homes had values between \$50,000 and \$99,999 and about 1 percent of homes had values of \$500,000 or more. Four homes, or less than 1 percent, had values less than \$50,000.

The median value for owner-occupied housing units in the Town was \$197,400. Table 33 sets forth the value of owner-occupied housing units for each local government in Washington County.

Median Sales Prices in 2006

Washington County's Real Property Lister Division records information on all real estate sale transactions that occur in the County. Recorded information includes the real estate's location, type, and the total value of the real estate transaction (sale price). Table 34 sets forth the median prices for housing units in the County in 2000 and

^bThe unit is classified "rented or sold, not occupied" if any money towards rent has been paid or the unit has recently been sold but the occupant has not yet moved in.

^cIf a vacant unit does not fall into any of the other categories it is classified as an "other vacant unit." An example would be a unit held for occupancy by a caretaker.

²The data for specified owner-occupied housing units excludes mobile homes, houses with a business or medical office on the property, houses on 10 or more acres, and housing units in multi-unit buildings.

Table 33

VALUE FOR SPECIFIED OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITIES: 2000^a

	Less than	s \$50,000	\$50,000 t	o \$99,999	\$100,000 t	\$100,000 to \$149,999		o \$199,999
Community	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Cities								
Hartford ^b	7	0.3	403	17.1	1,281	54.4	543	23.1
West Bend	24	0.4	538	9.0	3,744	63.0	1,181	19.9
Villages								
Germantown	0	0.0	431	9.5	1,084	24.0	1,774	39.4
Jackson	7	0.7	54	5.8	460	49.1	368	39.3
Kewaskum	0	0.0	124	18.6	375	56.2	144	21.6
Newburg ^c	0	0.0	11	5.3	101	48.6	82	39.4
Slinger	8	1.1	89	12.6	326	46.3	160	22.7
Towns								
Addison	0	0.0	48	6.3	358	47.4	248	32.8
Barton	0	0.0	30	4.4	245	36.4	302	44.8
Erin	4	0.4	43	4.6	130	14.0	303	32.6
Farmington	0	0.0	23	3.0	286	36.5	271	34.6
Germantown	0	0.0	12	15.4	29	37.2	27	34.6
Hartford	0	0.0	66	6.2	278	25.9	439	40.9
Jackson	10	1.2	40	5.0	202	25.3	323	40.4
Kewaskum	2	0.9	25	11.6	63	29.3	75	34.9
Polk	0	0.0	17	1.8	120	12.7	266	28.3
Richfield	4	0.1	74	2.4	693	22.1	1,013	32.3
Trenton	0	0.0	86	7.4	475	40.9	362	31.2
Wayne	3	0.9	30	9.4	94	29.5	130	40.8
West Bend	0	0.0	25	1.9	196	15.0	337	25.7
Washington County ^d	69	0.3	2,169	7.9	10,540	38.3	8,348	30.4

	\$200,000 to	o \$299,999	\$300,000 t	o \$499,999	\$500,000	or More	Т	otal	Median Value
Community	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	(dollars)
Cities									
Hartford ^b	121	5.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	2,355	100.0	129,900
West Bend	343	5.8	83	1.4	27	0.5	5,940	100.0	132,500
Villages									
Germantown	1,134	25.2	72	1.6	12	0.3	4,507	100.0	169,900
Jackson	48	5.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	937	100.0	146,100
Kewaskum	11	1.7	11	1.7	2	0.2	667	100.0	121,400
Newburg ^c	14	6.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	208	100.0	146,500
Slinger	115	16.3	7	1.0	0	0.0	705	100.0	141,000
Towns									
Addison	88	11.6	14	1.9	0	0.0	756	100.0	146,700
Barton	71	10.5	26	3.9	0	0.0	674	100.0	158,300
Erin	380	40.9	62	6.7	8	0.8	930	100.0	197,400
Farmington	191	24.4	12	1.5	0	0.0	783	100.0	164,000
Germantown	10	12.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	78	100.0	147,000
Hartford	220	20.5	70	6.5	0	0.0	1,073	100.0	168,200
Jackson	200	25.0	25	3.1	0	0.0	800	100.0	166,900
Kewaskum	42	19.6	6	2.8	2	0.9	215	100.0	159,900
Polk	359	38.1	152	16.2	27	2.9	941	100.0	216,900
Richfield	980	31.3	325	10.4	43	1.4	3,132	100.0	189,000
Trenton	192	16.5	46	4.0	0	0.0	1,161	100.0	152,000
Wayne	53	16.6	7	2.2	2	0.6	319	100.0	160,200
West Bend	416	31.8	190	14.5	145	11.1	1,309	100.0	218,300
Washington County ^d	4,988	18.1	1,108	4.0	268	1.0	27,490	100.0	159,100

^aThe data for specified owner-occupied housing units excludes mobile homes, houses with a business or medical office on the property, houses on 10 or more acres, and housing units in multi-unit buildings. Totals are based on a sample of one in six respondents to the 2000 Census.

^bIncludes entire City of Hartford.

^cIncludes entire Village of Newburg.

^dIncludes all of Washington County and the entire City of Hartford and Village of Newburg.

2006. In 2006, the median price for a housing unit³ was \$202,000; this is an increase of nearly 37 percent from the median price in 2000. The median price for single-family units was \$229,000, the median price for two-family units was \$179,500, the median for condominiums was \$156,688, and median price for multi-family units was \$460,000. Each housing type experienced an increase in median price from 2000 to 2006. Single-family housing units' median price increased nearly 47 percent, two-family increased about 29 percent, and condominiums increased almost 39 percent.

In 2006, single-family housing units were the predominate form of housing sold in Washington County. Sales of two-family and condominium housing units that did occur were primarily in the cities and villages. Towns had very little, if any, two-family or condominium housing unit sales. Table 35 sets forth the median sale prices in 2006 for housing units in local government. In 2006, the median prices for housing units were generally higher for towns than for cities and villages. In 2006, the median price in the Town of Erin was \$316,000; this is an increase of about 60 percent from the median price in 2000.

Monthly Housing Costs

Monthly housing costs for owner-occupied housing units and rental housing units have been inventoried to determine if there is an adequate supply of affordable housing units for each household income level in the Town. HUD defines affordability as access to decent and safe housing that costs no more than 30 percent of a household's gross monthly income. Table 36 sets forth monthly housing costs for specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage in 2000. The median monthly housing cost for homeowners with a mortgage was \$1,356.

 About 15 percent of homeowners spent between \$700 and \$999 and about 7 percent spent under \$700

Table 34

MEDIAN SALE PRICE FOR HOUSING
UNITS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2000-2006

Housing Type	2000	2006	Percent Change
Single-Family	\$155,900	\$229,000	46.9
Two-Family	\$139,000	\$179,500	29.1
Multi-Family	\$408,000	\$460,000	12.7
Condominium	\$113,000	\$156,688	38.7
All Housing Types ^a ··········	\$147,500	\$202,000	36.9

^aExcludes multi-family housing units.

Source: Washington County and SEWRPC.

Table 35

MEDIAN SALE PRICE FOR HOUSING UNITS^a
IN WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITIES: 2000-2006

2000	2006	Percent Change
	2006	Change
\$134,000	\$192,700	43.8
\$125,950	\$175,000	38.9
\$171,500	\$237,250	38.3
\$154,000	\$194,900	26.6
\$127,750	\$183,000	43.2
\$127,550	\$165,000	29.4
\$115,900	\$200,898	73.3
\$142,000	\$181,100	27.5
\$160,087	\$239,000	49.3
\$197,000	\$316,000	60.4
\$167,500	\$245,000	46.3
\$176,900	\$197,000	11.4
\$165,000	\$236,500	43.3
\$182,450	\$297,450	63.0
\$186,500	\$247,000	32.4
\$171,660	\$284,500	65.7
\$182,000	\$285,000	56.6
\$166,500	\$230,400	38.4
\$154,000	\$259,250	68.3
\$207,000	\$329,950	59.4
\$147,500	\$202,000	36.9
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^aExcludes multi-family housing units

Source: Washington County.

About 41 percent of homeowners with a mortgage spent between \$1,000 and \$1,499 on monthly housing
costs

About 24 percent spent between \$1,500 and \$1,999 and about 13 percent spent over \$2,000

³The median sale price includes single-family, two-family, and condominium housing units.

⁴Selected monthly owner costs are the sum of mortgage payments or similar debts on the property; real estate taxes; fire, hazard, and flood insurance on the property; and utilities.

Table 36

MONTHLY OWNER COSTS FOR SPECIFIED HOUSING UNITS^a WITH A MORTGAGE IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2000

	Housing Units			
Monthly Cost	Number Percent			
Less than \$700	48	7.0		
\$700 to \$999	102	14.8		
\$1,000 to \$1,499	285	41.2		
\$1,500 to \$1,999	164	23.7		
Over \$2,000	92	13.3		
Total	691	100.0		
Median Cost	\$1,356			

^aThe data for specified owner-occupied housing units excludes mobile homes, houses with a business or medical office on the property, houses on 10 or more acres, and housing units in multi-unit buildings. Totals are based on a sample of one in six respondents to the 2000 Census.

Table 37 sets forth monthly housing costs for specified owner-occupied housing units with a mortgage for each local government in Washington County in 2000.

Table 38 sets forth monthly housing costs for specified owner-occupied housing units without a mortgage in the Town in 2000. The median monthly housing cost for homeowners without a mortgage was \$453.

- About 37 percent of homeowners without a mortgage spent between \$400 and \$499 on monthly housing costs
- About 25 percent spent between \$300 and \$399 and about 22 percent spent between \$500 and \$699
- About 11 percent spent over \$700 and about 5 percent spent less than \$300

Table 39 sets forth monthly housing costs for specified owner-occupied housing units without a mortgage for each local government in Washington County in 2000.

Table 40 sets forth monthly housing costs for rental units, or gross rent, in the Town in 2000. Contract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities (electricity, gas, water, and sewer) and fuels are included in the calculations of monthly gross rent. These costs are included in the monthly cost calculation if the renter pays them or they are paid for the renter by another party, such as the property owner. Rental units that are occupied without payment of rent are included in the no cash rent⁵ category of Table 40. The median monthly cost for rental housing was \$850 in 2000.

- About 29 percent of renters spent between \$500 and \$749 and between \$1,000 and \$1,499 each on monthly housing costs
- About 24 percent of renters spent between \$750 and \$999
- About 19 percent of renters made no cash payments for rental housing costs
- None of the renters spent less than \$500 and more than \$1,500 for rental housing costs

Table 41 sets forth monthly housing costs for rental units for each local government in Washington County in 2000.

Number of Bedrooms

Table 42 sets forth the number of housing units by tenure and number of bedrooms in the Town in 2000. This information, when compared with household size information inventoried in Chapter III, will provide a greater understanding of what type of housing units will best suit the future needs of Town residents.

Three bedroom dwellings comprised about 61 percent of the owner-occupied units. Four bedroom dwellings and two bedroom dwellings comprised about 22 percent and 12 percent, respectively, of the owner-occupied units. Dwellings with five or more bedrooms comprised about 3 percent and dwellings with one bedroom or no bedrooms comprised about 2 percent of owner-occupied dwellings.

⁵These units may be occupied by friends or relatives of the owner who do not get charged rent or caretakers, tenant farmers, and others who may receive the unit as compensation.

Table 37

MONTHLY OWNER COSTS FOR SPECIFIED OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS WITH A MORTGAGE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITIES: 2000^a

	Less that	an \$700	\$700 t	o \$999	\$1,000 t	o \$1,499
Community	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Cities						
Hartford ^b	73	4.3	415	24.2	942	55.0
West Bend	289	6.8	948	22.2	2,276	53.2
Villages						
Germantown	160	4.4	480	13.2	1,576	43.4
Jackson	53	6.5	192	23.7	460	56.7
Kewaskum	35	7.1	186	37.7	209	42.3
Newburg ^c	11	7.4	29	19.6	76	51.4
Slinger	34	6.8	121	24.2	254	50.8
Towns						
Addison	26	5.0	103	19.7	272	52.1
Barton	35	7.6	103	22.4	227	49.5
Erin	48	7.0	102	14.8	285	41.2
Farmington	65	10.4	124	19.9	266	42.7
Germantown	3	5.8	14	26.9	17	32.7
Hartford	75	9.0	121	14.5	377	45.2
Jackson	68	11.3	61	10.2	314	52.3
Kewaskum	5	3.4	42	28.4	72	48.6
Polk	44	6.5	90	13.3	214	31.5
Richfield	145	6.3	375	16.3	907	39.6
Trenton	79	9.2	235	27.4	314	36.6
Wayne	25	10.5	49	20.6	108	45.4
West Bend	80	8.8	122	13.5	286	31.7
Washington County ^d	1,353	6.6	3,912	19.1	9,452	46.2

	\$1,500 t	o \$1,999	Over \$2000		To	tal	Median Cost
Community	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	(dollars)
Cities							
Hartford ^b	210	12.3	72	4.2	1,712	100.0	1,215
West Bend	637	14.9	126	2.9	4,276	100.0	1,171
Villages							
Germantown	999	27.5	418	11.5	3,633	100.0	1,370
Jackson	73	9.0	33	4.1	811	100.0	1,151
Kewaskum	49	9.9	15	3.0	494	100.0	1,050
Newburg ^c	32	21.6	0	0.0	148	100.0	1,218
Slinger	91	18.2	0	0.0	500	100.0	1,228
Towns							
Addison	98	18.8	23	4.4	522	100.0	1,191
Barton	86	18.8	8	1.7	459	100.0	1,210
Erin	164	23.7	92	13.3	691	100.0	1,356
Farmington	127	20.4	41	6.6	623	100.0	1,227
Germantown	16	30.8	2	3.8	52	100.0	1,250
Hartford	213	25.5	48	5.8	834	100.0	1,322
Jackson	57	9.5	100	16.7	600	100.0	1,213
Kewaskum	20	13.5	9	6.1	148	100.0	1,144
Polk	200	29.4	131	19.3	679	100.0	1,481
Richfield	627	27.3	241	10.5	2,295	100.0	1,325
Trenton	191	22.3	39	4.5	858	100.0	1,151
Wayne	45	18.9	11	4.6	238	100.0	1,197
West Bend	238	26.4	177	19.6	903	100.0	1,451
Washington County ^d	4,173	20.4	1,586	7.7	20,476	100.0	1,225

^aThe data for specified owner-occupied housing units excludes mobile homes, houses with a business or medical office on the property, houses on 10 or more acres, and housing units in multi-unit buildings. Totals are based on a sample of one in six respondents to the 2000 Census.

^bIncludes entire City of Hartford.

^cIncludes entire Village of Newburg.

^dIncludes all of Washington County and the entire City of Hartford and Village of Newburg.

Table 38

MONTHLY OWNER COSTS FOR SPECIFIED HOUSING UNITS^a
WITHOUT A MORTGAGE IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2000

	Housing Units			
Monthly Cost	Number Percent			
Less than \$300	13	5.4		
\$300 to \$399	60	25.1		
\$400 to \$499	88	36.8		
\$500 to \$699	53	22.2		
Over \$700	25	10.5		
Total	239	100.0		
Median Cost	\$453			

^aThe data for specified owner-occupied housing units excludes mobile homes, houses with a business or medical office on the property, houses on 10 or more acres, and housing units in multi-unit buildings. Totals are based on a sample of one in six respondents to the 2000 Census.

Three bedroom units comprised about 46 percent of the rental units, while four bedroom units comprised about 31 percent of the rental units. Units with one bedroom or no bedrooms comprised about 16 percent of rental units. Two bedroom units comprised about 7 percent of the rental units. There were no rental units with five or more bedrooms.

Structure Type and Year Built

An inventory of housing units by structure type in the Town provides an insight into the number of existing single family, two-family, and multifamily units. The number of units in these types of structures can be compared to resident characteristics to determine the future need for units in each type of structure. An inventory of housing units by structure type also provides insight into the character of the existing housing

stock. Table 43 sets forth the number of housing units by structure type in the Town from 1970 through 2000, based on the U.S. Census, and also includes the number of building permits issued for units in each structure type from 2000 through 2006. The total number of housing units increased from 422 to 1,359 from 1970 through 2000. During this same time period, the percentage of single-family housing units remained the same, about 97 to 99 percent. The number of multi-family housing units decreased from 10 housing units in 1970 to no housing units in 2000. About 1 percent of units were in two-family structures and mobile homes or other types of residential structures each in 2000. Between 2000 and 2006, the total number of residential units increased from 1,359 to 1,506, or by 11 percent. The percentage of residential units in single family structures remained the same, about 99 percent. The percentage of units in two-family structures and mobile homes and other types of residential structures also remained the same, less than 1 percent each in 2006. Between 2000 and 2006, no multi-family structures existed in the Town.

The age of the existing housing stock, set forth in Table 44, in the Town also provides insight into the character and condition of existing homes. It can be assumed that as housing stock ages, more housing units will need to be rehabilitated or replaced. About 27 percent of the Town's housing stock was constructed between 1990 and 2000 and the median year built was 1977. About 15 percent of existing homes were built before 1940. The median year built for all homes in Washington County was 1976.

Existing Housing Stock Condition

The condition of individual housing units must be examined to determine if any housing units need to be removed from existing housing stock totals due to poor condition. Generally, this provides a more accurate projection of the number of new housing units that will be needed to serve the projected population of the Town through 2035.

A condition rating has been assigned to each housing unit in the Town by the assessor. The ratings, set forth in Table 45, range from excellent to unsound and measure the present physical condition of each housing unit. Excellent/very good or good indicates the dwelling exhibits above average maintenance and upkeep in relation to its age. Average or fair indicates the dwelling shows minor signs of deterioration caused by normal wear and an ordinary standard of upkeep and maintenance in relation to its age. Poor/very poor indicates the dwelling shows signs of deferred maintenance and exhibits a below average standard of maintenance and upkeep in relation to its age. An unsound rating indicates the dwelling is unfit for use and should be removed from the existing housing stock totals.

About 99 percent of housing units in the Town had a condition score of excellent/very good, good, average, or fair in 2006. This indicates that the existing housing stock in the Town is in good condition and does not need to

Table 39

MONTHLY OWNER COSTS FOR SPECIFIED OWNER-OCCUPIED
HOUSING UNITS WITHOUT A MORTGAGE IN WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITIES: 2000^a

	Less that	an \$300	\$300 t	o \$399	\$400 t	o \$499
Community	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Cities						
Hartford ^b	101	15.7	244	38.0	221	34.4
West Bend	250	15.0	798	48.0	373	22.4
Villages						
Germantown	39	4.4	254	29.1	358	41.0
Jackson	8	6.3	77	61.1	33	26.2
Kewaskum	40	23.1	85	49.1	29	16.8
Newburg ^c	3	5.0	44	77.3	12	20.0
Slinger	16	7.8	122	59.5	33	16.1
Towns						
Addison	47	20.1	130	55.5	43	18.4
Barton	33	15.3	126	58.6	56	26.1
Erin	13	5.4	60	25.1	88	36.8
Farmington	47	29.4	83	51.9	18	11.2
Germantown	0	0.0	9	34.6	7	26.9
Hartford	17	7.1	92	38.5	90	37.7
Jackson	84	42.0	55	27.5	24	12.0
Kewaskum	17	25.4	32	47.7	14	20.9
Polk	8	3.1	114	43.5	113	43.1
Richfield	108	12.9	297	35.5	249	29.8
Trenton	97	32.0	149	49.2	28	9.2
Wayne	30	37.0	24	29.6	19	23.5
West Bend	53	13.1	113	27.8	126	31.0
Washington County ^d	1,011	14.4	2,908	41.5	1,934	27.6

	\$500 t	o \$699	Over	\$700	To	tal	Median Cost
Community	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	(dollars)
Cities							
Hartford ^b	60	9.3	17	2.6	643	100.0	392
West Bend	166	10.0	77	4.6	1,664	100.0	375
Villages							
Germantown	209	23.9	14	1.6	874	100.0	440
Jackson	8	6.4	0	0.0	126	100.0	375
Kewaskum	15	8.7	4	2.3	173	100.0	346
Newburg ^c	1	1.7	0	0.0	60	100.0	365
Slinger	34	16.6	0	0.0	205	100.0	371
Towns							
Addison	14	6.0	0	0.0	234	100.0	342
Barton	0	0.0	0	0.0	215	100.0	366
Erin	53	22.2	25	10.5	239	100.0	453
Farmington	12	7.5	0	0.0	160	100.0	339
Germantown	10	38.5	0	0.0	26	100.0	457
Hartford	33	13.8	7	2.9	239	100.0	412
Jackson	29	14.5	8	4.0	200	100.0	335
Kewaskum	4	6.0	0	0.0	67	100.0	359
Polk	18	6.9	9	3.4	262	100.0	408
Richfield	120	14.3	63	7.5	837	100.0	405
Trenton	29	9.6	0	0.0	303	100.0	335
Wayne	6	7.4	2	2.5	81	100.0	358
West Bend	69	17.0	45	11.1	406	100.0	429
Washington County ^d	890	12.7	271	3.9	7,014	100.0	373

^aThe data for specified owner-occupied housing units excludes mobile homes, houses with a business or medical office on the property, houses on 10 or more acres, and housing units in multi-unit buildings. Totals are based on a sample of one in six respondents to the 2000 Census.

^bIncludes entire City of Hartford.

^cIncludes entire Village of Newburg.

^dIncludes all of Washington County and the entire City of Hartford and Village of Newburg.

Table 40

MONTHLY GROSS RENT FOR RENTER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2000^a

	Housin	g Units
Monthly Gross Rent	Number	Percent
Less than \$300		
\$300 to \$499		
\$500 to \$749	6	28.6
\$750 to \$999	5	23.8
\$1,000 to \$1,499	6	28.6
\$1,500 or more		
No cash rent ^b	4	19.0
Total	21	100.0
Median Rent	\$850	

^aContract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities (electricity, gas, water, and sewer) and fuels are included in the calculations for monthly gross rent. Totals are based on a sample of one in six respondents to the 2000 Census.

be included as a factor in the housing unit demand projection for 2035. Fourteen homes were determined to be in poor/very poor condition and one home was determined to be in an "unsound" condition.

Housing with Lead-Based Paint or Varnish

Lead poisoning in children can reduce IQ, cause learning disabilities, and impair hearing. Children who have elevated lead levels often experience reduced attention spans, are hyperactive, and can exhibit behavior problems. At higher exposures, lead can damage a child's kidneys and central nervous system, and cause anemia, coma, convulsions, and even death. Homes built before 1950 have a high likelihood of having lead-based paint or varnish on interior and exterior surfaces, as over 90 percent of the lead-based paint and varnish in homes was applied prior to 1950. Homes built between 1950 and 1978 could contain lead-based paint or varnish on interior and exterior surfaces. The use of lead-based paint and varnish in homes was banned in 1978. Homes built after 1978 have a very low likelihood of having lead-based paint or varnish on interior and exterior surfaces. About 55

percent of the homes in the Town were built before 1979, which means lead poisoning is a concern. To protect children from exposure to lead from paint, Congress passed the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, also known as Title X. Section 1018 of this law directed HUD and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to require the disclosure of known information on lead-based paint and lead-based paint hazards before the sale or lease of most housing built before 1978.

Housing Demand

Household, income, and demographic characteristics of the Town were inventoried and analyzed to help determine the number and type of housing units that will best suit the needs of residents through 2035. Housing demand inventory items include:

- Affordable housing need assessment
- Affordability information
- Income
- Homeless and transitional housing
- Age distribution
- Disabled population
- Household size
- Household projection: 2035

As with the above housing supply inventory data, Census 2000 Summary File 1 and Summary File 3 were used in the collection of the housing demand inventory data presented in this chapter. Again, Summary File 1 data were used when possible; however, in most cases only Summary File 3 data were available.

^bIncludes rental units that are occupied without payment of rent. These units may be occupied by friends or relatives of the owner who do not get charged rent or caretakers, tenant farmers, and others who may receive the unit as compensation.

Table 41

MONTHLY GROSS RENT FOR SPECIFIED RENTER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITIES: 2000^a

	Less that	an \$300	\$300 t	o \$499	\$500 t	o \$749	\$750 t	o \$999
Community	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Cities								
Hartford ^c	137	8.3	374	22.7	797	48.4	221	13.4
West Bend	284	7.1	715	17.8	2,251	56.1	602	15.0
Villages								
Germantown	47	3.1	90	6.0	701	46.6	508	33.8
Jackson	23	3.9	79	13.6	278	47.8	146	25.1
Kewaskum	23	5.0	79	17.1	212	45.8	116	25.0
Newburg ^d	8	6.4	25	20.0	53	42.4	29	23.2
Slinger	46	8.8	146	27.9	197	37.7	105	20.1
Towns								
Addison	6	3.5	14	8.1	128	74.0	11	6.3
Barton	0	0.0	34	49.3	15	21.7	20	29.0
Erin	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	28.6	5	23.8
Farmington	0	0.0	6	9.2	49	75.4	10	15.4
Germantown	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	100.0	0	0.0
Hartford	3	2.7	22	19.8	42	37.9	18	16.2
Jackson	0	0.0	38	38.3	17	17.2	27	27.3
Kewaskum	0	0.0	10	22.2	22	48.9	2	4.4
Polk	0	0.0	19	17.0	45	40.2	40	35.7
Richfield	3	1.6	9	4.7	53	27.9	51	26.9
Trenton	0	0.0	2	2.9	39	57.4	4	5.9
Wayne	0	0.0	5	12.2	23	56.1	6	14.6
West Bend	0	0.0	41	21.8	103	54.8	24	12.8
Washington County ^e	580	5.8	1,708	17.0	5,034	50.1	1,945	19.4

	\$1,000 to	o \$1,499	\$1,500	or More	No Cas	h Rent ^b	Т	otal	Median Rent
Community	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	(dollars)
Cities									
Hartford ^c	60	3.6	0	0.0	60	3.6	1,649	100.0	567
West Bend	98	2.4	0	0.0	64	1.6	4,014	100.0	603
Villages									
Germantown	121	8.1	9	0.6	27	1.8	1,503	100.0	709
Jackson	38	6.5	0	0.0	18	3.1	582	100.0	689
Kewaskum	11	2.4	7	1.5	15	3.2	463	100.0	616
Newburg ^d	8	6.4	0	0.0	2	1.6	125	100.0	598
Slinger	9	1.7	0	0.0	20	3.8	523	100.0	577
Towns									
Addison	0	0.0	0	0.0	14	8.1	173	100.0	554
Barton	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	69	100.0	513
Erin	6	28.6	0	0.0	4	19.0	21	100.0	850
Farmington	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	65	100.0	664
Germantown	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	100.0	588
Hartford	6	5.4	0	0.0	20	18.0	111	100.0	614
Jackson	0	0.0	0	0.0	17	17.2	99	100.0	571
Kewaskum	3	6.7	0	0.0	8	17.8	45	100.0	629
Polk	0	0.0	0	0.0	8	7.1	112	100.0	632
Richfield	28	14.7	0	0.0	46	24.2	190	100.0	765
Trenton	0	0.0	0	0.0	23	33.8	68	100.0	622
Wayne	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	17.1	41	100.0	618
West Bend	12	6.4	0	0.0	8	4.2	188	100.0	589
Washington County ^e	400	4.0	16	0.1	361	3.6	10,044	100.0	615

^aContract rent plus the estimated average monthly cost of utilities (electricity, gas, water, and sewer) and fuels are included in the calculations for monthly gross rent. Totals are based on a sample of one in six respondents to the 2000 Census.

blncludes rental units that are occupied without payment of rent. These units may be occupied by friends or relatives of the owner who do not get charged rent or caretakers, tenant farmers, and others who may receive the unit as compensation.

^cIncludes entire City of Hartford.

^dIncludes entire Village of Newburg.

^eIncludes all of Washington County and the entire City of Hartford and Village of Newburg.

Table 42

HOUSING UNITS BY NUMBER OF BEDROOMS IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2000^{a, b}

	1 or no l	oedroom	2 bedi	rooms	3 bedrooms		
Tenure	Number Percent		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Owner-occupied	25 2.0°		140	11.4°	753	61.3 ^c	
Renter-occupied	9	9 16.4°		7.3°	25	45.4 ^c	
Total	34	2.7 ^d	144	11.2 ^d	778	60.6 ^d	

	4 bed	rooms	5 or more	bedrooms	Total		
Tenure	Number Percent		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Owner-occupied	272	22.2°	38	3.1°	1,228	100.0	
Renter-occupied	17 30.9		0	0.0	55	100.0	
Total	289	22.5 ^d	38	3.0 ^d	1,283	100.0	

^aTotals are based on a sample of one in six responses to the 2000 Census.

Table 43
HOUSING UNITS BY STRUCTURE TYPE IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 1970 THROUGH 2006

	Single-	-Family	Two-Family		Multi-Family			Homes Other ^a	Total ^b		
Year	Housing Units	Percent of Total	Housing Units	Percent of Total							
1970	411	97.4	^c	c	10	2.4	1	0.2	422	100.0	
1980	730	96.7	16	2.1	5	0.7	4	0.5	755	100.0	
1990	945	97.6	6	0.6			17	1.8	968	100.0	
2000 ^d	1,345	99.0	7	0.5			7	0.5	1,359	100.0	
2006 ^e	1,492	99.0	7	0.5			7	0.5	1,506	100.0	

^aIncludes mobile homes and living quarters that do not fit into the other categories, such as boats, railroad cars, campers, and vans. All housing units listed are mobile homes.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Wisconsin Department of Administration, and SEWRPC.

Affordable Housing Need Assessment

As previously stated, HUD defines housing affordability as households "paying no more than 30 percent of their income for housing." Households that pay more than 30 percent of their monthly income for housing are considered to have a high housing cost burden. The measure is based on gross pre-tax income. Another measure of affordability is implicit in the long-standing mortgage lending practice of limiting borrower's monthly housing costs to 28 or 29 percent of their gross monthly income as a condition of loan approval. Thus, 28 to 30 percent can be considered a cutoff beyond which housing is not affordable. Data show that most households opt for less than that percentage, while others, particularly those with low incomes, are generally unable to find housing that costs less than 30 percent of their monthly income.

Town Housing Affordability Information

The following information is based on the HUD recommended affordability standard of paying no more than 30 percent of gross monthly income for housing costs.

^bTotals include occupied housing units only.

^cPercent of owner- or renter-occupied.

^dPercent of total units.

^bTotals are based on all housing units, including occupied and vacant units.

^cTwo-family and multi-family structure totals are combined in the 1970 Census.

d2000 data are from the U.S. Census.

^e2006 data includes 2000 Census data plus the number of building permits issued for each type of housing unit from 2000 through 2006. Building permit data were provided by the Wisconsin Department of Administration.

- About 21 percent of households in the Town spent over 30 percent of their monthly income on housing costs in 2000
- The fair market rent⁶ in Washington County for a one bedroom apartment was \$591 in 2006
- The fair market rent in Washington County for a two bedroom apartment was \$706 in 2006
- The median sale price of a home in the Town of Erin was \$316,000 in 2006
 - The minimum annual household income needed⁷ to afford a median priced home in the Town of Erin was \$111,561 (or \$9,297 a month) in 2006

Table 44

YEAR BUILT FOR HOUSING UNITS
IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2000

	Housin	g Units
Year Built	Number ^a	Percent
1995 to March 2000	163	12.0
1990 through 1994	207	15.2
1980 through 1989	236	17.4
1970 through 1979	285	21.0
1960 through 1969	117	8.6
1940 through 1959	150	11.0
Before 1940	201	14.8
Total	1,359	100.0
Median Year Built	1977	

^aTotals are based on a sample of one in six respondents to the 2000 Census, and include all housing units, including occupied and vacant housing units.

- The minimum annual household income needed to afford a \$150,000 home in the Town was \$55,969 (or \$4,664 a month) in 2006
- The minimum annual household income needed to afford a \$250,000 home in the Town was \$89,439 (or \$7,453 a month) in 2006
- Housing wage information
 - A full-time worker (40 hours per week) must earn \$13.58 per hour to afford a two-bedroom rental unit at the County fair market rent of \$706 in 2006
 - A full-time worker (40 hours per week) must earn \$11.37 per hour to afford a one-bedroom rental unit at the County fair market rent of \$591 in 2006
 - A full-time worker (40 hours per week) must earn \$53.64 per hour to afford a median priced home (\$316,000) in the Town in 2006
 - A full-time worker (40 hours per week) must earn \$27.36 per hour to afford a \$150,000 home
 - A full-time worker (40 hours per week) must earn \$43.76 per hour to afford a \$250,000 home

⁶Fair market rents (FMR) are established and used by HUD as the payment standard to calculate subsidies under the Section 8 Rental Voucher Program. HUD annually estimates the FMR for Washington County. The objective is to ensure a sufficient supply of rental housing for program participants in the County. To accomplish this objective, the FMR must be high enough to permit a selection of units and neighborhoods in the County, but low enough to serve as many low-income families as possible. The FMR definition used by HUD for the County is the 40th percentile rent, or the dollar amount below which 40 percent of standard-quality rental units in the County are rented.

⁷The minimum income needed to afford a median priced home in the Town of Erin (\$316,000) assumes a monthly housing cost that is 28 percent of the household's gross monthly income, a down payment of 5 percent of the cost of the home, a 6.5 percent interest rate on a 30 year mortgage, a property tax rate of \$14.34 per \$1,000 of assessed value (Town of Erin's net tax rate in 2006), a property insurance cost of \$33 a month, a private mortgage insurance (PMI) cost of \$124 a month (using a loan to value ratio of 0.78), and \$100 per month for utilities.

Table 45
HOUSING CONDITIONS IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2006

		Housing Type									
	Single-	-Family	Two-F	amily	Multi-	Family	Ot	her	Total		
Condition	Number	Percent ^a	Number	Percent ^a	Number	Percent ^a	Number	Percent ^a	Number	Percent ^a	
Unsound	1	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1	
Poor/Very Poor	14	1.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	14	1.0	
Average	1,202	82.7	4	0.3	1	0.1	5	0.3	1,212	83.4	
Fair	59	4.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	59	4.1	
Good	137	9.4	0	0.0	1	0.1	0	0.0	138	9.5	
Very Good/Excellent	28	1.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.1	29	2.0	
Total	1,441	99.2	4	0.3	2	0.1 ^b	6	0.4	1,453	100.0	

^aPercent of total housing units.

Source: Grota Appraisals and SEWRPC.

2000 CHAS Data

CHAS data are a special tabulation of 2000 Census data, which HUD provides to local governments to be used for housing planning purposes as part of its Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS). The CHAS is required to receive various HUD funded housing assistance programs and grants and is used by HUD in the allocation of formulas for distributing funds to local governments. The data is comprised of a variety of housing need variables categorized by HUD-defined income limits and household types. Table 46 sets forth the number of households with housing problems in the Town by income level and household type, as determined by the Census using HUD criteria.

Income levels include extremely low income households (30 percent or less of median family income), very low income households (30.1 to 50 percent of median family income), low income households (50.1 to 80 percent of median family income), moderate income households (80.1 to 95 percent of median family income), and other households (above 95 percent of median family income). Income levels are based on the HUD-adjusted area median family income⁸ (HAMFI). This is an estimate of median family incomes prepared by HUD for each metropolitan area and counties located outside a metropolitan area (Washington County is located within the Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis Metropolitan Area). HUD prepares an annual estimate of the median family income for a family of four. The four-person family income is then adjusted by household size as follows: 70 percent of base for a one-person household, 80 percent of base for a two-person household, 90 percent of base for a three-person household, 108 percent of base for a five-person household, etc. The HUD estimated family incomes for the Milwaukee-Waukesha-West Allis Metropolitan Area by family size are presented in the second column of Table 47. The third column of the table lists the income cut-off levels used to determine eligibility for HUD programs.

The following household types are included in the CHAS data: elderly family households (two people, one of whom is 62 or older), small family households (two persons, neither of whom is 62 or older, or three or four persons), large family households (five or more persons), elderly nonfamily households (one or two person nonfamily households with either person 62 or older), and other nonfamily households. Housing problems include households with a cost burden of over 30 percent or housing units that lack complete plumbing, lack complete kitchen facilities, or have 1.01 or more occupants per room.

^bTotals do not add up due to rounding. Each dwelling unit in the Town is equal to 0.06 percent of total units.

⁸In compiling statistics on family income, the incomes of all members 15 years and older related to the householder are summed and treated as a single amount. Annual family income is generally greater than annual household income because many households consist of only one person.

Table 46
HOUSEHOLDS WITH HOUSING PROBLEMS IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2000^a

					(Owner-Occup	ied Househol	ds				
		Family eholds		Family eholds		Family eholds		onFamily eholds		onFamily eholds	Owner-	
Income Level ^b	Number With Problems	Total House- holds in Category	Occupied House- holds With Problems	Percent With Problems ^c								
Extremely Low (Below 30 percent)	10	10	10				15	19			35	2.7
Very Low (30.1 to 50 percent)	15	19		4	10	10	4	8	4	4	33	2.6
Low (50.1 to 80 percent)	10	30	20	30	15	25	4	14	10	14	59	4.6
Moderate (80.1 to 95 percent)	4	14	15	30	4	8			10	14	33	2.6
Other (above 95 percent)	10	120	85	660	30	100	4	4	15	75	144	11.3
Total	49	193	13	738	59	143	27	45	39	107	304	23.8

		Renter-Occupied Households										
		Family eholds		Family eholds		Family eholds		lonFamily eholds		onFamily eholds	Renter-	
Income Level ^b	Number With Problems	Total House- holds in Category	Occupied House- holds With Problems	Percent With Problems ^c								
Extremely Low (Below 30 percent)			4	4						4	4	0.3
Very Low (30.1 to 50 percent)				4								
Low (50.1 to 80 percent)										4		
Moderate (80.1 to 95 percent)			4	4							4	0.3
Other (above 95 percent)				20						10		
Total			8	32						18	8	0.6

^aHousing problems include households with a housing cost burden of over 30 percent or housing units without complete plumbing, kitchen facilities, or more than 1.01 occupants per room.

Table 47

HUD ESTIMATED MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME BY FAMILY SIZE FOR THE MILWAUKEE-WAUKESHA-WEST ALLIS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA): 2006

		80 Percent
	Median	of Median
Family Size	Income	Income
One Person	\$47,063	\$37,650
Two Person	\$53,750	\$43,000
Three Person	\$60,500	\$48,400
Four Person	\$67,188	\$53,750
Five Person	\$72,562	\$58,050
Six Person	\$77,938	\$62,350
Seven Person	\$83,313	\$66,650
Eight Person	\$88,686	\$70,950

Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and SEWRPC.

Overall, about 25 percent of households in the Town, or 312 households, experienced a housing problem in 2000. About 24 percent of owner-occupied households, or 304 households, experienced a housing problem and about 1 percent of renter-occupied households, or eight households, experienced a housing problem.

Table 48 sets forth the number of households with a high housing cost burden for owner-occupied and renter-occupied households in the Town by income level in 2000. Overall, about 21 percent of households, or 267 households, experienced a high cost burden for housing. About 20 percent of owner-occupied households, or 259 households, experienced a

^bIncome level categories are based on a percentage range of the 1999 median family income.

^cPercent of all households (1,276).

Table 48

HOUSEHOLDS WITH A HOUSING COST BURDEN IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2000^a

		Owner-Occupi	ed Households		Renter-Occupied Households				
	Cost Burden of 30.1 to 50 Percent		Cost Burden of Over 50 Percent		Cost Burden of 30.1 to 50 Percent		Cost Burden of Over 50 Percent		
Income Level ^b	Number	Percent ^c	Number	Percent ^c	Number	Percent ^c	Number	Percent ^c	
Extremely Low (Below 30 percent)	15	1.2	20	1.6			4	0.3	
Very Low (30.1 to 50 percent)	10	8.0	20	1.6					
Low (50.1 to 80 percent)	30	2.3	15	1.2					
Moderate (80.1 to 95 percent)	25	2.0	10	0.8	4	0.3			
Other (above 95 percent)	110	8.6	4	0.3					
Total	190	14.9	69	5.4	4	0.3	4	0.3	

	Total-Occupied Households						
		en of 30.1 to ercent	Cost Burden of Over 50 Percent		Total Households		Percent of Households With a
Income Level ^b	Number	Percent ^c	Number	Percent ^c	With a Housing Cost Burden	Total Households	Housing Cost Burden ^c
Extremely Low (Below 30 percent)	15	1.2	24	1.9	39	51	3.1
Very Low (30.1 to 50 percent)	10	0.8	20	1.6	30	49	2.4
Low (50.1 to 80 percent)	30	2.3	15	1.2	45	117	3.5
Moderate (80.1 to 95 percent)	29	2.3	10	0.8	39	70	3.1
Other (above 95 percent)	110	8.6	4	0.3	114	989	8.9
Total	194	15.2	73	5.7	267	1,276	20.9

^aSpending over 30 percent of monthly household income on housing is considered to be a high housing cost burden.

high housing cost burden and about 1 percent of renter-occupied households, or eight households, experienced a high housing cost burden.

The median percentage of monthly income spent on housing costs by owner-occupied households with a mortgage in the Town was about 23 percent. The median percentage spent by owner-occupied households without a mortgage was about 10 percent and the percentage spent by renter-occupied households was about 25 percent. This shows that most households opt to pay substantially less than the 30 percent affordability standard defined by HUD.

Table 49⁹ sets forth the number of households with more than 1.01 occupants per room in the Town in 2000. The number of occupants per room is obtained by dividing the number of people in each occupied housing unit by the number of rooms in the unit. Rooms considered in the calculation include: living room, dining room, kitchen, bedrooms, finished recreation rooms, and enclosed porches suitable for year-round use. Although the U.S. Census Bureau has no official definition of crowded units, many consider units with more than one occupant per room to be crowded. There were 22 owner-occupied housing units in the Town in 2000 that reported more than one person per room to the Census. No renter-occupied units were reported as overcrowded.

The number of households without complete plumbing or kitchen facilities was obtained from answers to the 2000 Census long-form questionnaire, which was asked on a sample basis at both occupied and vacant housing units. Complete plumbing facilities include: (1) hot and cold piped water, (2) a flush toilet, and (3) a bathtub or shower. All three facilities must be located inside the house, apartment, or mobile home, but not necessarily in the same room. Housing units are classified as lacking complete plumbing facilities when any of the three facilities is not present. A unit has complete kitchen facilities when it has all of the following: (1) a sink with piped water; (2)

^bIncome level categories are based on a percentage range of the 1999 median family income.

^cPercent of total households (1.276).

⁹Table 49 is based on Summary File 3 Census 2000 data (a sample of one in six respondents).

Table 49

HOUSING OCCUPANCY BY NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS PER ROOM IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2000^{a, b}

	0.50 c			o 1.00 s per room	1.01 to	o 1.50 s per room		r more per room	То	tal
Tenure	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Owner-occupied Units	967	78.7	239	19.5	22	1.8			1,228	100.0
Renter-occupied Units	45	81.8	10	18.2					55	100.0

^aTotals are based on a sample of one in six responses to the 2000 Census.

Table 50

HOMELESS AND TRANSITIONAL
HOUSING IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2006

Shelter	Number of Households	Number of Nights	Average Length of Stay (Days)	Demographics
West Bend	10	321	30	2 Single parent families 1 Adult couple 4 Single males 3 Single females
Hartford ^a	6	81	14	1 Adult couple 1 Single male 4 Single females
Motel	5	48	10	4 Single males 1 Single female
Total	21		18	2 Single parent families 2 Adult couples 9 Single males 8 Single females

^aShelter opened June 1, 2006.

Source: American Red Cross of Wisconsin and SEWRPC.

a range or cook top and oven; and (3) a refrigerator. All kitchen facilities must be located in the house, apartment, or mobile home, but they need not be in the same room. A housing unit having only a microwave or portable heating equipment, such as a hot plate or camping stove, is not considered as having complete kitchen facilities. An ice box is not considered to be a refrigerator. The Census reported seven housing units lacking complete plumbing facilities and eight housing units lacking complete kitchen facilities in the Town in 2000.

Income

Income should be considered when developing policies intended to help provide housing units within a cost range affordable to all income groups. The median household income in the Town in 1999 was \$74,875. This is comparable to an income of about

\$86,862 in 2006 based on the Consumer Price Index. A household earning the estimated 2006 median household income of \$86,862 per year could afford a home of \$242,000, based on the household paying 30 percent of its income on housing.

Homeless and Transitional Housing

Washington County has two shelters operated jointly by the Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, and the American Red Cross Housing Support Services. These shelters, located in the Cities of Hartford and West Bend, are not staffed 24 hours a day and accommodations are limited to one household or one individual at a time. For those who can not be accommodated, the shelters will refer a household to a shelter in a surrounding county (about 10 households per year are referred to a surrounding county), or provide motel vouchers, if funding is available. Table 50 sets forth figures for Washington County homeless and transitional housing in 2006.

The Wisconsin Division of Housing requires point-in-time counts for one night when the homeless in the county are counted. Point-in-time counts were done in January and September in 2006. The January point-in-time count totaled 15 people (from 10 households) that were provided shelter (West Bend, Hartford, or motel voucher) in the County. Three families and one individual could not be served on that day due to lack of resources (space or funds) or those seeking shelter refused resources offered to them. Two other individuals were refused and spent the time

^bA housing unit is considered overcrowded if there is more than one occupant per room. Rooms considered in the calculation include: living room, dining room, kitchen, bedrooms, finished recreation rooms, and enclosed porches suitable for year-round use.

Table 51

PERSONS AGE 5 AND OVER WITH DISABILITIES IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2000^a

Age Group	Persons With a Disability	Percent of Age Group	Total Population in Age Group
5 to 20	34	4.1	825
21 to 64	189	8.4	2,262
65 and over	86	24.0	359
Total	309	9.0	3,446

^aDisability types include sensory, physical, mental, self-care, and employment. A single respondent may have multiple types of disabilities. The data is based on a sample of one in six residents of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census and SEWRPC.

unsheltered. The September point-in-time count totaled 28 people (from 22 households) that were provided shelter (West Bend, Hartford, or motel voucher) in the County. Two families and six individuals could not be served on that day due to lack of resources (space or funds) or those seeking shelter refused resources offered to them.

Age Distribution

Age distribution has important implications for planning and the formation of housing policies. The age distribution and gender composition of the population of the County and the Town in 2000 is set forth in Table 4 in Chapter III.

When forming housing policy it is important to consider not only the current age composition, but

what the age composition may be in the plan design year of 2035. The percentage of residents in the 65 and older age group is expected to increase dramatically, from about 11 percent of the County's population in 2000 to about 24 percent in 2035. There will likely be a demand for a higher percentage of specialized-housing units for the elderly if the elderly population increases as projected over the next three decades. Table 57 in Chapter IX lists the facilities in Washington County for persons of advanced age (60+ years of age) licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services as of February 2006.

Persons with Disabilities

Persons with disabilities are another segment of the Town population that may have special housing needs. The number of residents with disabilities by age group in 2000 is set forth in Table 51. The 65 and over age group had the highest percentage of people reporting a disability, at about 24 percent or 86 people. About 8 percent of people ages 21 to 64, or 189 people, reported having a disability and about 4 percent of people ages 5 to 20, or 34 people, reported having a disability. Although the aging population has the highest percentage of people reporting a disability, the largest number of people reporting a disability was in the 21 to 64 age group. Housing with varying levels of care or programs that provide in-home care services in addition to those which cater to needs of senior citizens may be needed in the Town as a result.

Table 52 sets forth the type of disabilities reported in 2000 for Town residents. One person may report having multiple types of disabilities.

Several types of disabilities are included in the data:

- Sensory Blindness, deafness, or a severe sight or hearing impediment
- Physical A condition that substantially limits one or more basic physical activities such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting, or carrying
- Mental disability A condition lasting at least six months that makes learning, remembering, or concentrating difficult
- Self-care disability A condition lasting at least six months that makes dressing, bathing, or getting around inside the home difficult
- Going outside the home disability A condition lasting at least six months that makes going outside the home alone difficult (applies only to those residents at least 16 years of age and under 65 years of age)
- Employment disability A condition lasting at least six months that makes working at a job or business difficult (applies only to those residents at least 16 years of age)

Table 52

REPORTED DISABILITIES BY TYPE IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2000^a

		Type of Disability					
Age Group	Sensory	Physical	Mental	Self-care	Go-outside- home	Employment	Total
5 to 15			26		b	b	26
16 to 64	15	39	39	26	53	157	329
65 and over	22	64	7	9	21	^b	123
Total	37	103	72	35	74	157	478

^aA single respondent may have multiple types of disabilities. The data is based on a sample of one in six residents of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

The range of disabilities reported may influence the type of housing required to provide for the needs of people with disabilities. Table 58 in Chapter IX lists the facilities in Washington County for the mentally and physically disabled licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services as of February 2006.

Household Size

While it is important to provide housing options that are affordable for households of all income levels, it is also important to provide housing options that meet space requirements for households of various sizes. Table 9 in Chapter III lists the number of households in each size category, ranging from one-person households to households containing seven or more members, in each local government and the County in 2000. The average household size for the Town was 2.83 persons. The average household size in the Town is expected to decrease to 2.5 in 2035, a trend that has been experienced throughout the United States since the 1950's. An implication of this decrease may be housing policies that allow for a higher percentage of smaller homes.

Household Projections: 2035

The number of additional housing units needed in the 2035 plan design year is projected by first selecting a population projection. The Town selected a 2035 population projection of 4,660 persons (see Chapter III). The number of residents expected to reside in "group quarters," where applicable, (20 persons in the Town) is then subtracted from the projected total population, and the result is divided by the projected household size (2.50 persons per household in 2035). This number is then multiplied by the HUD desired vacancy rate of 3 percent to determine the total number of housing units needed in the Town in 2035. The resulting number of housing units is about 1,912.

The number of additional housing units needed between 2000 and 2035 to provide an adequate supply is determined by subtracting the number of housing units (1,352 units) in 2000 from the projected number of housing units (1,912 units) needed in 2035. The resulting projected demand is about 560 additional housing units in the Town by 2035. ¹⁰

PART 2: HOUSING PROGRAMS AVAILABLE IN THE TOWN AND WASHINGTON COUNTY

Government sponsored housing programs have been inventoried to assess government's potential to help the private sector meet housing needs. The full array of government sponsored programs and funding availability is almost continually changing, therefore, this section focuses on those programs that have the potential for increasing the availability of lower-cost housing and rehabilitation in the Town and Washington County. Many of

^bThe Bureau of the Census did not collect data for this disability type for persons in this age category.

¹⁰The Wisconsin Department of Administration estimated there were 1,414 housing units in the Town in 2006, resulting in a need for an additional 498 units between 2006 and 2035.

the programs available in Washington County are administered through local and State agencies that receive funding from the Federal government. Agencies involved in administering housing programs include the HOME Consortium; the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development; the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA); and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Housing Program Administrators

The HOME Consortium

The HOME Consortium is a four-county governmental body, which includes Washington, Ozaukee, Waukesha, and Jefferson Counties, whose purpose is to advance homeownership opportunities and programs for households that earn 80 percent or less of the area's median income. Median incomes based on family size are developed annually by HUD (see Table 47). The area served by the Consortium receives an annual funding allocation from HUD. The Consortium's programs are administered by C-CAP LLC and the Community Housing Initiative, Inc., which are nonprofit organizations located in the City of Waukesha.

Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA)

WHEDA was created by the Wisconsin Legislature in 1972 as a nonprofit "public benefit corporation" to help meet the housing needs of lower-income households in the State. This purpose has expanded to include providing housing facilities to meet the needs of households with disabled or elderly members. The programs are financed through the sale of tax-exempt bonds and receive no State tax support. These programs involve the administration of several Federally-funded grants and housing tax credits.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

HUD provides funding for a number of housing programs, including the Section 8 Low-Income Rental Assistance Program and the Home Investment Partnership Act (HOME). In order for units or agencies of government to apply for and receive HUD housing grants or public housing funds, they must prepare a CHAS and submit that strategy to HUD for approval. The purpose of the CHAS is to ensure that communities receiving funding from HUD have planned for the housing-related needs of low- and moderate-income households in a way that improves the availability and affordability of adequate housing. The CHAS must also include consideration of persons needing supportive services, identify the manner in which private resources will be incorporated in addressing identified housing needs, and provide for both rental and homeownership options.

The Federal Housing Administration (FHA)

The FHA was established by Congress in 1934 and became part of HUD's Office of Housing in 1965. The FHA insures mortgage loans for single family and multi-family homes from FHA-approved lenders throughout the Nation, including Washington County. FHA mortgage insurance provides approved lenders with protection against losses as the result of default on a loan. The lender bears less risk because the FHA will pay a claim to the lender in the event of a homeowner default. This allows FHA insured loans to be made with less cash investment than other loans, which increases accessibly to lower-income households.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development

The USDA administers the Federal Government's primary program addressing America's need for affordable rural housing. USDA Rural Development provides loans and grants to develop rural community facilities in cities, villages, and towns with populations less than 20,000 that are not part of an urban area. The USDA provides affordable housing opportunities for low- to moderate- income families in Washington County.

Wisconsin Department of Commerce, Division of Community Development, Bureau of Housing

The Bureau of Housing administers several Federal and State programs to provide low- and moderate-income households with housing assistance in many areas of Wisconsin. Washington County residents are not eligible for programs administered by the Bureau of Housing because the County is included in the HOME Consortium, which fills the role of the Bureau of Housing in administering State and Federal housing programs in Washington, Ozaukee, Waukesha, and Jefferson Counties.

Government Sponsored Housing Programs

The following sections describe programs funded by the State and Federal governments for construction of singleand multi-family housing and programs that provide financial assistance for down payments, loan guarantees, or rental assistance.

HOME Consortium Programs

Home Buyer Counseling

The Slinger Housing Authority provides home buyer counseling to the HOME Consortium Counties of Ozaukee and Washington. The Authority provides a complete package of supportive counseling services to enable participants to achieve home ownership. This assistance is provided throughout the home buying process with credit awareness, acquiring budget management skills, learning about mortgage products and guidelines, the selection of property and the post- purchase responsibilities of home ownership. The Authority provides monthly educational home buying seminars and provides ongoing one-on-one counseling with clients, as needed. The program meets the home buyer counseling requirements of the HOME Consortium Down Payment Assistance Program.

C-CAP Down Payment Assistance (DPA) Grant

The purpose of the C-CAP DPA Grant Program is to assist homebuyers with the upfront costs of purchasing a home through a down payment assistance (DPA) grant. The HOME Consortium provides funding to C-CAP, which administers the grant program. The grant itself is offered through private lenders partnering with C-CAP. The DPA grant can help pay up to \$3,000 in customary closing costs and fees related to buying a home and/or a portion of a down payment. The C-CAP DPA grant is forgiven over the course of five years. A portion of the grant must be repaid if the home is sold within a five year period as long as the borrower continues to occupy the home.

- Buyer household income cannot exceed 80 percent of the HUD estimated median family income by size for the Milwaukee Metropolitan Statistical Area. The 2006 HUD estimated median income and 80 percent of the median income are listed on Table 47
- Eligible costs financed by the grant include the down payment, all closing costs, prepaid items, home inspection, and home buyer counseling
- The maximum home purchase price in Washington County is \$194,800
- Eligible units include owner-occupied single-family homes, condominiums, and certain manufactured homes

American Dream Down Payment Initiative (ADDI) C-CAP Loan

The ADDI offers 0 percent interest loans to buyers to use for either completion of home repairs immediately after closing or occupancy or as a form of down payment assistance. A buyer may be eligible for up to a \$5,000 deferred 0 percent interest loan to be used for down payment or closing costs, or a buyer may be eligible for up to a \$10,000 deferred 0 percent interest loan for home repairs only. The ADDI loan is deferred at 0 percent APR, which means there is no interest and the loan is not due until sale or transfer of the mortgaged property. The ADDI loan may also be combined with the C-CAP Down Payment Assistance grant. Eligibility criteria for Washington County are identical to those outlined in the C-CAP DPA grant program. This program is also administered by C-CAP and with funds provided through the HOME Consortium.

WHEDA Programs

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC)

Created by the Tax Reform Act of 1986, the LIHTC program gives states the equivalent of nearly \$5 billion in annual budget authority to issue tax credits for the acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of rental housing targeted to lower-income households. The program provides an incentive by providing credit against Federal income tax liability. As a basic program requirement, rental property owners either make at least 20 percent of their housing units available to households with incomes not exceeding 50 percent of the area median

family income as adjusted for family size or make at least 40 percent of their housing units available to household with incomes not exceeding 60 percent of an area's median family income as adjusted for family size. Property owners must agree to maintain these percentages for at least 30 years. The LIHTC program is administered by WHEDA in Wisconsin.

Home Ownership Mortgage (HOME) Loan Program

The HOME Loan Program, administered by WHEDA and funded by HUD, offers long-term, below-market, fixed-rate financing for low- to moderate-income, first-time homebuyers. Features and benefits of this program include a below-market, fixed interest rate with up to a 30-year term; a low down payment required with down-payment assistance available; lower mortgage insurance premiums; and Mortgage Guardian mortgage payment protection in the event of involuntary job loss. For Washington County, eligible properties include new or existing single-family detached dwellings; manufactured housing on land owned by the applicant and taxed as real estate; condominiums; and two, three, or four unit dwellings which are least five years old.

Fixed-Interest Only Loan Program

The Fixed-Interest Only Loan Program, administered by WHEDA and funded by HUD, offers below-market, fixed-rate financing with reduced payments during the first seven years for eligible first-time homebuyers. The home purchase price must be at least \$150,000 and cannot exceed the purchase price limits listed above for the HOME Loan Program.

HOME Plus Loan Program

The HOME Plus Loan Program, administered by WHEDA and funded by HUD, provides financing of up to \$10,000 for down payment and closing costs, and a line of credit for future home repairs. Borrowers must have less than \$4,500 in liquid assets to be eligible to draw HOME Plus funds for down payment and closing costs. Those with liquid assets exceeding \$4,500 may still request the line of credit for future home repairs. Eligible properties must be occupied by the owner and can be anywhere from one to four units.

HUD Programs

Wisconsin Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

HUD provides community development block grants to entitled counties, entitlement communities, and States (for distribution to nonentitlement communities) for housing programs that principally benefit low-and moderate-income households and other community development purposes. Counties, entitlement communities, and States develop their own specific programs and funding priorities under the CDBG program; however, maximum priority must be given to activities which either benefit low- and moderate-income persons or aid in the prevention or elimination of blight or slums. States must ensure that over a three year period, at least 60 percent of CDBG funds awarded to non-entitlement communities are used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income households. HUD defines communities entitled to grants as principal cities of a metropolitan statistical area (MSA), other metropolitan cities with a population of at least 50,000, and urban counties with a population of at least 200,000, excluding the population of any entitlement communities within the county. Washington County is not an entitlement area, so communities must apply for CDBG funds from WHEDA, which administers the CDBG program for nonentitlement areas.

Section 8 Rental Voucher Program

The Section 8 Rental Voucher Program increases affordable housing choices for low-income households by allowing families to choose privately-owned rental housing. A public housing authority (PHA) generally pays the landlord the difference between 30 percent of a family's gross household income and the PHA-determined payment standard, about 80 to 100 percent of the fair market rent (FMR). Housing authorities may be established by counties and local governments. There are three housing authorities in the County; they include the Hartford Community Development Authority (HCDA), the Slinger Housing Authority, and the West Bend Housing Authority. Of these three housing authorities, only HCDA and the West Bend Housing Authority provide vouchers. HCDA provides up to 148 households within the City of Hartford with vouchers per month. The West Bend Housing Authority provides up to 159 households within the City of West Bend with vouchers per month.

WHEDA administers the Section 8 program outside Hartford, Slinger, and West Bend. In recent years, WHEDA has contracted with Horizon Management Group, Inc., based in La Crosse County with an office in Sheboygan County, to administer the program in Washington County. Horizon Management Group provides up to 75 households with vouchers per month outside the Cities of Hartford and West Bend.

Prior to 1981, another portion of Section 8 rental assistance was disbursed directly to individual property owners. This was referred to as "Project-Based Assistance." HUD entered into 20-year contribution contracts with individual property owners to provide subsidies for lower-income tenants. Because this component of the Section 8 program was eliminated in 1981, the number of rental housing units subsidized in this manner has been decreasing as contracts with property owners expire. Contracts remaining in effect are the result of "renewal" of contracts initiated prior to 1981. There were 442 subsidized units in the County as of 2006; 164 of these units housed elderly households, 114 units housed families, 64 units housed both elderly and family households, and 100 units housed other households. These units do not count against the limits described above.

Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program

HUD provides interest-free capital advances to private, nonprofit sponsors to finance the development of supportive housing for the elderly. The capital advance does not have to be repaid as long as the project serves very low-income elderly persons for 40 years. Project rental assistance funds are provided to cover the difference between the HUD-approved operating cost for the project and the tenants' contribution towards rent. Project rental assistance contracts are approved initially for five years and are renewable based on the availability of funds. Private nonprofit organizations can apply to develop a Section 202 project if they can, among other requirements, submit a resolution that they will provide a minimum capital investment equal to 0.5 percent of the HUD-approved capital advance. Public entities are not eligible for funding under this program. Occupancy in Section 202 housing is open to any very low-income household comprised of at least one person who is at least 62 years old at the time of initial occupancy.

Section 811 Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities

HUD provides interest-free capital advances to private nonprofit sponsors to finance the development of rental housing such as independent living projects, condominium units, and small group homes that will provide supportive services for people with disabilities. The capital advance does not have to be repaid as long as the project serves very low-income persons with disabilities for 40 years. Project rental assistance funds are provided to cover the difference between the HUD-approved operating cost for the project and the tenants' contribution towards rent. Project rental assistance contracts are approved initially for five years and are renewable based on the availability of funds. Nonprofit organizations with a Section 501 (c) (3) tax exemption from the IRS can apply to develop a Section 811 project if they can, among other requirements, submit a resolution that they will provide a minimum capital investment equal to 0.5 percent of the HUD-approved capital advance, up to a maximum of \$10,000. Occupancy in Section 811 housing is open to any very low-income household comprised of at least one person who is at least 18 years old and has a disability, such as a physical or developmental disability or chronic mental illness.

Rehabilitation Mortgage Insurance - Section 203 (k)

This FHA (which became part of HUD in 1965) program insures mortgages designed for properties in need of rehabilitation. Property acquisition costs are combined with rehabilitation costs under one mortgage as opposed to two, which is the traditional method. The ability to consolidate the mortgages results in a single long-term mortgage with relatively low interest rates and a streamlined process for the borrower and lender. They are also available to those who might not otherwise qualify for conventional mortgages. Section 203 (k) insures mortgages covering the purchasing or refinancing and rehabilitation of a home that is at least one year old. A portion of the loan proceeds are used to pay the seller, or, in a refinance situation, to pay off the existing mortgage, and the remaining funds are placed in an escrow account and released as rehabilitation is completed. The rehabilitation cost must be at least \$5,000 and there are no income limits for eligibility.

Property Improvement Loan Insurance (Title I)

This FHA program insures loans made by private lenders to borrowers, many of whom might not be eligible for a traditional loan, for the purpose of making home improvements. Loans are insured for up to 20 years on single

family or multi-family properties. The maximum loan amount is \$25,000 for a single family property and \$12,000 per housing unit not to exceed a total of \$60,000 for a multi-family property. Loan funds may be used for light to moderate rehabilitation of single family and multi-family structures, or to construct a nonresidential structure on a single family property. Loans may also be used to purchase fire safety equipment. The intent of the program is to provide financing for permanent improvements that protect or improve the basic livability and utility of a property, including manufactured homes, single family and multi-family structures, nonresidential structures, and preservation of historic homes.

USDA Rural Development Programs

Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants

Farm Labor Housing Loans and Grants provide low-cost financing for the development of affordable rental housing for both year-round and migrant "domestic farm laborers" and their households. These programs may be used to build, buy, improve, or repair farm labor housing and provide related facilities, such as on-site child care centers.

Multi-Family Housing Direct Loans

Multi-Family Housing Direct Loans provide loans for the development of affordable rental housing in rural communities. Low and very-low income households are targeted as tenants, but moderate income households are also eligible. Rural Development may also provide "Rental Assistance," a project-based tenant subsidy that pays a portion of tenant housing costs, reducing them to an affordable level (30 percent of adjusted income). Projects must be in a rural area and consist of at least two rental units.

Multi-Family Housing Guaranteed Loans

Multi-Family Housing Guaranteed Loans serve the rental housing needs of low- and moderate-income rural households by providing loan guarantees for newly constructed or rehabilitated rental property in eligible rural areas. Guarantees may be used in conjunction with other subsidy programs, such as the Low-Income Tax Credit, HOME, and state rental assistance programs. Loans can be made for a variety of rental housing types, for example: family, elderly, congregate housing, and mobile homes. Loans can be made for new construction, moderate or substantial rehabilitation, acquisition of buildings that provide for "special housing needs," and combination construction and permanent loans. Tenants' income cannot exceed 115 percent of the area median income, adjusted for family size. Rent (including tenant-paid utilities) for any unit at initial occupancy cannot exceed 30 percent of 115 percent of the area median income, adjusted for family size. The average rent (including tenant-paid utilities) for all units in a project cannot exceed 30 percent of area median income.

Rural Housing Site Loans

Rural Housing Site Loans are short term loans to finance development costs of subdivisions located in communities with a population of 10,000 or less (selected communities with a population between 10,000 and 20,000 are also eligible). Developed lots are to be sold to families with low- to moderate-household income (up to 115 percent of the county median income). Loans can be made to public or private local nonprofit organizations with legal authority to buy, develop, and sell home sites to eligible applicants.

Single Family Housing Direct Loans

Single Family Housing Direct Loans are for families seeking financing to purchase new or existing homes or to repair or improve a home. This subsidized housing program offers loan benefits as down payment assistance to enable purchase with a loan through a private lending source (Rural Development accepts a junior lien behind the primary lender) or as a sole source of assistance for purchase, repair, or improvement. Sole source assistance is limited to families who are unable to obtain any part of the needed credit from another lending source. To be eligible an applicant must have the ability to repay the loan, live in the home, and be a citizen or be legally admitted to the U.S. for permanent residence, among other requirements. Family income can not exceed 80 percent of the county median income.

Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loans

The Guaranteed Rural Housing (GRH) loan program provides moderate-income families with access to affordable home ownership in eligible rural areas. Approved GRH lenders provide home purchase financing requiring no down payment and can finance loan closing costs and repairs up to the property's appraised value. To be eligible, an applicant must have adequate and dependable income; be a citizen or be legally admitted to the U.S. for permanent residence; have an adjusted annual household income that does not exceed the moderate-income limits for the area; and demonstrate adequate repayment ability. The home must be a new or existing stick-built or modular home that meets HUD guidelines; a new manufactured home on a permanent foundation; owner occupied and not income producing; and located in an eligible rural area or community.

WisLoan

This program provides loans for a wide variety of residential modifications to improve accessibility for disabled persons, including ramps and home accessibility modifications for nonrental units. Individuals applying for a loan must be a Wisconsin resident, at least 18 years old (parents and other relatives can apply on behalf of disabled people under age 18), and have a disability. Applicants can request any amount needed for the modifications, but the loan amount is dependent on ability to repay the loan and availability of loan funds. The loan is available to Washington County residents and administered by IndependenceFirst with oversight by the Independent Living Unit of the State Bureau of Aging and Long Term Care Resources (part of the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services). The IndependenceFirst office located in Milwaukee (600 W. Virginia Street, fourth floor) serves Washington County.

Housing Trust Funds

Housing trust funds can be established by county or local governments (or state governments) to support the preservation and production of affordable housing through a dedicated source of public financing. As of 2006, over 350 county and local government and 38 state housing trust funds had been established. They have combined to dedicate over \$750 million annually towards addressing affordable housing needs across the Country. Locally, the City of Milwaukee Common Council passed an ordinance creating a Milwaukee Housing Trust Fund in late 2006. It started with base funds of \$2.5 million in 2007 from bonding. Ongoing revenue is generated from Potawatomi gaming proceeds, Tax Increment Financing (TIF) revenue (see Chapter XIII for additional information regarding TIF), and designated PILOT funds. Community support for the trust fund was championed by the Milwaukee Housing Trust Fund Coalition, which was comprised of many faith and community based organizations such as the Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee.

Department of Veteran Affairs Home Loan Program

This program is available to veterans, active duty military personnel, and certain members of the reserves and National Guard. The program offers advantages to applicants including loans with no money down and no private mortgage insurance payments. Applicants must meet income and credit requirements for the loans, which are generally *administered* by *lenders approved by the* Department of Veteran Affairs.

PART 3: COMMUNITY POLICIES AND REGULATIONS AFFECTING THE PROVISION OF HOUSING

Housing structure types, home sizes, and lot sizes are controlled by Town zoning regulations. This section summarizes Town zoning regulations affecting housing.

Zoning Regulations

The zoning authority of the Town represents an important influence on housing development patterns. Zoning regulations can substantially determine the location, size, and type of housing. A summary of existing residential zoning districts is presented in Table 53. A summary of all Town zoning districts is included in Chapter II.

¹¹PILOT funds are payments in lieu of taxes received by the City.

Table 53

MINIMUM LOT SIZE AND FLOOR AREA REQUIREMENTS IN
RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS IN THE TOWN OF ERIN ZONING ORDINANCE: 2007

Residential Zoning District	Minimum Lot Size	Minimum Floor Area (square feet)
R-1 Single-Family Residence District	1.5 acres	1,200 minimum for one-story; 1,400 minimum for one and one-half, 950 first floor; 1,400 minimum for two-story, 800 first floor; 1,200 minimum for bi-level, 800 first floor; and 1,200 minimum for tri-level, 800 first floor with full basement. 1,400 minimum for one-story; 1,400 minimum for one and one-half, 1,150 first floor; 1,400 minimum for two-story, 1,000 first floor with slab at grade
R-3 Single-Family Residence District	Three acres	Same as R-1
R-5 Single-Family Residence District	Five acres	Same as R-1
R-10 Single-Family Residence District	10 acres	Same as R-1
R-20 Single-Family Residence District	20 acres	Same as R-1

Note: This table is a summary and should not be used as a guide to answer zoning-related questions. Refer to the Town zoning ordinance and map for specific zoning information.

Source: Town of Erin zoning ordinance and SEWRPC.

The type of housing unit allowed is generally determined by the type of structures allowed in residential zoning districts. This is important because apartment units tend to be more affordable to lower-income households than single-family housing units.

Areas zoned as single-family residential typically allow only one detached single-family home per lot. These homes tend to be owner-occupied, but may be rental units. Areas zoned for two-family residential uses allow for duplexes that may be owner-occupied or rental units, or include one unit occupied by the owner with the second unit rented. Areas zoned as multi-family residential allow for structures with three or more units. Multi-family districts vary in the number of units and number of floors allowed per structure. Many housing units in these districts are rental units; however, some may be owner-occupied such as townhouses or other single-family attached housing units.

The Town of Erin zoning ordinance includes only single-family residential zoning districts. Residential areas are zoned for 1.5 acre lots in subdivisions and for three-, five-, 10-, and 20-acre lots outside subdivisions. The land use element of this plan (Chapter VI) recommends that future residential development in the Town be limited to average densities of no more than one home per five acres in areas designated as agricultural transition and average densities of no more than one home per seven acres in areas designated as rural preservation.

The Town zoning ordinance also allows "Large Subdivision Development" for subdivisions with more than 20 lots. A mix of lot sizes may be used, with up to 30 percent of the lots 1.5 acres in size; 30 percent of the lots 2.5 acres in size; and 40 percent of the lots 3.5 acres in size.

Conservation subdivisions reduce the minimum lot size that would be required for each home in a conventional subdivision and locate homes on a portion of a development parcel in order to preserve the remainder of the parcel in open space. The Town of Erin *Single-Family Cluster Subdivision Zoning Ordinance* allows parcels of 40 acres or more to be developed as conservation subdivisions at an overall density of one dwelling per five or seven acres with a minimum lot size of 1.5 acres and a maximum lot size of three acres.

Accessory apartments, sometimes referred to as "mother-in-law" units, are secondary dwellings established in conjunction with and clearly subordinate to a primary dwelling, and may be part of the same structure as the primary dwelling or a detached unit on the same lot, as specified in the zoning ordinance. Accessory apartments

are one way to provide lower-cost housing in communities, such as Erin, that lack the urban services necessary to support apartment buildings and other multi-family housing. The Town zoning ordinance currently does not permit accessory apartments.

In addition to minimum lot size requirements, the Town zoning ordinance includes minimum floor area requirements that affect the size of housing units. These requirements are important because the cost of housing units typically increases for larger homes. Minimum floor area requirements for single-family detached dwellings in the Town range from 1,200 square feet for one-story dwellings to 1,400 square feet for multi-story dwellings.

PART 4: HOUSING GOALS, OBJECTIVES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS

This section sets forth housing goals and objectives through the plan design year of 2035. Policies, which are steps or actions recommended to be taken to achieve goals and objectives; and programs, which are projects or services intended to achieve housing policies, are also identified.

Goal: In cooperation with neighboring communities, support a range of housing types to serve the varied and special needs of area residents.

Goal: Promote fair housing practices.

- **Objective:** Discourage housing discrimination based on protected classes and unlawful acts set forth in Federal and State laws.
- **Objective:** Increase the use of design that allows access and livability for persons with disabilities and the elderly in new construction.
 - Policy: Limit residential development to densities and locations compatible with the rural character of the Town. Multi-family housing should occur in nearby communities that provide public sanitary sewer and public water supply services.
 - Policy: Provide a range of housing choices for all income levels, age groups, and special needs groups in the Town.
 - Policy: Support appropriate County, private, nonprofit, and church efforts and consider new programs
 that provide needed assistance for elderly and disabled residents who wish to stay in their own homes.
 - Policy: Promote construction design concepts such as Universal Design¹² and Visitability. Visitability is a movement to change home construction practices so that all new homes, not just custom built homes, offer a few specific features that make the home easier for people with mobility impairment to live in or visit. Minimum requirements include wide passage doors, at least a half-bath on the first floor, and at least one zero-step entrance approached by an accessible route on a firm surface no steeper than a 1:12 grade from a driveway or public sidewalk.
 - **Policy:** Cooperate with governmental agencies and nonprofit organizations seeking to increase the availability of low-income and moderate-income housing within the Town.
 - Policy: Allocate sufficient land area for housing to accommodate current and future Town residents.
 - **Program:** Allocate sufficient area for residential development on the Town land use plan map (Map 13 in Chapter VI) to accommodate the anticipated population of the Town in 2035.
 - Program: Work with agencies, organizations, and developers to implement creative ideas for providing low and moderate income housing in the Town while maintaining rural densities.
 - Program: Consider amending the Town zoning ordinance to accommodate accessory units in residential zoning districts as an option for providing affordable housing and housing for the elderly and persons with disabilities.

¹²Accessibility for persons with disabilities can be increased by providing homes with wider doors and hallways, level surfaces, bathrooms on the first floor, and other features, often referred to as "Universal Design."

- Program: Consider amending the Town zoning and subdivision ordinances to grant a density bonus in land divisions and condominiums that provide for affordable housing.
- Program: Consider amending the Town zoning ordinance to include Universal Design and/or Visitability requirements for new homes.

Goal: Provide safe and decent housing for all Town residents.

- **Objective:** Provide well-constructed and maintained housing with adequate services.
 - Policy: Support preventive maintenance of existing housing units and early rehabilitation of deteriorating housing units.
 - Policy: Seek to ensure that all housing in the Town includes heating facilities and insulation
 adequate for healthful and comfortable living, a supply of safe and palatable water, adequate toilet
 and bathing facilities; and adequate wastewater disposal and treatment facilities.
 - Policy: To avoid the creation of water pollution and public health problems by limiting residential
 development to soils that are well suited to development when served by private on-site sewage
 treatment systems (POWTS) and private wells.
 - Program: Continue to enforce the Town building code to ensure adequate insulation, heating, and plumbing.
 - Program: Require community property maintenance in conformance with recorded subdivision covenants accepted by the Town at the time of the subdivision approval.
 - Program: Work with existing housing agencies to identify programs and potential funding sources to assist homeowners with making needed repairs, including improvements to meet State and Federal lead-safe standards.
 - Program: Work with the Washington County Health Department to enforce State public health Statutes and County ordinances concerning dilapidated, unsafe, or unsanitary housing that poses a human health hazard.
 - Program: Continue to cooperate with Washington County to ensure the County has reviewed
 proposed land divisions for compliance with the County Land Division and Sanitary Ordinances
 relating to land suitability, wastewater treatment and disposal, and other applicable requirements.

Chapter VIII

TRANSPORTATION ELEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The transportation element is one of the nine elements of a comprehensive plan required by Section 66.1001 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*. Section 66.1001 (2) (c) of the *Statutes* requires this element to compile goals, objectives, policies, and programs to guide the future development of various modes of transportation in the County. Under the comprehensive planning law, the transportation element should incorporate State and Regional transportation plans, and compare County goals, objectives, policies, and programs to those of State and Regional transportation plans.

Modes of transportation addressed in this element include:

- Arterial streets and highways
- Collector and land access streets
- Public transit
- Transportation systems for persons with disabilities and the elderly
- Bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Railroads
- Air transportation
- Trucking and water transportation

In addition, the following comprehensive planning goals related to the transportation element are set forth in Section 16.965 of the *Statutes* and were addressed as part of the planning process:¹

- Promotion of the redevelopment of land with existing infrastructure and public services and the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing residential, commercial, and industrial structures.
- Encouragement of neighborhood designs that support a range of transportation choices.
- Encouragement of land uses, densities and regulations that promote efficient development patterns and relatively low municipal, State government, and utility costs.

¹Chapter I lists all 14 of the comprehensive planning goals included in Section 16.965 of the Statutes.

- Encouragement of coordination and cooperation among nearby units of government.
- Providing an integrated, efficient, and economical transportation system that affords mobility, convenience, and safety and that meets the needs of all citizens, including transit-dependant citizens and persons with disabilities.

This chapter is divided into four parts; an inventory of existing transportation facilities in the Town and County; a description of the regional transportation system plan and the County jurisdictional highway system plan; a description of the Town road plan; and goals, objectives, policies, and programs for transportation facilities in the Town and County.

PART 1: TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES

This section presents inventories of the existing transportation system in Washington County and the Town of Erin. Much of the inventory information included in this section is drawn from the regional transportation system plan. The 2035 regional transportation plan includes four elements: public transportation, travel demand management, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and arterial streets and highways. Inventory information relating to each of these elements is presented in this section. Information on rail, harbors, and airport services is also provided.

Streets and Highways

The street and highway system serves several important functions, including the movement of through vehicular traffic; providing vehicular access to abutting land uses; providing for pedestrian and bicycle circulation, and serving as the location for utilities and stormwater drainage facilities. Two of these functions—traffic movement and land access—are basically incompatible. As a result, street and highway system design is based on a functional grouping or classification of streets and highways, based on the primary function served. The three functional classifications of streets and highways are: arterial streets, collector streets, and land access streets. In 2005, there were approximately 86 miles of streets and highways in the Town of Erin, measured along the centerline of each street or highway.

Arterial Streets

The arterial street and highway system is intended to provide a high degree of travel mobility, serving the through movement of traffic between and through urban areas. The regional transportation system plan³ identifies the location, number of lanes, and the level of government recommended to have jurisdiction over each arterial street and highway. Recommendations for the location and number of lanes of arterial streets and highways are determined in part by travel simulation models, which are used to determine the existing and potential travel demand on proposed transportation networks, based on the development pattern recommended by the regional land use plan.

In addition to their functional classification, arterial streets and highways are also classified by the unit of government that has responsibility, or jurisdiction, over the facility. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has jurisdiction over the State trunk highway system, Washington County has jurisdiction over the County trunk highway system, and each local government has jurisdiction over local arterial streets within the local government.

There were about 23 miles of arterial highways in the Town in 2005. About 10 miles were under the jurisdiction of WisDOT, including STH 83 and 167. About 13 miles of arterial highways were under the jurisdiction of Washington County, CTH K, Q, O, and CC. There were no arterial streets under Town jurisdiction.

²Total street and highway mileage does not include private streets.

³The most recent regional transportation system plan is documented in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 49, A Regional Transportation System Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2035, June 2006.

The State trunk highway system, which includes Interstate Highways, U.S.-numbered highways (USH), and State trunk highways, generally carry the highest traffic volumes, provide the highest traffic speeds, have the highest degree of access control, and serve land uses of statewide or regional significance. State trunk highways (STH) serve the longest trips, principally carrying traffic traveling through Washington County and between Washington County and other counties. County trunk highways (CTH) form an integrated system together with the State trunk highways and principally serve traffic between communities in the County and land uses of countywide importance. Local arterial streets and highways would serve the shortest trips, serve locally-oriented land uses, carry the lightest traffic volumes on the arterial system, provide lower traffic speeds, have the least access control, and principally serve traffic within a local government (typically in cities and villages).

Collector and Land Access Streets

The primary function of land access streets is to provide access to abutting property. Collector streets are intended to serve primarily as connections between the arterial street system and the land access streets. In addition to collecting and distributing traffic to and from the land access streets, collector streets usually perform a secondary function of providing access to abutting property. The right-of-way width and cross-section for collector and land access streets are generally uniform throughout a community as specified in the community's land division ordinance or street specification policy, compared to arterial streets whose widths and cross-sections vary based on anticipated traffic loads. In 2005, there were 63 miles of collector and land access streets in the Town.

County and Local Street Inventory

WisDOT maintains a detailed database of county and local street information in the "Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads" (WISLR). Physical attributes such as right-of-way and pavement width, number of traffic lanes, type of surface and pavement rating, the presence and type of shoulders or curbs, and the presence of sidewalks are available through a database that can be accessed through the WisDOT website by registered users. Administrative information, including the functional classification and owner of street, can also be obtained. The information in the database is provided by county and local governments, and is intended to assist in reporting roadway pavement conditions. Under Section 86.302 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, pavement ratings must be submitted to WisDOT by each county and local government every other year. The PASER method (pavement surface evaluation and rating) is the most commonly used method in Wisconsin.

Travel Demand Management

The existing freeway traffic management system in Southeastern Wisconsin consists of many elements which are often referred to as intelligent transportation systems. The elements of the freeway traffic management system include: traffic detectors, ramp metering, high-occupancy vehicle bypass ramps, variable message signs, highway advisory radio, closed-circuit television, service patrols, crash investigation sites, and enhanced reference markers. Ramp metering, a crash investigation site, and a closed-circuit television camera are present on southeastern portions of the Washington County section of the freeway system. Ramp meters are installed on the southbound on-ramps to USH 41/45 at Lannon Road and at CTH Q (Washington – Waukesha County Line Road). A crash investigation site is located at the Lannon Road park-ride lot near the interchange of CTH Y and USH 41/45 in the Village of Germantown.

There is also a closed-circuit television camera at the Washington – Waukesha County line on USH 41/45, which provides real-time video for the identification and confirmation of congested areas and incident locations. Video is monitored at the WisDOT Traffic Operation Center in Milwaukee. Video is supplied to some emergency response agencies so that their dispatchers can provide personnel with incident locations and information. The WisDOT also provides some of its camera images to the media and to its website for viewing by the general public.

⁴Minimum right-of-way and pavement width requirements for new town roads are specified in Section 82.50 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Public Transportation

Public transportation is the transportation of people by publicly operated vehicles between trip origins and destinations, and may be divided into service provided for the general public and service provided to special population groups. Examples of special group public transportation include yellow school bus service operated by area school districts, and fixed-route bus and paratransit van service provided by counties or municipalities for the elderly and disabled. Public transportation service to the general public may further be divided into the following three categories:

- Intercity or interregional public transportation, which provides service across regional boundaries, and includes Amtrak railway passenger service, interregional bus service, and commercial air travel.
- Urban public transportation commonly referred to as public transit, which is open to the general public and provides service within and between large urban areas. The fixed-route bus transit system (Washington County Commuter Express) operated by Washington County falls into this category.
- Rural and small urban community public transportation, which is open to the general public and provides service in and between small urban communities and rural areas, may also provide connections to urban areas. The nonfixed-route shared-ride taxi system currently operated by Washington County falls into this category.

Public transit is essential in any metropolitan area to meet the travel needs of persons unable to use personal automobile transportation; to provide an alternative mode of travel, particularly in heavily traveled corridors within and between urban areas and in densely developed urban communities and activity centers; to provide choice in transportation modes as an enhancement of quality of life; and to support and enhance the economy.

Interregional Public Transportation

Rail, bus, ferry, and airline carriers provided Town residents with public transportation service between the Southeastern Wisconsin Region and a number of cities and regions across the Country, as described in the following paragraphs.

Rail Service

No intercity passenger train service is provided in Washington County, but County residents are served in nearby counties. Intercity passenger train service is provided by Amtrak over Canadian Pacific Railway lines, with stops in 2006 at the downtown Milwaukee Amtrak depot, Sturtevant in Racine County, and General Mitchell International Airport. Amtrak operated six weekday trains in each direction between Milwaukee and Chicago and one weekday train in each direction between Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul – Minneapolis, and Seattle. Commuter rail service was provided between Kenosha and Chicago by Metra's Union Pacific North line with intermediate stops between Kenosha and downtown Chicago in northeastern Illinois' north shore suburbs. Studies are underway to develop a commuter line, referred to as the KRM, connecting downtown Milwaukee to the Metra line in Kenosha with stops in communities in Kenosha, Racine and Milwaukee counties.

Bus Service

Scheduled intercity bus services were provided to the Region by four carriers; although none of the buses made stops in Washington County. Two of those carriers have routes through Washington County on USH 41; these include Greyhound and Lamers Bus Lines. Greyhound operates a route between Milwaukee and Green Bay with stops in Manitowoc and Oshkosh. Service provided by Greyhound in Southeastern Wisconsin is centered in Milwaukee, which the carrier uses as a regional hub at which passengers have the opportunity to transfer between buses. Daily service provided by Lamers Bus Lines included one bus trip in each direction between Milwaukee and Wausau with a stop in Appleton. The two additional intercity buses serving the Region were Badger Coaches and United Limo. Badger Coaches provides daily round trips between Madison and downtown Milwaukee, with stops in Memorial Union in Madison, Johnson Creek, Goerke's Corners, Oconomowoc, West Allis, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, and General Mitchell International Airport. Weekday service provided by United Limo includes round-trips between Goerke's Corners in Waukesha County and Chicago O'Hare International Airport, with stops in downtown Milwaukee and at General Mitchell International Airport.

Ferry Service

There is no Lake Michigan cross-lake ferry service directly to Washington County, but such services are available in nearby cities. In 2006, passenger and car cross-lake ferry services were available between Milwaukee and Muskegon, Michigan and between Manitowoc and Ludington, Michigan. Both ferry services operate in the months of May through October of each year.

Air Service

There are no airports in Washington County providing public commercial air service. Passenger air service for County residents is provided by a number of air carriers at Milwaukee County's General Mitchell International Airport. In 2005, there were over 450 scheduled nonstop weekday flights between Mitchell International and 50 other cities and metropolitan areas, with connections available to any destination served by air.

Urban Public Transportation

Park-Ride Facilities

Park-ride facilities enable efficient travel within Southeastern Wisconsin through transfer between private vehicle and public transit, and between single occupant or solo driver private vehicles and carpools. Washington County has seven park-ride lots, including four park-ride lots served by transit and three park-ride lots not served by transit (these lots are not large enough to accommodate a bus). Park-ride lots served by the Washington County Commuter Express (WCCE) bus in 2008 include lots at the interchanges of USH 41/45 and CTH Y/Lannon Road in the Village of Germantown, USH 45 and Paradise Drive in the City of West Bend, USH 45 and Pleasant Valley Road at the Washington County Fair Park grounds, and at the former Highway View Elementary School on Pioneer Road in the Town of Polk. The three park-ride lots not served by transit are available for use by persons who meet to carpool, and are located at the intersections of CTH P and STH 60 in the Village of Jackson, and at two USH 41 interchanges located in the Town of Addison, the CTH K and STH 33 interchanges.

Washington County Commuter Express Bus System

The WCCE Bus System, which runs weekdays only (Monday through Friday), consists of two express commuter bus routes. The routes operate between three WCCE park-ride lots located along USH 45 in Washington County to Milwaukee County. The Downtown Milwaukee Express provides service between Washington County and Wisconsin Avenue in downtown Milwaukee. The Downtown Milwaukee Express completes seven trips each weekday morning, transporting persons from Washington County to downtown Milwaukee; and seven trips each weekday afternoon/evening, transporting persons from downtown Milwaukee to Washington County. The Froedtert, Mayfair, Marquette High, and Veteran Affairs Medical Center Express provides service between Washington County and the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center, Mayfair Mall, and Watertown Plank Road/STH 100. The Froedtert, Mayfair, Marquette High, and Veteran Affairs Medical Center Express completes four trips each weekday morning, transporting persons from Washington County to Milwaukee County; and five trips each weekday afternoon/evening, transporting persons from Milwaukee County to Washington County. WCCE ridership has increased annually since the transit service began in 2000. In 2000 the system had 13,701 riders. By 2005 this figure increased to 80,143 riders, an increase of 485 percent in five years.

Rural and Small Urban Community Public Transportation

Washington County Shared-Ride Taxi System

The Washington County Shared-Ride Taxi System is provided by Washington County. The system is designed to serve any trip made within Washington County during its operating hours. The County shared-ride taxi system serves all areas of the County except trips where both the origin and destination are located within the City of West Bend or the City of Hartford. Each City operates its own shared-ride taxi service. Trips entirely within the Cities are served by the County taxi system only if they are outside the operating hours of the City taxi systems or are trips made by disabled persons who cannot physically use the City systems. The County system also operates to and from the Village of Menomonee Falls in Waukesha County. The County system also serves a transfer point in the Village of Newburg in coordination with the Ozaukee County shared-ride system.

The Washington County Shared-Ride Taxi System provides door-to-door service for the general public and the disabled. Service is provided on a shared-ride basis where passengers with different origins and destinations may share a vehicle for a portion of their trips. The hours of operation for the taxi service are as follows:

- Monday through Saturday, 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Service is provided on the day requested through an advance reservation system. County Shared-Ride Taxi ridership from 2003 through 2005 increased from 62,991 passengers in 2003 to 69,962 in 2004, or an increase of about 11 percent. There were 70,199 passengers in 2005. This was an increase of about 11 percent in ridership from 2004.

City of Hartford Transport Taxi Service

The Hartford Transport Taxi Service consists of two vehicles operated by the City of Hartford. Service is provided to City residents in specified locations, which include City limits and up to one mile outside City limits and out of town service to and from the City of Hartford to General Mitchell International Airport, Columbus Train Depot, the Milwaukee Downtown Bus Depot, the Aurora Health Center in Slinger, and up to 10 miles into Dodge County. The hours of operation for the taxi service are seasonal and are as follows:

- January through May and September through December
 - Weekdays, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 - Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- June through August
 - Weekdays, 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The City of Hartford's shared-ride taxi ridership between 2003 and 2005 increased from 18,600 passengers in 2003 to 19,368 passengers in 2005, or about a 4 percent increase in ridership. However, this is about a 4 percent decrease in usage from 2004's total ridership of 20,202 passengers.

Medical Related Transportation Services

Washington County has multiple free transportation services to assist County residents by providing transportation to and from medical facilities. They include:

- American Cancer Society Road to Recovery Offering cancer patients free transportation to medical appointments. Operates weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Life Star Medical Transport Provides nonemergency specialized transportation.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities

Bikeways

A "bikeway" is a general term that includes any road, path, or way that may legally be used for bicycle travel. Types of bikeways include "bike paths," which are physically separated from motorized vehicles; "bike lanes," which are portions of roadways that are designated by striping, signing, and pavement markings for the exclusive or preferential use of bicycles; and "shared roadways," which are roadways that do not have designated bicycle lanes, but may be legally used for bicycle travel. Generally, all streets and highways except freeways may be used by bicyclists. A "bike route" or "bike trail" is a bikeway designated with directional and information markers, and may consist of a combination of bike paths, bike lanes, and shared roadways. Bikeways are also classified as either "onstreet" or "off-street" bikeways. On-street bikeways include bikeways located in a street right-of-way, which include bike lanes, shared roadways signed as bike routes, and bike paths separated from motor vehicle lanes but within the street right-of-way. "Off-street" bikeways are bike paths not located in a street right-of-way. Off-street bikeways are typically located in utility rights-of-way or along rivers or streams, or may serve as short connectors between residential areas and commercial or public facilities.

Bikeways in Washington County in 2005 totaled about 22 miles. The longest bikeway in the County is the Eisenbahn State Trail, which spans north and south for 24 miles within Fond du Lac and Washington Counties. Twelve miles of the trail are located in the northern half of the County, beginning at Rusco Road in the City of West Bend north through the City, Town of Barton, and Town and Village of Kewaskum to the north County line. Additional on-street and off-street bikeways are located in the City of West Bend, and between the City of Hartford and Pike Lake State Park. Existing bikeways in Washington County in 2006 are shown on Map 17.

Other Transportation Facilities and Services Rail Freight Services

Railway freight service is provided within Washington County by two railway companies over approximately 48 miles of active mainline railway and a 15 mile spur railway line. The Canadian National (CN) Railway operates freight service over an approximately 25 mile segment of mainline railway traveling north through the western half of the County towards Duluth-Superior via Fond du Lac. The CN also provides freight service over an approximately 15 mile spur segment of railway in the central portion of the County from the southeastern corner of the County to the southern boundary of the City of West Bend. The Wisconsin & Southern Railroad Company provides freight service over an approximately 23 mile segment of railway in the southern portion of the County. There is no freight rail service in the Town of Erin.

Ports and Harbors

There are no ports⁵ or boat harbors located in the County. Water freight and transportation facilities and services are provided to the County by the Port of Milwaukee, which is located in the City of Milwaukee.

Airports

Chartered air service and air freight services are provided at two publicly-owned public-use airports in Washington County: West Bend Municipal Airport and Hartford Municipal Airport. In addition, privately-owned Hahn Sky Ranch in the Town of Wayne is available for public use, although use of the Hahn Sky Ranch is limited by its rugged grass runway and lack of lights. As described earlier in this chapter, commercial airline service is provided to residents of the County by General Mitchell International Airport, located in eastern Milwaukee County. Also, Lawrence Timmerman Field located in western Milwaukee County is capable of accommodating most types of general aviation aircraft.

There are two private-use airports in the County: Erin Aero, in the Town of Erin, and Willow Creek, in the Village of Germantown. The airports provide turf runways and limited lighting, navigational aids, and other support facilities. Private heliports are located at St. Joseph's Community Hospital in the Town of Polk and Hartford Hospital in Hartford. The Wisconsin National Guard operates a heliport at the West Bend Airport. These airports and heliports are restricted use facilities and are not open for use by the general public.

PART 2: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN AND WASHINGTON COUNTY JURISDICTIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM PLAN

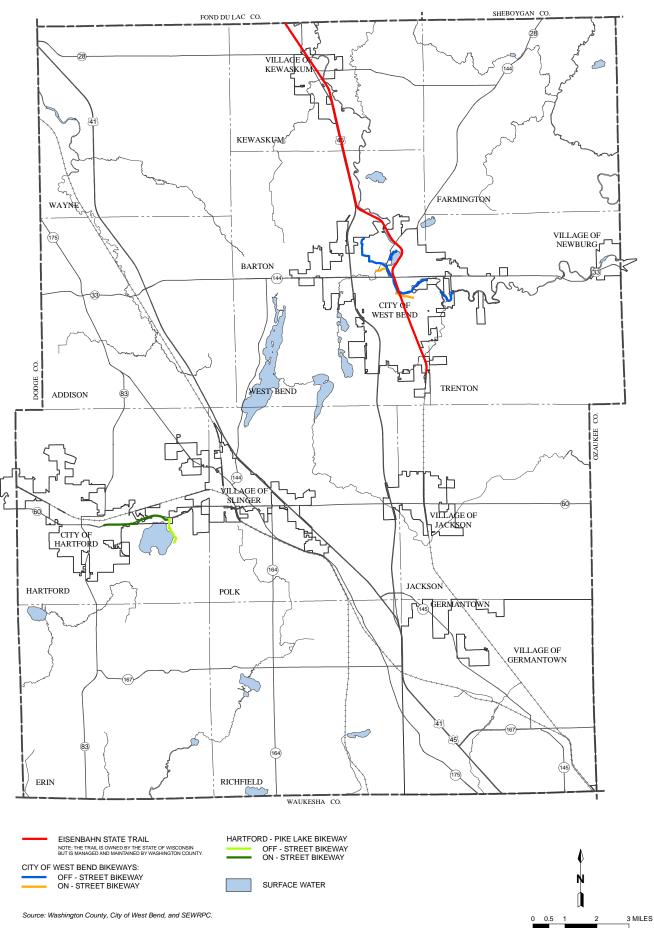
The adopted Regional Transportation System Plan is set forth in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 49, *A Regional Transportation System Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin: 2035*. The plan is designed to serve the land use pattern developed as part of the regional land use plan for 2035. The Regional Transportation System Plan is multimodal, and provides recommendations for a transportation system that integrates several modes, or means, of transportation. The plan's vision is:

"A multi-modal transportation system with high quality public transit, bicycle and pedestrian, and arterial street and highway elements which add to the quality of life of Region residents and support and promote expansion of the Region's economy by providing for convenient, efficient, and safe travel by each mode, while protecting the quality of the Region's natural environment, minimizing disruption of both the natural and manmade environment, and serving to support implementation of the regional land use plan and minimizing the capital and annual operating costs to the transportation system."

⁵Ports are defined as facilities for the docking, loading, or unloading of ships, barges, or boats that primarily transport freight.

Map 17

BIKEWAYS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2006



The Regional Transportation System Plan includes recommendations regarding five key transportation elements: public transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, transportation system management, travel demand management, and arterial street and highways. The public transit element envisions significant improvement and expansion of public transit in southeastern Wisconsin, including development of both rapid transit and express transit systems, improvements of existing local bus service, and the integration of local bus service with the proposed rapid and express transit services. The bicycle and pedestrian facility element is intended to promote safe accommodation of bicycle and pedestrian travel, and encourage bicycle and pedestrian travel as an alternative to motor vehicle travel. The transportation systems management element includes measures intended to manage and operate existing transportation facilities to their maximum carrying capacity and travel efficiency. The travel demand management element includes measures intended to reduce personal and vehicular travel or to shift such travel to alternative times and routes, allowing for more efficient use of the existing capacity of the transportation system. The arterial street and highway element recommends arterial street improvements needed to address the residual congestion not expected to be alleviated by implementation of the land use, transportation systems management, travel demand management, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and public transit recommendations.

Arterial Streets and Highways Element

The Regional Transportation System Plan recommends a street and highway system that supports the existing development pattern and promotes the implementation of the regional land use plan. Among other recommendations, the regional land use plan recommends centralized urban development within planned urban service areas, which can be more economically served by transportation facilities and services than low density development. That recommendation is generally reflected in the Town land use element.

Jurisdictional Highway System Plan

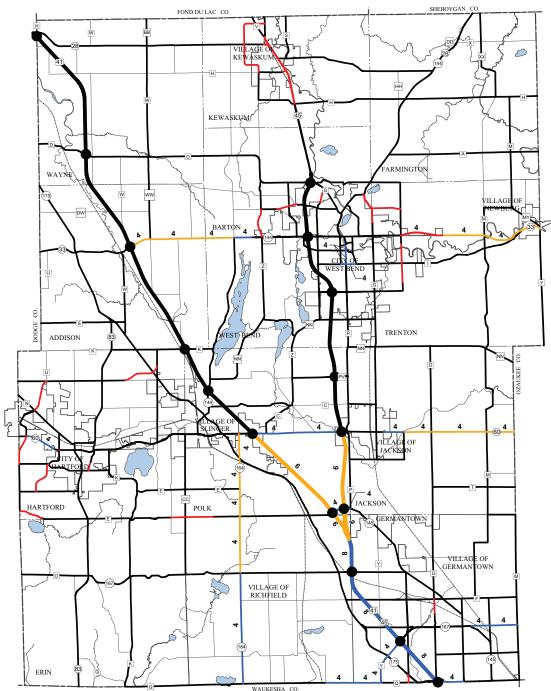
Recommendations for the maintenance, improvement, and expansion of arterial streets and highways from the Regional Transportation System Plan were refined in 2007 and 2008 during the preparation of an updated Washington County Jurisdictional Highway System Plan for the year 2035. The Regional Transportation System Plan and County Jurisdictional Highway System Plan contain a functional arterial street and highway system plan. This functional plan consists of recommendations concerning the general location, type, capacity, and service levels of the arterial street and highway facilities required to serve southeastern Wisconsin to the year 2035. Arterial streets and highways and the recommended improvements to the arterial street and highway system in Washington County, from the jurisdictional highway system plan, are shown on Map 18. Alternative alignments for the conceptual location of the new street and highway segments shown on Map 18 would be evaluated during preliminary engineering, which would precede construction of proposed routes.

As noted on Map 18, the Town of Erin expressed opposition to CTH Q being proposed as a local nonarterial facility between CTH K and STH 83 rather than a County nonarterial facility; CTH O being proposed as a local arterial facility between STH 83 and the Dodge County line rather than a County arterial facility; and CTH CC being proposed as a local arterial facility between STH 167 and STH 60 rather than a County arterial facility. The Town also expressed opposition to the planned east-west arterial route along Pioneer Road and CTH E south of the Hartford and Slinger areas.

In addition to the functional improvements described above, the Regional Transportation System Plan also makes recommendations for arterial street and highway system jurisdictional responsibility; specifically, which unit of government (State, County, or local) should have jurisdiction over each arterial street and highway and be responsible for maintaining and improving the facility. Map 19 shows the level of government recommended to have jurisdiction over arterial streets and highways in Washington County by 2035.

⁶Documented in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 23, 2nd edition, A Jurisdictional Highway System Plan for Washington County: 2035, July 2008. The plan was adopted by the Washington County Board of Supervisors on December 9, 2008.

CAPACITY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE YEAR 2035 WASHINGTON COUNTY JURISDICTIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM PLAN



ARTERIAL STREET OR HIGHWAY

NEW (ACTUAL ALIGNMENT TO
BE DETERMINED DURING
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING)

WIDENING AND/OR OTHER
IMPROVEMENTS TO PROVIDE
SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL CAPACITY

RESERVE RIGHT-OF-WAY TO
ACCOMMODATE FUTURE IMPROVEMENT
(ADDITIONAL LANES OR NEW FACILITY)

RESURFACING OR RECONSTRUCTION TO PROVIDE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME CAPACITY

4 NUMBER OF TRAFFIC LANES FOR NEW OR WIDENED AND/OR IMPROVED FACILITY (2 LANES WHERE UNNUMBERED

FREEWAY INTERCHANGE



INTERCHANGE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONCERNS REGARDING PLAN

OZAUKEE COUNTY: CTH Y FROM CEDAR SAUK DRIVE TO KNOLLWOOD ROAD AND CTH M SOUTH OF PIONEER ROAD (CTH M) FOR ONE AND ONE-HALF MILES.

THE TOWN OF BARTON EXPRESSED OPPOSITION REGARDING THE PLANNED EXTENSION OF N. RIVER ROAD ON NEW ALIGNMENT AND TO THE PLANNED EXTENSION OF 18TH AVENUE, SCHUSTER DRIVE, AND KETTLE VIEW DRIVE IN THE TOWN OF BARTON.

DODGE COUNTY: CTH U NORTH OF CTH S FOR ONE-HALF MILE

FOND DU LAC COUNTY: CTH H NORTH OF STATE TRUNK HIGHWAY (STH) 28

TO THE PLANNED EAST - WEST ARTERIAL BETWEEN TRENTON ROAD AND N. RIVER ROAD ON AN ENTIRELY NEW ALIGNMENT.

THE TOWNS OF ADDISON AND HARTFORD EXPRESSED OPPOSITION REGARDING THE PLANNED EAST - WEST ARTERIAL ROUTE LOCATED NORTH OF THE HARTFORD AND SLINGER AREAS.

THE VILLAGE OF RICHFIELD AND TOWN OF ERIN EXPRESSED OPPOSITION REGARDING THE PLANNED EAST - WEST ARTERIAL ROUTE LOCATED SOUTH OF THE HARTFORD AND SLINGER AREAS.

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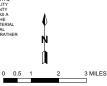
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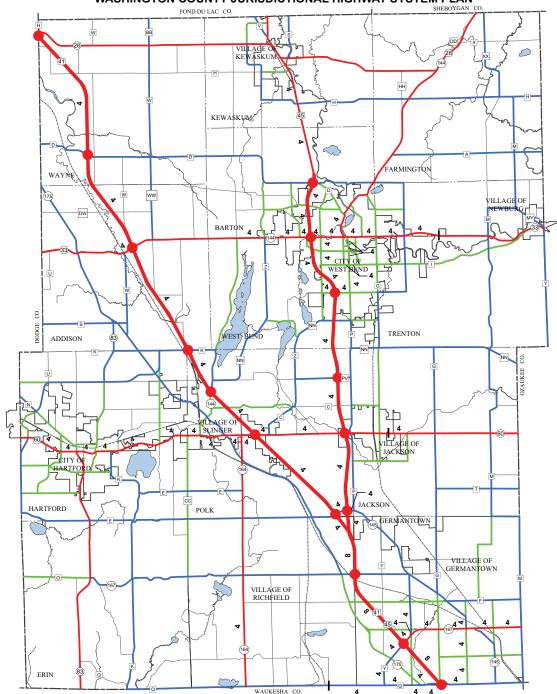
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RESPONSIBLE COUNTY FOR EXISTING COUNTY TRUNK HIGHWAYS (CTH) LOCATED ON A COUNTY LINE



Source: SEWRPC.

PRELIMINARY RECOMMENDED YEAR 2035 WASHINGTON COUNTY JURISDICTIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM PLAN



FREEWAY

STATE TRUNK

INTERCHANGE

ARTERIAL STREETS OR HIGHWAY

STATE TRUNK

COUNTY TRUNK

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Transit Element

The public transit element of the Commission's adopted Regional Transportation System Plan for the year 2035 recommends improved and expanded rapid transit connections from Washington County to Milwaukee and through Milwaukee to the other urban centers of Southeastern Wisconsin, and improved and expanded local transit service to commercial and industrial development in the Germantown, Hartford-Slinger, and West Bend areas. Implementation of the recommendations set forth in the transit element will result in a doubling of transit service over the plan design period Region-wide, including a 204 percent increase in rapid transit revenue vehiclemiles and a 214 percent increase in rapid transit revenue vehicle-hours. This increase will produce enhanced transit service levels in Washington County, including service on weekdays and weekends and more attractive peak and nonpeak service frequency levels. The Regional Transportation System Plan recommendations for Washington County include the following:

- The provision of rapid transit service between Washington County and the Milwaukee Central Business District (CBD). The plan envisions that new or restructured services would be provided over the area freeway system and major surface arterials by two rapid bus routes designed to provide bi-directional service to accommodate both traditional commuter travel by Washington County residents to jobs in Milwaukee County, and reverse commute travel from Milwaukee County residents to jobs in Washington County. Connections would also be available in Washington County via shuttle bus and taxicab services to major employment centers, including Hartford, Slinger, Germantown, Jackson, and West Bend industrial parks and areas.
- Increasing the number of park-ride lots served by public transit to six lots. New publicly constructed park-ride lots are recommended to be developed at the USH 45/CTH D interchange and the USH 41/STH 60 interchange. A new, permanent park-ride lot would be constructed at the USH 41/USH 45/Pioneer Road interchange to replace the temporary lot at the former Highway View elementary school on Pioneer Road. A new park-ride lot would be provided at the USH 45/STH 60 interchange to replace the park-ride lot at the County Fair Park, which is unavailable when the county fair is open. The existing park-ride lots at USH 45 and Paradise Drive, which opened in 2007, and the lot at the USH 41/USH 45/Lannon Road interchange would be maintained. The Lannon Road park-ride lot is typically over-crowded and may need to be expanded, or an additional lot provided, to help alleviate over-crowding.
- Local transit service improvements, including new shuttle bus routes connecting with the rapid transit routes to take workers to and from commercial and industrial development in the Germantown, Hartford-Slinger, and West Bend areas in the County. The existing shared-ride taxi services provided by the County and the Cities of Hartford and West Bend would also be maintained.
- Consideration of upgrading the recommended rapid bus service to commuter rail service, based on the findings of a special corridor study to be conducted at the request of Washington County.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Element

This Transportation Element is intended to provide for safe accommodation of bicycle and pedestrian travel, encourage bicycle and pedestrian travel as an alternative to motor vehicle travel, and to provide a variety of transportation choices.

The regional plan recommends that bicycle accommodation be provided on all arterial streets, except freeways, as those streets are constructed or reconstructed. Bicycle accommodation could include marked bicycle lanes, widened outside travel lanes, widened shoulders, or separate bicycle paths. The type of bicycle facility to be provided should be determined during the preliminary engineering phase of a street improvement project. A system of off-street bicycle paths is also recommended to connect cities and villages with a population of 5,000 or more. The bicycle way system element of the 2035 Regional Transportation System Plan as it pertains to Washington County is shown on Map 20. The regional plan recommends that county and local governments prepare bicycle system plans for their jurisdictions that would supplement and refine the regional plan.

The pedestrian facilities portion of the bicycle and pedestrian element is envisioned as a policy plan, rather than a system plan. It proposes that the various units and agencies of government responsible for the construction and

OFF-STREET BICYCLE PATHS AND SURFACE ARTERIAL STREET AND HIGHWAY SYSTEM BICYCLE ACCOMMODATION UNDER THE 2035 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PLAN AS IT PERTAINS TO WASHINGTON COUNTY

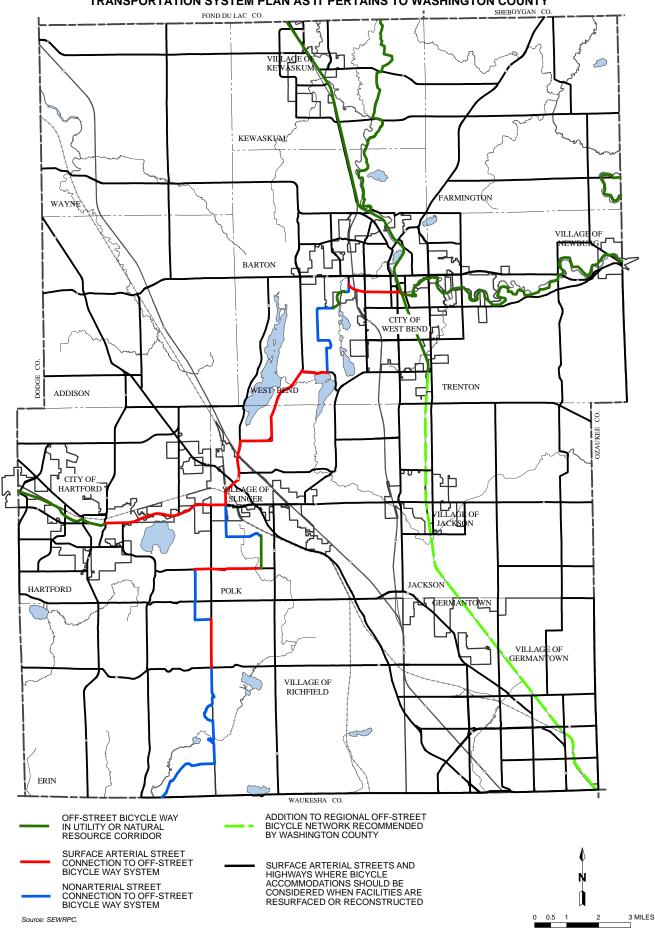


Table 54

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROVISION OF SIDEWALKS IN AREAS OF EXISTING OR PLANNED URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Roadway Functional Classification	Land Use	New Streets ^a	Existing Streets ^a
Arterial Streets ^b	Industrial	Both Sides	Both Sides
	Commercial	Both Sides	Both Sides
	Residential	Both Sides	Both Sides
Collector Streets	Industrial	Both Sides	Both Sides
	Commercial	Both Sides	Both Sides
	Residential	Both Sides	At least one side
Land Access Streets ^c	Industrial	Both Sides	Both Sides
	Commercial	Both Sides	Both Sides
	Residential (medium and high-density)	Both Sides	At least one side
	Residential (low-density)	At least one side	At least one side

^aSidewalks may be omitted on one side of streets where there are no existing or anticipated uses that would generate pedestrian trips on that side.

Source: SEWRPC.

maintenance of pedestrian facilities adopt and follow a series of recommended standards and guidelines with regard to the development of those facilities, particularly within urban neighborhoods. These standards, shown on Table 54, include providing sidewalks in urban portions of the County.

Airport Element

Air transportation is a valuable transportation mode for moving both people and cargo. Convenient access to an airport allows businesses to efficiently move goods and personnel from location to location, saving valuable time and increasing productivity. Local airports such as the West Bend Municipal Airport and the Hartford Municipal Airport play a crucial role in fostering business growth and economic development in Washington County. These airports also provide facilities for emergency medical flights, law enforcement, agricultural spraying, pilot training, and other community services. General Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee County provides commercial airline service to residents of the Town.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics in conjunction with the Bureau of Planning has developed the 2020 Wisconsin Airport System Plan. Most airports included in the State plan are eligible for State and Federal improvement grants, including the publicly-owned Hartford and West Bend airports. The State plan identifies four general classifications of airports based on the type of service each airport provides: air carrier/cargo, transport/corporate, general utility, and basic utility. The Hartford Municipal Airport is classified as a general utility airport, and the West Bend Municipal Airport is classified as a transport/corporate airport. The West Bend Municipal Airport provides chartered air service. Both airports provide air freight service. In addition, the privately-owned Hahn Sky Ranch in the Town of Wayne is open to the public, but use at the site is limited to recreational uses and flight lessons. There is no paved runway.

^bWhere there are marginal access control or service roads, the sidewalk along the main road may be eliminated and replaced by a sidewalk along the service road on the side away from the main road.

^cSidewalks need not be provided along court and cul-de-sac streets less than 600 feet in length, unless such streets serve multi-family development; or along streets served by parallel off-street walkways.

⁷A Regional Airport System Plan was prepared by SEWRPC and adopted by the Regional Planning Commission in 1996. The plan, which has a design year of 2010, has not been updated to a design year of 2035.

Interregional Transportation Element

Interregional transportation services and facilities such as air transportation, railroads, trucking, and water transportation provide public transportation services and commercial shipping services between Washington County and the rest of the Southeastern Wisconsin Region and other regions around the nation and world.

Washington County is served by interregional public transportation and shipping services primarily through bus, rail, air, and port facilities located in Milwaukee County. These facilities meet the County's needs for interregional transportation services. USH 41 and USH 45 are the primary interregional highway facilities serving Washington County.

There is no rail service within the Town. However, three freight railroad lines continue to run through Washington County, which provide access to businesses in the County that ship items better suited for transport by rail. Major rail customers include Quad Graphics, which is located in the City of Hartford just across the County line in Dodge County, and Cedar Lakes Sand and Gravel in the Towns of Addison and Hartford. Rail service should be continued to provide service to businesses in the County.

Transportation Systems Management Element

The transportation systems management element of the 2035 Regional Transportation System Plan includes measures intended to manage and operate existing transportation facilities to their maximum carrying capacity and travel efficiency. Recommended measures from the Regional Transportation System Plan include installing ramp-meters at freeway on-ramps in the County and Region; providing variable message signs on the freeway system, and on surface arterials leading to the most heavily used freeway system on-ramps; and expanding the closed-circuit television network, enhancing reference markers, and expansion of crash investigation sites to better serve the regional freeway system. Such improvements are recommended on the entire freeway system, except for those segments where future traffic volumes are expected to be less than the design capacity. These segments include USH 41 north of STH 60 and USH 45 north of Pioneer Road in Washington County, IH 43 north of STH 57 in Ozaukee County, and IH 43 and USH 12 in Walworth County.

PART 3: TOWN OF ERIN CONCEPTUAL ROAD PLAN

The Town Board adopted a Conceptual Road Plan in January 2008. Additional changes were made on June 16, 2008, when this comprehensive plan was adopted. The purpose of the conceptual road plan is to address the transportation needs in the Town until 2035. The plan also provides for efficient transportation and emergency access, and to allow residents to know where future roads may go so there will be no "surprises". The plan will be mainly development driven, meaning that most of the roads will only be built as land or subdivisions are developed. The Town planned for new roads on large tracts of undeveloped land, where development is most likely to occur in the future. In most cases, if land stays undeveloped, the roads will not be built.

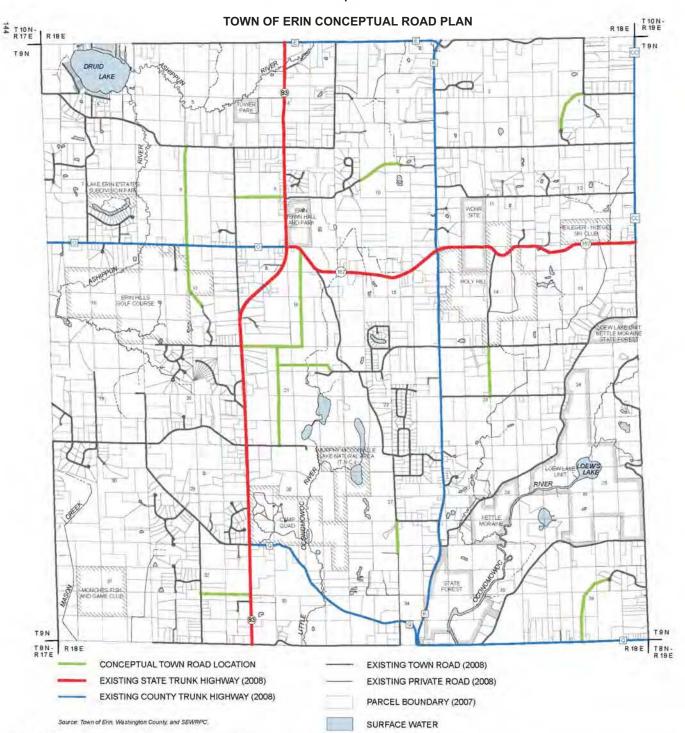
Map 21 is intended to be a generalized representation of where future Town roads should go. A much larger and more detailed map is available for viewing at the Town Hall. This will give the Plan Commission and Town Board guidance on planning for future roads. Enhanced traffic flow, emergency vehicle access, and safety were some of the ideas used to develop the road plan.

PART 4: TRANSPORTATION GOALS, OBJECTIVES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS

This section sets forth transportation-related goals and objectives through the plan design year of 2035. Policies, which are steps or actions recommended to be taken to achieve goals and objectives; and programs, which are projects or services intended to achieve those policies, are also identified.

Goal: An integrated transportation system which, through its location, capacity, and design, will effectively serve the existing and proposed Town land use pattern and promote the implementation of the Town Land Use Plan, meeting the anticipated travel demand generated by existing and proposed land uses.

Goal: Preserve and protect the capacity and safety of the transportation system within the Town.



Town of Erin - Conceptual Road Plan Document

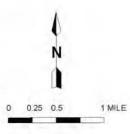
Why do we need a Conceptual Road Plan? The answer is quite simple. There are only a limited number of developable parcels left in the Town of Erin, The road patterns shown on the Conceptual Road Plan map makes the best use of the remaining undeveloped lands within the Town, in a fashion that addresses concerns about public safety and landowners' rights to develop their properties.

The locations shown are not set in stone down to the last foot. Now that the Plan has been adopted, any developer would need to provide the accesses required within his / her parcel with connections (as shown) to the adjacent parcels. The exact locations will potentially require wetlands delineations, topographic surveys and a full host of other engineering studies.

The Conceptual Road Plan will not require you to build a road through your parcel when a neighboring parcel is developed. It only says that if you choose to develop, you must follow this basic plan. The Town will not require you to build roads if you are not interested in developing your parcel.

Through roads on the Conceptual Road Plan should be public roads and provide interconnections with Town roads, all of which would result in better emergency service access.

The ZR / SG Committee has deliberately chosen not to develop a Master Road Plan with locations engineered down to the last foot. This would have required wetlands delineation, field survey work, and soil testing, all of which could potentially have cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. We believe that this system is fair and equitable to everyone. The Town's concerns are addressed, and individual property owners still have wide latitude in their own land use.



- **Objective:** Plan ahead for future roadside vegetation.
- **Objective:** Preserve the scenic nature of the Town roads while maintaining safety.
 - **Policy:** Build and maintain quality roads.
 - Policy: Maintain existing Rustic Roads.
 - Policy: Provide and maintain a street and highway system that efficiently serves the anticipated land use development pattern set forth on Map 13 in the Land Use Element (Chapter VI).
 - Policy: Design, reconstruct, and operate streets and highways under Town jurisdiction to provide safe access for all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, and vehicles, including trucks and farm equipment.
 - Policy: Consider the needs of farm equipment when designing streets and highways under Town
 jurisdiction, particularly when designing intersections and when determining the width and surfacing
 of shoulders.
 - **Policy:** Promote efficient and safe vehicular access to land uses abutting street rights-of-way.
 - Policy: Minimize the disruption of land uses adjacent to streets and highways by reserving adequate rights-of-way in advance of construction, ideally when preliminary plats and certified survey maps are reviewed.
 - Program: Continue to enforce the construction and dimensional standards for streets set forth in Chapters 235 and 317 in Town Code of Ordinances for arterial streets and highways, collector streets, and minor streets in the Town. The arterial street and highway dimensional standards may be modified by the Plan Commission based on the Plan Commission's adoption of more detailed arterial street and highway plans.
 - Program: Notify Washington County when a certified survey map (CSM) is submitted for a land division adjacent to a County highway, and request County input regarding the appropriate right-of-way for and access to the highway.
 - Program: Require common business entrances to facilitate vehicular movement from one business parking lot to an adjacent business' parking lot.

Goal: Meet anticipated travel demand with an integrated transportation system.

- **Objective:** An integrated transportation system serves to freely interconnect the various land use activities within the Town as a whole, and region, thereby providing the attribute of accessibility essential to the support of these activities.
- **Objective:** Rely on services provided by Washington County and by private companies in adjacent counties to meet the needs of Town residents and businesses for airport, rail, and water transportation.
 - Policy: Continue to rely on freight and private airline services provided at the West Bend and Hartford Municipal Airports and airports in adjacent counties.
 - Policy: Continue to rely on commercial airline service provided at General Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee County.
 - Policy: Support Washington County efforts to encourage the use of rail transportation to move more freight traffic along existing rail lines.
 - **Policy:** Continue to rely on port services provided by the Port of Milwaukee.
 - Policy: Continue to rely on private companies in nearby counties to provide ferry services across Lake Michigan.
- **Objective:** Ensure efficient and cost-effective public transportation options are available to Town residents, including transit-dependent residents.
 - Policy: Support continued operation of the Washington County Shared Ride-Taxi Service.
 - Program: Work with Washington County and private service providers, where appropriate, to improve public transportation for persons with disabilities to increase access to jobs and community activities.

- Program: Work with Washington County to determine if there is a need for additional Washington County Commuter Express Bus System routes and park-ride lots to serve Town residents.
- **Objective:** Provide options for bicycle and pedestrian travel as an alternative to motor vehicle travel.
 - Policy: Consider including facilities for walking and bicycling during the review and approval of all
 development projects, including street and highway improvements, to provide an alternative to motor
 vehicle travel and to promote a healthy lifestyle.
 - Policy: Support Washington County's efforts to continue the development, enhancement, and management of a Countywide bikeway system. (see Map 20)
 - **Policy:** Support the DNR's and Ice Age Park and Trail Foundation's efforts to continue the development, enhancement, and management of the Ice Age Trail.
- **Objective:** To continue cooperative transportation planning efforts with Washington County, SEWRPC, and the State of Wisconsin.
 - Policy: Work with local and State governments to link an arterial highway with USH 16 in Waukesha County or other major highways in Washington County.
 - Program: As required by State law, continue to use the Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads (WISLR); continue to update road ratings, as required; and seek outside funds to help with road improvements.
 - Program: Continue to participate in the annual bridge inspection program conducted by Washington County.
 - **Program:** Consider incorporating desired policies from State long-range transportation planning efforts, including Connections 2030, into Town of Erin plans.
 - Program: Continue to work with Washington County and SEWRPC to prepare and implement the Washington County Jurisdictional Highway System Plan (Maps 18 and 19) and the Transportation Improvement Program.

Goal: Build, maintain, and improve Town roads in a timely and well-planned manner.

- **Objective:** To preserve and protect the capacity and safety of the transportation system within the Town.
 - Program: Continue to utilize the Town of Erin Conceptual Road Plan to identify the conceptual location of new streets and street connections to ensure a coordinated and integrated street system within the Town.
 - Program: Use the Conceptual Road Plan as a guide to determine the need for and location of streets and street extensions during Town review of proposed land divisions.
 - Program: Conform to the existing topography and landscape if possible when constructing new streets.
 - Program: Lay out roads so that all vehicles, especially emergency vehicles, can travel in a safe and efficient manner.
 - **Program:** Allow private roads only where a through-access to a public road is impractical.
 - Program: Where possible, design private roads so as to minimize the number of homes seen from the public road.

⁸The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is developing a long-range transportation plan for the State entitled Connections 2030. The plan will address all forms of transportation in the State over a 25-year planning period, including highways, local streets, air, water, rail, bicycle, pedestrian, and transit. The overall goal of the plan is to identify a series of polices to aid transportation decision-makers when evaluating programs and projects. The plan is scheduled for adoption by WisDOT in 2008.

SUMMARY

This chapter provides inventory information on existing transportation facilities and services in the Town of Erin and Washington County. The planning recommendations set forth in the land use and transportation element chapters of this report are directly related to the inventory information presented in this chapter. The following is a summary of the information in this Chapter:

- The street and highway system serves several important functions, including providing for the movement of through vehicular traffic; providing for access of vehicular traffic to abutting land uses; providing for the movement of pedestrian and bicycle traffic; and serving as the location for utilities and stormwater drainage facilities. The arterial street and highway system is intended to provide a high degree of travel mobility, serving the through movement of traffic between and through urban areas. Arterial streets and highways in the Town accounted for 13.5 miles in 2005, and included STH 83 and 167 and CTH K, Q, O, and CC. The primary function of land access streets is to provide access to abutting property. Collector streets are intended to serve primarily as connections between the arterial street system and the land access streets. There were 49.3 miles of collector and land access streets in the Town in 2005.
- In 2006, rail, bus, ferry, and airline carriers provided Washington County residents with public transportation service between the Southeastern Wisconsin Region and a number of cities and regions across the Country.
- The Washington County Commuter Express Bus System consists of two express commuter bus routes. The buses are owned and operated by Washington County. The routes operate between four park-ride lots in Washington County and stops in downtown Milwaukee, the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center, Mayfair Mall, and Watertown Plank Road/STH 100.
- There are three park-ride lots in the County without transit service, which are available for persons who meet to carpool. The lots are located at the intersections of CTH P and STH 60 in the Village of Jackson, and at two USH 41 interchanges located in the Town of Addison, the CTH K and STH 33 interchanges.
- The Washington County Shared-Ride Taxi System is provided and operated by Washington County. The system is designed to serve any trip made within Washington County during its operating hours. The major exception is for trips where both the origin and destination are located in the City of West Bend or the City of Hartford. The County system also operates to and from the Village of Menomonee Falls in Waukesha County. The County system also serves a transfer point in the Village of Newburg in coordination with the Ozaukee County shared-ride system.
- Bikeways are classified as either "on-street" or "off-street" bikeways. On-street bikeways include bikeways located in a street right-of-way, which include bike lanes, shared roadways signed as bike routes, and bike paths separated from motor vehicle lanes but within the street right-of-way. "Off-street" bikeways are bike paths not located in a street right-of-way. The longest bikeway in the County is the Eisenbahn State Trail, which spans 12 miles in Washington County from the southern limit of the City of West Bend at Rusco Road to the north County line. The trail extends an additional 12 miles to the Town of Eden in Fond Du Lac County. Additional on-street and off-street bikeways are located in the City of West Bend and between the City of Hartford and Pike Lake State Park.
- Chartered air service and air freight services are provided at the publicly owned West Bend and Hartford airports in Washington County. Commercial airline service is provided to residents of the County by General Mitchell International Airport, located in Milwaukee County. Airports open to the public and publicly owned, but without scheduled flights open to the general public, are located in Hartford, Sheboygan, West Bend, and at Timmerman Field in Milwaukee. There is one privately-owned airport open to the public in Washington County, the Hahn Sky Ranch in the Town of Wayne.

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Chapter IX

UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES ELEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The utilities and community facilities element is one of the nine elements of a comprehensive plan required by Section 66.1001 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*. Section 66.1001 (2) (e) of the *Statutes* requires this element to compile goals, objectives, policies, and programs to guide future development of utilities and community facilities within the Town of Erin. The *Statutes* also require an inventory of existing utilities and community facilities and an approximate timetable that projects the need to expand, rehabilitate, or replace existing utilities and community facilities or construct new utilities and community facilities. As required by the *Statutes*, a goal, objective, policy, program, or map has been developed for each of the following utilities and community facilities:

- Sanitary sewer service
- Water supply
- Stormwater management
- On-site wastewater treatment technology
- Solid waste disposal
- Recycling facilities
- Parks
- Telecommunications facilities
- Power plants and transmission lines

- Cemeteries
- Health care facilities
- Child care facilities
- Police
- Fire
- Rescue
- Libraries
- Schools
- Other government facilities

In addition, the following comprehensive planning goals related to the utilities and community facilities element are set forth in Section 16.965 of the *Statutes* and were addressed as part of the planning process:¹

• Promotion of the redevelopment of land with existing infrastructure and public services and the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing residential, commercial, and industrial structures.

¹Chapter I lists all 14 of the comprehensive planning goals included in Section 16.965 of the Statutes. All 14 goals must be addressed in County and local plans that received funding though a Department of Administration comprehensive planning grant, such as the Town of Erin and Washington County.

- Encouragement of land uses, densities, and regulations that promote efficient development patterns and relatively low municipal, State government, and utility costs.
- Providing adequate infrastructure and public services and an adequate supply of developable land to meet existing and future market demand for residential, commercial, and industrial uses.

Part 1 of this Chapter includes an inventory of existing utilities and community facilities and an approximate timetable that projects expansion, rehabilitation, or replacement of existing, or the construction of new, utilities and community facilities.² Part 2 of this Chapter sets forth goals, objectives, policies, and programs intended to guide the future development of utilities and community facilities in the Town of Erin through the comprehensive plan design year of 2035.

PART 1: EXISTING UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND PROJECTED REQUIREMENTS FOR 2035

Development in the Town of Erin is supported by utilities that provide residents and businesses with electric power, natural gas, communication, water, and sewage and solid waste management facilities and services, and community facilities that provide educational, recreational, administrative, and other services. This section inventories sewage treatment and water supply services, stormwater management facilities, private utilities, solid waste management facilities, healthcare facilities, government and public institutional buildings, police service, fire protection and emergency rescue services, public and private schools, cemeteries, childcare, and assisted-living facilities.

Section 66.1001 (2) (d) of the *Statutes* requires a projection of the demand for future utilities and community facilities in the Town and an approximate timetable of the expansion, rehabilitation, and replacement of existing facilities and the construction of new facilities to meet the projected demand. The projected demand and approximate timeline for various utilities and community facilities in the Town are based on recommendations set forth by regional plans and the anticipated land use development pattern set forth in Chapter VI, the *Land Use Element*. Many of the utilities and community facilities referenced by the *Statutes* are not provided by the Town, and will require additional refinement by other service providers, including the private sector.

Wastewater Disposal

All developed properties in the Town rely on private onsite waste treatment systems (POWTS). Washington County regulates POWTS in the Town under the County Sanitary Code, which is Chapter 25 of the County Code of Ordinances. Between 1980 and 2006, permits were issued for 965 POWTS in the Town. There are no public sanitary sewers in the Town.

The authority to regulate POWTS comes from Chapters Comm 5, Comm 16, Comm 82, Comm 84 through 87, and Comm 91 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*. Chapter 25, the Sanitary Code, of the Washington County Code of Ordinances sets forth the regulations for POWTS in the County. The County should periodically update Chapter 25 of the County Ordinance to allow for advancements in POWTS technology over the comprehensive plan design period in accordance with changes to the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*. It is recommended that the Town continue to support and comply with the County's Sanitary Code and support the County's ability to research advancements in the design of POWTS for a safer and healthier environment for Town residents.

Water Supply

Water for domestic and other uses in the Town is supplied by groundwater through the use of private wells. The Town does not have a public water supply system.

Individual hydrogeologic units within southeastern Wisconsin, including the Town of Erin, differ widely in their ability to yield water to wells. From the standpoint of groundwater occurrence, all rock formations that underlie

²Information regarding parks is inventoried in Chapter V, Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Element.

the Region can be classified either as aquifers or as confining beds. An aquifer is a rock formation or sand and gravel unit that will yield water in a useable quantity to a well or spring. A confining bed, such as shale or siltstone, is a rock formation unit having relatively low permeability that restricts the movement of groundwater either into or out of adjacent aquifers and does not yield water in useable amounts to wells and springs.

The aquifers in Washington County can be divided into shallow and deep. The shallow aquifer system is comprised of two aquifers, the shallow aquifer comprised of the Silurian dolomite aquifer and the overlying sand and gravel aquifer. The Maquoketa Formation is the lower limit of the shallow aquifer system. The Town of Erin draws water from the shallow aquifer. A more detailed description of the areal extent and lithology of aquifers and confining units, including water table depth and elevation mapping, can be found in SEWRPC Technical Report No. 37, *Groundwater Resources of Southeastern Wisconsin*, June 2002. Additional information on groundwater resources is provided in Chapter V.

Stormwater Management

Stormwater management facilities include overland flow paths, roadside swales or ditches, other open channels, curbs and gutters, catch basins and inlets, storm sewers, culverts, stormwater storage facilities for both quantity and quality control, and infiltration facilities.³ Although often designed on a subdivision-by-subdivision or project-by-project basis, stormwater management facilities ideally should be part of an integrated system of stormwater and floodplain management facilities for an entire watershed, or for an entire community with consideration given to the watershed(s) in which the community is located.

The Town does not have a centralized storm sewer system. Stormwater in the Town of Erin drains through natural watercourses, roadside ditches, and culverts. The Town is regulated under the County Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Ordinance. It is recommended that the Town consider the preparation of a Town-wide stormwater management plan to serve existing and future land uses in the Town. The plan should provide for the development of an integrated system of stormwater management facilities and measures, rather than the current practice of designing stormwater management facilities on a project-by-project (usually a subdivision-by-subdivision) basis.

Solid Waste Disposal

The Town of Erin does not provide for solid waste collection. Town residents contract privately with either Veolia Environmental Services or Waste Management for garbage collection services.

The average person in Wisconsin generates 4.7 pounds of trash (residential and their share of commercial trash) each day and recycles 1.9 pounds of that trash per day. Most of the solid waste collected in the Town is landfilled in the Glacier Ridge Landfill in Horicon (Dodge County), operated by Veolia Environmental Services, or the Orchard Ridge Landfill in Menomonee Falls (Waukesha County). Both landfills receive solid waste from sources throughout the State of Wisconsin, primarily from those counties in which they are located and adjacent counties, as well as from sources in the States of Illinois and Michigan. As of 2006, the Glacier Ridge landfill had 1.1 million cubic yards remaining, or an estimated three additional years of activity at its current capacity and use, and the Orchard Ridge landfill had 2.2 million cubic yards remaining, or an estimated two additional years of activity at its current capacity and use. Solid waste facilities located in Washington County are shown on Map 22 and listed in Table 55.

Glacier Ridge Landfill has permits to continue active operation for an additional 15 years. Additional land has been acquired for potential expansion of the landfill beyond 15 years, subject to approval of permits by the DNR and other regulating agencies. The landfill will require continued expansion to accommodate the solid waste over the comprehensive plan design period, or new landfills will need to be sited and developed to accommodate solid waste.

³Infiltration facilities include bioretention, rain gardens, infiltration basins, infiltration swales, and porous pavement. Rain barrels can promote infiltration by collecting roof runoff that is then applied to lawns and gardens as needed.

Map 22
SOLID WASTE FACILITIES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2006

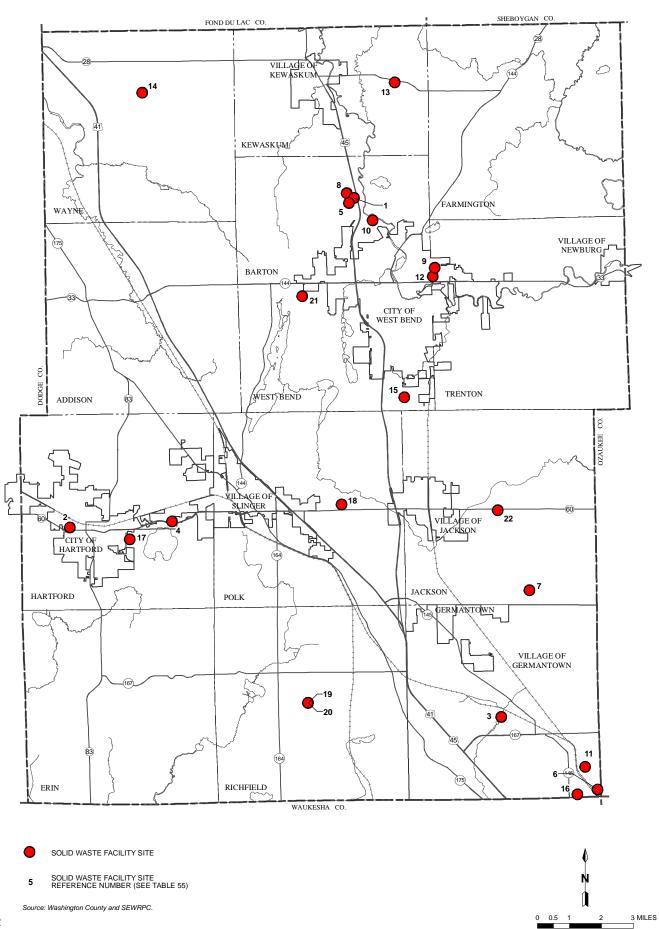


Table 55
SOLID WASTE FACILITIES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2006

Number			
on Map 22	Facility Name	Street Address	Facility Type
1	A&W Iron Metal, Inc	7588 Otten Road, Barton	Recycling Facility/ Processing Facility
2	City of Hartford Recycling Center	710 W. Sumner Street, Hartford	Recycling Center
3	Germantown Village Compost Site/Recycling Center	N116 W17230 Main Street, Germantown	Compost Site/ Recycling Center
4	Goeman Wood Products	5840 STH 60 East, Hartford	Recycling Facility/ Processing Facility
5	GreenMan Technologies of Wisconsin, Inc	7595 Otten Drive, Barton	Recycling Facility
6	Hyponex Corp	W124 N9899 Wasaukee Road, Germantown	Processing Facility
7	Liesener Soils Compost Facility	1365 Spring Valley Road, Jackson	Compost Site
8	American Paper and Recycling, Inc	7651 Otten Drive, Barton	Recycling Facility
9	American Paper and Recycling, Inc	935 Schoenhaar, West Bend	Recycling Facility
10	ONYX Waste Services Midwest Inc. – Barton	7400 Lighthouse Lane, Barton	Drop-off Site/ Recycling Center
11	ONYX Waste Services Midwest Inc. – Germantown	N104 W13075 Donges Bay Road, Germantown	Transfer Station/ Processing Facility
12	ONYX Waste Services Midwest Inc Horicon	803 N River Road, West Bend	Transfer Station
13	ONYX Waste Services Midwest Inc. – Kewaskum (Kewaskum Town Hall)	9019 Kettle Moraine Drive, Kewaskum	Drop-off Site/ Recycling Center
14	ONYX Waste Services Midwest Inc. – Wayne (Wayne Town Hall)	6030 Mohawk Road, Wayne	Drop-off Site/ Recycling Center
15	Renewed Resources	2780 HWY 143, West Bend	Processing Facility
16	Stericycle Inc	N96 W13600 County Line Road, Germantown	Storage Site
17	Town of Hartford Recycling Center (Hartford Town Hall)	3360 CTH K, Hartford	Recycling Center
18	Town of Polk Recycling Center (Polk Town Hall)	3680 STH 60, Polk	Recycling Center
19	Town of Richfield Compost Site (Richfield Town Hall)		Compost Site
20	Town of Richfield Recycling Center	1354 Hillside Drive, Hubertus	Recycling Center
21	Town of West Bend Recycling Center (West Bend Town Hall)	6355 CTH Z, West Bend	Recycling Center
22	Waste Management Transfer Station		Transfer Station/ Recycling Center

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Washington County.

Based on normal average daily volumes, it is estimated that Orchard Ridge Landfill has enough available land for the continued expansion of the landfill until about 2025. After 2025, the landfill may reach design capacity and become inactive or "capped." An alternative method such as "heightening" may extend the life of the landfill, if the method is approved by the appropriate regulating bodies. "Heightening" is the process of placing solid waste on top of an existing landfill.

Both landfills will require the continuation of expansion to accommodate the solid waste produced in Washington County over the County comprehensive plan design period, or new landfills will need to be sited and developed to accommodate solid waste.

Recycling Facilities

As of 2007, each local government in Washington County implemented a recycling program within its jurisdiction. Town of Erin residents may use the Town of Hartford recycling center at the Hartford Town Hall, under an agreement between the Towns. The Town of Erin provides a brush recycling site at 2291 STH 83 (the

former Town dump) from April through November on selected Saturday mornings and during the week by appointment. The Town also provides tire and white goods recycling services to Town residents one day each year.

Washington County residents may dispose of their hazardous waste materials year round at the Port Washington Facility (1275 Mineral Springs Drive, Port Washington) operated by Veolia Environmental Services. The Volunteer Center of Washington County collects computer equipment for proper disposal and the West Bend Knights of Columbus offers a telephone recycling service (including cell phones). It is not anticipated that the County will provide recycling services for general household or business waste during the planning period. The County does, however, sponsor periodic collections of hazardous household waste through the Clean Sweep Program, which the County conducts in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP). A two-day countywide Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep was held by Washington County at the Washington County Highway Shop (900 Lang Street, West Bend) in 2005. County residents were able to dispose of agricultural, residential, and business hazardous wastes, which include unused pesticides, old gasoline, batteries, lead paint, mercury-containing thermostats, fluorescent tubes, solvents, and other chemicals. To date, the program has been dependent on receiving a portion of the funds needed for the program from DATCP. The County is studying the feasibility of providing an annual Clean Sweep program or possibly building a permanent disposal site in the County for residents to dispose of hazardous household and agricultural waste on a weekly basis.

The County is also studying the possibility of partnering with Aurora Hospital to develop an annual pharmaceutical disposal program. The County, in cooperation with MMSD and neighboring counties, held its first medicine collection day in April 2008. In addition, the County is assessing the need for a tire collection program.

It is recommended that the Town assist and support the County in studying the feasibility of providing an annual Clean Sweep program or permanent drop-off sites for hazardous waste, as well as an annual pharmaceutical disposal program and tire collection program. The Town should also continue to provide a recycling facility for Town residents through its agreement with the Town of Hartford.

Road Maintenance

The Town of Erin Highway Department is responsible for maintaining 63 miles of Town roads. Duties include conducting summer maintenance such as pavement markings, mowing roadsides, grading gravel shoulders, replacing cross road culverts, cleaning roadside ditches, and installing street signs. The Highway Department also coordinates road paving and reconstruction projects in the Town, plows snow, and enforces Town ordinances relating to driveway construction and maintenance, driveway culverts, and weight limits on Town roads.

Parks

As of 2005, the Town of Erin owned three park and open space sites encompassing 111 acres. The Town Park Superintendent manages the Town's park system and enforces the parks ordinance. In addition, a Town Forester manages the forested areas of the Town. The Erin Elementary School is also located in the Town and provides 15 acres of recreational land. Together, these four sites provide 126 acres of local government owned park and open space. There were also eight private sites located in the Town encompassing 1,286 acres, for a total of 1,412 acres within park and open space sites. All existing parks in the Town are listed in Table 22 in Chapter V. Washington County also provides additional recreational opportunities for Town residents at major parks located in nearby communities (Glacier Hills Park in the Village of Richfield, Heritage Trails Park in the Town of Polk, and Family Park/Washington County Golf Course in the Town of Hartford).

The *Town of Erin Park and Open Space Plan: 2020* was adopted on February 15, 1999. The plan is intended to be a legally adopted tool for guiding future park land purchases and development. The plan recommends that the Town acquire land adjacent to Erin Park for the development of new facilities as well as low-impact, passive uses and that conservation easements be purchased for future expansion and development of trail systems in the Town and for preserving rural views adjacent to current and future Town roads. The plan also recommends the adoption of regulations to support the County park and open space plan.

The Park and Open Space Plan for Washington County,⁴ adopted in 2004, provides recommendations for the maintenance and continued development of the County park system. The plan includes an open space preservation element and an outdoor recreation element. The outdoor recreation element of the County plan focuses on providing a well-distributed network of park sites for recreational activities that are closely related to natural resource amenities and/or large contiguous areas of open space, such as picnicking, swimming, golfing, and trail activities. The County plan also recommends acquiring land and developing recreational facilities for a new major County park at the Camp Quad site in the Town of Erin.

Telecommunications Facilities

Communication services include: 1) Voice Transmission Services; including: "Plain Old Telephone Service" (POTS); cellular wireless; satellite wireless; packet-based telephone networks; and Internet voice services; 2) Data Transmission Services, including: the Internet; ATM-Frame Relay, and third generation (3G) cellular wireless networks; 3) Multimedia Services, including: video, imaging, streaming video, data, and voice; and 4) Broadcast Services, including AM/FM terrestrial radio, satellite radio and television, terrestrial television, and cable television.

Telecommunications have become increasingly important in the local, national, and global economies. SEWRPC has undertaken a regional telecommunications planning effort to create a better understanding of telecommunications networks and the provision of services such as wireless and wireline telecommunications and high speed, broadband telecommunications throughout the Region. An inventory of wireless telecommunications providers and antennas providing cell phone service in Washington County is included in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 51, A Wireless Antenna Siting and Related Infrastructure Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin, published in September 2006. In addition to presenting inventories of both infrastructure and performance for the existing cellular/PCS mobile wireless networks operating in the Region, the plan describes a recommended wireless telecommunications plan for the Region.

There were three wireless antenna towers in the Town in 2005, one which accommodated antennas for two companies and two accommodating antennas for a single carrier. Providers with wireless antennas in the Town included Cingular, Sprint, U.S. Cellular, and Verizon. The location of towers and antennas in Washington County, including the Town of Erin, are shown on Map 23, while Table 56 lists only those towers and antennas located in the Town of Erin.

A regional broadband access plan, which built upon the wireless telecommunications plan, was completed in 2007.⁵ Upon implementation, this plan will support a mix of wireline and wireless networks that will provide fourth generation (4G) video, voice, and data communications services to the entire Region. A central feature of the recommended plan is the potential for cooperative efforts between the public and private sectors in which infrastructure costs are shared between the public safety and commercial networks. Implementation of the recommended plan will require county or multi-county action, although partial implementation can be achieved at the community or multi-community level. It is recommended that the Town continue to work with wireless telecommunication providers to provide Town residents and businesses with an array of wireless telecommunication opportunities.

Power Plants and Transmission Lines

We Energies provides electric power and natural gas service throughout the Town; however, some Town residents currently use on-site propane tanks rather than natural gas. Although the entire Town is within the We

⁴See SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 136 (3rd Edition), A Park and Open Space Plan for Washington County, March 2004.

⁵Documented in SEWRPC Planning Report No. 53, A Regional Broadband Telecommunications Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin, October 2007.

Map 23

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS AND ANTENNAS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2005

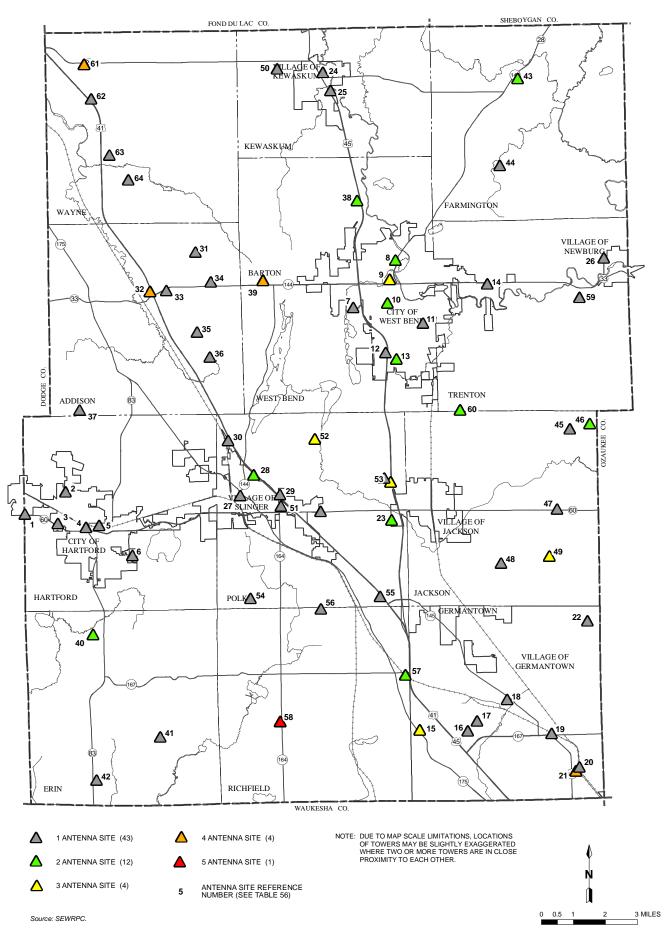


Table 56

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS AND ANTENNAS IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2005

Number on Map 23	Location	Provider	Antenna Height (Feet)	Antenna Type ^a
40	T9N, R18E, Section 4	AT&T	295.3	0
		Sprint	187.1	S
41	T9N, R18E, Section 23	Verizon	213.3	S
42	T9N, R18E, Section 33	U.S. Cellular	183.7	S

^aAntenna types include S (Sectoral) and O (Omni). A Sectoral antenna uses a more complex antenna structure and transmits and receives over a sector with the total number of sectors covering a 360-degree pattern. An Omnidirectional uses a monoplex antenna and receives and transmits over a 360-degree pattern.

Source: Federal Communications Commission, Universal Licensing System Cellular License Database, Washington County and local governments, and SEWRPC.

Energies natural gas service area, residents interested in receiving natural gas service are responsible for the cost of extending the gas line to their home. Town residents may contact We Energies for a cost estimate if they are interested in receiving natural gas service. Electrical power is available to the Town and the County on demand and is not currently or anticipated to be a constraint to development during the comprehensive plan design period.

There are no power plants, high-voltage electric transmission lines, or natural gas pipelines currently existing in the Town. Because of the high demand for electrical power and natural gas service, the Town should support and work with WE Energies and other associated businesses, as necessary, for possible expansion of new infrastructure related to transmission lines or pipelines to be located in the Town.

Cemeteries

There are six cemeteries in the Town of Erin, five of which are associated with a church: Emmanuel United Methodist Cemetery, St. John Catholic Cemetery, St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery (which has both an old and new cemetery), and St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery. The Toland Methodist Cemetery is maintained by the Town of Erin. Together, the cemeteries encompass about nine acres. The Town should support the expansion of existing cemeteries or the development of new cemeteries, as necessary, in appropriate locations in the Town.

Health Care Facilities

SEWRPC population projections anticipate changes in the age structure of the County population over the course of the comprehensive planning period. The number of County residents 65 years of age and older is expected to almost triple, from 13,212 persons in 2000 to 38,325 persons in 2035.

There are no hospitals or clinics for nonspecialized medical services located within the Town, but health care facilities are located in nearby communities. As of 2007, Synergy Health Saint Joseph's Hospital in the Town of Polk and Aurora Medical Center in the City of Hartford both offered a full range of medical services in Washington County. Community Memorial Hospital in the Village of Menomonee Falls (Waukesha County) and major hospitals in Milwaukee County also offer a full range of medical services reasonably convenient to Town residents. An increased demand for health care services and facilities can be expected as the age composition of the County's population increases over the planning period.

Assisted Living Facilities

Facilities for Persons of Advanced Aged

An increased demand for facilities including nursing homes, assisted living facilities such as community based residential facilities (CBRF) and adult family homes, residential care apartment complexes, and senior apartment complexes may also increase as the number of elderly residents increases over the planning period. As of 2006, there were five nursing homes, 17 CBRFs, seven residential apartment care complexes, two adult family homes, and two adult day care facilities located in the County. Facilities for the aged licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services in 2006 are listed in Table 57. No facilities for the aged were located in the Town, but such facilities are available nearby in the City of Hartford and the Villages of Germantown and Slinger. The number of available rooms at nursing homes varies at any point during the year, but typically, nursing homes in the County have been able to accommodate the demand for people indicating an interested in residing in a nursing home. Funding, however, is a problem. The County Department of Social Services stated that approximately 100 people are on a waiting list to get financial assistance from the State to help fund nursing home residency or other services provided by the County.

Table 57
ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES FOR THE ADVANCED AGED IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2006

Name	Street Address ^a	Capacity
Nursing Homes		
Cedar Lake Health Care Center	5595 CTH Z, West Bend	229
Hartford Healthcare Center	1202 E. Sumner Street, Hartford	106
Samaritan Health Center	531 E. Washington Street, West Bend	212
Samaritan Health Center Sub-Acute Unit	551 Silverbrook Drive, West Bend	23
Virginia Highlands Health and Rehabilitation Centers	W173 N10915 Bernies Way, Germantown	121
Community Based Residential Facilities		
Autumn Oaks LLC	227 E. Washington Street, Slinger	30
Countryview Group Home	N112 W12850 Mequon Road, Germantown	8
Deerview Meadows Assisted Living I	109 Lone Oak Lane, Hartford	14
Deerview Meadows Assisted Living II	111 Lone Oak Lane, Hartford	8
Everly House	N168 W22022 Main Street, Jackson	16
Friendship House	5595 CTH Z, West Bend	20
Hawthorn Manor Inc	321 Hawthorn Drive, West Bend	15
Hawthorn Manor Inc	346 S. Main Street, West Bend	12
Ivy Manor of Jackson	W194 N16744 Eagle Drive, Jackson	22
Landmark at Jackson Crossing (The)	N168 W22022 Main Street, Jackson	20
Legacy (The)	1025 Bell Avenue, Hartford	12
Maple Dale Manor Kewaskum I	1038 Fond du Lac Avenue, Kewaskum	20
Maple Dale Manor Kewaskum II	1042 Fond du Lac Avenue, Kewaskum	14
River Way Place LLC	831 E. Washington Street, West Bend	40
Touchstone West Bend	1707 Carrie Lane, West Bend	8
Tri Manor LTD	1937 N. Main Street, West Bend	19
Wellington Place of Hartford	615 Hilldale Road, Hartford	28
Residential Care Apartment Complexes		
Cedar Bay East	5577 Home Drive, West Bend	54
Cedar Bay West	5555 Cedar Bay Drive, West Bend	107
Fields (The)	675 East Washington Street, West Bend	24
Hawthorn Manor Apartments	275 W. Decorah Road, West Bend	12
Lakeshore at Jackson Crossing (The)	N168 W22026 Main Street, Jackson	30
Legacy (The)	1025 Bell Avenue, Hartford	28
Maple Manor of Kewaskum	1038 Fond du Lac Avenue, Kewaskum	20
Adult Family Homes		
Legate AFH	229 W. Paradise Drive, West Bend	4
Symicek AFH	834 Center Street, Hartford	4
Adult Day Care Facilities		
Aurora Medical Center Adult Day Service	1022 E. Sell Drive, Hartford	20
LSS Adult Day Center	140 N. 7 th Street, West Bend	20

^aStreet address is the facilities mailing address.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.

Facilities for the Mentally and Physically Disabled

Facilities for the mentally and physically disabled in Washington County licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services in 2006 are listed in Table 58. None were located in the Town, but such facilities are available nearby in the Villages of Germantown and Slinger and the City of Hartford. Facilities for the

Table 58
ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2006

Name	Street Address ^a	Capacity
Nursing Homes		
Cedar Lake Health Care Center	5595 CTH Z, West Bend	229
Hartford Healthcare Center	1202 E. Sumner Street, Hartford	106
Samaritan Health Center	531 E. Washington Street, West Bend	212
Samaritan Health Center Sub-Acute Unit	551 Silverbrook Drive, West Bend	23
Virginia Highlands Health and Rehabilitation Centers	W173 N10915 Bernies Way, Germantown	121
Community Based Residential Facilities		
Autumn Oaks LLC	227 E. Washington Street, Slinger	30
Calm Harbor	139 South 8 th Avenue, West Bend	8
Countryview Group Home	N112 W12850 Mequon Road, Germantown	8
Timberline Group Home	W164 N10502 Timberline Road, Germantown	5
Ivy Manor of Jackson	W194 N16744 Eagle Drive, Jackson	22
Adult Family Homes		
17 th Avenue Adult Family Home	233 S. 17 th Avenue, West Bend	4
Beverly Tessar	1230 N. 10 th Avenue, West Bend	4
CLA Lee Ave	1102 Lee Avenue, West Bend	4
CLA Slinger Adult Family Home	3941 Elaines Way, Slinger	4
Dennis Path Adult Family Home	6874 Dennis Path, West Bend	3
Ellman Adult Family Home	260 S. Silverbrook Drive, West Bend	4
Hans Street	1505 Hans Street, West Bend	3
HIL Carrie Lane	1628 Carrie Lane, West Bend	4
HIL Columbus House	5096 Valley Trail, West Bend	4
HIL Drake House	1630 Carrie Lane, West Bend	4
HIL Magellan House	212 S. 16 th Avenue, West Bend	4
Imperial Court AFH	722 Imperial Court, West Bend	3
Legate AFH	229 W. Paradise Drive, West Bend	4
Pamme Court Adult Family Home	1545 Pamme Court, West Bend	4
PS LLC – Eder Lane	1620-1622 Eder Lane, West Bend	3
PS LLC – Firethorn	1209 Firethorn Drive, West Bend	3
PS LLC- Hillcrest	1017 Hillcrest Street, West Bend	4
REM Wisconsin II Diane Drive	6799 Diane Drive, Newburg	4
REM Wisconsin II Germantown	N116 W16105 Main Street, Germantown	4
REM Wisconsin II Greentree Road	2205 Greentree Road, West Bend	3
REM Wisconsin II INC, Patton Drive	1354 Patton Drive, Hartford	4
REM Wisconsin II INC, Meadowbrook Drive	505 Meadowbrook Drive, West Bend	4
REM Wisconsin II INC, Loos Street	735 E. Loos Street, Hartford	3
REM Wisconsin II Judith Court	708 Judith Court, West Bend	4
Symicek AFH	834 Center Street, Hartford	4
Villa Park	1031 Villa Park Drive, West Bend	4

^aStreet address is the facilities mailing address.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services.

developmentally and mentally disabled include nursing homes, community based residential facilities (CBRF), and adult family homes. Facilities included five nursing homes offering skilled nursing facilities; five CBRF's serving mentally and physically disabled persons that offer room and board, supervision, support services, and up to three hours of nursing care per week; 26 adult family homes for the mentally and physically disabled where a

resident will receive care, treatment or services that are above the level of room and board and up to seven hours per week of nursing care. Washington County supports about 400 physically disabled people. According to the County Department of Social Services, about 80 families have "indicated interest" in placing a family member in long term care, but currently, the County has no residency available for physically disabled persons. However, about five of the 80 families that "indicated interest" for a family member urgently need services for residency, the remaining 75 people are considered a "watch group" that may need assistance in the future. Once a vacancy becomes available, the County decides which person that has "indicated interest" would best be served by the room available.

Each type of facility provides a different level of care for residents requiring a variety of services. All types of facilities are important for providing a continuum of care to persons with disabilities and other County residents as they age or recover from illness, injury, or addiction. Because a majority of the existing facilities are located in urbanized areas, provided with sewer and water, it would be difficult for the Town to attract assisted living facilities to the Town. However, the Town supports and encourages the expansion or development of assisted living facilities for persons with disabilities or for the elderly in appropriate locations.

Child Care Facilities

Child care facilities are regulated by the Bureau of Regulation and Licensing (BRL) in the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services. There are two types of child care facilities regulated by the BRL, family child care centers and group child care centers. Family child care centers are facilities that provide care for four to eight children. These programs are generally operated in a provider's home and are licensed by the BRL under Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter HFS 45. Group child care centers are facilities that provide care for nine or more children. These programs are generally operated outside the provider's home and are licensed by the BRL under Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter HFS 46. In 2006, there were 14 licensed family child care centers and 62 licensed group child care centers in Washington County. The Town of Erin had one licensed group child care center, Child's Place, which is located on CTH O near Erin Elementary School. There were no licensed family child care centers in the Town.

SEWRPC population projections anticipate the number of County residents under the age of 10 to increase by 2035. Since child care facilities and services are generally provided by the private sector, it is difficult for the Town to plan for additional child care facilities. However, the Town should consider additional child care facilities, if presented by an interested party, through the Town comprehensive plan design year 2035 in order to provide adequate child care services for Town residents.

Police Protection

Police protection in the Town of Erin is provided by the Washington County Sheriff's Department, which is based in the City of West Bend. All unincorporated areas in the County and the Villages of Newburg and Richfield are served by the Washington County Sheriff's Department. Divisions in the Sheriff's Department include the Corrections Division, Patrol Division, Detective Division, Courthouse Security Services Unit, Communications Division, and Clerical Support. The Town continues to support the Washington County Sheriff's Department for providing police protection services to the Town through the Town comprehensive plan design year 2035. The Town also encourages the Sheriff's Department to monitor the personnel, equipment, and facilities yearly to ensure they are adequate to serve Town and other County residents. The Town also supports Washington County in continuing to provide the countywide Public Safety Answering Point operated by the Sheriff's Department for emergency dispatch services for the Town. The center handles calls pertaining to fire, police, and public works (sewer/water) emergencies.

Enforcement of Town Ordinances

Law enforcement in the Town is provided by the Washington County Sheriff's Department; however, the Sheriff's Department does not enforce Town ordinances. The Town of Erin Code of Ordinances specifies the following enforcement officers for Town ordinances:

• Building Inspector: Enforces the uniform dwelling code.

- Emergency Management Director: Enforces public safety, health and welfare, and emergency management laws and regulations.
- Park Superintendent: Enforces park ordinances in Town parks.
- Road Foreman: Enforces Town regulations for driveways, culverts, and weight limits on Town roads.
- Zoning Administrator: Enforces the Town zoning ordinance.
- Town Chair: Has authority to enforce any Town ordinance.

Citations are issued to persons found to be violating a Town ordinance.

Fire Protection

Fire protection in the Town is provided by three fire departments. The Hartford Fire Department, operated by the City of Hartford and consisting of 58 paid on-call and two full-time personnel, serves the largest portion of the Town, primarily in the northern and central areas. The Richfield Volunteer Fire Department, operated privately and consisting of 60 paid on-call firefighters and two full-time firefighters, serves the southeastern portion of the Town. The Ashippun Volunteer Fire Department, located in the Town of Ashippun in Dodge County, consists of 37 volunteer firefighters and serves the southwestern portion of the Town. Fire stations and fire department service areas in Washington County, including the Town of Erin, are shown on Map 24 and listed in Table 59. The Town of Erin conducts periodic needs assessment studies to determine if the departments have sufficient firefighters, equipment, water supply, and facilities to adequately protect the Town.

Generally, urban-density development should be located within 1.5 miles of a fire station and one-and two-family homes with at least a 100-foot separation should be located within four miles of a fire station. The recommended 1.5-mile and four-mile service radii are shown on Map 25. The central portion of the Town is outside the fire station service area recommended by the Insurance Services Office (ISO).

Emergency Medical Services

Emergency medical service units associated with the three fire departments provide emergency rescue services in the Town. In addition, the Town has an agreement with the Stone Bank Volunteer Fire Department of Oconomowoc to receive additional assistance, if needed, for fire and emergency rescue services in the southern one-third of the Town. The Town encourages each department to conduct periodic needs assessment studies through the comprehensive plan design year 2035 to determine if the departments have sufficient personnel, equipment, and facilities to adequately protect the Town and other communities they serve.

Emergency Management

The Town of Erin Emergency Management Department is responsible for dealing with manmade and natural disasters within the Town. The Department Director is responsible for securing the annual fire contracts with fire departments in neighboring communities to provide fire and emergency medical services within the Town. The Director is also responsible for developing and maintaining the Town's emergency operations plan, developing the emergency management budget, organizing and attending training sessions required by State and Federal agencies; and coordinating with County and State officials in disaster planning and recovery. The Emergency Management Director also enforces the Town's public safety, health and welfare, and emergency management ordinances.

In the event of a disaster, the Director works with the Town Chair, local fire departments, and the County Sheriff's Department to direct search and rescue efforts; completes damage assessments; and works with the Town Board to enact and enforce ordinances necessary to restore order to the Town.

Libraries

Washington County is served by five public libraries, which are part of the Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System. The Town of Erin does not have a public library. The nearest library is the Hartford Public Library in the City of Hartford. Table 60 lists the location and circulation of each library in Washington County. Each

⁶The Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System includes 27 public libraries located in Washington, Dodge, and Jefferson Counties.

Map 24
FIRE STATIONS AND SERVICE AREAS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2006

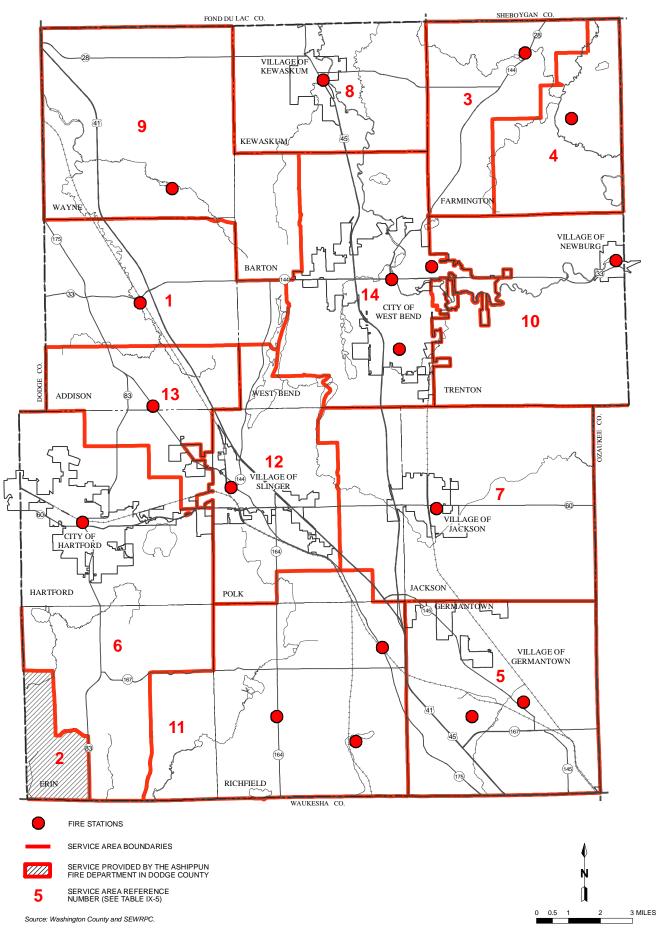


Table 59

FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE AREAS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2006

Number on Map 24	Fire Departments	Service Zone Area (acres)	Paid Fire Department Employees	Paid On Call Fire Fighters	Fire Department Volunteers ^a
1	Allenton Volunteer Fire Department	17,168	0	0	45
2	Ashippun Volunteer Fire Department ^b	3,774	0	0	37
3	Boltonville Volunteer Fire Department	12,204	0	0	40
4	Fillmore Fire Department	11,341	0	0	35
5	Germantown Fire Department	23,169	3 full time/4 part time	36	0
6	Hartford Fire Department	32,834	2 full time	58	0
7	Jackson Fire Department	30,879	3 full time	35	0
8	Kewaskum Fire Department	15,589	1 full time	54	0
9	Kohlsville Fire Department	28,088	0	0	35
10	Newburg Volunteer Fire Department	21,716	0	0	58
11	Richfield Volunteer Fire Department	30,489	2 full time	60	0
12	Slinger Volunteer Fire Department	16,457	0	0	50
13	St. Lawrence Volunteer Fire Department	12,154	0	0	42
14	West Bend Fire Department	22,917	40 full time	0	0

^aTotals include active volunteer fire fighters and emergency medical service personnel.

Source: Washington County and SEWRPC.

library is also part of an interlibrary loan and reference referral system that includes all libraries in the Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System. Washington County contracts with each library to provide library services to Town and County residents living in communities without a municipal library.

A plan for library service in Washington County was undertaken by the Strategic Plan Committee and staff of the Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System. Several goals and objectives for providing library service to the Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System and Washington County residents were reviewed during the planning process. The Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System Board uses the plan as a guide in local planning and budgeting activities of member libraries, including the five libraries in Washington County. The Town supports and encourages Washington County and the Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System Board to revisit the Strategic Plan in five year increments and continue to implement the goals and objectives listed in the plan through the comprehensive plan design year 2035.

Schools

In 2008, there were 36 public schools in five public high school districts and 26 private schools in Washington County. The Town of Erin is located within the Erin, Friess Lake, Hartford J1, and Richfield J1 Elementary School Districts (serving Kindergarten through 8th grade) and the Hartford Union High School District. The Erin School District operates one school in the Town, Erin Elementary School located on CTH O just west of Terry Road. Hartford High School in the City of Hartford serves Town residents. All of the public high school districts in Washington County are shown on Map 26 and listed in Table 61. Public elementary school districts in the Town are shown on Map 27.

School districts within the County typically prepare facilities plans, which include needs assessments for new facilities and land, based on development statistics received from the local governments they serve and population projection data from agencies such as SEWRPC and the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA).

^bThe Ashippun Volunteer Fire Department is in the Town of Ashippun in Dodge County. The Department serves the southwestern portion of the Town of Erin.

Map 25 FIRE STATION SERVICE RADII IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2007

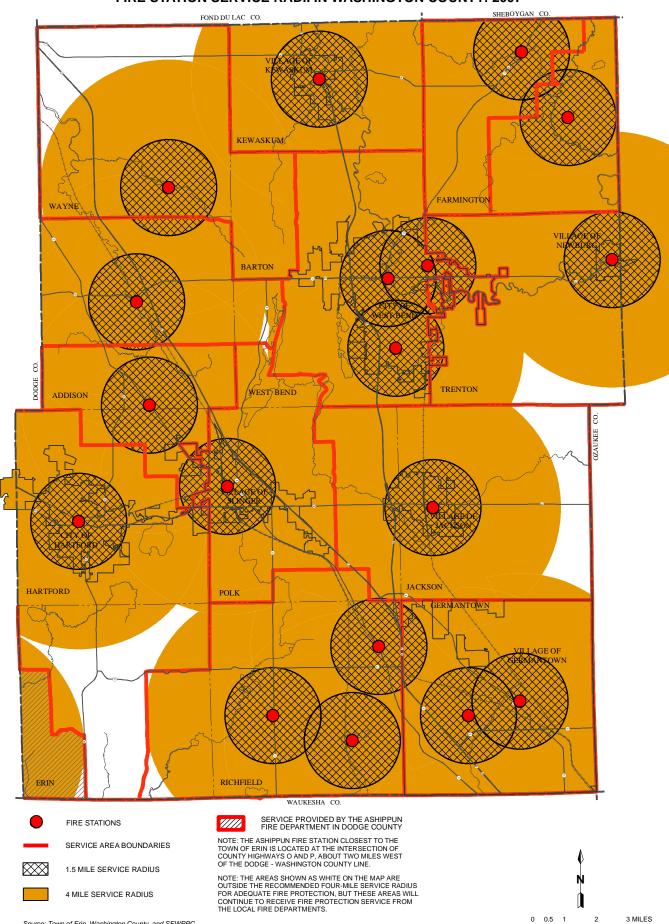


Table 60

THE LOCATION AND CIRCULATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2007

Community	Library	Circulation
City of Hartford	Hartford Public Library	171,978
City of West Bend	West Bend Community Memorial Library	593,921
Village of Germantown	Germantown Community Library	288,515
Village of Kewaskum	Kewaskum Public Library	54,408
Village of Slinger	Slinger Public Library	92,928
Total		1,201,750

Source: Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System.

SEWRPC projections anticipate that the number of County residents under the age of 20 will increase from about 34,000 in 2000 to about 40,000 in 2035. This increase may require the expansion of existing school buildings or the construction of new school buildings. In addition, some older school buildings within the County may require replacement as the facility becomes antiquated.

The Hartford Joint No. 1 School District Facilities Study Report was prepared by the Hartford Joint No. 1 Board of Education and sets forth facility recommendations and a capital improvement program for the two elementary schools and one middle school within the district. Recommendations in the study report include construction of a new

elementary school to alleviate overcrowding at the two existing elementary schools and prepare for the anticipated growth of school-aged residents within the district, and expansion of Central Middle School. In November 2007, a referendum to fund the facilities plan recommendations was voted down by district residents. The School Board will continue to monitor student enrollment and gather public input to address facility needs within the district, and planned to prepare a new facilities plan in 2008.

The Erin, Friess Lake, Hartford J1, and Richfield J1 School districts and the Hartford Union High School district should work with the Town, Washington County, and SEWRPC to obtain information regarding proposed residential developments and population projections to prepare accurate facilities plans in short-term increments through the County comprehensive plan design year 2035.

Washington County is also home to the University of Wisconsin–Washington County and the Moraine Park Technical College, which has campuses in the Cities of Hartford and West Bend. The Town supports the continued cooperation between the colleges and Washington County to partner in economic development and other educational initiatives, which may require additional facilities and programs, academic faculty and staff, and equipment.

Other Government Facilities- Erin Town Hall

The Town Hall is located on the east side of STH 83, just north of Holy Hill Road (STH 167). The Town Hall includes a meeting room and three offices. The Town Hall is available to the public for rental and facilities include a full kitchen and a walk-in beverage cooler. The Town Hall also serves as a disaster shelter and as the Town's only polling place. The Town should continue to maintain and, as necessary, expand Town Hall facilities to effectively conduct Town government business.

PART 2: UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES GOALS, OBJECTIVES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS

The *Statutes* require a number of utilities and community facilities to be addressed in this element; however, utilities and community facilities are provided by many units and levels of government and also by the private sector. The following is a brief summary of the utilities and facilities provided in the Town:

• Washington County provides services or administers ordinances associated with environmental quality, including regulation of shoreland-wetlands and floodplains, stormwater management, and farm and watershed conservation planning; environmental health and sanitation, such as the regulation of private on-site waste treatment systems and hazardous waste collection and disposal; parks and recreational facilities; health care services and facilities; safety and emergency management services; and other general government services. Transportation facilities and services, which are also provided by the County, are addressed in the Transportation Element (Chapter VIII).

Map 26

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2008

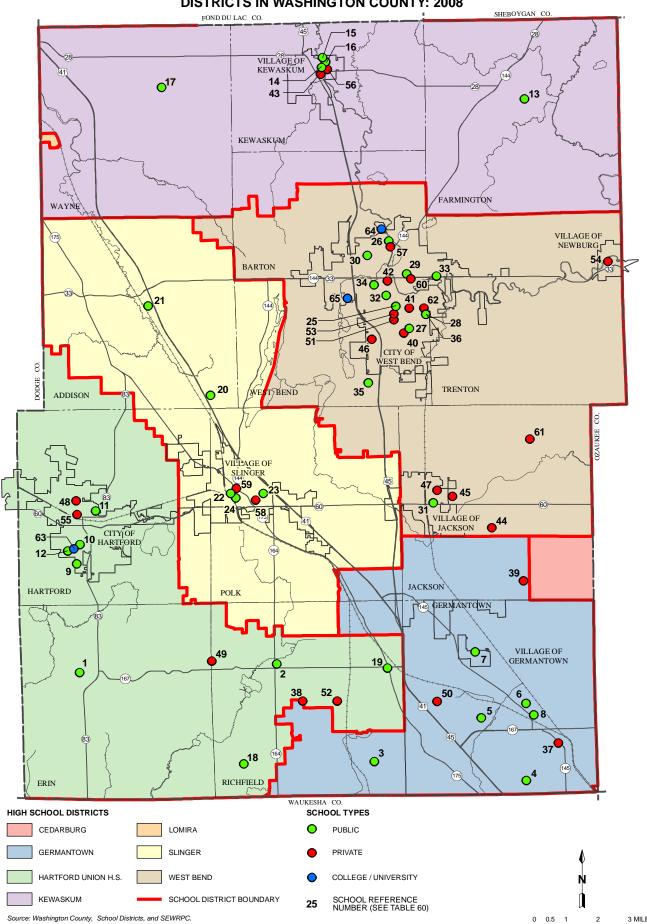


Table 61

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2005-2006

Number on				
Map 26	Public Schools	Grades ^a	Enrollment ^b	Street Address ^c
	Erin School District			
1	Erin Elementary School	PK-8	378	6901 CTH O, Hartford (Town of Erin)
	Friess Lake School District			
2	Friess Lake School	PK-8	328	1750 STH 164, Hubertus (Town of Richfield)
	Germantown School District			
3	Amy Belle Elementary School	PK-5	392	3294 Willow Creek Road, Colgate (Town of Richfield)
4	County Line Elementary School	PK-5	541	W159 N9939 Butternut Road, Germantown
5	Germantown High School	9-12	1,323	W180 N11501 River Lane, Germantown
6	Kennedy Middle School	6-8	876	W160 N11836 Crusader Court, Germantown
7	Rockfield Elementary School	K-5	200	N132 W18473 Rockfield Road, Germantown
8	MacArthur Elementary School	PK-5	399	W154 N11492 Fond Du Lac Avenue, Germantown
	Hartford J1 Public Schools			
9	Central Middle School	6-8	539	1100 Cedar Street, Hartford
10	Lincoln Elementary School	PK-5	556	755 S. Rural Street, Hartford
11	Rossman Elementary School	PK-5	541	600 Highland Avenue, Hartford
	Hartford UHS School District			
12	Hartford High School	9-12	1,704	805 Cedar Street, Hartford
	Kewaskum School District			
13	Farmington Elementary School	PK-5	245	8736 Boltonville Road, Kewaskum (Town of Farmington)
14	Kewaskum Elementary School	PK-5	413	1415 Bilgo Lane, Kewaskum
15	Kewaskum Middle School	6-8	419	1510 Bilgo Lane. Kewaskum
16	Kewaskum High School	9-12	655	1676 Reigle Drive, Kewaskum
17	Wayne Elementary School	PK-5	128	W5760 County Road H, Campbellsport
	Richfield J1 School District			
18	Plat Elementary School	PK-2	116	4908 Monches Road, Colgate (Town of Richfield)
19	Richfield Elementary School	3-8	296	3117 Holy Hill Road, Richfield
	Rubicon J6 School District			
d	Saylesville Consolidated School	K-8	158	N3501 CTH P, Rubicon
	Slinger School District			
20	Addison Elementary School	PK-5	373	5050 Indian Road, Hartford
21	Allenton Elementary School	PK-5	390	228 Weis Street, Allenton (Town of Addison)
22	Slinger Elementary School	PK-5	479	203 Polk Street, Slinger
23	Slinger Middle School	6-8	670	521 Olympic Drive, Slinger
24	Slinger High School	9-12	924	209 Polk Street, Slinger
	West Bend School District			
25	Badger Middle School	6-8	507	710 S. Main Street, West Bend
26	Barton Elementary School	PK-5	405	614 School Place, West Bend
27	Decorah Elementary School	PK-5	408	1225 Sylvan Way, West Bend
28	East High School	9-12	1,264	1305 E. Decorah Road, West Bend
29	Fair Park Elementary School	PK-5	466	519 N. Indiana Avenue, West Bend
30	Green Tree Elementary School	K-5	498	1330 Green Tree Road, West Bend
31	Jackson Elementary School	K-5	494	W204 N16850 Jackson Drive, Jackson
32	McLane Elementary School	K-5	563	833 Chestnut Street, West Bend
33	Phoenix Academy High School	9-12	75	1710 E. Washington Street, West Bend
34	Silverbrook Middle School	6-8	603	120 N. Silverbrook Drive, West Bend
35	Silver Maple PK	PK	42	5190 S. 18 th Avenue, West Bend
36	West High School	9-12	1,213	1305 E. Decorah Road, West Bend
	Private Schools	Grades	Enrollment ^e	Street Address ^c
37	Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran School	PK-4	173	N108 W14290 Bel Aire Lane, Germantown
38	Crown of Life Evangelical Lutheran School	PK-7	47	1292 Tally Ho Trail, Hubertus (Town of Richfield)
39	David's Star Evangelical Lutheran School	PK-8	158	2750 David's Star Drive, Jackson
40	First Baptist Academy School	K-7	15	224 Butternut Street, West Bend
41	Good Shepherd Lutheran School	PK-8	237	777 Indiana Avenue, West Bend
42	Holy Angels School	PK-8	389	230 N. 8 th Avenue, West Bend
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Table 61 (continued)

Number on				
Map 26	Private Schools	Grades ^a	Enrollment ^e	Street Address ^c
43	Holy Trinity Catholic School	PK-8	177	305 Main Street, Kewaskum
44	Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School	9-12	410	3399 Division Road, Jackson
45	Living Word Lutheran High School	9-12	151	2230 Living Word Lane, Jackson
46	Montessori Children House West School	PK-K	100	1701 Vogt Drive, West Bend
47	Morning Star Lutheran School	PK-8	167	N171W20131 Highland Road, Jackson
48	Peace Lutheran School	PK-8	223	1025 Peace Lutheran Drive, Hartford
49	St. Augustine School Inc	K-11	63	1810 CTH CC, Hartford
50	St. Boniface Elementary School	PK-8	307	W204 N11968 Goldendale Drive, Germantown
51	St. Frances Cabrini School	PK-8	400	529 Hawthorn Drive, West Bend
52	St. Gabriel Elementary School	PK-8	122	3733 Hubertus Road, Hubertus (Town of Richfield)
53	St. John's Lutheran School	PK-8	226	899 S. 6 th Avenue, West Bend
54	St. John's Lutheran School	PK-8	63	623 Congress Street, Newburg
55	St Kilian Elementary School	PK-8	199	245 High Street, Hartford
56	St. Lucas Grade School	PK-8	107	1410 Parkview Drive, Kewaskum
57	St. Mary Immaculate Conception School	PK-8	144	415 Roosevelt Drive, West Bend
58	St. Paul's School	PK-8	75	799 Saint Paul Drive, Slinger
59	St. Peter Catholic Grade School	PK-8	67	206 E. Washington Street, Slinger
60	Tri-Center Alternative School	8-12	11	515 E. Washington Street, West Bend
61	Trinity Lutheran School	PK-8	74	1268 Pleasant Valley Road, West Bend
62	West Bend Christian School	PK-2	27	1110 E. Decorah Road, West Bend
63	Moraine Park Technical College – Hartford		f	805 Cedar Street, Hartford
64	Moraine Park Technical College – West Bend		^f	2151 N. Main Street, West Bend
65	University of Wisconsin-Washington County		1,018	400 University Drive, West Bend

^aK is kindergarten and PK is pre-kindergarten.

- Town of Erin provides services or establishes agreements for recycling, emergency management, building inspection, maintenance of Town roads, parks, forestry, fire protection, police protection, and emergency medical services. Town land use regulations also affect the location of existing and potential telecommunications facilities, power plants, cemeteries, health care facilities, child care facilities, and schools. An inventory and description of utilities and community facilities provided by the Town are included in Part 1 of this chapter. The Town also maintains streets under Town jurisdiction.
- **School districts** are responsible for planning, constructing, and operating school facilities and for providing educational services.
- *The private sector* typically provides electric power, natural gas, communications services, health care, and child care services.

Utilities and Community Facilities Goals, Objectives, Policies, and Programs

This section sets forth goals and objectives for utilities and community facilities through the plan design year of 2035. Policies, which are steps or actions recommended to be taken to achieve goals and objectives; and programs, which are projects or services intended to achieve those policies, are also identified. Goals, objectives, policies, and programs related to parks are listed in Chapter V of this report.

^bEnrollment is based on 2005 data.

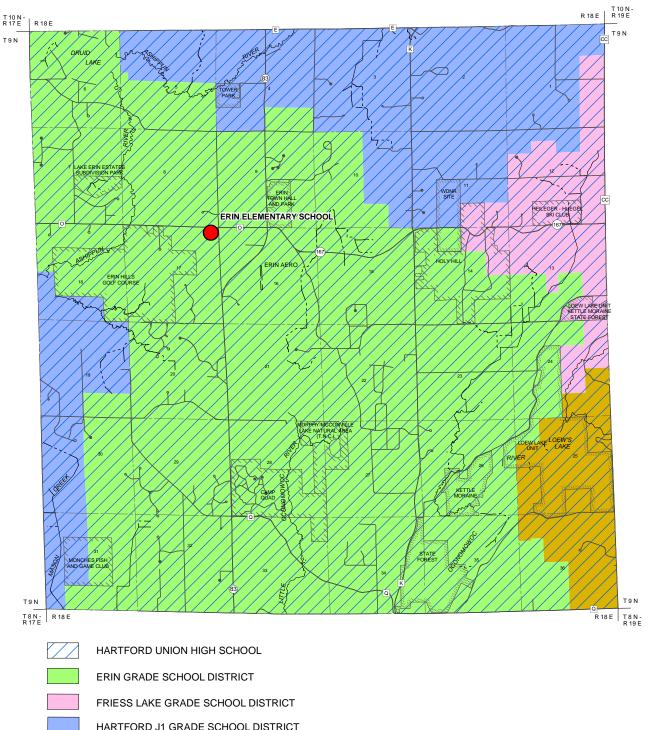
^cStreet address is the school's mailing address.

^dA portion of the Rubicon J6 School District is located in the southwestern portion of the Town of Hartford, but the district school is located in the Town of Rubicon in Dodge County.

^eEnrollment is based on 2006 data.

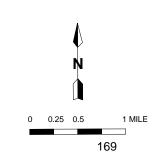
^fEnrollment at individual Moraine Park Technical college (MPTC) campuses is not available. Total enrollment at all MPTC campuses was 21,886 students in 2006. Source: Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and SEWRPC.

Map 27 SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2008





Source: Washington County, School Districts, and SEWRPC.



Goal: Continue to provide quality emergency services (police, fire, and emergency medical) for Town residents and businesses.

- **Policy:** Continue to work with and support the Washington County Sheriff's Department in providing police protection services to the Town.
- Policy: Continue to work with and support the Hartford, Richfield, and Ashippun Fire Departments
 in providing fire protection services to the Town.
- Policy: Continue to work with and support the four fire and rescue departments that provide rescue services to the Town.

Goal: Provide a safe, secure, and healthful environment and a high quality of life for Town residents.

- **Objective:** Require developers to pay for improvements needed to support new development requests.
 - Program: Consider conducting a needs assessment and adopting an impact fee ordinance for facilities provided by the Town.
- **Objective:** Adequate stormwater management facilities should be provided for all development.
 - Program: Consider preparing a Town stormwater management plan to provide for comprehensive and coordinated stormwater management facilities and measures.
 - **Program:** Continue to work with Washington County to administer the County erosion control and stormwater management ordinance in the Town.
 - **Policy:** Continue the use of private wells to supply water for domestic and other uses in the Town.
 - Policy: Continue to rely on private onsite wastewater treatment systems (POWTS), rather than public sanitary sewers, for wastewater disposal in the Town.
 - **Policy:** Continue to maintain the Town Hall to effectively conduct Town government business.
 - Policy: Limit residential development to densities and in locations compatible with the rural character of the Town, and therefore avoid the need to provide urban facilities and services to such development.
 - Policy: Continue to provide and develop a Town park system.
 - Program: Update the Town Park and Open Space Plan to re-establish eligibility to apply for State and Federal grant funds for parks, open space sites, and recreational facilities.

Goal: Cooperate with other units and agencies of government, where appropriate, to provide cost-effective government services.

- **Policy:** Continue to cooperate with Washington County to protect public health and safety.
 - Program: Continue to comply with Chapter 25, Sanitary Code, of the Washington County Code
 of Ordinances, which includes the regulation of private on-site wastewater treatment systems
 (POWTS) in the Town.
 - **Program:** Explore a partnership with Washington County for recycling programs and facilities, including establishment of household hazardous waste collection sites and facilities.
- Policy: Work with Washington County to provide adequate health care facilities and services to maintain the high level of health care in the Town.
- **Policy:** Support the Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System.
- Policy: Work with the Erin, Friess Lake, Hartford, and Richfield school districts, if requested, to
 provide information regarding proposed residential developments to help the districts prepare
 accurate facilities plans. Public schools and school districts located in the Town are shown on Map
 26.

Goal: Cooperate with private service providers to ensure Town residents receive appropriate services.

Policy: Cooperate with electric and gas service providers, such as We Energies, to expand existing
facilities located in the Town or develop new facilities to meet future demand for power and heat.

- **Policy:** Work with private providers to provide the most affordable and efficient communications and telecommunications systems to Town residents and landowners.
- **Policy:** Continue to rely on private firms for solid waste collection and disposal services.
- Policy: Though the provision of cemeteries is not regulated by the Town, the Town encourages the
 expansion of existing cemeteries or the development of new cemeteries in the Town in appropriate
 locations.
- Policy: Though the provision of child care facilities is not regulated by the Town, the Town supports
 the development of additional child care facilities in the Town, where appropriate, to meet the needs
 of Town residents.

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Chapter X

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ELEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The economic development element is one of the nine elements of a comprehensive plan required by Section 66.1001 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*. Section 66.1001 (2) (b) of the *Statutes* requires the economic development element to compile goals, objectives, policies, and programs that promote the stabilization and retention or expansion of the economic base and quality employment opportunities in the Town of Erin. In addition, this element must:

- Include an analysis of the Town labor force and economic base.
- Assess categories or particular types of new businesses and industries that are desired by the Town.
- Assess the Town's strengths and weaknesses with respect to attracting and retaining businesses and industries and designate an adequate number of sites for such businesses and industries.
- Evaluate and promote the use of environmentally contaminated sites for commercial or industrial uses.
- Identify economic development programs, including State and Regional programs, which apply to the Town.

In addition, the following comprehensive planning goals related to the economic development element are set forth in Section 16.965 of the *Statutes* and must be addressed as part of the planning process:¹

- Promotion of the redevelopment of lands with existing infrastructure and public services and the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing residential, commercial, and industrial structures.
- Protection of economically productive areas, including farmland and forests.
- Encouragement of land uses, densities, and regulations that promote efficient development patterns and relatively low municipal, state government, and utility costs.
- Building of community identity by revitalizing main streets and enforcing design standards.

¹Chapter I lists all 14 of the comprehensive planning goals included in Section 16.965 of the Statutes. All 14 goals must be addressed in County and local plans that received funding though a Department of Administration comprehensive planning grant, such as the Town of Erin and Washington County.

Table 62

EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF PERSONS 16 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER RESIDING IN THE TOWN OF ERIN: 2000

	Residen	Residents 16 Years of Age and Older			
Employment Status	Percent of a Percent of Persons 10 Number Labor Force and Older				
Employed	1,983	96.5	69.5		
Unemployed	71	3.5	2.5		
In Armed Forces					
Subtotal in Labor Force	2,054	100.0	72.0		
Not in Labor Force	799		28.0		
Total	2,853		100.0		

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census and SEWRPC.

- Providing adequate infrastructure and public services and an adequate supply of developable land to meet existing and future market demand for residential, commercial, and industrial uses.
- Promoting the expansion or stabilization of the current economic base and the creation of a range of employment opportunities at the state, regional, and local level.

Part 1 of this chapter provides an inventory and analysis of the labor force and economic base in the Town including approximate employment and unemployment, employment by job type in Washington County,² the largest employers in the

Town, personal income characteristics of residents, existing and planned business/industrial parks in neighboring communities, and environmentally contaminated land.

Part 2 provides a description of economic development programs that apply to the Town, including County, State, and Regional programs. Part 3 sets forth the projected number of jobs in the Town in 2035, an assessment of desirable new businesses and industries, and an assessment of the Town's strengths and weaknesses with respect to attracting those businesses and industries. Part 4 sets forth economic development goals and objectives through the plan design year of 2035. Recommended policies, defined as steps or actions to achieve economic development goals and objectives; and programs, defined as projects or services necessary to achieve economic development policies, are also identified in Part 4.

PART 1: INVENTORY AND ANALYSIS

Labor Force

The labor force is defined as those residents of the Town of Erin 16 years of age and older who are employed or are actively seeking employment. Labor force data are often referred to as "place of residence" data as opposed to "place of work" data, or employment data. The labor force is not equated with the number of employment opportunities, or jobs, in the Town because some Town residents are employed outside the Town, some have more than one job, some are unemployed, and some jobs in the Town are held by non-residents.

Table 62 sets forth the employment status of Town residents 16 years of age or older. There were 1,983 employed persons residing in the Town and 2,054 Town residents in the labor force in 2000. Employed persons comprised about 54 percent of the total population of the Town in 2000. There were 71 unemployed persons age 16 or older, or about 3 percent of the labor force. By comparison, 2.7 percent of the County labor force, 3.6 percent of the Regional³ labor force, and 3.2 percent of the State labor force were unemployed in 2000. Unemployment has trended upward between 2000 and 2006. As of November 2006, the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development (DWD) reported the unemployment rate in Washington County at 3.9 percent of the labor force and the unemployment rate for the Milwaukee Metropolitan area⁴ at 5.5 percent of the labor force. About 28 percent of Town residents, or 799 persons, 16 years of age or older did not participate in the labor force in 2000.⁵

²This data is only available at the County level.

³The Southeastern Wisconsin Region consists of Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha Counties.

⁴The Milwaukee Metropolitan area consists of Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Washington, and Waukesha Counties.

⁵Persons age 16 and older who did not participate in the labor force include only those persons who did not work nor seek employment.

Table 11, in Chapter III, sets forth the location of employment for Town and County residents in 2000. About one-third of employed Town residents worked within Washington County, including about 14 percent in the City of Hartford, and about 68 percent of residents traveled outside the County for employment. Of the 68 percent of Town residents who traveled outside the County for employment, about 30 percent worked in Milwaukee County and about 29 percent worked in Waukesha County.

The occupational and educational attainment make-up of the labor force provides useful insight into the nature of work the Town labor force is most suited to, the type of industry that the Town may be most successful in retaining and attracting, and the types of new businesses and industries most desired by the Town. The number of employed persons by occupation in the Town and County is set forth in Table 10 in Chapter III. Town residents employed in management, professional, and related occupations comprised the largest percentage of the employed labor force at about 40 percent, or 804 workers. Sales and office and production, transportation, and material moving occupations ranked second and third respectively, with about 23 percent, or 447 workers, and about 15 percent, or 304 workers, of the employed Town residents. Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations (12 percent); service occupations (9 percent); and farming, fishing, and forestry occupations (1 percent) represent the remaining 22 percent of the employed Town workforce.

The high percentage of workers in management and professional and sales and office occupations are consistent with the high level of educational attainment among Town and Washington County residents 25 years of age and older. Nearly 94 percent of Town residents at least 25 years of age and 89 percent of County residents at least 25 years of age had attained a high school or higher level of education in 2000. Those percentages are higher than the educational attainment of the overall population of the Region, where 84 percent of the population 25 years of age and older had attained this level of education as of 2000. About 59 percent of the population 25 years of age and older in the Town and about 54 percent of the population 25 years of age and older in Washington County attended some college or earned an associate, bachelor, or graduate degree, compared to about 54 percent in the Region. Educational attainment for residents of the Town and County is set forth in Table 6 in Chapter III.

Changing age composition of the Town labor force, which is expected to resemble that of Washington County, may also affect retention and attraction of business and industry to the Town and the types of business and industry most desired by the Town. The percentage of the population under 20 years old and ages 20 to 44 is expected to decrease by 4 percent and 8 percent, respectively, from 2000 to 2035. However, the percentage of the population ages 45 to 65 will remain stable, while the percentage of the population 65 and older will increase by 13 percent. The result will be a smaller working age percentage of the population, and a population that may demand an increase in certain products and services, such as those provided by the health care industry.

The projected population of the Town for 2035, as stated in Chapter III, is 4,660 persons. Assuming the Town population projection and the County age composition projection will apply within the Town, about 3,728 Town residents will be working age (age 16 or older⁶). If current labor force participation trends hold constant and the same methodology for calculation is used as above, about 2,612 Town residents could be participating in the labor force in 2035. However, this method does not account for retired persons. The large percentage change in persons in the age 65 and older category (from 11 percent to 24 percent in Washington County between 2000 and 2035) will likely mean a larger percentage of retired residents in 2035.

Employment

Number and Type of Jobs

Employment or "place of work" data are the number and type of jobs available in the Town of Erin and Washington County. This information provides an important indicator of the level of economic activity for economic development planning and land use planning purposes. Employment data and labor force data form the baseline information in determining how many and what type of jobs will need to be added in the Town and County to serve the projected 2035 Town population.

⁶This definition is based on methodology used by the U.S. Bureau of the Census for compiling labor force data.

Table 63

NUMBER OF JOBS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 1950 - 2000

	Number	Change From Preceding Year		Percent of	
Year	of Jobs	Number	Percent	Region Total	
1950	10,200			1.8	
1960	15,200	5,000	49.0	2.3	
1970	24,300	9,100	59.9	3.1	
1980	35,200	10,900	44.9	3.7	
1990	46,000	10,900	31.0	4.3	
2000	61,700	15,600	33.8	5.0	

Table 64

NUMBER OF JOBS IN
WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITIES: 2000

Community	Number of Jobs	Percent
Cities	01 3008	Percent
	0.040	40.0
Hartford ^a	8,248	13.3
West Bend	18,282	29.5
Villages		
Germantown	12,724	20.5
Jackson	3,392	5.5
Kewaskum	1,891	3.1
Newburg ^b	514	0.8
Slinger	2,453	4.0
Towns		
Addison	2,061	3.3
Barton	1,344	2.2
Erin	502	0.8
Farmington	513	0.8
Germantown	242	0.4
Hartford	995	1.6
Jackson	955	1.5
Kewaskum	502	0.8
Polk	1,557	2.5
Richfield	2,544	4.1
Trenton	1,331	2.2
Wayne	557	0.9
West Bend	1,339	2.2
Washington County ^c	61,946	100.0

^aIncludes entire City of Hartford.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and SEWRPC.

Table 63 shows historic employment growth in Washington County between 1950 and 2000. In 1950, there were 10,200 jobs located in the County. Between 1950 and 2000, the number of jobs located in the County grew by 505 percent, which was significantly higher than the 113 percent job growth experienced in the Region over the same time period.

Table 64 sets forth the number of jobs in 2000 in the Town of Erin and each community in the County. In 2000, the Town of Erin had 502 jobs. Jobs were concentrated in the Cities of Hartford and West Bend and the Villages of Germantown, Jackson, Kewaskum, Newburg, and Slinger. These communities also have the largest populations and number of residents in the labor force.

Historical job levels by general industry group are summarized for the County and Region in Table 12 in Chapter III. The 1990's saw a continuation of a shift in the regional economy from manufacturing to service industry jobs. Manufacturing employment in the Region was virtually unchanged during the 1990's, following a 15 percent decrease during the 1980's, and a modest 4 percent increase during the 1970's. Conversely, service-related employment increased substantially during each of the past three decades, by 33 percent during the 1990's, 41 percent during the 1980's, and 53 percent during the 1970's. Due to these differential growth rates, the proportion of manufacturing jobs relative to total jobs in the Region decreased from 32 percent in 1970 to 18 percent in 2000, while service-related employment increased from 18 percent in 1970 to 33 percent in 2000. comparison to the manufacturing and service industry groups, other major industry groups - such as wholesale trade, retail trade, government, and finance, insurance, and real estate – have been relatively stable in terms of their share of total employment in the Region over the last three decades. Agricultural jobs decreased by over 50 percent between 1970 and 2000, the only industry group other than manufacturing to lose employees.

Unlike the region and the rest of Wisconsin, Washington County has experienced an increase in manufacturing jobs. Manufacturing jobs in the County

have increased from 9,255 jobs to 17,307 jobs, or by almost 87 percent, between 1970 and 2000. The County also experienced growth in all other employment categories between 1970 and 2000, with the exception of agricultural jobs. Agricultural jobs decreased about 37 percent, from 2,002 jobs to 1,255 jobs.

There were 64,362 jobs located in the County in 2004, which is an increase of 4 percent from the 2000 level. Table 65 sets forth the number of jobs by industry group in the County as of 2004. The two industry groups listed

^bIncludes entire Village of Newburg.

^cIncludes Washington County and the entire City of Hartford and Village of Newburg.

Table 65

PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY GROUP IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2004

Industry Group (NAICS) ^a	Former SIC Industry Group ^b	Number	Percent
Private Employment	Former Sic industry Group	Number	reiceili
Forestry, fishing, related activities, and other	Agricultural, forestry, and fishing	44	0.1
		77	0.1
Mining	Mining	11	0.1
Utilities	Transportation, communication, electric, gas, and sanitary services	c	c
Construction	Construction	4,404	6.8
Manufacturing	Manufacturing	14,178	22.0
Wholesale trade	Wholesale trade	3,232	5.0
Retail trade	Retail trade	7,848	12.2
Transportation and warehousing	Transportation, communication, electric, gas, and sanitary services	c	^c
Information	Services	641	1.0
Finance and insurance	Finance, insurance, and real estate	2,669	4.2
Real estate and rental and leasing	Finance, insurance, and real estate	1,618	2.5
Professional and technical services	Services	2,338	3.6
Management of companies and enterprises	Services	97	0.2
Administrative and waste services	Services	2,650	4.1
Educational services ^d	Services	613	1.0
Health care and social assistance	Services	5,349	8.3
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	Services	1,186	1.9
Accommodation and food services	Services; Retail trade	4,297	6.7
Other services, except public administration	Services	3,951	6.1
Farm employment	Agricultural, forestry, and fishing	1,230	1.9
Subtotal ^e		56,422	87.7
Government and Government Enterprises			
Federal, civilian	Public Administration; Transportation, communication, electric, gas, and sanitary services	258	0.4
Military	Public Administration	404	0.6
State government	Public Administration	261	0.4
Local government	Public Administration	4,853	7.6
Subtotal		5,776	9.0
Total		64,362 ^f	100.0
ı utal		64,362	100.0

^aNorth American Industry Classification System.

on Table 65 include the Standard Industry Classification (SIC) system and the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The two industry groups provide different industry group classifications. In 1997, the U.S. government started using the NAICS to categorize employment data. The NAICS was developed jointly by the U.S., Canada, and Mexico to provide improved comparability in statistics about business activity across North America.

^bStandard Industry Classification system.

^cDetailed data is not available at the County level; however, the utilities and transportation and warehousing industry groups combined total 2,164 jobs and 3.3 percent of the total jobs located in the County.

^d The educational service category includes those employed by private schools and colleges. Public school employees are included in the local government category.

^eSubtotal includes the sum of forestry, mining, utilities, and transportation and warehouse industry jobs.

^fIncludes Washington County only.

Table 66
WASHINGTON COUNTY EMPLOYMENT LOCATION QUOTIENT: 2004^a

Industry (NAICS)	Comparison with State	Comparison with Nation
Private Employment		
Forestry, fishing, related activities, and other	^b	^b
Mining	^b	^b
Utilities	^b	^b
Construction	1.26	1.13
Manufacturing	1.47	2.53
Wholesale trade	1.39	1.39
Retail trade	1.05	1.11
Transportation and warehousing	b	^b
Information	0.63	0.48
Finance and insurance	0.85	0.87
Real estate and rental and leasing	1.00	0.68
Professional and technical services	0.86	0.56
Management of companies and enterprises	0.17	0.20
Administrative and waste services	0.91	0.68
Educational services	0.59	0.50
Health care and social assistance	0.78	0.84
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	1.00	0.90
Accommodation and food services	0.97	1.00
Other services, except public administration	1.17	1.07
Farm employment	0.66	1.12
Government and Government Enterprises		
Federal, civilian	0.50	0.25
Military	1.20	0.50
State government	0.14	0.13
Local government	0.94	0.93

^aIncludes Washington County only.

Major Employment Types⁷

The manufacturing industry led Washington County in number of jobs in 2004, despite the drop in the number of manufacturing jobs from 17,307 in 2000 to 14,178 in 2004. The next five largest private employment categories were:

- Retail trade 7,848 jobs
- Health care and social assistance 5,349 jobs
- Construction 4,404 jobs
- Accommodation and food services 4,297 jobs
- Other services, except public administration 3,951 jobs

The largest government employer in the County was local government, which consisted of 4,853 jobs.

Location Quotient Analysis

The Washington County location quotient, set forth in Table 66, is a ratio comparing the concentration of jobs in the County by industry type to the concentration of jobs in the State and Nation by industry type. If the location

^bDetailed data is not available at the County level.

⁷This data is only available at the County level.

quotient is one, the County has an equal concentration of jobs by that industry type compared to the State or Nation. If the location quotient is less than one, the County has a lower concentration of jobs by that industry type compared to the State or Nation. If the location quotient is greater than one, the County has a higher concentration of jobs by that industry type compared to the State or Nation. Compared to the State and Nation, Washington County has a very high concentration of manufacturing, wholesale trade, and, construction jobs. In addition, the County has a high concentration of retail trade and other services, except public administration jobs. By contrast, the County has a low concentration of information technology, finance and insurance, professional and technical services, management, administrative and waste services, educational services, health care and social assistance, farm employment, and government related jobs.

Major Employment Locations

Major employment locations (those with 100 or more employees) in Washington County in 2004 are listed by community on Table 67. Ranges are given rather than a specific number of employees for privacy reasons. No major employer was located in the Town. The largest employer in the Town was the Erin School District with 50-99 employees. Other large employers (10-19 employees) in the Town, include the Basilica of Holy Hill, Erin Construction, Heiliger Huegel Ski Club, and Tally Corporation. The largest employers in the County were Serigraph Inc., Washington County, West Bend Mutual Insurance Co., and the West Bend School District in the City of West Bend; Broan-Nutone LLC, Quad/Graphics Inc., and Signicast Corporation in the City of Hartford; Techstar MFG Company in the Village of Germantown; St. Joseph's Hospital in the Town of Polk; Benevolent Corporation Cedar Community in the Town of West Bend; and Sysco Food Services in the Village of Jackson. The largest employers in participating local governments without a major employer (100 or more employees) are listed in Table 68.

Annual Wages⁸

Table 69 sets forth the average annual wages by industry in Washington County, the Region, and the State in 2005. The average annual wage paid to workers employed in Washington County was \$33,398 per year. This figure was about 94 percent of the State average of \$35,547 per year. Jobs in financial activities provided the highest average annual wage in the County at \$43,800, with jobs in manufacturing second at \$42,355. Jobs in construction provided the third highest average annual wage in the County at \$38,478. Jobs in leisure and hospitality provided the lowest annual wage at \$9,587. Table 69 shows that annual wages by industry were generally lower in Washington County than surrounding counties, the Southeastern Wisconsin Region, and the State.

Personal Income

Personal income is another primary indicator of the overall economic well being of an area. Household income is one of the primary measurements of personal income. Annual household income in the Town and each community in the County is documented in Table 8 in Chapter III. The median household income in the Town was \$74,875 in 1999, which was \$17,842 more than the median household income in the County (\$57,033), \$28,288 more than the median household income in the Region (\$46,587), \$31,084 more than the median household income in the State (\$43,791), and \$32,881 more than the median household income in the Nation (\$41,994).

Table 70 sets forth historic median household income levels in the Town and each community from 1979 to 1999 in dollars reported and constant (1999) dollars. Reported household income in the Town has increased from \$26,210 in 1979 to \$74,875 in 1999, which is an increase of about 186 percent. When expressed in constant dollars, 1979 reported income adjusted for inflation to express that income in 1999 dollars, household income in the Town increased from \$60,601 to \$74,875, which is an increase of about 24 percent. Adjusted median household income increased in the County by about 12 percent, the State by about 7 percent, and the Nation by about 8 percent, but decreased in the Region by one-third of one percent between 1979 and 1999.

⁸This data is only available at the County level.

Table 67

MAJOR EMPLOYERS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2007^{a,b}

Name	Location	Number of Employees ^c
City of Hartford		
Broan-Nutone, LLC	926 West State Street	500-999
Quad/Graphics, Inc.		500-999
Signicast Corporation		500-999
API Software, Inc	310 North Wilson Avenue	250-499
Aurora Medical Center of		
Washington County, Inc	1032 East Sumner Street	250-499
Aurora Medical Group, Inc		100-249
Hartford Finishing, Inc	844 West State Street	100-249
K-MART Corporation	1275 Bell Avenue	100-249
Mineshaft Restaurant	22 North Main Street	100-249
Menasha Packaging Company	621 Wacker Drive	100-249
Steel Craft Corporation of		
Hartford	105 Steelcraft Drive	100-249
THI of Wisconsin at Hartford, LLC	1202 East Sumner Street	100-249
Triton Corporation	857 West State Street	100-249
City of West Bend		
Washington County	432 East Washington Street	500-999
Serigraph, Inc	3801 East Decorah Road	500-999
West Bend Mutual Insurance Co	1900 South 18th Avenue	500-999
West Bend School District	735 South Main Street	500-999
City of West Bend [AC]	1115 South Main Street	250-499
Kettle Moraine YMCA, Inc	1111 West Washington Street	250-499
Regal Ware, Inc	1100 Schmidt Road	250-499
Serigraph, Inc	3701 East Decorah Road	250-499
WAL-MART Associates, Inc	1515 West Paradise Drive	250-499
Amity Rolfs, Inc	820 East Washington Street	100-249
Aurora Medical Group, Inc	205 Valley Avenue	100-249
Fleet & Farm Supply Co of West		
Bend, Inc	1637 West Washington Street	100-249
Gehl Co	143 Water Street	100-249
Kohl's Department Stores, Inc	1400 South Main Street	100-249
Menard, Inc	575 West Paradise Drive	100-249
REM Wisconsin	505 Meadowbrook Drive	100-249
Moore Wallace North America, Inc	201 East Progress Drive	100-249
Serigraph, Inc.	=	100-249
The Threshold Inc.	600 Rolfs Avenue	100-249
Ultra Mart Foods, LLC	2380 West Washington Street	100-249
Ultra Mart Foods, LLC	1719 South Main Street	100-249
Village of Germantown		
Techstar MFG Company	W190 N11701 Moldmakers	500-999
• •	Way	500-999
Airgas Safety, Inc	W185 N11300 Whitney Drive	250-499

Name	Location	Number of Employees ^c
Village of Germantown	Location	Employees
(continued)		
David J. Frank Landscape		
Contracting, Inc	N120 W21350 Freistadt Road	250-499
GKN Sinter Metals, Inc	N112 W18700 Mequon Road	250-499
Gehl Guernsey Farms, Inc	N116 W15970 Main Street	100-249
Germantown Public High		
School	W180 N11501 River Lane	100-249
Germantown Public School		
(Kennedy Middle)	W160 N11836 Crusader Court	100-249
J.W. Speaker Corporation	W185 N11315 Whitney Drive	100-249
L.T. Hampel Corporation	W194 N11551 McCormick	
	Drive	100-249
Smurfit-Stone Container		
Enterprises, Inc	11900 North River Lane	100-249
Virginia Highlands Health		
and Rehabilitation Center	N173 N10915 Bernies Way	100-249
Ultra Mart Foods, LLC	N112 W16200 Mequon Road	100-249
Village of Germantown	N112 W17001 Mequon Road	100-249
Village of Jackson		
Sysco Food Services of		
Eastern Wisconsin, LLC	1 Sysco Drive	500-999
Village of Kewaskum	-	
Regal Ware Inc	1675 Reigle Drive	100-249
Town of Addison		
Kreilkamp Trucking Inc	6487 STH 175	250-499
Maysteel, LLC	6199 CTH W	250-499
Town of Barton		
Weasler Engineering, Inc	7801 North USH 45	250-499
Town of Germantown		
Riteway Bus Service, Inc	W201 N13900 Fond Du Lac	
,	Avenue	100-249
Town of Jackson		
Schreiber Foods	807 Pleasant Valley	100-249
Town of Kewaskum		
Summit Ski Corporation	8355 Prospect	250-499
Town of Polk		
St. Joseph's Hospital	3200 Pleasant Valley Road	500-999
Town of Richfield ^d		300 000
Cabela's	3049 STH 145	250-499
W.G. Strohwig Tool/Die,	33.3 3111 143	200 400
Inc	3285 Industrial Road	100-249
Town of West Bend	5255 maasmar Noau	100 243
Benevolent Corp Cedar		
·	5595 CTH Z	500-999
Community	0090 CIT Z	200-999

^aMajor employers include those with 100 or more employees at a single location.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development and SEWRPC.

Overall, households in the Town have experienced economic prosperity over the last two decades; however, a number of households in the Town had annual incomes under the poverty level in 1999. There were 44 households, or about 3 percent of all households, with incomes below the poverty level in the Town in 2000, and

bIncludes Washington County, that portion of the City of Hartford located in Dodge County, and that portion of the Village of Newburg located in Ozaukee County.

^cThe exact number of employees is confidential.

^dThe Town of Richfield incorporated as a Village on February 13, 2008.

Table 68

LARGEST EMPLOYERS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITIES WITHOUT A MAJOR^a EMPLOYER: 2007

Name	Location	Number of Employees ^b
Village of Newburg		
No-No's Restaurant LLC	Food Services and Drinking Places	35 – 99
Dehling – Voigt Inc.	Specialty Trade Contractors	35 – 99
Central United Corporation	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	35 – 99
Village of Slinger ^c		
Slinger School District	207 Polk Street	50 – 99
Slinger School District (Slinger Elementary School)	203 E. Polk Street	50 – 99
Slinger School District (Slinger Middle School)	521 Olympic Drive	50 – 99
Slinger School District (Slinger High School)	209 Polk Street	50 – 99
Hanke Trucking, Inc.	765 Hilldale Road	50 – 99
Jacob L. Hansen Foods, Inc. (Hansen Supermarket)	1100 E. Commerce Boulevard	50 – 99
MBW, Inc	250 Hartford Road	50 – 99
Uptown Motorcars	1101 E. Commerce Boulevard	50 – 99
Town of Erin		
Erin School District	6901 CTH O	50 – 99
Basilica of Holy Hill	1525 Carmel Road	10 – 19
Erin Construction, Inc.	7116 Roosevelt Road	10 – 19
Heiliger Huegel Ski Club	5482 STH 167	10 – 19
Tally Corp	1855 STH 83	10 – 19
Church Road Station	1717 STH 83	5 – 9
Erin Hills Golf Course	7169 CTH O	5 – 9
Motor Masters. Inc.	1470 STH 83	5 – 9
Subway	1699 STH 83	5 – 9
Town of Erin	1846 STH 83 South	5 – 9
Town of Farmington	1010 0111 00 00411	0 0
Country Catering	1848 CTH H	10 – 19
Town of Farmington	9422 STH 144	10 – 19
U.S. Cylinders	7960 Indian Lore Road	5 – 9
Town of Hartford	7 300 maian Este Road	0 0
Hahn True Value Hardware	2945 STH 83	20 – 49
The Hartford Golf Club, Inc.	7072 Lee Road	20 – 49
Timlin's Furniture of Hartford, Inc.	5980 STH 60 E	20 – 49
Town of Trenton	3300 GTT 00 E	20 – 43
	2472 Wallace Lake Road	20 – 49
Walden's Supper Club	4915 C Drive	20 – 49 20 – 49
Unique Services, Inc	6417 Stockhausen Road	20 – 49 10 – 19
Phase II Mold & Die, Inc.		
R & K Excavating, Inc.	4971 Cal Drive	10 – 19
Stocky's Fast Track, LLC	6405 Stockhausen Lane	10 – 19
USW Local 2-00369	363 Speedway Court	10 – 19
Master Electric	1682 Maple Dale Road	5 – 9
Town of Wayne	TOOL OTHERWISE	00 10
Spiros Industries, Inc	7666 CTH WW	20 – 49
Clean "N" Brite, Inc	9575 Lake Bernice Drive	10 – 19
The Learning Garden	5760 Mohawk Road	5 – 9
E S Service, Inc.	CTH W	5 – 9
Special Souvenirs, Inc.	9284 Skyline Drive	5 – 9
Town of Wayne	6030 Mohawk Road	5 – 9

^aMajor employers are those with 100 or more employees.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Washington County, and SEWRPC.

^bEmployers listed in this table have a minimum of five employees.

^cOnly those employers in the Village of Slinger with 50 to 99 employees are listed in this table. The Village also has 17 employers that have between 20 and 49 employees.

Table 69

AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGES BY INDUSTRY GROUP IN WASHINGTON COUNTY AND ITS ADJACENT COUNTIES, SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN, AND THE STATE OF WISCONSIN: 2005

	Avorago		
	Average Annual	Percent of	Percent
County and Industry Group (NAICS)	Wage	Region	of State
Dodge County ^a			
All Industries	\$32,861	90.6	92.4
Natural Resources	\$31,115	97.0	112.1
Construction	\$46,064	99.2	107.4
Manufacturing	\$39,335	78.1	88.5
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	\$25,055	75.1	80.6
Information	^b	b	^b
Financial Activities	\$28,101	51.6	60.7
Professional and Business Services	\$45,800	104.9	113.2
Education and Health	\$31,773	81.7	85.3
Leisure and Hospitality	\$8,277	58.9	66.4
Other Services	\$15,386	69.7	74.7
Public Administration	\$33,719	79.4	90.5
Fond Du Lac County ^a	****		
All Industries	\$32,649	90.0	91.8
Natural Resources	\$25,487	79.4	91.8
Construction	\$44,787	96.5	104.4
Manufacturing	\$46,307	91.9	104.4
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	\$25,819	77.4	83.1
Information	\$25,619	77.4 ^b	63.9
Financial Activities Professional and Business Services	\$35,194	64.6	76.1
	\$28,106	64.4	69.5
Education and Health	\$35,770	92.0	96.1
Leisure and Hospitality	\$9,332	66.4	74.8
Other Services	\$18,103	82.0	87.9
Public Administration	\$34,712	81.8	93.2
Milwaukee County			
All Industries	\$40,979	112.9	115.3
Natural Resources	\$42,726	133.1	153.9
Construction	\$48,256	103.9	112.5
Manufacturing	\$51,581	102.4	116.1
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	\$34,107	102.3	109.7
Information	\$54,923	^b	126.4
Financial Activities	\$58,019	106.5	125.4
Professional and Business Services	\$45,047	103.2	111.3
Education and Health	\$40,270	103.6	108.2
Leisure and Hospitality	\$16,862	120.1	135.2
Other Services	\$21,951	99.5	106.5
Public Administration	\$48,312	113.8	129.7
Ozaukee County			
All Industries	\$37,381	103.0	105.2
Natural Resources	\$31,810	99.1	114.6
Construction	\$43,089	92.8	100.5
Manufacturing	\$48,772	96.8	109.8
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	\$31,101	93.3	100.1
Information	b	b	b
Financial Activities	\$48,836	89.7	105.6
Professional and Business Services	\$40,453	92.7	99.9
Education and Health	\$39,676	102.0	106.6
Leisure and Hospitality	\$11,663	83.0	93.5
Other Services	\$18,748	85.0	91.0
Public Administration	\$31,313	73.8	84.1
Sheboygan County ^a	,		
All Industries	\$35,095	96.7	98.7
Natural Resources	\$21,422	66.8	77.2
Construction	\$39,765	85.6	92.7
Manufacturing	\$43,948	87.2	98.9
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	\$26,597	79.8	85.6
Information	\$32,044	79.6 ^b	73.8
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	Average		
County and Industry Croup (NAICS)	Annual	Percent of	Percent of
County and Industry Group (NAICS)	Wage	Region	State
Sheboygan County (continued) a	* 40 00=		
Financial Activities	\$42,007	77.1	90.8
Professional and Business Services	\$29,748	68.2	73.5
Education and Health	\$36,927	95.0	99.2
Leisure and Hospitality	\$10,781	76.8	86.5
Other Services	\$14,067	63.8	68.3
Public Administration	\$37,410	88.1	100.4
Washington County			
All Industries	\$33,398	92.0	94.0
Natural Resources	\$29,164	90.9	105.0
Construction	\$38,478	82.9	89.7
Manufacturing	\$42,355	84.1	95.3
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	\$30,751	92.2	98.9
Information	\$23,865	b	54.9
Financial Activities	\$43,800	80.4	94.7
	· ·		_
Professional and Business Services	\$35,557	81.5	87.9
Education and Health	\$35,153	90.4	94.4
Leisure and Hospitality	\$9,587	68.3	76.9
Other Services	\$18,526	84.0	89.9
Public Administration	\$33,150	78.1	89.0
Waukesha County			
All Industries	\$40,708	112.2	114.5
Natural Resources	\$37,674	117.4	135.7
Construction	\$49,152	105.9	114.6
Manufacturing	\$49,634	98.5	111.7
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	\$36,010	108.0	115.8
Information	b	b	b
Financial Activities	\$54,843	100.7	118.5
Professional and Business Services	\$47,783	109.5	118.1
Education and Health	· ·		
	\$37,807	97.2	101.6
Leisure and Hospitality	\$12,046	85.8	96.6
Other Services	\$24,860	112.7	120.7
Public Administration	\$35,978	84.8	96.6
Southeastern Wisconsin Region			
All Industries	\$36,286	100.0	102.1
Natural Resources	\$32,089	100.0	115.6
Construction	\$46,434	100.0	108.3
Manufacturing	\$50,372	100.0	113.4
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	\$33,347	100.0	107.3
Information	b	b	b
Financial Activities	\$54.454	100.0	117.7
Professional and Business Services	\$43,646	100.0	107.9
Education and Health	\$38,881	100.0	107.9
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Leisure and Hospitality	\$14,044	100.0	112.6
Other Services	\$22,065	100.0	107.1
Public Administration	\$42,446	100.0	114.0
State of Wisconsin			
All Industries	\$35,547	98.0	100.0
Natural Resources	\$27,765	86.5	100.0
Construction	\$42,891	92.4	100.0
Manufacturing	\$44,430	88.2	100.0
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	\$31,088	93.2	100.0
Information	\$43,439	b	100.0
Financial Activities	\$46,267	85.0	100.0
Professional and Business Services	\$40,462	92.7	100.0
Education and Health	\$37,228	95.7	100.0
Leisure and Hospitality	\$12,468	88.8	100.0
' '	· ·		
Other Services	\$20,604	93.4	100.0
Public Administration	\$37,244	87.7	100.0

Source: Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development and SEWRPC.

^aCounty is not part of the Southeastern Wisconsin Region.

^bData not available.

Table 70

MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITIES: 1979 - 1999

Community			1	1	1
City of Hartford Reported Dollars	Community	4070	4000	4000	Change 1979 -
Reported Dollars	·	1979	1909	1999	1999
Constant 1999 Dollars 41,586 38,068 46,553 11.9 City of West Bend 19,732 34,337 48,315 144.9 Reported Dollars 45,623 46,531 48,315 5.9 Village of Germantown 25,313 42,083 60,742 140.0 Constant 1999 Dollars 58,527 57,028 60,742 3.8 Village of Jackson 18,986 30,858 53,990 184.4 Constant 1999 Dollars 43,898 41,817 53,990 23.0 Village of Kewaskum 20,948 33,306 49,861 138.0 Constant 1999 Dollars 48,435 45,134 49,861 2.9 Village of Newburg 20,948 33,500 57,024 188.0 Constant 1999 Dollars 45,787 45,397 57,024 24.5 Village of Newburg 19,803 33,500 57,024 188.0 Constant 1999 Dollars 45,787 45,397 57,024 24.5 Village of Slinger 18,670 30,9	, ,	47.000		40.550	450.0
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Town of Germantown Reported Dollars	· ·		· ·	-	18.1
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		25.314	43.486	75.000	196.3
	Constant 1999 Dollars	58,530	58,929	75,000	28.1

Community	1979	1989	1999	Percent Change 1979 - 1999
Town of Hartford	1979	1909	1999	1999
Reported Dollars	23,491	42,437	69,896	197.5
Constant 1999 Dollars	,	· ·	,	28.7
Town of Jackson	54,315	57,508	69,896	20.7
	00.005	40.504	04.070	420.0
Reported Dollars	26,925	48,504	64,070	138.0
Constant 1999 Dollars	62,255	65,729	64,070	2.9
Town of Kewaskum	40.700	00.774	50 500	004.5
Reported Dollars	19,732	36,771	59,500	201.5
Constant 1999 Dollars	45,623	49,830	59,500	30.4
Town of Polk		40.4		450 -
Reported Dollars	24,844	42,425	62,933	153.3
Constant 1999 Dollars	57,443	57,491	62,933	9.6
Town of Richfield				
Reported Dollars	27,099	51,143	72,809	168.7
Constant 1999 Dollars	62,657	69,306	72,809	16.2
Town of Trenton				
Reported Dollars	23,671	41,448	66,213	179.7
Constant 1999 Dollars	54,731	56,168	66,213	21.0
Town of Wayne				
Reported Dollars	22,029	36,136	61,033	177.1
Constant 1999 Dollars	50,934	48,969	61,033	19.8
Town of West Bend				
Reported Dollars	22,617	35,000	73,333	224.2
Constant 1999 Dollars	52,294	47,430	73,333	40.2
Washington County				
Reported Dollars	21,989	38,431	57,033	159.4
Constant 1999 Dollars	50,842	52,079	57,033	12.2
Southeastern Wisconsin Region				
Reported Dollars	20,096	32,146	46,308	130.6
Constant 1999 Dollars	46,465	43,562	46,308	-0.3
Wisconsin				
Reported Dollars	17,680	29,442	43,791	147.7
Constant 1999 Dollars	40,879	39,898	43,791	7.1
United States				
Reported Dollars	16,841	30,056	41,994	149.4
Constant 1999 Dollars	38,939	40,730	41,994	7.8

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census and SEWRPC.

34 households were family households and 10 were nonfamily households. Poverty thresholds are determined on a National basis and do not change by geographic region. Poverty thresholds ranged between \$8,501 for a one person household and \$34,417 for a nine person household in 1999.

⁹The poverty thresholds above are weighted averages. Thresholds vary depending on the number of related children under 18 years of age present in the household and the age of the householder.

Commercial and Industrial Areas

The Town of Erin and Washington County have a strong economic base, as indicated by labor force and household income characteristics. In addition to positive labor force characteristics, the Town and County must ensure that an adequate number of sites for business creation, retention, expansion, and attraction are identified to maintain the strong economic base. The Town land use plan map (Map 13 in Chapter VI) designates 150 acres for commercial development (Roadside Business) in 2035, which is an increase of 129 acres from the 21 acres developed for such uses in 2006. There were also about 15 acres in industrial uses in 2006 outside the areas designated on the plan map as Roadside Business, which may continue as nonconforming uses.

Business/Industrial Parks

Existing business parks located in the County are listed in Table 71. Business parks are defined as having each of the following characteristics:

- A planned and publicly-owned internal street system
- Sanitary sewer service and public water service or availability
- Single ownership at the time the park was subdivided
- Land that is available and on the market
- A minimum of 10 acres for brownfield sites and 40 acres for greenfield sites
- Land that was platted or divided by certified survey map, except for brownfield sites

In 2006, there were no business parks located in the Town of Erin. There were 27 business parks located in the County. Total acreage encompassed by business parks in the County was 3,520 acres. About 75 percent of the land, or 2,630 acres, has been developed or is committed to development. About 25 percent of the land, or 890 acres, is currently available for development. Business parks are located in the Cities of Hartford and West Bend; Villages of Germantown, Jackson, Kewaskum, and Slinger; and Towns of Addison, Polk, and Richfield. Existing business parks are generally located adjacent to a highway or arterial street. Uses located in business parks are traditionally manufacturing, warehousing, or office uses; however, commercial retail and service uses may also be appropriate for business parks. The most compatible commercial retail and service uses for business parks are those that provide goods and services catering to the needs of employees who work in the business parks, such as child care centers, restaurants, and banks or credit unions. Health care clinics are also increasingly being located in business parks.

Environmentally Contaminated Sites

Section 66.1001 of the *Wisconsin Statutes* requires the economic development element of a comprehensive plan to promote environmentally contaminated sites for commercial and industrial use. Environmentally contaminated sites in the Town of Erin are listed in Table 28 in Chapter VI. All three of the sites in the Town are currently developed with urban uses, and no redevelopment is planned or recommended.

PART 2: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS

General Economic Development Organizations and Programs

A number of economic development organizations and programs have been established to assist in the establishment, retention, and expansion of area businesses in the Town of Erin and the County, including the following:

Economic Development/Washington County

Economic Development/Washington County (EDWC) seeks to improve and enhance the economic vitality of the County by serving as the central voice on economic development issues, retaining and expanding the current

¹⁰The Town of Richfield incorportated as a Village on February 13, 2008.

Table 71

BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL PARKS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY: 2006^a

Park Name	Location ^b	Total Site Area (Acres)	Area Developed/ Committed for Business/Industrial Uses (Acres)	Remaining Available Developable Area (Acres)
City of Hartford	2004.1011	(7.10.00)	0000 (7.0.00)	(7.10.100)
Dodge Industrial Park	T10N, R17E Section 12-4 and Section 13-1 and 4; T10N, R18E Section 7-3 and Section 18-2 and 3	540.0	507.0	33.0
Hartford Industrial Park	T10N, R18E Section 17-2 and 3 and Section 20-1 and 2	106.0	106.0	
Western Industrial Park	T10N, R18E Section 17-3 and Section 18-1 and 4	66.0	66.0	
City of West Bend				
River Road Industrial Park	T11N, R19E Section 36-4	57.0	35.5	21.5
West Bend Corporate Center	T11N, R19E Section 26-2 and 3	234.0	113.0	121.0
West Bend Industrial Park – East	T11N, R20E Section 7-3	67.0	67.0	
West Bend Industrial Park - South	T11N, R19E Section 25-1, 2, 3, and 4	204.0	195.5	8.5
Wingate Creek Business Center	T11N, R20E Section 27-3 and 4	70.0	36.0	34.0
Village of Germantown				
Germantown Business Park (Donges Bay Industrial Park)	T9N, R20E Section 32-3	350.0	233.0	117.0
Germantown Industrial Park (Maple Road Industrial Park)	T9N, R20E Section 20-1 and 4 and Section 21-2 and 3	474.0	474.0	
Stonewood Business Park	T9N, R20E Section 28-1	18.0	18.0	
Village of Jackson				
Cedar Creek Business Park	T10N, R19E Section 13-4 and Section 14-1	110.0	110.0	
Jackson Northwest Business Park	T10N, R20E Section 18-1, 2, 3, and 4	290.0	210.0	80.0
Village of Kewaskum	, , ,			
Trading Post Center Business Park	T12N, R19E Section 15-3	57.0	17.0	40.0
Village of Slinger	,			
Industrial Site #1	T10N. R19E Section 16-3	23.0		23.0
Industrial Site #2	T10N, R19E Section 16-4	49.0		49.0
Industrial Site #3	T10N, R19E Section 6-3	13.0		13.0
Industrial Sites #4 and #7	T10N, R19E Section 17-4 and Section 20-1	100.0	97.5	2.5
Industrial Sites #5 and #10	T10N, R19E Section 7-4 and Section 8-3	19.0		19.0
Industrial Site #6	T10N. R19E Section 21-1	27.0		27.0
Industrial Site #8	T10N, R19E Section 18-2	16.0		16.0
Industrial Site #9	T10N, R19E Section 7-3 and Section 18-2	34.0	34.0	
Town of Addison	,			
St. Lawrence Industrial Park	T11N, R18E Section 34-4	230.0	110.0°	120.0
Town of Polk	,			
Helsan Business Park	T10N, R19E Section 36-4	39.0	36.5	2.5
Town of Richfield	- ,	30.0	30.0	
Beechwood Industrial Park	T9N, R19E Section 24-1	44.0	44.0	
Endeavor Industrial Park	T9N, R19E Section 1-2	133.0	20.0	113.0
Strohwig Industrial Park	T9N, R19E Section 12-2 and 3	150.0	100.0	50.0
Total – 27 Sites		3.520.0	2.630.0	890.0

^aBusiness/Industrial Parks in Washington County were identified based on the following characteristics: the presence of a planned publicly-owned internal street system, single ownership at the time the park was created, having buildable sites, and created by plat or by certified survey map.

Source: Washington County, Local Governments, and SEWRPC.

manufacturing and commerce sectors, attracting and creating new family-supporting jobs, and supporting quality of life issues. The EDWC recently drafted a 2006-2007 economic development strategic plan for Washington County. This plan sets goals for the County in the areas of business retention, business attraction, workforce quality and availability, and the internal structure of the EDWC. The plan addresses each goal and assigns the goal's priority, timeline, and the entity responsible for that goal.

^bThe location represents the U.S. Public Land Survey Township, Range, and Section in which the site is located. The last number indicates the quarter section location. A "1" indicates the northeast quarter, a "2" indicates the northwest quarter, a "3" indicates the southwest quarter, and a "4" indicates the southeast quarter.

^cIncludes an existing quarry.

Washington County Revolving Loan Fund

The Wisconsin Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, administered by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce, provides local government with funds to use for economic development, more specifically, for business start-ups and expansion. These funds, received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, are used to provide grants to local units of government that use the funds to loan to a business. The business, in return for use of the public funds, provides private investment towards the assisted activity and most importantly creates job opportunities, principally for the benefit of low and moderate income persons.

When a business repays the community the loan (principal and interest payments), the funds are used to capitalize a local revolving loan fund (RLF). With the RLF, the community can make additional loans to businesses wishing to expand or locate in the community. These loans typically are smaller loans (\$20,000-\$100,000). When successfully administered, the community's revolving loan fund can expand the amount in its RLF to an amount in excess of the original amount it was able to retain. This happens when the community exercises due diligence by performing a thorough credit analysis to determine business viability and adequately securing and servicing the loan. In administering a RLF, a community becomes a "bank" and accepts responsibilities similar to that of a commercial lender when it makes a CDBG or RLF loan to a business.

Washington County has established a RLF program. Eligible applicants include manufacturing and related distribution businesses and service businesses that wish to establish a new operation or expand an existing operation in the County. The loan may be used for the acquisition of land, buildings, and/or fixed equipment; site preparation; the construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of buildings, including leasehold improvements; the installation of fixed equipment; clearance, demolition, and/or removal of structures; working capital; and buyouts by purchase of assets or stock. There were four businesses participating in the RLF program in 2006.

To be eligible for funding, a proposed project must meet all of the following minimum requirements:

- Private Funds Leveraged One dollar of private sector investment must be provided for each dollar of RLF investment. Private sector investment is defined as financing from a private lending institution, public sector business loan programs other than the CDBG program, or new equity that is injected into the business as a part of the expansion project.
- Cost Per Job A minimum of one full-time equivalent (FTE) job must be created or retained for each \$20,000 of RLF funds requested.
- Financial Feasibility and Business Viability The applicant must demonstrate that the proposed project is viable and that the business has the economic ability to repay the funds.
- Low-and Moderate-Income (LMI) Benefit At least 51 percent of the jobs created or retained must be made available to persons who reside in low-and moderate-income households.
- Project Completion All projects must be completed, all funds expended, and all jobs created and/or retained within 24 months from the date of the RLF loan approval. All jobs must be maintained for a minimum of 12 months.

Washington County has also established a RLF Retail program. Eligible applicants include any retail business that wishes to establish a new operation or expand an existing operation in the County. The loan may be used for the acquisition of land, buildings, and/or fixed equipment; site preparation; the construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of buildings, including leasehold improvements; the installation of fixed equipment; clearance, demolition, and/or removal of structures; working capital; and buyouts by purchase of assets or stock. There were two businesses participating in the RLF Retail program in 2006.

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Technology Zones

Wisconsin's Technology Zone program, administered by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce, offers tax credit incentives to new and growing businesses in the State's high-technology sectors. High-technology businesses planning to expand existing operations in a designated Technology Zone area, individuals planning to start a new business in a Technology Zone area or businesses considering relocation to a Technology Zone area from outside Wisconsin may be eligible for Technology Zone tax credits. Washington County is part of the Metropolitan Milwaukee Technology Zone. Beneficiaries of the Technology Zone program include the Signicast Corporation in the City of Hartford.

The Milwaukee 7

The Milwaukee 7 is a council of representatives from the seven Southeastern Wisconsin counties – Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha. The council, made up of about 35 civic and business leaders, was formed with the idea that a regional approach is significant to fostering economic growth. Milwaukee 7 is engaged in efforts focusing on regional strategic planning for economic development. Among the council's goals are to compile comprehensive information about the Region, creating a way for businesses to tap easily into data that can help them plan expansion or location decisions, identifying "clusters" of industries well suited to the area, and creating jobs to retain more Wisconsin college graduates.

In April 2007, the Milwaukee 7 released its Strategic Framework, which sets forth a vision for the Region and a plan to achieve that vision. The Strategic Framework identifies the Region's assets that pose a unique opportunity for the Region's long-term prosperity; identifies "Regional Export Drivers," which are industries that drive the export of goods and services beyond our regional borders; maps opportunity zones; and outlines a strategic agenda for each of the Regional Export Drivers. The Milwaukee 7 resource center and Strategic Framework are found on the Milwaukee 7 website (www.choosemilwaukee.com).

Washington-Ozaukee-Waukesha (WOW) Workforce Development Board

The WOW Workforce Development Board was established in response to the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA). The WOW Workforce Development Board is a private, non-profit corporation dedicated to providing workforce development services to residents and businesses of Washington, Ozaukee, and Waukesha Counties. The WOW Workforce Development Board works in collaboration with County and local elected officials, economic development corporations, and businesses to address workforce issues. The WOW Workforce Development Board is dedicated to finding solutions to local workforce needs through long-term planning and timely responses to the changing economy.

The WOW Workforce Development Board has several programs available. The following is a summary of each of these programs:

H-1B Advanced Manufacturing Training Program

The H-1B Advanced Manufacturing Training Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Labor and is intended to reduce the dependence of American companies on skilled workers from other counties. The program's objective is to train 200 apprentices and 500 other workers in advanced manufacturing skills to address the industry need for highly-skilled workers. The program will provide a maximum of \$500 per month per apprentice.

On-The-Job Training Program

The On-The-Job Training Program provides funding to employers to help offset the cost of training new employees. Businesses can receive a wage reimbursement of up to 50 percent of the new employee's wages during the training period. The length of the training period depends on the amount and complexity of the training needed to bring the worker to the desired skill level. To be eligible the job should meet or exceed minimum wage requirements; the job trained for must have transferable skills and not be seasonal or temporary; and contracts must be completed and approved prior to the new hire's first day of work.

Workforce Advancement and Attachment Training Program

The Workforce Advancement and Attachment Training Program awards grants to employers to provide training to existing entry-level workers so that they may move up another employment level and receive a salary increase. To be eligible for the grant the employer must employ workers who meet income guidelines; have specific training in mind for employee(s); provide training to advance skills outside the current job; and complete training within one year. The training must result in an increase in pay or a promotion within six months of training, or be necessary for job retention.

Dislocated Worker Program

The objective of the Dislocated Worker Program is to assist laid-off workers in obtaining full-time employment in a job compatible with the worker's capabilities and interests at a competitive wage. The WOW Dislocated Worker program is a "Work First" program, with emphasis on opportunities for employment. Participation in the dislocated worker program requires that the worker be committed to intensive efforts toward obtaining full-time employment. Program staff develops an Individual Employment Plan (IEP) with each participant that identifies the full-time employment objectives and what steps will be taken to achieve the objectives. The IEP specifies the occupational goals of the enrollee, based on assessment, testing, and individualized counseling.

If, after an initial period of intensive work search the participant is unsuccessful in obtaining employment, additional training may be considered, subject to availability of funds. Those who are deemed eligible to receive additional training are given an Individual Training Account (ITA), and information on providers, which includes the cost of training and the success rate of the training provider.

Work Keys Program

Work Keys is an employability skills assessment tool designed to ensure that an employer has the right people staffing key positions. The tool evaluates the key skills and levels of competency required for specific jobs in an organization. Then, skill assessments are administered to job applicants and/or employees to pinpoint their current skill levels. Once complete, it compares the skill levels demonstrated by each test taker to the minimum skill levels required for the profiled jobs, which enables employers to immediately evaluate an applicant's qualifications and/or determine the training needs of current employees. This process provides job analysis, assessment, instructional support, reporting, and training identification services to employers.

Tax Increment Financing

Wisconsin's Tax Increment Finance (TIF) program was approved by the Legislature in 1975. Its purpose is to provide a way for a city or village to promote tax base expansion. TIF is aimed at eliminating blight, rehabilitating declining property values, and promoting industry and mixed-use development. The TIF law was amended in 2004 to allow towns to participate in the TIF program. Towns may identify TIF projects involving

agricultural, forestry, manufacturing, and tourism industries (recreational and vacation camps, recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds, racetracks, dairy product stores, and public golf courses) as defined in Section 60.85 of the *Statutes*.

When a TIF is created the aggregate equalized value of taxable and certain municipality-owned property is established by the Department of Revenue. This is called the Tax Incremental Base. The municipality then installs public improvements, and property taxes generally increase. Taxes paid on the increased value are used to pay for improvements funded by the community. This is the tax increment. It is based on the increased values in the Tax Increment District (TID) and levies of all the taxing jurisdictions that share the tax base. Other taxing jurisdictions do not benefit from taxes collected on value increases until project costs have been recovered and the TID is retired. At this point, the added value is included in the apportionment process and all taxing jurisdictions share the increase in property value. Washington County had 19 TIF districts in 2006, all of which were located in cities and villages.

Brownfield Remediation Grants

The comprehensive planning law places an emphasis on the remediation and reuse of environmentally contaminated, or brownfield, sites. Brownfields are defined as abandoned, idle, or underused industrial or commercial properties where redevelopment is hindered by known or suspected environmental contamination. The following grant programs are available to assist in the identification and clean up (remediation) of brownfield sites:

Brownfield Site Assessment Grants (SAG)

Brownfield Site Assessment Grants (SAG) assist local governments in taking preliminary steps to stimulate redevelopment of brownfield areas. Those eligible for the grant include cities, villages, towns, redevelopment authorities, community development authorities, and housing authorities. The applicant may not have caused the environmental contamination, and the person who caused the contamination must be unknown, unable to be located, or financially unable to pay for grant eligibility. The grant may fund Phase I and II environmental site assessments, environmental investigation, demolition, removal of underground storage tanks, and removal of abandoned containers. The State budget typically includes \$1.7 million per year for SAG funding. The grants are administered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Blight Elimination and Brownfield Redevelopment (BEBR) Grants

Blight Elimination and Brownfield Redevelopment (BEBR) grants are administered by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce and provide funding for blight elimination and brownfield projects that promote economic development and have a positive effect on the environment at abandoned, idle, or underused industrial and commercial sites. Those eligible include cities, villages, towns, non-profit organizations, individuals, and businesses. The grant may fund property acquisition, Phase I and II environmental site assessments, environmental investigation, removal of abandoned containers and some underground storage tanks, environmental cleanup, demolition, rehabilitation of buildings, and redevelopment. This program is funded by a combination of State and Federal funds and typically receives about \$7.5 million in funding per year.

Brownfield Green Space and Public Facilities Grants

Brownfield Green Space and Public Facilities Grants assist local governments in cleaning up brownfields that are intended for future public use. This includes developing green spaces and developing public facilities. Those eligible include cities, villages, towns, counties, redevelopment authorities, community development authorities, and housing authorities that have completed an environmental investigation and are ready to clean up the contaminated property. The maximum grant awarded is \$200,000. The program is administered by the DNR.

Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award (PECFA)

The PECFA program was created by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce in response to enactment of Federal regulations requiring release prevention from underground storage tanks and cleanup of existing

contamination from those tanks. PECFA is a reimbursement program returning a portion of incurred remedial cleanup costs to owners of eligible petroleum product systems, including home heating oil systems. Program funding is generated from a portion of a \$0.02/gallon petroleum inspection fee.

Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) Grants

The Brownfield Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) provides eligible communities with grants to clean up and redevelop brownfields. Local governments that are Federal entitlement communities (which includes the City of Hartford) may apply for BEDI grants.

Activities funded by BEDI grants must meet one of the following National objectives:

- Benefit low-to-moderate income people
- Prevent or eliminate slum or blight
- Address imminent threats or urgent needs

The grant funds may be used for planning; property acquisition; Phase I and II environmental site assessments; environmental investigation; removal of underground storage tanks and abandoned containers; environmental cleanup; demolition; rehabilitation of buildings; redevelopment and marketing; and public facility and infrastructure improvements. The maximum grant awarded is \$2 million.

Federal Brownfields Assessment Grants

The Federal Brownfield Assessment Grants are administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and are for assessment of brownfield sites. Those eligible include local governments, regional planning commissions, redevelopment authorities, and some other governmental organizations. The grants are available to fund planning; Phase I and II environmental site assessment; environmental investigation; removal of some petroleum tanks; and remediation, planning, and design. The maximum grant award is \$200,000. An applicant may request a total of \$400,000 per year.

Federal Brownfields Site Cleanup Grants

The Federal Brownfield Site Cleanup Grants are administered by the U.S. EPA for the clean up of a brownfield site. Those eligible include local governments, regional planning commissions, non-profits, redevelopment authorities, and some other governmental organizations. The grants may fund environmental cleanup, demolition, and removal of some abandoned containers and underground petroleum tanks. The maximum grant award is \$200,000 with a 20 percent cost share required in the form of money or in kind services.

PART 3: ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS AND DESIRABLE BUSINESSES

Employment Projections

Future employment levels in the County are expected to be strongly influenced by the strength of the regional economy relative to the rest of the State and Nation. The Regional Planning Commission's economic study, *The Economy of Southeastern Wisconsin*¹¹, which was prepared as part of the regional land use planning program, concluded that the regional economy is unlikely to significantly increase or decrease in strength relative to the State or Nation over the projection period of 2000 to 2035.

Projections of total employment for Washington County were prepared within the framework of the regional employment projection largely on the basis of trend analysis. The number of jobs by industry group in 2000 and the projected number of jobs in 2035 are shown on Table 72. The total number of jobs in the County is projected to increase by 17,170 jobs, or by about 28 percent. Most of the job growth in the County is expected to occur in the "General" category, which includes service jobs and jobs in finance, insurance, and real estate. Retail and

¹¹Documented in SEWRPC Technical Report No. 10 (4th Edition), The Economy of Southeastern Wisconsin, July 2004.

Table 72

EMPLOYMENT PROJECTIONS FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY UNDER THE REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN: 2000-2035

Industry Group	Existing Number of Jobs 2000	Projected Number of Jobs 2035	2000-2035 Number Change in Employment	2000 Percent of Total Employment	2035 Percent of Total Employment
Industrial ^a	23,999	24,062	63	38.9	30.5
Retail	10,152	12,674	2,522	16.5	16.1
General ^b	16,890	31,758	14,868	27.4	40.3
Transportation, Communications, and Utilities	2,313	2,186	-127	3.7	2.8
Government	6,018	6,018	0	9.8	7.6
Other ^c	2,319	2,163	-156	3.7	2.7
Total	61,691	78,861	17,170	100.0	100.0

^aIndustrial includes construction, manufacturing, and wholesale trade categories.

industrial jobs are expected to increase, while the number of transportation and utility jobs, government jobs, and agricultural and natural-resource related jobs are expected to remain the same or to decrease. A continuation of recent employment trends would result in a total of 1,008 jobs in the Town in 2035.

Desired Businesses

Section 66.1001 of the *Wisconsin Statutes* requires that an assessment of categories or particular types of new businesses and industries desired by the Town of Erin be identified in the economic development element of the comprehensive plan. This section includes a list of businesses and industries the Town would like to create, attract, retain, or expand.

Desired businesses and industries for the Town include:

- Information systems, including software development and data processing
 - -5182, Data Processing, Hosting, and Related Services
 - -5112, Software Publishers
 - -5415, Computer Systems Design and Related Services
- Entrepreneurial companies and independent businesses led by visionaries that will attract venture capital to the County
 - -No specific codes, would apply to virtually all
- Financial and insurance services, including financial planning, banking, online support facilities, and processing facilities
 - -52, Finance and Insurance
- Business incubators for small businesses that may grow into larger businesses and expand
 - -No specific codes, would apply to virtually all
- Small businesses and home-based businesses
 - -No specific codes, would apply to virtually all
- Niche agriculture, including organic farming; food production for local restaurants, micro-breweries, and other niches; and crop production for the bio-fuel industry
 - -No specific codes provided for these businesses

^bIncludes finance, insurance, and real estate (FIRE), and service categories.

^cIncludes agricultural, agricultural services, forestry, mining, and unclassified jobs.

- Continuation of dairy farming and other existing types of agriculture
 - -11212, Dairy Cattle and Milk Production
- Professional/engineering/technical offices
 - -54, Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services
- Small scale food processing
 - -311, Food Manufacturing
- Conservation industries
 - -No specific codes provided; see codes under "Advanced technology, manufacturing, and niche manufacturing" above.

Town of Erin Economic Development Strengths and Weaknesses

Section 66.1001 of the *Wisconsin Statutes* also requires that an assessment of Town of Erin strengths and weaknesses with respect to attracting and retaining businesses and industries be completed as part of the economic development element. This section includes a list of perceived strengths and weaknesses, which were identified by the Town Plan Commission:

- Strong regional cooperation and promotion through the Milwaukee 7 economic development initiative
- Proximity to Moraine Park Technical College, UWWC, and Milwaukee area universities and colleges, including Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC)
- High quality of life, including good healthcare; recreational and open space amenities; rural character; high quality public services; low crime rate; cultural opportunities; and location in the Milwaukee Metropolitan Area
- Proximity and accessibility to highway system; STH 60, STH 83, STH 167, USH 41, and USH 45, and good access to Milwaukee and Waukesha
- Educated and skilled workforce
- Recreation areas Holy Hill, ski hill, Ice Age Trail, and Erin Hills Golf Course
- Good school system and youth programs
- Presence of farms
- Police, fire, and emergency services
- Fair Park (meeting, convention, and exhibition facilities that operate year-round to showcase area businesses)
- Access to transportation and/or shipping through rail, local airports, Mitchell International Airport, and the Port of Milwaukee

The Town of Erin's perceived weaknesses regarding attracting and retaining desirable businesses and industries include:

- Lack of affordable workforce housing
- Too many educated young people leaving the Town and County
- Aging of the workforce population
- Prejudice towards technical education and employment in "trade jobs"
- Lack of workers with skills suited to trade jobs and manufacturing jobs
- High land costs

- Lack of availability of business services
- Disconnect between the education system and the business sector students are not necessarily learning the skills employers covet
- Lack of public transportation options
- Town residents may be reluctant to change and fearful of new business ideas
- "NIMBY" (Not In My Back Yard) attitude
- Lack of existing manufacturing buildings with ample electric power to run manufacturing equipment
- Lack of technical and trade programs in local high schools

PART 4: GOALS, OBJECTIVES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS

This section sets forth economic development goals and objectives through the plan design year of 2035. Policies, which are steps or actions recommended to be taken to achieve land use goals and objectives; and programs, which are projects or services intended to achieve economic development policies, are also identified.

Goal: Preserve both the rural character and economic base of the Town.

- **Objective:** Allow and attract businesses that support the primary economic activities in the Town; agriculture, tourism, recreation, and residents' needs.
 - **Policy:** Affirm and encourage traditional and alternative forms of agriculture.
 - Policy: Encourage business development that matches the educational attainment and skills of Town residents.
 - Policy: Allow home businesses that do not significantly affect the home site or surrounding uses or natural resources.
 - **Policy:** Support economic development organizations that act to retain and create employment opportunities for residents of the Town.
 - Policy: Aggressively promote the positive attributes of the Town to desirable businesses that may consider locating or expanding in the Town.
 - Program: Identify suitable areas for commercial development on the Town land use plan map (see Map 13 in Chapter VI).
 - **Program**: Direct new commercial development to lands that are currently zoned for such uses.

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Chapter XI

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION ELEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The intergovernmental cooperation element is one of the nine elements of a comprehensive plan required by Section 66.1001 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*. Section 66.1001 (2) (g) of the *Statutes* requires this element to compile goals, objectives, policies, programs, and maps for joint planning and decision making between the Town and other jurisdictions, including school districts and local governments, for the siting and building of public facilities and for sharing public services. The *Statute* also requires this element to:

- Analyze the relationship of the Town to school districts, adjacent local governments, Washington County, the Region, the State, and to other governmental units (such as sanitary districts and library boards)
- Incorporate any plans or agreements to which the Town is a party under Sections 66.0301, 66.0307, or 66.0309 of the *Statutes*
- Identify existing or potential conflicts between the Town, other local governments, the County, or the regional planning commission, and to describe the processes to resolve such conflicts.

Some of the benefits of Intergovernmental Cooperation include:

Cost Savings

Cooperation can save money by increasing efficiency and avoiding unnecessary duplication. Cooperation can enable some communities to provide their residents with services that would otherwise be too costly. Examples include shared library services, police and fire protection, and recycling of household hazardous waste.

Address Regional Issues

By communicating and coordinating their actions, and working with County, regional, and State agencies, local communities are able to address and resolve issues which are regional in nature. Examples include the construction and maintenance of highways and planning and construction of facilities for stormwater management.

• Early Identification of Issues

Cooperation enables jurisdictions to identify and resolve potential conflicts at an early stage, before affected interests have established rigid positions, before the political stakes have been raised, and before issues have become conflicts or crises.

• Reduced Litigation

Communities that cooperate may be able to resolve issues before they become mired in litigation. Reducing the possibility of costly litigation can save a community money, as well as the disappointment and frustration of unwanted outcomes.

Understanding

As jurisdictions communicate and collaborate on issues of mutual interest, they become more aware of one another's needs and priorities. They can better anticipate problems and work to avoid them.

Trust

Cooperation can lead to positive experiences and results that build trust and good working relationships between jurisdictions.

• History of Success

When jurisdictions cooperate successfully in one area, the success creates positive feelings and an expectation that other intergovernmental issues can be resolved as well.

PART 1: ANALYSIS OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS

Washington County

Washington County provides a number of services to the Town and Town residents. This section briefly highlights a few of the County departments that provide services to local governments:

Planning and Parks Department

The Planning and Parks Department provides a number of services, including coordination of the multijurisdictional comprehensive planning process, administration of the dispute resolution process described in Part 3 of this chapter, GIS mapping services, maintenance of GIS mapping data on the County website, and administration of a bridge inspection program for the County and all local governments. The County also administers and enforces nonmetallic mining and stormwater management and erosion control ordinances for towns on request (including the Town of Erin), regulations for private onsite waste treatment systems (POWTS) throughout the County; and shoreland and floodplain and land division regulations within all towns in the County. The department is also responsible for the acquisition, development, and management of County parks and trails.

Highway Department

The Washington County Highway Department constructs and maintains the County Trunk Highway system and helps maintain and plow highways under State jurisdiction, which includes State Trunk Highways and U. S. Numbered Highways (such as U. S. Highway 45). The Department also works with SEWRPC to plan and program construction and improvement projects on the County highway system, and oversees engineering and construction of improvement projects. The Department also cooperates with SEWRPC, WisDOT, the Federal Highway Administration, and local governments in the County to prepare, implement, and periodically update the County jurisdictional highway plan.

Sheriff's Department

The Washington County Sherriff's Department provides police protection for all towns in the County and to the Village of Richfield. The County Sheriff also provides service to the Village of Newburg during specified periods when there are no Village officers on duty.

School Districts

The entire Town is located within the Hartford Union High School District. The Erin School District, Richfield Joint 1 School District, and Friess Lake School District also encompass portions of the Town. All of the public and private schools and public high school districts in Washington County, including the Town of Erin, are shown on Map 26 and listed in Table 61 in Chapter IX. Chapter IX also describes facilities planning by school districts to determine and provide for future needs.

School districts should work with the Town when proposing to construct new facilities or additions to existing facilities, or when proposing to abandon a school district facility. Schools and other district facilities are subject to local zoning regulations. Washington County can assist school districts and UW-Washington County, if requested, by providing information on projected population levels to assist in facilities planning, and by offering comments on proposed school locations. These services are also provided by SEWRPC if requested by a school district. Washington County regulations that affect the location of schools include the shoreland and floodplain zoning ordinance and sanitary regulations. County highways may also affect access to schools.

Libraries

Washington County is served by five public libraries, which are part of the Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System. The Town of Erin does not have a public library. Hartford Public Library in the City of Hartford is the closest library. Washington County contracts with each library to provide library services to County residents living in communities without a municipal library, such as the Town of Erin.

Adjacent Local Governments

The Town has a 20-year boundary agreement with the City of Hartford, Village of Richfield, and Town of Hartford, which is described in Part 2. The Town also has an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Hartford for the purpose of orderly planned development and land preservation, and in addition, the Town has an agreement with the City of Hartford for fire protection services for a portion of the Town (see Map 24 in Chapter IX).

Additional Town agreements include a joint recycling drop-off site with the Town of Hartford and agreements with the Village of Richfield, the Town of Hartford, Town of Merton, and Town of Ashippun for maintenance of roads on the Town line.

Regional Organizations SEWRPC

Washington County and local governments in the County are served by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC). Washington County contracted with SEWRPC to assist the County and 11 participating local governments to help prepare the County and local comprehensive plans. SEWRPC helped the Town prepare this comprehensive plan as part of that multi-jurisdictional planning process.

SEWRPC also prepares a regional land use plan, which includes population, employment, and household projections to assist in local and county planning efforts, and is the Federally-designated transportation planning and programming agency for the seven-county region.² The regional land use plan for 2035, as it pertains to Washington County, is shown on Map 28. SEWRPC is also the regional water quality management agency for the region, and is involved in many other aspects of land use planning and development, including the County jurisdictional highway system plan, the regional water supply plan, and the regional telecommunications plan.

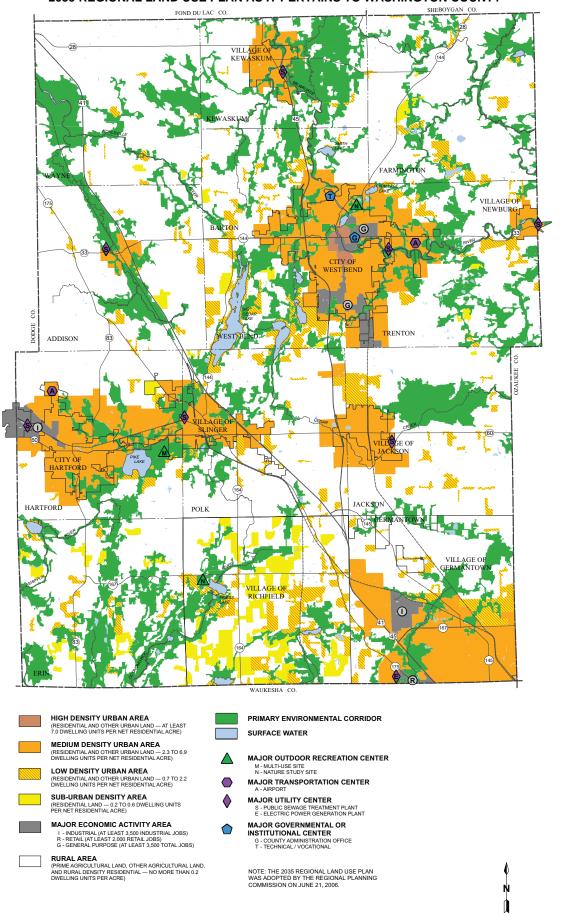
Milwaukee 7

The Milwaukee 7 is a council of representatives from the seven Southeastern Wisconsin counties (same seven counties within the SEWRPC area). The council, made up of about 35 civic and business leaders, was formed with the idea that a regional approach is key to fostering economic growth. Additional information about the Milwaukee 7 is provided in Chapter X.

¹The Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System includes 27 public libraries located in Washington, Dodge, and Jefferson Counties.

²The seven Counties in the SEWRPC region are Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha.

2035 REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN AS IT PERTAINS TO WASHINGTON COUNTY



Source: SEWRPC.

State of Wisconsin

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)

In partnership with local governments, the County, and SEWRPC, WisDOT administers a variety of State and Federal programs to complete projects that enhance the transportation network within Washington County and the Town. Grant programs include the Surface Transportation Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality, Local Transportation Enhancements, and a number of other programs that collectively provide funding for streets and highways, transit, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, and funding for railroad improvements.

WisDOT also administers the General Transportation Aids program, which returns a portion of the money collected through fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees to County and local governments to help offset County and local road construction and maintenance costs. WisDOT maintains the Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads (WISLR), which is an extensive map-based database, accessible to local and County officials and staff, of road conditions such as right-of-way and pavement width, shoulder width, number of driving and parking lanes, pavement condition, and other information.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is dedicated to the preservation, protection, effective management, and maintenance of Wisconsin's natural resources. It is responsible for implementing the laws of the State and, in some cases, the laws of the Federal government that protect and enhance the natural resources of the State, including wetlands, shorelands, floodplains, woodlands, and water quality. The DNR is charged with coordinating the many disciplines and programs necessary to provide a clean environment and a full range of outdoor recreational opportunities.

The DNR makes grants available to County and local units of government for park acquisition and development. A County or local government must prepare and adopt a park plan to be eligible to receive recreational grant funds from the DNR. The Town has not yet adopted such a plan.

The DNR is also working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Washington County to update floodplain mapping within the County. The floodplain update was expected to be completed in 2008. Floodplains within the Town are regulated by the Washington County Shoreland/Wetland and Floodplain Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 23 of the Washington County Code of Ordinances).

Department of Commerce

The Wisconsin Department of Commerce administers regulations for POWTS in the State of Wisconsin. The Washington County Planning and Parks Department works closely with the Department of Commerce to implement these regulations. The Planning and Parks Department enforces POWTS regulations in all local governments in the County, including the Town.

PART 2: EXAMPLES OF EXISTING SERVICE AND OTHER AGREEMENTS IN THE TOWN OF ERIN

The *Statutes* require that this element incorporate any plans or agreements to which the Town is a party under the following:

• Section 66.0301 – Intergovernmental Cooperation: This section of the *Statutes* authorizes cooperation between local, County, and State government agencies and/or special purpose units of government for the receipt or furnishing of services or for the joint exercise of powers or duties required or authorized by law. The agreement is a contract between the cooperating entities and specifies the responsibilities of each, and the time period for which the contract is in effect. This *Statute* may also be used for boundary agreements between communities. The parties either commit to maintain existing boundaries or to allow the city or village to grow to the boundary specified in the agreement.

The Town of Erin is a party to the following intergovernmental agreements:

- An intermunicipal agreement with the City of Hartford for the purpose of orderly planned development and land preservation.
- An intergovernmental agreement among Washington County, SEWRPC, and the Town for development of the County and Town comprehensive plans.
- Intergovernmental agreements between the Town and Washington County for administration of the County's erosion control and stormwater management ordinance and nonmetallic mining reclamation ordinance.
- A service agreement with the Town of Hartford for a joint recycling drop-off site.
- Service agreements with the City of Hartford for fire protection.
- Agreements with the Village of Richfield, Town of Hartford, Town of Ashippun, and Town of Merton for maintenance of roads on the Town line that are not under County jurisdiction.
- Section 66.0307 Boundary Change Pursuant to Approved Cooperative Plan: A cooperative plan may change boundaries between local governments. The cooperative plan must be approved by the DOA. The plan may establish ultimate city or village boundaries, zoning for the areas included in the agreement, and provide for revenue sharing. The major difference between a boundary agreement established under Section 66.0301 and one established under Section 66.0307 is that the latter supercedes the annexation *Statute* for attachment and/or detachment of property from one local government to another, provided the attachment or detachment is called for by the agreement. The Town of Erin is not a party to any agreements established under Section 66.0307.
- Section 66.0225 Stipulated Boundary Agreement in Contested Boundary Actions: Boundary agreements may also be established by a judicial order as part of a settlement of annexation litigation between a town and adjacent city or village. Boundaries are determined by mutual agreement of the parties. The Town of Erin is party to a boundary agreement under Section 66.0225 with the City of Hartford, Village of Richfield, and Town of Hartford. The term of the agreement, which was signed on January 18, 2007, is 20 years. As part of the agreement, Richfield agreed not to accept any annexations from the Town of Erin following the Town's incorporation as a Village. Richfield also agreed to not exercise extraterritorial plat or zoning authority within the Town of Erin subject to the condition that the Town of Erin not allow development inconsistent with its adopted comprehensive plan and/or comprehensive plan map in U.S. Public Land Survey Sections 1, 12, 13, 14, 24, 25, or 36. Richfield may elect to exercise extraterritorial plat and zoning authority if the Town of Erin allows development that is not consistent with its comprehensive plan. In return, the Town of Erin adopted a resolution supporting the Town of Richfield's incorporation petition as a Village. Richfield incorporated as a Village on February 13, 2008.
- Section 66.0309 Creation, Organization, Powers, and Duties of Regional Planning Commissions: This section of the *Statutes* authorizes the Governor to establish regional planning commissions in response to petitions from County and local governments. A regional planning commission is charged by the *Statutes* to prepare and adopt a master plan for development of the region. Washington County and the Town of Erin are part of the SEWRPC region, which serves the seven counties and 147 cities, towns, and villages in the southeastern corner of Wisconsin. SEWRPC was established by then-Governor Gaylord Nelson in 1960 and is governed by a 21-member Commission. Chapter II includes a summary of recent plans conducted by SEWRPC that affect the Town. SEWRPC also assisted the Town in the preparation of this comprehensive plan.

PART 3: MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS

This Town comprehensive plan was prepared as part of the Washington County multi-jurisdictional comprehensive planning process. As part of that process, comprehensive plans to meet the requirements of the Wisconsin comprehensive planning law (Section 66.1001 of the *Statutes*) were prepared for the County, the Town of Erin, and nine other towns and one village in Washington County.

Inclusion of City, Town, and Village Plans in the County Plan

Section 59.69(3)(b) of the *Wisconsin Statutes* explicitly requires that a county development (comprehensive) plan include, without change, the master (comprehensive) plan of a city or village adopted under Section 62.23(2) or (3), and the official map adopted by a city or village under Section 62.23(6) of the *Statutes*. Section 59.69(3)(e) of the *Statutes* further provides that a master plan or official map adopted by a city or village under Section 62.23 "shall control" in unincorporated areas of a county; however, Section 59.69(3)(e) does not specifically require that city and village plans for their extraterritorial areas be included in the County comprehensive plan. There is no *Statute* requiring a county to incorporate town plans into the county comprehensive plan. In addition, the comprehensive planning law did not alter any existing town, village, city, or county authorities or responsibilities with regard to planning, zoning, plat approval, extraterritorial authorities, annexations, or any other *Statutes* and regulations that affect land use in Wisconsin. There has been no apparent attempt by the proponents of the comprehensive planning law or any State officials or agencies to address the many ambiguities between the comprehensive planning law and pre-existing *Statutes*.

The *Statutes* provide clear guidance that a county plan need not include city and village plans for extraterritorial areas where a county has established a regional planning department. In that case, Section 62.23(2) provides "that in any county where a regional planning department has been established, areas outside the boundaries of a city may not be included in the (city) master plan without the consent of the county board of supervisors." The Washington County Attorney has determined that the County Planning and Parks Department is a "regional planning department." Based on that determination, the County land use plan map does not include city and village land use plan designations for areas outside city or village boundaries. The only exception is areas identified in the boundary agreement between the Town of West Bend and City of West Bend as areas that will be annexed over time into the City. Land use designations from the City of West Bend land use plan map are included on the County plan map for those areas.

On August 10, 2004, the Washington County Board of Supervisors adopted 2004 Resolution 35, which established criteria regarding the incorporation of town land use plans into the County land use element, including the land use plan map, of the Washington County comprehensive plan. The resolution states that the County will accept a Town land use plan if the plan is in "substantial agreement" with the objectives, principles, and standards of the regional land use plan prepared and adopted by SEWRPC. The Planning, Conservation, and Parks Committee (PCPC) of the County Board was assigned the responsibility for determining if each town plan was in substantial agreement with the regional land use plan, based on a recommendation from SEWRPC. In order to be in substantial agreement with the regional land use plan, each Town land use plan map was reviewed to determine if it met the following key recommendations of the regional plan:

• Primary environmental corridors should be preserved in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the regional plan (see Table 24 in Chapter V). The regional plan recommends the preservation of primary environmental corridors throughout the seven-county region. The regional plan recommends that county and local governments consider protecting secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas as well, exercising the discretion of the county or local governing body in so doing. The Town of Erin has identified primary and secondary environmental corridors on the Town land use plan map (Map 13 in Chapter VI). The Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Element and the Land Use Element (Chapters V and VI, respectively) set forth measures to protect natural resources within environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas.

- Urban-density development should occur within and adjacent to the urban service areas identified in the
 regional plan. Urban development proposed within one-half mile of a planned sewer service area was
 considered, for this review, to be in substantial agreement with the regional plan. This flexibility is
 consistent with a recognition in the regional plan that sewer service areas may be adjusted from time-totime to meet urban land market and other conditions.
- Development outside planned urban service areas should be limited to agricultural uses, rural residential uses at a density of no more than one home per five acres, and limited areas of highway-related services and commercial and industrial development to serve farmers, rural residents, and the traveling public. A town plan was considered to be in substantial agreement with the regional land use plan if the average proposed residential density of the town outside the expanded urban service area was no more than one home per five acres, or if no more than about 20 percent of the town outside the expanded urban service area is proposed to be developed for urban uses. The "expanded urban service area" refers to the planned sewer service area plus a one-half mile buffer.

The regional land use plan also recommends the preservation of prime agricultural lands outside planned urban service areas. The regional plan recommends that each county, in cooperation with local units of government, carry out planning programs to identify prime agricultural land. The regional plan holds out the preservation of the most productive soils—soils in U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service Agricultural Capability Class I and Class II—as a key consideration in efforts to identify prime farmland, recognizing, however, that other factors, such as farm size and the overall size of the farming area, should also be considered. Most county planning in this regard was carried out more than 20 years ago and needs to be reviewed and updated. Washington County staff has recommended that the County Farmland Preservation Plan, which was adopted in 1981, be updated following adoption of the County comprehensive plan. Until that update is completed, town plans were considered to be in substantial agreement with the regional plan if they met the three criteria listed above.

The Town of Erin plan was found to be in substantial agreement with the regional land use plan, and was therefore incorporated into the County land use plan map (see Map 29). The Washington County Board of Supervisors adopted the Washington County Comprehensive Plan on April 15, 2008.³

PART 4: INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFLICTS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Dispute Resolution Process⁴

Section 66.1001 (2) (g) of the *Wisconsin Statutes* requires that the Intergovernmental Cooperation Element identify existing or potential conflicts between the Town and other governmental units, including school districts, and describe processes to resolve such conflicts.

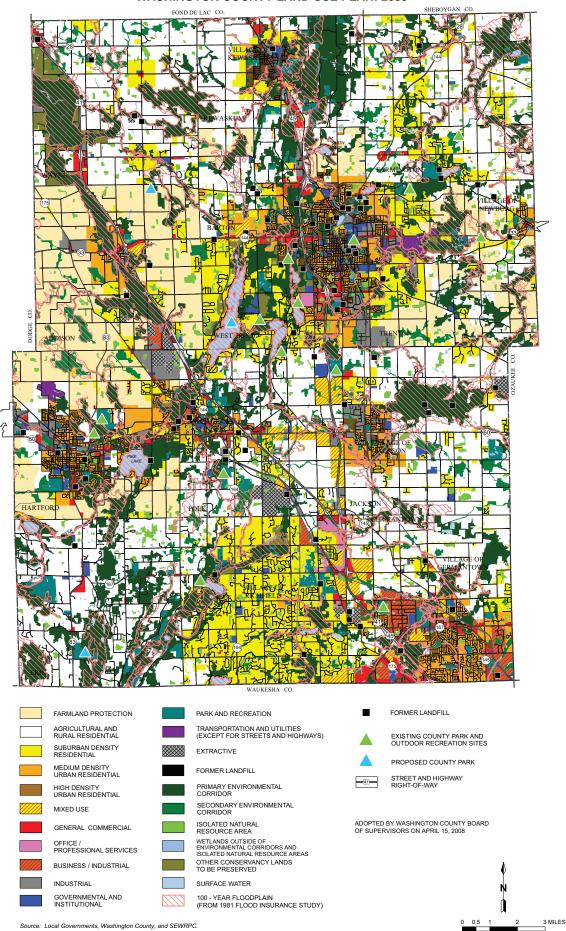
A dispute resolution process was developed as part of the Washington County multi-jurisdictional comprehensive planning process. This process is intended to provide an alternative way of resolving disputes between adjacent local governments, or local governments and the County, that arise from implementation of adopted comprehensive plans. The dispute resolution process is a *voluntary* process administered by the Washington County Planning and Parks Department.

³Documented in SEWRPC Community Assistance Planning Report No. 287, A Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Washington County: 2035 (publication pending).

⁴Sources for this section include the publications Intergovernmental Cooperation, A Guide to Preparing the Intergovernmental Cooperation Element of a Local Comprehensive Plan, prepared by the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and Practices and Procedures for Dispute Review Boards, Dispute Resolution Boards, and Dispute Adjudication Boards, prepared by the Dispute Resolution Board Foundation.

Map 29

WASHINGTON COUNTY LAND USE PLAN: 2035



Washington County encourages towns, villages, and cities to coordinate with each other and the County on planning efforts. The intergovernmental cooperation element is intended to avoid and minimize potential conflicts, but nevertheless, conflicts will continue to occur at the local and County levels. There are several techniques available for dispute resolution. Dispute resolution techniques can be broken into the following two categories:

- Alternative dispute resolution techniques such as negotiation and mediation.
- Judicial and quasi-judicial dispute resolution techniques such as litigation and arbitration.

In the event that a conflict does occur, utilization of an alternative dispute resolution process will be encouraged in an effort to avoid costly and lengthy litigation.

The alternative dispute resolution process is intended to provide a low-cost, flexible approach to resolving disputes between governmental entities arising from the adoption of the comprehensive plan. This process works to resolve actual and potential conflicts between governmental entities through open dialog and cooperative initiatives and is not intended to be used by parties dissatisfied with the appropriate application of local rules and regulations within a County or local government.

The principal benefits of government entities utilizing an alternative dispute resolution process to resolve conflicts include:

- Saving time and legal expenses
- Having greater control over the dispute resolution process
- Resolving conflicts in a more creative way than might be possible if it were left to a decision by a judge or jury
- Greater privacy in resolving disputes than is afforded in a courtroom
- Responding to conflict in a rational and courteous manner can increase communication, foster positive
 intergovernmental relationships, provide an opportunity for learning and broaden perspectives and
 solutions.

The dispute resolution process involves multiple stages if a conflict is not immediately resolved. The process begins with alternative dispute resolution techniques, including informal negotiations among and between the disputing parties. If these efforts are unsuccessful, facilitated negotiation utilizing the Washington County Multijurisdictional Dispute Resolution Panel may be used, followed by mediation. Arbitration and litigation, more traditional dispute resolution techniques, are the remaining stages and tend to be slower and more costly than the foregoing stages. See Figure 3 for an illustration of dispute resolution stages.

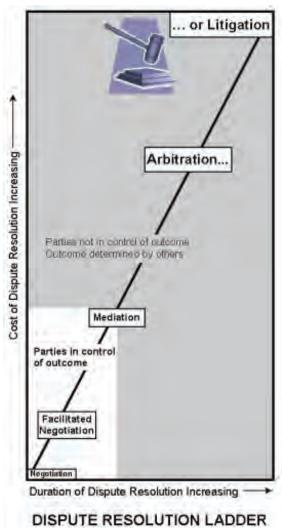
Additional information regarding the dispute resolution process is available from the Washington County Planning and Parks Department.

Negotiation

The first stage of the dispute resolution process is negotiation. Negotiation is a process involving an exchange of offers and counteroffers by the parties or a discussion of the strengths and weaknesses or the merits of the parties' positions without the assistance of an impartial third party. Negotiation can be conducted directly between the parties.

There are two basic elements involved with negotiation: the process and the substance. The process refers to how the parties negotiate: the context of the negotiations, the parties to the negotiations, the relationships among these parties, the communication between these parties, the tactics used by the parties, and the sequence and stages in which all of these play out. The substance refers to the subject matter of the issue in dispute or the agenda, the issues, the options, and the agreement(s) reached at the end.

Figure 3
DISPUTE RESOLUTION LADDER



Source: Washington County.

Facilitated Negotiation – Washington County Multi-jurisdictional Dispute Resolution Panel

At the request of local governments, the Washington County Board of Supervisors adopted 2004 Resolution 35 on August 10, 2004, which provided for the establishment of a fair and just quasi-judicial, multi-jurisdictional dispute resolution forum to resolve multi-jurisdictional conflicts regarding adopted comprehensive plans. Interested County and local governments would enter into an appropriate intergovernmental agreement to voluntarily participate in this dispute resolution process in an effort to reduce or avoid expenditures of valuable taxpayer dollars.

In 2007, a Dispute Resolution Forum Subcommittee (DRFS) was formed by the Multi-Jurisdictional Advisory Committee to develop the procedures and bylaws for the Multijurisdictional Dispute Resolution Panel. At this stage of dispute resolution, the DRFS concluded that if negotiation was unsuccessful, the disputing parties would have an opportunity to voluntarily present the disputed issue to a sixmember panel of appointed or elected officials from other County or local governments. The Panel would engage the parties in a discussion and negotiation of the dispute openly in an effort to reach a mutually agreeable solution. The DRFS named this stage "facilitated negotiation" to clearly differentiate it from the negotiation and mediation stages. The bylaws governing the Washington County Multijurisdictional Dispute Resolution Panel are included in Appendix D.

Mediation

If facilitated negotiation is unsuccessful, the disputing parties can enter the mediation stage. During mediation, the disputing parties meet in a "mediation session" to discuss ways to resolve their dispute, assisted by an impartial third party called a mediator. The mediator listens to each party's side of the dispute and then helps them to communicate with

each other to identify the issues that need to be decided and to reach a settlement that is satisfactory to each of them. Mediation is a confidential process. Statements made during a mediation session generally are not allowed to be revealed in any later court proceeding between the parties.

Although participating in mediation is voluntary, if a settlement results, it may by binding on all parties. Mediators are expected to be impartial and should neither advise the parties, who often are represented by their own lawyers, nor make any decision for them. Individuals who serve as mediators may or may not be lawyers, but may be specially trained to provide assistance in resolving disputes. Mediation can be structured to meet the needs of a specific dispute.

Arbitration

If the dispute is not resolved after the mediation stage, the arbitration process is available for the disputing parties. Arbitration is the stage most closely related to a lawsuit. In arbitration, a neutral decision maker, known as an "arbitrator," is selected by the parties or by a neutral dispute resolution service provider. Sometimes arbitration takes place with a panel of three arbitrators, rather than a single arbitrator. Evidence is presented to the

arbitrator(s) at a formal hearing similar to the presentation of evidence in a lawsuit, although the rules that apply in court are somewhat relaxed. Parties in arbitration may be represented by lawyers, who present evidence and legal arguments to the arbitrator(s) on behalf of their clients. The arbitrator(s) then make a decision, most often called an "award". An arbitration award generally is a final decision, subject only to limited review by a court as allowed by law.

Litigation

In the event that a dispute is not resolved to the satisfaction of the parties involved, legal action can be pursued. Litigation is the final stage in which a dispute can be resolved. This is typically the slowest and most costly form of resolving disputes. This stage includes the dispute being heard and decided by a judge or jury in a court. Results of this stage are fully binding, although there are appeal rights that may be pursued. Any party wishing to pursue legal action against the other party should bring such action to the Circuit Court of Washington County, State of Wisconsin.

Intergovernmental Conflicts

The potential for land use conflicts is greatest in city and village planning areas that overlap with the towns. In accordance with Section 62.23 of the *Statutes*, a city or village planning area can include areas outside its corporate limits, including any unincorporated land outside of the city or village boundaries that, in the plan commission's judgment, relates to the development of the city or village. Potential land use conflicts can arise in these areas because they may be planned for in both the town comprehensive plan and the city or village comprehensive plan, with different or conflicting land uses recommended by each plan.

Map 30 graphically summarizes conflicts between city and village land use plans and adjacent town land use plans in Washington County. In cases where a conflict exists between a city or village plan and a town plan, there is also a conflict between the city or village plan and the county land use plan, since the county land use plan included town land use plan recommendations for areas outside city and village limits. No conflicts have been identified between the Town of Erin land use plan and the land use plans adopted by adjacent local governments.

Maps 18 and 19 in Chapter VIII summarize the recommendations of the Washington County Jurisdictional Highway System Plan. As noted on those maps, the Town of Erin expressed opposition to CTH Q being proposed as a local nonarterial facility between CTH K and STH 83 rather than a County facility; CTH O being proposed as a local arterial facility between STH 83 and the Dodge County line rather than a County arterial facility; and CTH CC being proposed as a local arterial facility between STH 167 and STH 60 rather than a County arterial facility. The Town also expressed opposition to the planned east-west arterial route along Pioneer Road and CTH E south of the Hartford and Slinger areas.

The dispute resolution process established as part of this comprehensive planning process can be used to resolve conflicts between the comprehensive plans adopted by adjacent local governments, and conflicts between local governments and Washington County, if conflicts cannot be resolved using more informal means. Boundary agreements between towns and the adjacent city and village offer another means of resolving conflicts between local governments, particularly when disputes are based on conflicting recommendations for future land uses or residential densities within a city or village's extraterritorial area and/or sewer service area. The Town has entered into a boundary agreement with the City of Hartford and Village of Richfield.

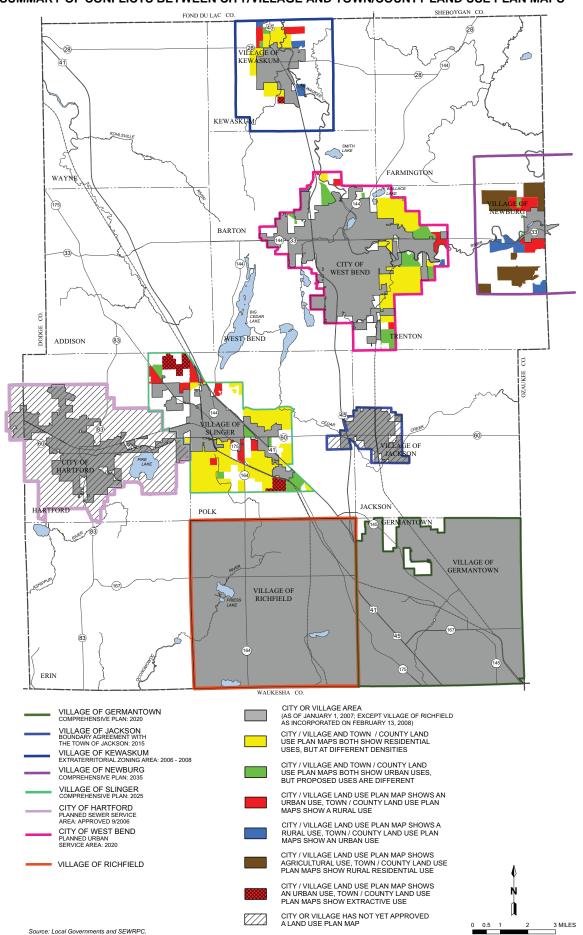
There are no known or anticipated conflicts between the Town and the Hartford Union High School District and the Erin, Friess Lake, and Richfield Joint 1 School Districts serving the Town.

PART 5: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION GOALS, OBJECTIVES, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS

Goal: Promote intergovernmental cooperation with Washington County and neighboring communities.

• **Objective:** Work with the appropriate agencies to create an efficient arterial to provide access to STH 16 or another major highway.

SUMMARY OF CONFLICTS BETWEEN CITY/VILLAGE AND TOWN/COUNTY LAND USE PLAN MAPS



- **Objective:** Recognize that extraterritorial authorities that may be exercised by nearby cities and villages affect the Town of Erin.
- **Objective:** Recognize the need to cooperate with entities sharing legal jurisdiction in the Town, such as the State, County, and utility agencies.
 - Policy: Continue to work with and support the Washington County Sheriff's Department in providing police protection services to the Town.
 - Policy: Continue to work with and support the Hartford Fire Department in providing fire protection services to the Town.
 - Policy: Continue to work with and support the six fire and rescue departments that provide rescue services to the Town.
 - **Policy:** Support the Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System.
- **Objective:** Work with other units and agencies of government and private entities, where appropriate, to construct and/or operate community facilities in a cost-effective and efficient way through joint service agreements.
- **Objective:** Encourage intergovernmental cooperation when selecting sites for locating public facilities such as police and fire stations and libraries.
 - Program: Initiate contacts with Washington County and adjacent communities prior to constructing new public facilities or initiating or expanding Town services to determine if there are opportunities for joint facilities or services.
 - Program: Cooperate with Washington County and adjacent communities when approached to consider joint service agreements or facilities.

Goal: Coordinate with school districts as they plan and locate school facilities.

- **Objective**: Provide land use-related information to help school districts plan for the future.
 - Policy: Work with the Hartford, Erin, Friess Lake, and Richfield school districts, if requested, to
 provide information regarding proposed residential developments to help the districts prepare
 accurate facilities plans. Public and private schools and school districts are listed in Table 61 and
 shown on Map 26 in Chapter IX.
 - Program: Work with school district officials, on request, to explain the type of permits required
 from the Town before selecting and buying a site; the recommendations of the Town land use
 plan map; and other information that would assist the districts in planning for future school
 facilities.

Chapter XII

IMPLEMENTATION ELEMENT

INTRODUCTION

The implementation element is the last of the nine elements of a comprehensive plan required by Section 66.1001 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*. Section 66.1001 (2) (h) of the *Statutes* requires this element to include a compilation of programs, in a specified sequence, to implement the recommendations set forth in the preceding eight elements. The *Statute* also requires this element to:

- Identify proposed changes to applicable zoning ordinances, subdivision ordinances, and official maps.
- Describe how each of the other eight elements of the comprehensive plan will be integrated and made consistent with other elements of the plan.
- Include a mechanism to measure the Town's progress towards achieving the recommendations of the plan.
- Include a process for amending and updating the plan. The *Statutes* require that a comprehensive plan be updated no less than once every 10 years.

Section 66.1001 (4) of the *Statutes* sets forth the required procedure for adoption or amendment of a comprehensive plan, which includes:

- Adoption of a written public participation plan designed to foster public participation in the development of a comprehensive plan or a plan amendment.
- Approval of a recommended plan by a resolution approved by a majority of the full membership of the plan commission.
- Distribution of the draft plan for review and comment to:¹
 - Every governmental body located in whole or in part within the Town.
 - The clerk of each adjacent local government and the Washington County Clerk.
 - The Wisconsin Department of Administration.

¹The Wisconsin Department of Administration has stated that both draft and adopted plan reports may be distributed in digital format, provided a paper copy of the report is available for review at the public library and at the Town Hall.

- SEWRPC.
- The public library serving the Town.

The parties listed above must also be provided with a copy of the adopted comprehensive plan.

• Adoption of the plan by an ordinance adopted by a majority of the full membership of the Town Board. Adoption of the plan by the Town Board must be preceded by at least one public hearing. A Class 1 notice of the hearing must be published at least 30 days before the hearing. Written notice must also be provided to persons who have applied for or been issued a permit for a nonmetallic mining reclamation plan, registered a nonmetallic mining site under Chapter NR 135 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*, or to owners or leaseholders of lands with nonmetallic resources who have requested notice of the hearing in writing, and to property owners that have filed a request for written notice under Section 66.1001 (6) of the *Statutes*.

PLAN REVIEW AND ADOPTION

For any planning process, it is good practice to hold public informational meetings and hearings on recommended plans before their adoption. Such actions provide an additional opportunity to acquaint residents and landowners with the recommended plan and to solicit public reactions to the plan recommendations. The plan should then be modified to reflect any pertinent new information and to incorporate any sound and desirable new ideas advanced at these meetings. Accordingly, a public open house for the Town comprehensive plan was held on May 7, 2008. Public hearings were held before the Plan Commission and Town Board on June 2 and June 16, 2008, respectively. The Town provided public notice of the hearing before the Town Board in accordance with the requirements of the comprehensive planning law, and distributed the draft plan report to all of the parties specified in the law. The Smart Growth Committee approved the plan on May 15, 2008. The Plan Commission resolution approving the comprehensive plan and recommending adoption of the plan by the Town Board is included in Appendix E.

An important step in plan implementation is the formal adoption of the recommended plan by the Town Board. Upon such adoption, the plan becomes the official guide to be used by Town officials in making development or redevelopment decisions. The plan should serve as the basis on which all development proposals, such as rezoning requests, subdivision plats, and certified survey maps, are reviewed. Only those zoning actions or land divisions which are consistent with the plan should be approved. The Erin Town Board adopted this comprehensive plan on June 16, 2008. A copy of the adopting ordinance is included in Appendix F.

A public participation plan for development of this comprehensive plan was prepared in 2004, and adopted by the Town Board on September 27, 2004 (see Appendix B).

PLAN AMENDMENTS AND UPDATES

Changes to long-range planning documents are inevitable. This plan is based on various types of data and projections which, if faulty or outdated, could cause the need for reassessment of plan goals, objectives, policies, and/or programs. Thus, this plan needs a certain amount of flexibility to deal with unforeseen situations without requiring a plan amendment.

If a plan needs frequent amending, residents and local officials will begin to think of a plan amendment as a normal "everyday" occurrence rather than an action which should be undertaken only after careful consideration. In addition, landowners and citizens may lose faith in the plan itself and find their public trust in the plan greatly compromised. There are various strategies the Town has adopted as an integral part of this plan to minimize the number of amendments needed.

This plan was carefully developed to provide a reasonable amount of flexibility to accommodate any changing conditions in the Town without a change in the plan itself. The following sets forth guidelines for updating this plan.

Types of Plan Changes

Basically, there are *two types of plan changes*—the *periodic update* and the *correction*. The periodic update is like "fine-tuning" a plan; that is, it adjusts the course of the plan according to changing conditions or new information. The correction is exactly what it sounds like. If a plan is based on faulty data, a correction may need to be made in the goals, objectives, policies, programs, and plan text or map(s) that were based on the faulty data.

Rationale and Justification for Plan Amendment

Adjustments to this plan should be made as required by changing conditions. Consequently, one of the important tasks of plan implementation is a periodic reevaluation to ensure the plan continues to properly reflect current conditions. It is recommended that a general plan reevaluation take place on at least an annual basis. Since communities are dynamic rather than static places of human habitat, they continue to evolve and change as long as they exist. Periodic monitoring and updating is an integral part of this plan.

A more comprehensive review of the plan is recommended about every five years—in 2015, 2020, 2025, 2030, and 2035. It is recommended that the 5-year comprehensive review utilize, to the extent practicable, an up-to-date data base. Each 5-year update should also include an extension of this plan for an additional five years to continually accommodate 20 to 25 years of Town growth. The comprehensive planning law requires that the Town plan be updated at least once every 10 years.

Factors contributing to the possible need to amend this plan are due to the long-range nature of this type of document. These factors are set forth in this chapter to provide the necessary guidance in conducting a plan amendment. The important aspect of plan amendment, however, is that it should not be taken lightly. A plan amendment should be undertaken only after careful study and by reason of one of the following basic six factors—projections, assumptions, data error, new issues, comprehensiveness, and data updates/emergence of new data.

Projections and Forecasts: Plans are based on projections or forecasts because plans deal with future situations. If projections or forecasts are in error, or require modification due to the emergence of new data, then this plan may need to be adjusted. The Town should monitor this plan based on the preparation of new projections or forecasts. Comparisons should then be made between what was projected or forecast and what is actually happening. If warranted and deemed necessary by the Town Board upon recommendation of the Town Plan Commission, this plan should be amended to accommodate the new projections or forecasts.

Assumptions: A number of assumptions have been made upon which this plan and its various elements are based. Assumptions may have to do with demographics, capital investment, or national policy. For example, during the late 1960s and early 1970s a dramatic shift in birth rates occurred. Any plans based on the assumption that the birth rate of the 1950s would continue were dramatically affected by the change in birth rates which actually occurred.

As stated earlier, the Town should review this plan on an annual basis—affording an opportunity to review and reexamine the accuracy of any assumptions upon which this plan was based.

Data Error: An error in planning data differs from an assumption in that the faulty information is quantifiable. A new arterial street may be under construction and designed to meet certain specifications. A construction error, new Federal standards, or other factors may result in the street not being placed or functioning as planned. This, too, requires a plan reassessment and, perhaps, a plan amendment.

New Issues: Issues may evolve that were not critical or foreseen when this plan was initially developed. For example, community character is an issue that tends to stay in the background until it is almost too late to save it. New issues may require modification of plan goals, objectives, policies, or programs—or the creation of new plan goals, objectives, policies, or programs—to effectively deal with new issues. New factors affecting current issues can also present situations where this plan may have to be amended.

Comprehensiveness: The various elements of this plan are designed to guide future Town actions and specific growth decisions. This plan recognizes, however, that some elements may benefit from more detailed study and analysis. For major issues that require greater analysis than offered by this plan, a plan amendment may be justified. The amendment may be authorized by the Town Plan Commission at any time.

Data Updates/Emergence of New Data: The maps, tables, and statistics upon which this plan is based are factual in nature but may change through time (for example, when new Census data is released beginning in 2010). Thus, a general annual review of this plan is necessary and, where deemed appropriate by the Town Board with recommendation(s) from the Town Plan Commission, amendments to this plan should be made to keep data current.

Plan Amendment Process

It is critical to have and to follow guidelines when determining if an amendment to the plan is appropriate. All projections and assumptions should be reviewed in detail at meetings where Town officials and citizens are provided information on new factors which might affect this plan. Officials and citizens should be asked to submit any additional concerns of their own. This plan should be revised in a manner similar to its original development, with citizen participation prior to any change. Indeed, the comprehensive planning law requires that any plan amendment follow the same procedure as that followed for the adoption of this plan, including adoption of a public participation plan, a public hearing, approval of the plan amendment by a resolution of the Plan Commission, adoption of the amendment by an ordinance of the Town Board, and distribution of the plan amendment to the parties listed in Section 66.1001 (4) of the *Statutes*. It is recommended that the Town prepare and adopt a public participation plan to be used for all plan amendments.

Amendments to the Town of Erin Land Use Plan Map

The Town Board, upon recommendation of the Town Plan Commission, may consider (but is not obligated to approve) amendments to the Land Use Plan map (Map 13 in Chapter VI). The Town Plan Commission and the Town Board in their review and consideration of proposed Land Use Plan amendments shall examine the following questions and issues (in addition to the basic six factors—projections, assumptions, data error, new issues, comprehensiveness, and data updates/emergence of new data) for approving a land use plan amendment:

- Is the proposed amendment consistent with the vision, goals, objectives, policies, and programs of this plan?
- Will the proposed amendment benefit the Town as a whole?
- Is the proposed amendment compatible with surrounding land uses?
- Will the proposed amendment assist in preserving the rural character of the Town?
- Are public roads available, or planned to be available in the near future, to accommodate the area of the proposed amendment?

CONSISTENCY BETWEEN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND TOWN ORDINANCES

Section 66.1001 (3) of the *Statutes* requires that the following ordinances be consistent with a unit of government's comprehensive plan by January 1, 2010:

- Official mapping established or amended under Section 62.23 (6) of the *Statutes*.
- County or local subdivision regulations under Section 236.45 or 236.46 of the *Statutes*.
- County zoning ordinances enacted or amended under Section 59.69 of the Statutes.
- City or village zoning ordinances enacted or amended under Section 62.23 (7) of the *Statutes*.
- Town zoning ordinances enacted or amended under Section 60.61 or 60.62 of the Statutes.
- Zoning of shorelands or wetlands in shorelands under Section 59.692 (for counties), 61.351 (for villages), or 62.231 (for cities) of the *Statutes*.

Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map Amendments

It is the Town's intent that the Town's zoning ordinance be one of the primary implementing tools of this plan. As such, it should substantially reflect and promote the achievement of plan goals, objectives, policies, and programs. A zoning ordinance is a legal means for both guiding and controlling development within the Town, so that an

Table 73

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ERIN LAND USE PLAN CATEGORIES AND IMPLEMENTING TOWN OF ERIN ZONING DISTRICTS

Land Use Plan Categories (see Map 13)	Corresponding Zoning Districts
Rural Preservation ^{a, b} Agricultural Transition ^b	R-5 Residential R-10 Residential R-20 Residential A Agricultural AN Agricultural – No Development ^c Single-Family Cluster Development
Shoreline Residential	R-DL Druid Lake Residential
Roadside Commercial	B Business/Commercial I Industrial
Government and Institutional	I-1 Institutional
Parks and Recreation	Park-Recreational
Wetland	LC Lowland Conservancy A Agricultural
Primary and Secondary Environmental Corridors	R-5 Residential R-10 Residential R-20 Residential A Agricultural AN Agricultural – No Development Single-Family Cluster Development LC Lowland Conservancy UC Upland conservancy

^aSection 360-35C(1) of the Town zoning ordinance, which requires a density of at least seven acres per home in critical watershed areas, applies within areas designated Rural Preservation.

Source: SEWRPC.

orderly and desirable pattern of land use can be achieved which conforms to the plan and balances individual property rights with community interests and goals. The zoning ordinance contains provisions for regulating the use of property, the size of lots, the intensity of development, site planning, the provision of open space, and the protection of natural resources.

It is recommended that the Town Zoning Ordinance be amended to allow the use of lot averaging techniques. Regulations to address accessory storage buildings and other storage on lots along lakes should also be considered, while recognizing that Washington County has primary authority for regulating structures and uses within shoreland areas. The Town should also consider including design guidelines in the zoning ordinance to enhance the visual character of shoreland residential areas by locating buildings to minimize disruption to the lakeshore environment and to preserve lakeviews by minimizing development on hilltops.

Following the adoption of this plan by the Town Board, the Town Plan Commission should immediately initiate appropriate amendments to the Town zoning map to bring the map into conformance with the Land Use Plan Map (Map 13 in Chapter VI). The land use categories shown on Map 13 are not zoning districts. The planned land use districts form the basis, however, for amending the zoning map. Table 73 lists each of the land use plan categories and their recommended corresponding zoning districts.

Existing commercial and industrial uses that are not designated for such use on the land use plan map may remain in commercial or industrial zoning districts until such time as the use is discontinued. At that time, the property should be rezoned to a zoning district that is consistent with the land use plan map. The R-1 and R-3 residential zoning districts may be applied to *existing* parcels less than seven or five acres within areas designated as Rural Preservation and Agricultural Transition, respectively.

Subsequent petitions for zoning boundary and text amendments to the Town Zoning Ordinance should be accompanied by a statement of the proposed zoning change, its compatibility with the Town Plan, and the conditions warranting a zoning change. All rezoning applications in the Town should be carefully reviewed relative to the land use plan map and the remainder of this comprehensive plan.

Subdivision Ordinance and Official Mapping Ordinance

It is recommended that the Town Land Division Ordinance be amended to require land divisions to be designed to preserve natural landforms, woodlands, and environmental features, and existing hedgerows and woodlands surrounding farming areas and homesteads.

The Town of Erin has not adopted an official mapping ordinance.

^bThe R-1 and R-3 residential zoning districts may be applied to existing parcels less than seven or five acres within areas designated as Rural Preservation and Agricultural Transition, respectively.

^cThe Agricultural – No Development district would apply to common open space areas in conservation (cluster) subdivisions.

RECOMMENDED PROGRAMS

As previously noted, the comprehensive planning law requires the Implementation Element to include a compilation of programs, in a specified sequence, to implement the recommendations set forth in the other required plan elements. The Town of Erin Plan Commission reviewed the programs developed in the previous seven elements (there are no programs recommended in the Issues and Opportunities Element) and developed a relative priority ranking for their implementation. Recommended priorities for implementing programs are presented in Table 74. Any new programs recommended in this plan must be individually reviewed and approved by the Town Board through the annual budget process prior to implementation.

CONSISTENCY AMONG PLAN ELEMENTS

The comprehensive planning law requires that the implementation element "describe how each of the elements of the comprehensive plan shall be integrated and made consistent with the other elements of the plan." All elements of this comprehensive plan were prepared simultaneously by the same staff with great care given to ensure internal consistency among the various elements. All element chapters were reviewed by the Town of Erin Smart Growth Committee and Plan Commission. There are no known inconsistencies among plan elements.

Table 74

TOWN OF ERIN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES

Note: Priorities were determined by the Town Smart Growth Committee and reviewed and approved by the Town Plan Commission and Town Board. Each program was rated on a scale of 1 to 3, with 1 being the highest score possible and 3 being the lowest score. The average score for each program is noted in parenthesis at the end of the program.

Implementation programs receiving a priority rating of 1.50 or lower (highest priority for implementation):

- Program: Conform to the existing topography and landscape if possible when constructing new streets. (1.17)
- **Program:** Work with the Ozaukee Washington Land Trust and other Nonprofit Conservation Organizations to protect primary and secondary environmental corridors, natural areas, critical species habitat sites, and other endangered species habitat areas. (1.29)
- **Program**: Discourage incompatible land uses in primary and secondary environmental corridors and isolated natural resource areas, based on the guidelines set forth in Table 24. (1.29)
- **Program**: Encourage the preservation of common areas in conservation design and lot-averaging developments by precluding their future development through the use of conservation easements. (1.29)
- **Program**: Continue to enforce the construction and dimensional standards for streets set forth in Chapters 235 and 317 in Town Code of Ordinances for arterial streets and highways, collector streets, and minor streets in the Town. The arterial street and highway dimensional standards may be modified by the Plan Commission based on the Plan Commission's adoption of more detailed arterial street and highway plans. (1.29)
- **Program**: Require common business entrances to facilitate vehicular movement from one business parking lot to an adjacent business' parking lot. (1.29)
- Program: Continue to utilize the Town of Erin Conceptual Road Plan to identify the conceptual location of new streets and street connections to ensure a coordinated and integrated street system within the Town. (1.29)
- **Program**: Use the conceptual road plan as a guide to determine the need for and location of streets and street locations during Town review of proposed land divisions. (1.29)
- Program: Lay out roads so that all vehicles, especially emergency vehicles, can travel in a safe and efficient manner. (1.29)
- Program: Direct new commercial development to lands that are currently zoned for such uses. (1.29)
- **Program**: Initiate contacts with Washington County and adjacent communities prior to constructing new public facilities or initiating or expanding Town services to determine if there are opportunities for joint facilities or services. (1.29)
- **Program**: Amend the Town Land Division Ordinance to require land divisions to be designed to preserve natural landforms, woodlands, and environmental features, and existing hedgerows and woodlands surrounding farming areas and homesteads. (1.43)
- Program: Maintain the present five-acre and seven-acre residential densities. (1.43)
- Program: Explore a partnership with Washington County for recycling programs and facilities, including establishment of household hazardous waste collection sites and facilities. (1.43)
- Program: Cooperate with Washington County and adjacent communities when approached to consider joint service agreements or facilities. (1.43)

Remaining implementation programs, listed in relative rank order:

- **Program**: Adopt design guidelines that would enhance the visual character of shoreland residential areas by locating buildings that will minimize the disruption to the lakeshore environment. (1.57)
- **Program**: Work with the Washington County Health Department to enforce State public health *Statutes* and County ordinances concerning dilapidated, unsafe, or unsanitary housing that poses a human health hazard. (1.57)
- Program: Continue to cooperate with Washington County to ensure the County has reviewed proposed land divisions for compliance with the County Land Division and Sanitary Ordinances relating to land suitability, wastewater treatment and disposal, and other applicable requirements. (1.57)
- **Program**: Work with Washington County and private service providers, where appropriate, to improve public transportation for persons with disabilities to increase access to jobs and community activities. (1.57)
- Program: As required by State law, continue to use the Wisconsin Information System for Local Roads (WISLR);
 continue to update road ratings, as required; and seek outside funds to help with road improvements. (1.57)

Table 74 (continued)

- Program: Continue to participate in the annual bridge inspection program conducted by Washington County. (1.57)
- Program: Allow private roads only where a through-access to a public road is impractical. (1.57)
- **Program**: Continue to comply with Chapter 25, Sanitary Code, of the *Washington County Code of Ordinances*, which includes the regulation of private on-site wastewater treatment systems (POWTS) in the Town. (1.57)
- Program: Identify suitable areas for commercial development on the Town land use plan map (See Map 13 in Chapter VI). (1.57)
- **Program**: Work with school district officials, on request, to explain the type of permits required from the Town before selecting and buying a site; the recommendations of the Town land use plan map; and other information that would assist the districts in planning for future school facilities. (1.57)
- **Program** Consider updating the Town park and open space plan to re-establish eligibility to receive available State and Federal outdoor recreation grants. (1.71)
- Program: Work with the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and the Washington County Landmarks Commission
 to conduct historical surveys to identify historically significant structures and districts in the Town and methods to
 protect them. (1.71)
- **Program**: Conserve agricultural structures. Many traditional agricultural barns and structures do not conform to conventional zoning regulations and development patterns, yet many of the structures are definitely part of a rural landscape and reflect the history of the Town. Such structures should be conserved and allowed to be utilized in accordance with land use guidelines where possible. (1.71)
- Program: Continue to enforce the Town building code to ensure adequate insulation, heating, and plumbing. (1.71)
- **Program**: Encourage Town residents to utilize the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource's (DNR) Managed Forest Law program, where applicable. (1.83)
- **Program**: Continue to maintain the system of parks in the Town and develop additional facilities, when necessary. (1.83)
- Program: Adopt a lake use ordinance to limit recreational activities on pristine lakes in the Town. (1.86)
- Program: Continue to utilize the Town Forest Management Cover Type Mapping Plan, as cited in Chapter II. (1.86)
- **Program**: Support the park and outdoor recreation element of the Washington County Park and Open Space Plan, which is shown on Map 8. (1.86)
- Program: Utilize incentives in cases where a planned rural conservation design is used. (1.86)
- **Program**: Allocate sufficient area for residential development on the Town land use plan map (Map 13 in Chapter VI) to accommodate the anticipated population of the Town in 2035. (1.86)
- Program: Continue to work with Washington County to administer the County erosion control and stormwater management ordinance in the Town. (1.86)
- **Program:** Update the Town *Park and Open Space Plan* to re-establish eligibility to apply for State and Federal grant funds for parks, open space sites, and recreational facilities. (1.86)
- Program: Work with Washington County to determine if there is a need for additional Washington County Commuter Express Bus System routes and park-ride lots to serve Town residents. (2.00)
- **Program**: Amend the Town Zoning Ordinance to address accessory storage buildings or other property on lakes. (2.14)
- Program: Require community property maintenance in conformance to recorded subdivision covenants accepted by the Town at the time of the subdivision approval. (2.14)
- Program: Amend the town zoning and subdivision ordinances to allow the use of lot averaging techniques. (2.14)
- **Program**: Notify Washington County when a certified survey map (CSM) is submitted for a land division adjacent to a County highway, and request County input regarding the appropriate right-of-way for and access to the highway. (2.14)
- **Program**: Where possible, design private roads so as to minimize the number of homes seen from the public road. (2.16)
- Program: Allow for non-conforming properties to be conforming, where safe and practical. (2.29)
- **Program**: Work with agencies, organizations, and developers to implement creative ideas for providing low and moderate income housing in the Town while maintaining rural densities. (2.29)
- **Program**: Consider incorporating desired policies from State long-range transportation planning efforts, including *Connections 2030*, into Town of Erin plans. (2.29)

Table 74 (continued)

- **Program**: Continue to work with Washington County and SEWRPC to prepare and implement the Washington County Jurisdictional Highway System Plan (Maps 18 and 19) and the Transportation Improvement Program. (2.29)
- **Program**: Consider conducting a needs assessment and adopting an impact fee ordinance for facilities provided by the Town. (2.29)
- **Program**: Consider preparing a Town stormwater management plan to provide for comprehensive and coordinated stormwater management facilities and measures. (2.29)
- Program: Adopt design guidelines that would preserve lake views by minimizing development on hilltops. (2.43)
- Program: Adopt property maintenance regulations. (2.43)
- **Program**: Work with existing housing agencies to identify programs and potential funding sources to assist homeowners with making needed repairs, including improvements to meet State and Federal lead-safe standards. (2.43)
- **Program**: Consider amending the Town zoning ordinance to include Universal Design and/or Visitability requirements for new homes. (2.50)
- Program: Consider amending the Town zoning ordinance to accommodate accessory units in residential zoning
 districts as an option for providing affordable housing and housing for the elderly and persons with disabilities. (2.57)
- Program: Amend the Town zoning ordinance to limit the number of livestock based on lot size. (2.71)
- **Program**: Consider amending the Town zoning and subdivision ordinances to grant a density bonus in land divisions and condominiums that provide for affordable housing. (2.71)

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Chapter XIII

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

In 1999, the Wisconsin Legislature enacted a comprehensive planning law, set forth in Section 66.1001 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*. The requirements supplement earlier provisions in the *Statutes* for the preparation of county development plans (Section 59.69(3) of the *Statutes*) and local master plans (Section 62.23 of the *Statutes*). The requirements, which are often referred to as the "Smart Growth" law, provide a new framework for the development, adoption, and implementation of comprehensive plans in Wisconsin. The law includes a "consistency" requirement, whereby zoning, subdivision, and official mapping ordinances adopted and enforced by the Town of Erin must be consistent with the comprehensive plan adopted by the Town Board.

To address the State comprehensive planning requirements, a multi-jurisdictional comprehensive planning process was undertaken by Washington County; 11 local government partners, including the Town of Erin; UW-Extension; and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC). As a result of the multi-jurisdictional process, a comprehensive plan that satisfies the planning requirements and is in compliance with Section 66.1001 of the *Statutes* has been developed for the Town of Erin, and is documented in this report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To ensure opportunities for public involvement in the planning process, a public participation plan was developed for the Town. Section 66.1001(4) of the *Statutes* requires that the Town Board adopt written procedures that are "designed to foster public participation, including open discussion, communication programs, information services, and public meetings for which advance notice has been provided, in every stage of the preparation of a comprehensive plan." Proposed plan elements must be widely distributed, and opportunities must be provided for written comments to be submitted by the public to the governing body. A procedure for the governing body to respond to those comments must also be identified. A kick-off meeting and a visioning workshop for the Town of Erin, as well as a countywide public opinion survey, were conducted as part of the public participation plan.

The multi-jurisdictional comprehensive planning workgroup, with assistance from County and UW-Extension staff, developed a public participation plan for the multi-jurisdictional plan and the Town plan. The public participation plan was adopted by resolution of the Erin Town Board on September 27, 2004.

VISION STATEMENT 2035

Visioning Process

To develop a vision statement for the Town, Washington County University of Wisconsin – Extension (UWEX) staff examined the opinions generated by the public during the input opportunities carried out as part of the comprehensive planning process, along with the Town's existing planning and zoning documents, and identified

recurring "key concepts" that could be appropriate for the Town's vision. UWEX staff then met with the Town Plan Commission and Town Board on May 17, 2007, to review the key concepts and determine which ones might best describe the Town's future. The most supported concepts were subsequently used to draft a vision statement that was brought back to the Town on June 21, 2007, for approval.

Vision Statement

"In 2035, the Town of Erin is a community known for its natural beauty and unique heritage. Traditional and alternative forms of agriculture are encouraged while allowing quality residential development at densities and locations compatible with the Town's rural character. The Town takes protection of the environment seriously and works cooperatively with neighboring communities for the benefit of all."

INVENTORY INFORMATION AND PLAN ELEMENTS

The Introduction, Existing Plans and Ordinances: 2007, and Population and Employment Trends and Projections chapters of the Town comprehensive plan were prepared in 2007, and are included in the Town plan as Chapters I, II, and III, respectively.

The element chapters of the Town comprehensive plan include inventory information and recommendations, identifying future needs and containing a compilation of goals, objectives, policies, and programs for each of the nine required elements of a comprehensive plan. The element chapters were prepared in late 2007 and early 2008, and include:

- Issues and Opportunities Element Chapter IV
- Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Element Chapter V
- Land Use Element Chapter VI
- Housing Element Chapter VII
- Transportation Element Chapter VIII
- Utilities and Community Facilities Element Chapter IX
- Economic Development Element Chapter X
- Intergovernmental Cooperation Element Chapter XI
- Implementation Element Chapter XII

TOWN OF ERIN LAND USE PLAN

This Town of Erin Comprehensive Plan is intended to serve the Town of Erin to the year 2035. The Town Land Use Plan Map is shown on Map 13 in Chapter VI (Land Use Element). Use of the land use plan map, when implementing the Town plan, is described in the Implementation Element (Chapter XII).

The Town of Erin land use map indicates primarily rural density single-family residential uses in the Town through 2035. Agricultural uses are encouraged to continue in areas designated for rural residential use. The land use map also identifies areas for commercial development along STH 83 and STH 167.

The Town plan map also identifies substantial areas for park and recreational use. These areas are owned by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (including the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Loew Lake Unit), other public agencies, and private recreational clubs and organizations. The Town land use plan map also identifies primary and secondary environmental corridors as an overlay. Environmental corridors contain concentrations of the best remaining elements of the natural resource base. Preservation of environmental corridors is essential to maintaining the overall environmental quality of the Town. Primary environmental corridors in the Town are

located principally along the Ashippun River, Mason Creek, the Little Oconomowoc River, the Oconomowoc River and east of Druid Lake. Primary environmental corridors are also found throughout the Kettle Moraine and the Town's numerous woodlands and wetlands.

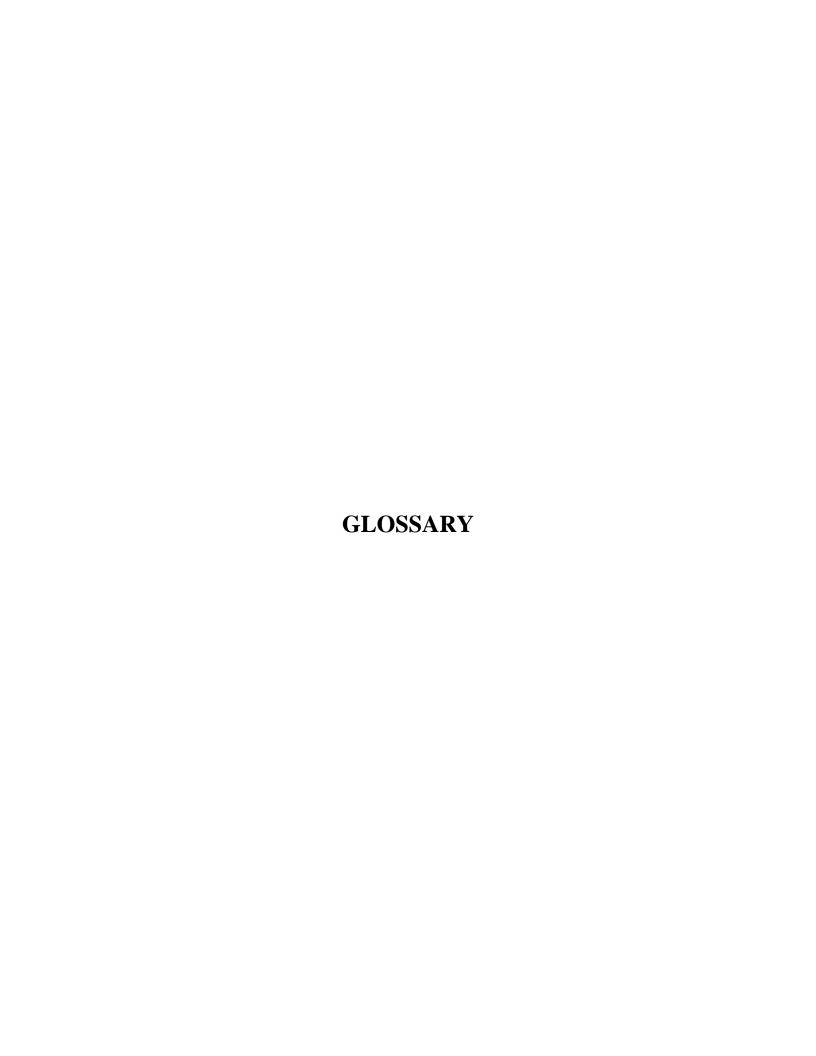
PLAN ADOPTION

The Town of Erin held a public informational meeting on May 7, 2008, and public hearings on June 2 and June 16, 2008, to present the plan to the public and solicit public comments. The Smart Growth Committee approved the plan on May 15, 2008. The Town Plan Commission approved the plan on June 2, 2008 and the Town Board adopted the plan by ordinance on June 16, 2008. A copy of the adopting ordinance is included in Appendix F.

PLAN UPDATES AND AMENDMENTS

The comprehensive planning law requires that the adopted Town comprehensive plan be reviewed and updated at least once every ten years. While there is no limit on the number or frequency of amendments that may be made to a comprehensive plan, the public participation, plan review, and plan adoption procedures required for a full comprehensive plan also apply to plan amendments. The Implementation Element (Chapter XII) recommends a procedure for amending the plan.

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Accessory Dwelling Unit: A secondary dwelling unit established in conjunction with and clearly subordinate to a principal dwelling unit, which may be part of the same structure as the principal dwelling unit or a detached dwelling unit on the same lot. An accessory dwelling unit is self-contained and includes a separate outside entrance, sleeping facilities, kitchen facilities, bathroom facilities, and parking. Accessory dwelling units are typically smaller than the principal dwelling unit, and are also referred to as "mother-in-law" units.

Affordable Housing: Affordable housing is defined by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as access to decent and safe housing that costs no more than 30 percent of a household's gross monthly income. Housing costs for homeowners include the sum of mortgage payments or similar debts on the property; real estate taxes; fire, hazard, and flood insurance on the property; and utilities (heat and light). For renters, monthly housing costs include rent and utilities (heat and light).

Aquifer: Groundwater that can be economically used as a water source.

<u>Aquifer Recharge</u>: The natural process of infiltration and percolation of rainwater from the land surface to underground porous layers of soil or rock, where it becomes part of the groundwater supply (or aquifer).

<u>Backhaul Network</u>: A backhaul network is designed to convey wireless communications data from multiple users in a relatively small service area to a centralized access point. Multiple access points in a larger service area in turn transmit wireless data to a cable Internet connection (gateway) maintained by a local exchange company. Information is also disseminated from the Internet to the access network, then to local users through the backhaul network.

<u>Basin</u>, <u>Bioretention</u>: A subsurface stormwater management basin designed to infiltrate and/or treat runoff. A bioretention basin has a layer of specially designed soil that removes pollutants from runoff. In cases where there is an inadequate separation distance between the soil layer and the groundwater table, the bioretention basin is designed to treat runoff in the soil layer and then discharge the treated runoff through an underdrain. Where the separation distance is adequate, the basin is designed to infiltrate runoff to the groundwater following treatment in the soil layer.

<u>Basin</u>, <u>Detention</u>: A stormwater management facility designed to temporarily store water before discharging it, at a controlled rate, to surface water (a stream or lake). Detention basins are classified as:

- Dry Detention Basins: Basins that drain completely between large rainstorms or snow melt events. Dry basins are not effective at removing pollutants.
- Wet Detention Basins: Basins that contain a permanent pool of water that gradually release stormwater runoff, and also trap pollutants found in runoff.

<u>Basin</u>, <u>Infiltration</u> (or <u>Retention</u>): A stormwater management facility designed to capture, store, and infiltrate runoff. Such a facility is generally designed to completely infiltrate runoff from more-frequent storms while runoff from larger storms is passed over a spillway. An infiltration basin removes pollutants through filtering and absorption by the underlying soil. The primary function of an infiltration basin is to reduce the total runoff volume from a site and re-direct some of the runoff to help recharge groundwater. (Also see definition of Trench, Infiltration).

<u>Best Management Practices (BMPs)</u>: Structural or non-structural measures, practices, techniques, or devices used to avoid or minimize soil, sediment, or pollutants being carried in runoff to surface waters. Examples include the use of silt fences or hay bales to control runoff on a construction site.

<u>Blighted Area</u>: Any area, including a slum area, in which a majority of the structures are residential or in which there is a predominance of buildings or improvements, whether residential or nonresidential, and which, by reason of dilapidation, deterioration, age, or obsolescence, inadequate provision for ventilation, light, air, sanitation, or open spaces, high density of population and overcrowding, or the existence of conditions which endanger life or

property by fire and other causes, or any combination of these factors, is conducive to ill health, transmission of disease, infant mortality, juvenile delinquency and crime, and is detrimental to the public health, safety, morals or welfare.

<u>Brownfield Site</u>: Abandoned, idle, or underused industrial or commercial properties where redevelopment is hindered by known or suspected environmental contamination.

<u>Business Cluster</u>: Groups of companies located in a county or region and engaged in similar or related activities. The concept behind using clusters for economic development lies in the concept that by cooperating, large and small companies in similar or related industries will achieve and gain much more by collaborating together than they would operating individually.

<u>City</u>: An incorporated local unit of government. Although there are many statutory provisions that deal with city powers and responsibilities, most of the requirements are set forth in the following chapters of the *Wisconsin Statutes*: Chapter 62, "Cities"; Chapter 64, "Other Forms of City Government"; and Chapter 66, "General Municipality Law." Section 62.05 of the *Statutes* classifies cities by ranges of population. Cities of the first class are those with a population of at least 150,000 residents; cities of the second class are those with a population of 39,000 to 150,000 residents; cities of the third class are those with a population of 10,000 to 39,000 residents; and fourth class cities have a population of less than 10,000 residents. Cities are typically governed by a common council made up of alderpersons who are elected to represent specific districts within the city. A mayor serves as the chief elected official.

<u>Composting Facility</u>: A commercial or public solid waste processing facility where yard or garden waste is transformed into soil or fertilizer by biological decomposition.

Comprehensive Plan: The Wisconsin comprehensive planning law was enacted in 1999, and is sometimes referred to as the "Smart Growth" law. The requirements of the law are set forth in Section 66.1001 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The law is very prescriptive in terms of plan content, requiring nine specific plan elements: issues and opportunities; land use; housing; transportation; utilities and community facilities; agricultural, natural, and cultural resources; economic development; intergovernmental cooperation; and implementation. The law also includes requirements for public participation and plan distribution and adoption procedures. Beginning on January 1, 2010, zoning, subdivision, and official mapping ordinances adopted or enforced by a county or local unit of government must be consistent with the comprehensive plan adopted by the governing body of the county, town, village, or city.

<u>Conservation Subdivision</u>: A form of development in which dwelling units are concentrated and/or clustered in specific areas on relatively small lots in order to allow other portions of the development site to be preserved for common open space, including restoration and management of historic, agricultural, or environmentally sensitive features.

<u>Critical Species Habitat Sites</u>: Critical species habitat sites in Washington County were identified as part of the regional natural areas and critical species plan prepared by SEWRPC in 1995, and are mapped and described in Chapter V. Critical species habitat sites consist of areas outside natural areas that are important for their ability to support rare, threatened, or endangered plant or animal species. Such areas constitute "critical" habitat considered to be important to the survival of a particular species or group of species of special concern. Critical species habitat sites include the aquatic habitat sites described in Chapter V (also see definition of natural area).

<u>Detached Dwelling Unit</u>: A dwelling unit surrounded by freestanding walls (not attached to any other dwelling unit).

<u>Dispute Resolution Forum Subcommittee</u>: The Multi-jurisdictional Advisory Committee established a Dispute Resolution Forum Subcommittee to develop the procedures and by-laws to guide the Washington County Multi-jurisdictional Dispute Panel in its consideration of the issues presented and the decision-making process in which it engages.

<u>Economic Development</u>: The process of creating wealth through the mobilization of human, financial, capital, physical, and natural resources to generate marketable goods and services.

<u>Environmental Corridor</u>: A generic term that includes "Primary Environmental Corridors," "Secondary Environmental Corridors," and "Isolated Natural Resource Areas," which are defined below.

- Primary Environmental Corridor: A concentration of significant natural resources, such as woodlands, wetlands, prairies, and important plant and wildlife habitat. Primary environmental corridors are at least 400 acres in area, at least two miles in length, and at least 200 feet in width, and are delineated and mapped by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC).
- Secondary Environmental Corridor: A concentration of significant natural resources, such as woodlands, wetlands, prairies, and important plant and wildlife habitat. Secondary environmental corridors are at least 100 acres in area and at least one mile in length, except where such corridors serve to link primary environmental corridors, in which case no minimum area or length criteria apply. Secondary environmental corridors are delineated and mapped by SEWRPC.
- Isolated Natural Resource Area: An area containing significant remnant natural resources, such as woodlands, wetlands, prairies, and important plant and wildlife habitat. Isolated natural resource areas are between five and 100 acres in area and are at least 200 feet in width, and are delineated and mapped by SEWRPC.

<u>Environmental Repair Sites (ERP)</u>: Sites other than Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) that have contaminated soil and/or groundwater, as determined by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Examples include industrial spills (or dumping) that need long term investigation, buried containers of hazardous substances, and closed landfills that have caused contamination. ERP sites include those contaminated by petroleum from above-ground (but not from underground) storage tanks.

Environmentally Sensitive Lands: The Wisconsin comprehensive planning law requires the Land Use Element of the plan to include a map of "floodplains, wetlands, and other environmentally sensitive lands." Environmentally sensitive lands identified by the Town are shown on Map 11 in Chapter VI, and include primary environmental corridors, secondary environmental corridors, isolated natural resource areas, natural areas, critical species habitat sites and critical aquatic habitat sites, surface water, wetlands, woodlands, and 100-year floodplains.

Equalized Value: The estimated value of all taxable real and personal property in each taxation district, by class, as of January 1 and certified by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue on August 15 of each year. The value represents market value (most probable selling price), except for agricultural property, which is based on its use (ability to generate agricultural income) and agricultural forest and undeveloped lands, which are based on 50 percent of their full (fair market) value. Classes include residential, commercial, manufacturing, agricultural, undeveloped, agricultural forest, forest, and other (agricultural buildings and improvements and the land necessary for their location and convenience).

<u>Eutrophication</u>: The process by which a body of water becomes enriched in dissolved nutrients, such as phosphates, that stimulate the growth of aquatic plant life. This often results in the depletion of dissolved oxygen in the water body (pond or lake), which has a negative impact on fish and other aquatic animals.

<u>Exceptional Water Resources</u>: State designated surface waters that provide outstanding recreational opportunities, support valuable fisheries, and have unique hydrologic or geologic features and unique environmental settings that are not significantly impacted by human activities. The East Branch of the Milwaukee River is the only State-designated exceptional water resource in Washington County.

<u>Flood</u>: A general and temporary condition of inundation of normally dry land areas caused by the overflow or rise of lakes, rivers, or streams; the rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source; or the sudden increase caused by an unusually high water level in a lake, river, or stream, accompanied by a severe storm or an unanticipated force of nature.

<u>Floodfringe</u>: That portion of the floodplain, outside the floodway, that is subject to inundation (standing water) by the 100-year recurrence interval flood.

<u>Floodplain</u>: Floodplains are the wide, gently sloping areas usually lying on both sides of a river or stream channel, and include the river or stream channel. For planning and regulatory purposes, floodplains are defined as those areas subject to inundation by the 100-year recurrence interval flood event. This event has a 1 percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.

Floodway: That portion of the 100-year floodplain that carries moving water during a flood.

<u>Goal</u>: A broad and general expression of a community's aspirations, towards which the planning effort is directed. Goals tend to be ends rather than means.

<u>Greenfield Site</u>: Farmland and open space areas where there has been no prior industrial or commercial activity, and therefore where the threat of contamination is much lower than in urbanized areas.

<u>Hamlet</u>: An unincorporated area with compact development, predominantly residential, but also typically including limited commercial and/or institutional uses such as churches, fire stations, and small businesses. Most hamlets in Washington County were first settled in the 1800's or early 1900's.

<u>Household</u>: A household includes all of the people who occupy a housing unit. A housing unit is a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room occupied (or if vacant, intended for occupancy) as separate living quarters.

<u>Household, Elderly Family</u>: A household consisting of at least two related persons with at least one person 62 years of age or older.

<u>Household, Elderly Non-Family</u>: A household consisting of one or two persons, non-related, with either person 62 years of age or older.

Household, Large Family: A household consisting of five or more people.

Household, Non-Family: A household consisting of unrelated persons that are less than 62 years of age.

<u>Household, Small Family</u>: A household consisting of two related people, neither person 62 years of age or older, or three or four related people.

<u>Impervious Surface</u>: An area that releases as runoff all or a large portion of the precipitation that falls on it, except for frozen soil. Rooftops, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, and streets are examples of surfaces that are typically impervious, unless specifically designed to be pervious (for example, using paving blocks for driveways rather than concrete or asphalt).

<u>In-fill Development</u>: Development of an undeveloped parcel or small area that is surrounded by existing development.

Infiltration: The entry and movement of rain or runoff into or through the soil.

Infrastructure: Facilities used for transportation, communications, and utility delivery.

<u>Labor Force</u>: Persons 16 years of age and older who are employed, or are unemployed and actively seeking employment, or are in the armed forces.

<u>Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA)</u>: A method developed by the USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) for identifying farmland that should be protected. LESA is a numeric system for

rating potential farmland protection areas by evaluating soil quality (LE or land evaluation) and geographic variables (SA or site assessment). The LESA system was used to identify potential farmland protection areas. Results of the analysis were simplified by classifying analyzed lands into two tiers:

- Tier I Agricultural Lands: Agricultural lands that should be considered by County and local officials as the best suited for long-term farmland protection. Farmlands designated as Tier I scored 6.8 or higher in the Washington County LESA analysis.
- Tier II Agricultural Lands: Agricultural lands that should be considered by County and local officials for farmland protection on a case-by-case basis. Farmlands designated as Tier II scored below 6.8 in the Washington County LESA analysis.

The land evaluation (LE) component of the LESA process rates each soil by type, slope, agricultural capability class, and soil productivity. The NRCS developed the LE ratings for all soils in Wisconsin, and those ratings were used in the Washington County LESA analysis. The site assessment (SA) component of the LESA process rates non-soil factors affecting a parcel's relative importance for agricultural use, and is separated into three classifications; SA-1 – agricultural productivity; SA-2 – development pressures impacting a parcel's continued agricultural use; and SA-3 – other public values of a parcel supporting retention in agriculture. Nine site assessment factors were selected by the LESA subcommittee for use in the Washington County LESA analysis. See Chapter V for a description of the County's LESA analysis and a list of the SA factors used.

<u>Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST)</u>: A LUST site has soil and/or groundwater that has been contaminated by petroleum, which includes toxic and cancer causing substances. However, given time, petroleum contamination naturally breaks down in the environment (biodegradation). Some LUST sites may emit potentially explosive vapors. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources identifies and monitors LUST sites.

<u>Local Governmental Unit</u>: City, village, town, county or regional planning commission that may adopt, prepare or amend a comprehensive plan.

<u>Location Quotient</u>: The location quotient is a measure, or calculated ratio, of an industry's concentration in an area relative to some reference area (i.e. nation or state). It compares an industry's share of local employment with its share of employment in that reference area. If a location quotient is equal to 1.0, then the industry has the same share of its area employment as the reference area. A location quotient greater than 1.0 indicates an industry with a greater share of the local area employment than the reference area.

<u>Lot</u>: A parcel of land having frontage on a public street, occupied or intended to be occupied by a principal structure or use and sufficient in size to meet lot width, lot frontage, lot area, setback, yard, parking, and other requirements of the town, village, or city zoning ordinance.

<u>Mitigation</u>: Measures taken to avoid, reduce, eliminate, or compensate for the adverse environmental effects of a proposed action. Examples of mitigation include the use of best management practices for erosion control, creating new areas for the storage of floodwaters if a portion of a floodplain is developed, or improving an off-site wetland when a wetland is filled.

Monthly Owner Costs: Selected monthly owner costs are the sum of payments for mortgages, deeds of trust, contracts to purchase, or similar debts on the property (including payments for the first mortgage, second mortgage, home equity loans, and other junior mortgages); real estate taxes; fire, hazard, and flood insurance on the property; utilities (electricity, gas, and water and sewer); and fuels (oil, coal, kerosene, wood, etc.). It also includes, where appropriate, the monthly condominium fees or mobile home costs (installment loan payments, personal property taxes, site rent, registration fees, and license fees).

<u>Municipality</u>: A city or village. Although this term is often commonly used to include cities, villages, and towns, and sometimes counties, this report consistently uses the term "municipality" to refer to cities and villages (in accordance with Section 236.02(6) of the *Wisconsin Statutes*) and the term "local government" to refer to cities, villages, and towns).

Natural Area: Natural areas were identified as part of the regional natural areas and critical species plan prepared by SEWRPC in 1995, and are mapped and described in Chapter V. Natural areas are tracts of land or water so little modified by human activity, or sufficiently recovered from the effects of such activity, that they contain intact native plant and animal communities believed to be representative of the landscape before European settlement. Natural areas are classified into one of three categories: natural areas of statewide or greater significance (NA-1), natural areas of countywide or regional significance (NA-2), and natural areas of local significance (NA-3). Classification of an area into one of these three categories is based on consideration of the diversity of plant and animal species and community type present, the structure and integrity of the native plant or animal community, the uniqueness of the natural features, the size of the site, and the educational value. Although the terms are often confused, a "natural area" is different from an "isolated natural resource area."

<u>Natural Limitations for Building Site Development</u>: The Wisconsin comprehensive planning law requires the Land Use Element of the plan to include a map of "natural limitations for building site development." Natural limitation to building site development identified by the Town are shown on Map 12 in Chapter VI, and include 100-year floodplains, wetlands, slopes ranging from 12 to 20 percent, slopes 20 percent or greater, and surface water.

<u>Navigable Waters</u>: Lake Michigan, all natural inland lakes, and all rivers, streams, ponds, sloughs, flowages, and other waters which are navigable under the laws of the State of Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Supreme Court has declared navigable all bodies of water with a bed differentiated from adjacent uplands and with levels of flow sufficient to support navigation by a recreational craft of the shallowest draft on an annually recurring basis. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is responsible for determining if a waterbody is navigable.

<u>Nonmetallic Mining</u>: The extraction of resources which include, but are not limited to, crushed stone (gravel), dimension stone, peat, clay or topsoil, asbestos, beryl, diamond, coal, feldspar, talc, and sand.

<u>Objective</u>: A more specific target, derived from a goal and necessary to achieve that goal. While still general in nature, an objective is more precise, concrete, and measurable than a goal.

Official Map: A document prepared and adopted pursuant to Section 62.23(6) of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, which shows the location of existing and planned streets, parkways, parks, playgrounds, railway rights-of-way, waterways, and public transit facilities. Generally, a local government that has adopted an official map will require a subdivider to identify planned public improvements on the subdivision plat, and dedicate the land needed for such improvements to the local government. Cities and villages, and towns that have adopted village powers, are authorized by the *Statutes* to adopt an official map. Although the terms are often confused, an official map is different than a zoning map.

<u>Open Space</u>: Areas in a natural condition (such as woodlands, wetlands, prairie, or surface water), or land in non-structural agricultural use (such as row crops or grazing).

<u>Open Space Preservation</u>: Land and water areas retained in an essentially undeveloped state for recreational use, to protect farmland, or to protect natural resources such as woodlands, wetlands, prairies, stream corridors, or floodplains.

<u>Outdoor Recreation Element</u>: The element of a county or local park and open space plan that recommends a system of trails, parks, and other areas and facilities for active recreation (baseball diamonds and soccer fields, for example).

<u>Parcel</u>: A single piece of land separately owned, either publicly or privately, and capable of being conveyed separately.

<u>Planned Unit Development (PUD)</u>: A development that is planned, developed, and maintained as a unified project. The PUD must have a minimum size, as specified in the city, town, or village zoning ordinance, and may consist of one or more buildings and accessory uses and structures.

<u>Policy</u>: A rule or course of action necessary to achieve the goal and objective from which it was derived. It is more precise and measurable.

<u>Primary Farmlands</u>: Defined by the Washington County Farmland Preservation Plan adopted in 1981 as the best remaining farmlands in Washington County. These are the farmlands that contain the most productive soils and that form large agricultural blocks uninterrupted by potentially conflicting land uses. As a general rule, farms with highest investments in agricultural improvements, such as buildings, equipment, conservation improvements, fall within the Primary Farmland Area. Many farm operations in this area have become intensive or industrial in nature and have operational requirements that would present nuisances to nonfarm residences. Most of the farms in Washington County that are over 500 acres in size are designated Primary Farmland. Farm units within the Primary Farmland Area generally contain a low percentage of nontillable lands.

The following criteria were used County-wide to designate Primary Farmlands.

- Farmlands that make up farming blocks of at least 640 acres relatively uninterrupted by conflicting uses.
- Farms where at least 50 percent of the soil would be described by the USDA Soil Conservation Service (now known as the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)) as "Prime Farmland" or "Farmland of Statewide Importance."

<u>Private Sewage System</u>: A sewage treatment and disposal system serving a single structure with a septic tank and soil absorption field located on the same parcel as the structure. This term also means an alternative sewage system approved by the Wisconsin Department of Commerce, including a substitute for the septic tank or soil absorption field, a holding tank, a system serving more than one structure, or a system located on a different parcel than the structure. A private sewage system may be owned by the property owner or by a special purpose district (such as a sanitary district). A private sewage system is also referred to as a "private onsite wastewater treatment system," or "POWTS." POWTS are regulated under Chapter Comm 83 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code*. Washington County regulates POWTS under Chapter 25 of the County Code of Ordinances. Types of POWTS include:

- At-Grade System: Consists of a septic tank, pump chamber, pressure distribution system, and a soil absorption bed at the ground surface.
- Conventional System: Consists of a septic tank and subsurface soil absorption bed. The conventional system is a passive system that relies on gravity flow.
- Constructed Wetland System: Consists of a septic tank, one or more wetland treatment cells, and a subsurface soil absorption bed.
- Drip-Line Dispersal System: Consists of a septic tank, pump chamber, and drip-line tubing. A pump chamber delivers effluent to the drip lines in timed pressurized doses through a distribution network that contains a series of filters.
- In-Ground Pressure System: Consists of a septic tank, pump chamber, and subsurface soil absorption bed.
- Mound System: Consists of a septic tank and soil absorption bed that consists of an above-ground sand layer.
- Holding Tank System: Consists of a tank for temporary storage of sewage, which is periodically pumped out for off-site disposal.

Program: A system of projects or services necessary to achieve plan goals, objectives, and policies.

<u>Purchase of Development Rights (PDR)</u>: PDR programs are intended to ensure the long-term preservation of agricultural or open space lands. Under a PDR program, the owner of farmland or undeveloped land receives a payment for relinquishing rights to development. Deed restrictions are used to ensure that the lands concerned

remain in agricultural or other open use. Such restrictions are attached to the land and remain in effect regardless of future sale or other transfer of the land. PDR programs may be administered and funded by State, County, or local units of government, land trusts, or other private organizations having an interest in preserving agricultural and other open space lands. The amounts paid to landowners under PDR programs are generally based on the difference between the market value of the land for development and its value for agricultural purposes.

PDR programs can provide assurance that farmland will be permanently retained in agriculture or open space use. Landowners receive a potentially substantial cash payment while retaining all other rights to the land, including the right to continue farming. Land included in a PDR program remains on the tax roll and continues to generate property taxes.

<u>Recycling Facility</u>: A facility that accepts recyclable materials and may perform some processing activities. The principal function is to separate and store materials that are ready for shipment to end-use markets, such as paper mills, aluminum smelters, or plastic remanufacturing plants. The presence of power-driven processing equipment distinguishes a processing facility from a collection facility. The facility receives and processes only residential and commercial recyclables such as food and beverage containers and paper.

<u>Region</u>: The area served by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), which includes all city, town, village, and county units of government in Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha counties. SEWRPC is a "Regional Planning Commission" created in accordance with Section 66.0309 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*.

<u>Riparian:</u> Land located adjacent to a lake, river, or stream. Several chapters of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code* use the term "riparian" to describe an owner of land abutting a lake, river, or stream.

<u>Rural Character</u>: A term used to describe areas where open space, farmland, and natural landscapes predominate over the built environment. Rural character includes expansive views of open space and dark skies at night. Typical rural uses include farming, forestry, and natural landscapes such as woodlands, wetlands, prairies, and pasture. Urban uses (including residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional) are limited to farmhouses, scattered residential development surrounded by large tracts of farmland or natural resource areas, agriculturally-related industries such as implement dealers, and small hamlet areas that provide services to surrounding farms and rural residents (such as small stores, service and repair stations, town offices and fire stations, and small restaurants and taverns).

Rural Vistas: Views of open space, farmland, and natural landscapes. (See "rural character")

<u>Sanitary District</u>: Formation of a sanitary district provides landowners outside a city or village an opportunity to form a special-purpose unit of government to provide certain urban services. A town sanitary district has authority to plan, construct, and maintain systems for garbage removal, water supply, sewage disposal, and stormwater drainage. Sanitary districts may be formed by a town board, upon a request from affected landowners, under Section 60.71 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*. Each district is governed by a commission. At the time a district is established, the town board determines whether commissioners will be appointed by the town board or elected. The town board may choose to appoint itself as the commission.

<u>Secondary Farmlands</u>: Defined by the Washington County Farmland Preservation Plan adopted in 1981 as areas that contain soils with a somewhat lower productivity and/or are farmlands affected by conflicting uses that may interfere with some types of agricultural expansion. These farmlands often border residential development and, in some cases, may act as a buffer between Primary Farmland and developed areas.

As a general rule, farms in the Secondary Farmland Area have larger amounts of uncultivated lands, such as woodlands and rolling land, making them well-suited for the less intensive farming operations. Secondary Farmlands often border developed residential areas, public recreation areas, primary environmental areas and other sensitive areas that will require careful management of farm operations.

The following criteria were used to map Secondary Farmlands.

- Farmlands not a part of a larger farm block of at least 640 acres.
- Farms with less than 50 percent of soil cover falling in the USDA Soil Conservation Service (now known as the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)) classes of "Prime Farmland" or "Farmland of Statewide Significance."
- Farmlands where production would be limited due to adjoining conflicting uses.

<u>Service Industry Jobs</u>: Jobs related to establishments providing customers with lodging and/or preparing meals, snacks, and beverages for immediate consumption. The sector includes both accommodation and food services establishments because the two activities are often combined at the same establishment.

<u>Sewer Service Area</u>: Those areas that are currently served by public sewers, and additional contiguous areas that are planned to be served by public sewers within a 20-year period. Sewers cannot be extended to areas outside the sewer service area identified in an adopted sewer service area plan. Each sewer service area is associated with a sewage treatment plant. In the southeastern part of Wisconsin, sewer service area plans are prepared by SEWRPC as a component of the regional water quality management plan, and are approved by the affected local government and by the Department of Natural Resources.

<u>Shorelands</u>: Those lands lying within the following distances from the ordinary high water mark of navigable waters: 300 feet from a river or stream, or to the landward side of the floodplain, whichever distance is greater; or 1,000 feet from a lake, pond or flowage.

Site Assessment Component and Factors: (See Land Evaluation and Site Assessment (LESA) definition).

<u>Smart Growth</u>: A term often used to refer to the Wisconsin comprehensive planning law (see definition of Comprehensive Plan).

<u>Smart Growth Area</u>: An area that will enable the development and redevelopment of lands with existing infrastructure and municipal, State, and utility services, where practicable, or that will encourage efficient development patterns that are both contiguous to existing development and at densities which have relatively low municipal, state governmental, and utility costs. (Definition from Section 16.965 (1)(b) of the *Wisconsin Statutes*).

<u>Slum:</u> Any area where dwellings predominate which, by reason of dilapidation, overcrowding, faulty arrangement or design, lack of ventilation, light or sanitary facilities, or any combination of these factors, are detrimental to safety, health, and morals.

<u>Soil Capability Classes</u>: Soil capability classes were developed by the USDA – Soil Conservation Service (now known as the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)) to group soils to show, in a general way, their suitability for most kinds of farming. It is a practical classification based on limitations of the soils, the risk of damage when they are used, and the way they respond to treatment. Capability classes are designated by Roman numerals, I through VIII. The numerals indicate progressively greater limitations and narrower choices for agricultural use, as follows:

- Class I Soils: Soils that have few limitations that restrict their use. Class I soils are considered prime farmland.
- Class II Soils: Soils that have some limitations that reduce the choice of plants or require moderate conservation practices. Class II soils are also considered prime farmland.
- Class III Soils: Soils that have severe limitations that reduce the choice of plants, require special conservation practices, or both. Class III soils are considered farmlands of Statewide significance.

- Class IV Soils: Soils that have very severe limitations that restrict the choice of plants, require very careful management, or both.
- Class V Soils: Soils that are subject to little or no erosion but have other limitations, impractical to remove, that limit their use largely to pasture, range, woodland, or wildlife food and cover.
- Class VI: Soils that have severe limitations that make them generally unsuited to cultivation and limit their use largely to pasture or range, woodland, or wildlife food and cover.
- Class VII: Soils that have very severe limitations that make them unsuited to cultivation and that restrict their use largely to grazing, woodland, or wildlife.
- Class VIII: Soils and landforms that have limitations that preclude their use for commercial plant production and restrict their use to recreation, wildlife, or water supply, or to aesthetic purposes.

<u>Solid Waste Processing Facility</u>: Solid waste processing facilities are operations that physically or chemically alter solid waste, generally to facilitate transport, further processing, utilization, or disposal.

Stewardship Plan: A comprehensive management plan for the long-term maintenance of common open space areas in conservation subdivisions. Ideally, local governments should require the preparation and submittal of a Stewardship Plan for any subdivision or planned unit development that will include common open space. The Stewardship Plan should include management goals, implementation and monitoring schedules, and an identification of the measures that will be taken to protect, maintain, and enhance natural resources within common open space (such as the control of invasive species, re-establishment of prairie areas, and the development and maintenance of trails, for example).

<u>Street, Arterial</u>: A public street or highway used or intended to be used primarily for fast or heavy through traffic, whose function is to convey traffic between activity centers and municipalities. Arterial streets and highways include freeways, state trunk and county trunk highways, and other heavily traveled streets.

Street, Collector: A public street that conducts and distributes traffic between land access and arterial streets.

<u>Street, Land Access</u>: A public street that is designed to carry traffic at a slow speed and provide frontage for access to private lots, and carries traffic having a destination or origin on the street itself.

<u>Sustainable Development</u>: The capacity to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

<u>Swale</u>: A component of a stormwater management system that is designed to convey, store, treat, and/or infiltrate runoff. To effectively manage stormwater for multiple purposes, swales should be lined with turf grass or native grasses. When a swale is intended to infiltrate runoff, special measures must be applied during construction to avoid compacting the underlying soil, or to enhance the infiltration capacity of that soil.

<u>SWOT Analysis</u>: An acronym for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats. An analysis that provides direction and often serves as a basis for the development of plans. It assesses a community's strengths (assets or what it can do) and weaknesses (internal limitations or what it cannot do) in addition to opportunities (potential favorable conditions) and threats (external limitations or unfavorable conditions).

<u>Telecommunications</u>: Any origination, creation, transmission, emission, storage-retrieval, or reception of signals, writing, images, sounds, or other information by wire, radio, television, or optical means.

Backhaul network: A backhaul network is designed to convey wireless communication data from multiple
users in a relatively small service area to a centralized access point. Multiple access points in a larger
service area in turn transmit wireless data to a cable Internet connection (gateway) maintained by a local
exchange company. Information is also disseminated from the Internet to the access network, then to local
users through the backhaul network.

- Broadband: Digital video, voice, and data transmission over the Internet at speeds of 256 kilobits per second or faster.
- 3G (third generation wireless technology): High-speed broadband service, including mobile phone service and voice, e-mail, and instant messaging transmissions. Current "state of the art" in Southeastern Wisconsin.
- 4G (fourth generation wireless technology): Advanced broadband, high speed, digital technology, anticipated to be introduced in Southeastern Wisconsin in 2007-2008.
- Multi-media services: "Bundled" services that include video (allowing downloading of CDs or DVDs), imaging (creation of images by scanning or digital cameras), and streaming video ("live" video).
- Packet-based phone systems: Systems that are designed to accommodate voice, data, and video over the same system.
- POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service): Single line phones designed for voice communication.

<u>Town</u>: Towns are "general purpose" local governments, which means that they provide basic services used daily by all residents (Wisconsin also has "special purpose" governments that offer more targeted services, such as school districts). The duties and powers of towns are set forth in Article IV, Section 23 of the *Wisconsin Constitution*, Chapter 60 of the *Wisconsin Statutes* (which pertains specifically to town governments), and Chapter 66 of the *Wisconsin Statutes* (which applies to towns, villages, and cities). Towns are created by the *Wisconsin Constitution* to provide basic municipal government services, such as elections, property tax administration (towns collect taxes for counties, schools and other governments, as well as for their own budgets), road construction and maintenance, recycling, emergency medical services and fire protection. Some towns also offer law enforcement, solid waste collection, zoning, and other services. Towns are governed by a Town Board, typically elected at-large, made up of Town Supervisors and a Town Chairperson. The Chief Elected Official is the Town Chairperson.

<u>Township</u>: Townships are normally a quadrangle approximately six miles on a side containing 36 sections or 36 square miles, and were first identified as part of the oringinal U. S. Public Land Survey of Wisconsin conducted in the 1830's. Although the terms "towns" and "townships" are often used interchangeably, they have separate and distinct meanings (see the preceding definition of "town").

<u>Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND)</u>: A compact, mixed use neighborhood where residential, commercial, and civic buildings are within close proximity to each other.

<u>Transfer of Development Rights</u>: The conveyance by deed, easement, or other legal arrangement of the right to develop or build from one parcel to another, expressed in number of dwelling units, where such transfer is permitted by a local zoning ordinance.

<u>Trench, Infiltration</u>: A subsurface stormwater management facility designed to capture and infiltrate runoff. An infiltration trench, which is generally filled with stone, is designed to infiltrate runoff from more-frequent storms while runoff from larger storms is passed over a spillway. An infiltration trench removes pollutants through filtering. An infiltration trench is used to infiltrate runoff from smaller land areas than would be treated by an infiltration basin.

<u>Utility District</u>: A town board may establish utility districts under Sections 60.23 and 66.0827 of the *Wisconsin Statutes* to provide public services within the district. Public services may include sanitary sewer or public water services. The town board governs utility districts. Village boards and the common council of a third or fourth class city may also establish utility districts.

<u>Vector Control</u>: The control of pests such as rats, flies, mosquitoes, and cockroaches that act as carriers and transfer bacteria and viruses from one host to another.

<u>Village</u>: An incorporated local unit of government. Although there are many statutory provisions that deal with village powers and responsibilities, most of the requirements are set forth in Chapter 61, "Villages" and Chapter 66, "General Municipality Law" of the *Wisconsin Statutes*. Villages are typically governed by a village board made up of trustees who are elected at-large. A village president serves as the chief elected official.

<u>Village Powers</u>: Town residents may authorize a town board to exercise village powers at an annual or special town meeting. The town board so authorized may exercise village powers under Chapter 61 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, except those village powers "which conflict with statutes relating to towns and town boards." Under this authority, subject to applicable limitations, the town board may exercise various powers, including "police powers" to regulate for the public health, safety and welfare, and land use powers, such as establishing a plan commission to engage in master/comprehensive planning. Towns with village powers may also enact a subdivision or other land division ordinance, a town zoning ordinance, and a site plan review ordinance.

<u>Vision Statement</u>: An expression of words that helps to provide an overall framework for the development of local comprehensive plans. Visioning statements express the preferred future, key characteristics, and/or expectations for the future desired by each community.

Waterbody: A generic term for an area of open water, including lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams.

<u>Waterbody Classification</u>: Washington County has adopted three classes for waterbodies that are regulated under the County shoreland zoning ordinance (see Chapter 23 of the Washington County Code of Ordinances for complete information). The three classification groups are as follows:

- Class 1: Relatively pristine or undeveloped waterbodies to be preserved as high-quality resource waters. These waters are generally small, shallow lakes with a high-quality fishery.
- Class 2: Waterbodies that have limited development to be maintained in their current condition.
- Class 3: Waterbodies that have been historically heavily developed for residential and recreational use and are in need of restoration.
- Unclassified: A fourth class was created to accommodate all waterbodies that were not classified as Class 1, 2, or 3.

<u>Water Quality Management Area</u>: The area within 1,000 feet of the ordinary high water mark of a navigable lake, pond, or flowage; within 300 feet of the ordinary high water mark of a navigable river or stream, or a site that is susceptible to groundwater contamination or that has the potential to be a direct conduit for contamination to reach groundwater (from Section 281.16 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*).

Watershed: The area drained by a river and its tributaries.

<u>Wellhead Protection Plan:</u> A plan created to provide the basis for land use regulations to protect a public water supply or well fields. Wellhead protection regulations are typically included as an overlay district in a city, town, or village zoning ordinance.

<u>Wetland</u>: An area where water is at, near, or above the land surface long enough to be capable of supporting aquatic or hydrophytic vegetation, and which has soils indicative of wet conditions.

<u>Wisconsin Administrative Code</u>: Regulations, commonly referred to as rules, written and promulgated by State agencies to supplement, implement, or interpret laws enacted by the Wisconsin Legislature. The rules are referred to based on the agency that is responsible for administering the rules. For example, "Comm" refers to rules administered by the Department of Commerce; "NR" refers to rules administered by the Department of Natural Resources, and "Trans" refers to rules administered by the Department of Transportation. Portions of the *Administrative Code* that particularly affect planning include Comm 83 (requirements for private onsite waste treatment systems); NR 115 (requirements for shoreland areas in towns and areas annexed to cities and villages

after May 7, 1982); NR 116 (floodplain requirements); NR 117 (requirements for shoreland areas in cities and villages); and Trans 233 (requirements for subdivisions abutting State highways). The *Wisconsin Administrative Code* is available on the Legislature's web page at www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/.

<u>Wisconsin Statutes</u>: The body of law enacted by the Wisconsin State Legislature. Portions of the *Wisconsin Statutes* that particularly affect planning include Chapter 236 (subdivision requirements); Section 62.23 (zoning and master planning requirements for cities and villages, and towns that have adopted village powers); Section 66.1001 (comprehensive planning requirements); and Chapter 59 (zoning requirements for counties). The *Wisconsin Statutes* are available on the Legislature's web page at http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/stats.html.

<u>Woodlands</u>: Upland areas delineated and mapped by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission that are at least one acre in area and covered by deciduous or coniferous trees.

Zoning: Zoning is a law that regulates the use of property in the public interest. A zoning ordinance divides a community into districts for the purpose of regulating the use of land and structures; the height, size, and placement of structures; and the density of development. A zoning ordinance typically consists of two parts: a text setting forth regulations that apply to each of the various zoning districts, together with related procedural and administrative requirements; and a map delineating the boundaries of zoning districts.

"General zoning" refers to zoning that divides a local government into a variety of residential, commercial, industrial, and other zoning districts. General zoning authority is granted by Sections 62.23 and 61.35 of the *Statutes* for cities and villages, respectively; by Section 60.61 for towns without village powers; and by Section 60.62 for towns that have adopted village powers. "Shoreland zoning" refers to zoning along navigable waters carried out in accordance with Chapter NR 115 of the *Wisconsin Administrative Code* for county regulation of shorelands in towns, and city and village regulation of shoreland-wetlands under Chapter NR 117 of the *Administrative Code*.

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Appendix A

RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS

RESOLUTION 04-04

AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND TO SUPPORT WASHINGTON COUNTY'S APPLICATION FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING GRANT.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Erin, in cooperation with Washington County and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), acknowledges the benefits of cooperative comprehensive planning by the preparation of a Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development within Washington County and the Town of Erin; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Erin acknowledges the requirements of Wisconsin's Comprehensive Planning Law in accordance with §66.1001, and §16.965(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes, including the adoption of a comprehensive plan; and that funding is available from the Wisconsin Department of Administration to financially assist the County and participating local governments in preparing comprehensive plans; and

WHEREAS, Washington County will apply for Department of Administration funds to aid in the development of a Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan on behalf of the Town of Erin, which is eligible to receive \$18,000 in grant funding; and

WHEREAS, an award of grant monies by the Wisconsin Department of Administration through this grant process will require matching grant funds from the County which will be fully satisfied by the in-kind services by the County and SEWRPC; and

WHEREAS, if a State grant is awarded, those grant monies will be used by Washington County and SEWRPC to prepare a Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Washington County that will contain sufficient detail to serve as a comprehensive plan for the County and for each participating Town and Village; and

WHEREAS, if a State grant is awarded, preparation of comprehensive plans for the Town and County will require a minimal out-of-pocket contribution from the Town, except for the cost of producing any local plan documents and any supplemental information desired by the Town; and

WHEREAS, any participating local government that does not adopt the multi-jurisdictional plan or a local plan by the end of the grant period in April 2009, or any local government that withdraws from the multi-jurisdictional planning effort after the grant agreement between the County and the Department of Administration has been signed, will be required to reimburse the County up to the full local government share of the grant award, depending on the stage of planning process at the time the local government withdraws from the process; and

WHEREAS, Washington County and local municipalities have established a Multijurisdictional Comprehensive Planning Work Group that has been meeting monthly to prepare a work program, public participation plan, and comprehensive planning grant application due November 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Multi-jurisdictional Work Program developed by the Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Planning Work Group including partnering local municipalities, Washington County, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and the University of Wisconsin-Extension includes written details outlining the planning process, underlying assumptions, committee structure, report format, schedule and responsibilities of Washington County, SEWRPC and local government partners; and

WHEREAS, as part of participating in the Washington County multi-jurisdictional planning process, the Town has the option of contracting with SEWRPC to prepare an individual plan document based on the County plan for review and adoption by the Town Board, which will satisfy the requirements specified in Wisconsin's Comprehensive Planning Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Erin hereby agrees to participate in the development of a Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan in cooperation with other communities in Washington County; the County; and SEWRPC pursuant to §66.1001, and §16.965(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes, provided the County is awarded a 2005 comprehensive planning grant by the State of Wisconsin;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Erin hereby agrees to the procedures and responsibilities outlined in the Multi-jurisdictional Work Program, dated August 2004,

developed by the Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Planning Work Group as its planning procedures,

provided Washington County is awarded a 2005 comprehensive planning grant by the State of Wisconsin;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Erin hereby agrees to

authorize Washington County to apply for Department of Administration funds to aid in the development

of a Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan on behalf of the Town of Erin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Erin authorizes the Town

Board Chair to execute the appropriate cooperative agreement and any and all documents to accomplish

the proposal outlined herein for this multi-jurisdictional comprehensive planning process.

Resolution Adopted: September 27, 2004

ATTEST:

Dennis Kenealy, Town Chairperson, Town of Erin

Appendix B

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

RESOLUTION 04-08

ESTABLISHING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES FOR THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING PROCESS

WHEREAS, pursuant to §66.1001, Wis. Stats., all units of government which engage in zoning, subdivision, or official mapping must adopt a comprehensive plan by the year 2010; and

WHEREAS, the has decided to prepare a comprehensive (master) plan under the authority of and procedures established by S62.23(3) and S66.1001(4), Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, S66.1001(4)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, requires that the governing body of the local governmental unit adopt written procedures designed to foster public participation at every stage of comprehensive plan preparation, and that such written procedures shall also provide for wide distribution of draft plan materials, an opportunity for the public to submit written comments on the plan materials, and a process for the governing body to respond to such comments; and

WHEREAS, Washington County and the Town of Erin have established a Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Planning Work Group that has been meeting monthly to prepare a public participation plan in preparation for a State of Wisconsin comprehensive planning grant application due November 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Erin believes that regular, meaningful public involvement in the comprehensive plan process is important to assure that the resulting plans are based on public input; and

WHEREAS, the Public Participation Plan developed by the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Planning Work Group including the Town of Erin, Washington County, the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and the University of Wisconsin-Extension includes written procedures to foster public participation, ensure wide distribution of draft plan materials, provide opportunities for written comments on such materials, and provide mechanisms to respond to such comments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Erin hereby adopts the written procedures included in the Final Draft Public Participation Plan, dated July 2004, developed by the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Planning Work Group as its public participation procedures meeting the requirements of S66.1001(4)(a), Wisconsin Statutes provided Washington County is awarded a 2005 comprehensive planning grant by the State of Wisconsin.

Resolution Adopted: September 27, 2004

ATTEST:

Dennis Kenealy, Town Chairperson, Town of Erin

Laura O'Mara, Town Clerk, Town of Erin

Appendix C

SUMMARY OF LAND USE RELATED EXTRATERRITORIAL AUTHORITIES

Introduction

Cities and villages in Wisconsin have several types of extraterritorial authority that may affect land development in adjacent towns. Under the *Wisconsin Statutes*, cities and villages have authority to exercise extraterritorial planning, platting (subdivision review), and official mapping by right. In order to exercise extraterritorial zoning, cities and villages must work cooperatively with the adjoining town to develop an extraterritorial zoning ordinance and map. Cities and villages also have extraterritorial authority over offensive industries and smoke emissions. Cities, villages, and towns have limited extraterritorial authority over navigational aids and uses surrounding airports owned by the city, village, or town. Each of these extraterritorial authorities is summarized below:

Extraterritorial Planning

Under Section 62.23 (2) of the *Statutes*, the plan commission of a city has "the function and duty" to "make and adopt a master plan for the physical development of the city, including any areas outside of its boundaries that in the commission's judgment bear relation to the development of the city." Section 61.35 grants this same authority to village plan commissions. The *Statutes* do not specify the distance outside the city or village boundaries that may be included in the city or village master plan.

Because the comprehensive planning law (Section 66.1001 of the *Statutes*) defines a city or village comprehensive plan as a plan developed in accordance with Section 62.23 (2) or (3), a city or village comprehensive plan presumably could also include areas outside the city or village corporate limits, including any areas outside the city or village boundaries that in the plan commission's judgment bear relation to the development of the city or village.

The comprehensive planning law defines a county comprehensive plan as a plan developed under Section 59.69 (2) or (3) of the *Statutes*. Section 59.69 (3) sets forth the requirements for preparing and adopting a county development plan. Section 59.69 (3) (b) requires that a County development plan shall include, without change, the master plan of a city or village adopted under Section 62.23 (2) or (3). It is unclear, however, if a county development plan must include a city or village plan for areas outside the limits of a city or village. Regardless of whether the recommendations of a city or village plan for areas outside its corporate limits are incorporated into a county development or comprehensive plan, Section 59.69 (3) (e) of the *Statutes* states that "a master plan adopted under Section 62.23 (2) and (3) and an official map that is established under Section 62.23 (6) shall control in unincorporated territory in a county affected thereby, whether or not such action occurs before the adoption of a development plan."

The language in Section 59.69 (3) (e) of the *Statutes* appears to mean that, as of 2010, county actions and programs affecting land use in unincorporated areas included in a city or village master (or comprehensive) plan or official map must be consistent with the city or village plan or official map. It is unclear how this requirement would be applied in situations where a city or village plan recommendation for a specific property conflicted with a county responsibility under another statutory or regulatory requirement, such as shoreland zoning.

Town actions and programs (for example, zoning decisions) affecting land use in the extraterritorial area of a city or village must be consistent with the town comprehensive plan.

Extraterritorial Platting

Under Section 236.10 of the *Statutes*, a city or village may review, and approve or reject, subdivision plats located within its extraterritorial area if it has adopted a subdivision ordinance or an official map. Section 236.02 of the *Statutes* defines the extraterritorial plat review jurisdiction as the unincorporated area within three miles of the corporate limits of a city of the first, second, or third class, or within 1.5 miles of the corporate limits of a city of the fourth class or a village. The Cities of Hartford and West Bend are both third class cities. All cities and villages in Washington County exercise extraterritorial platting authority and review plats in adjacent towns.

In accordance with Section 66.0105 of the *Statutes*, in situations where the extraterritorial plat approval jurisdiction of two or more cities or villages would otherwise overlap, the extraterritorial jurisdiction between the municipalities is divided on a line, all points of which are equidistant from the boundaries of each municipality concerned, so that no more than one city or village exercises extraterritorial jurisdiction over any unincorporated area. City and village extraterritorial plat approval authority does not include the authority to require public improvements, such as streets or sanitary sewers, in plats outside city or village limits. Only the town board may require improvements in plats located within a town.

Official Mapping

Official mapping authority, granted to cities and villages under Section 62.23 (6) of the *Statutes*, is intended to prevent the construction of buildings or structures and their associated improvements on lands designated for future public use. An official map may identify the location and width of existing and proposed streets, highways, parkways, parks, playgrounds, railway rights-of-way, public transit facilities, airports, and airport affected areas (areas up to three miles from an airport). Waterways, which include streams, ditches, drainage channels, lakes, and storage basins, may also be shown on an official map if the waterway is included in a comprehensive surface water drainage plan. Official maps may be adopted by an ordinance or resolution of the village board or common council, and must be recorded with the county register of deeds immediately following their adoption.

A city or village official map may include the area within the city or village plus the area within the extraterritorial plat approval jurisdiction of the city or village.

Towns that have adopted village powers may adopt an official map for areas within the town.

As of 2007, the Cities of Hartford and West Bend and the Villages of Jackson and Kewaskum had adopted official maps.

¹Cities of the first class are those with a population of at least 150,000 residents; cities of the second class are those with a population of 39,000 to 150,000 residents; cities of the third class are those with a population of 10,000 to 39,000 residents; and fourth class cities have a population of less than 10,000 residents. A city is not automatically reclassified based on changes in population. Under Section 62.05 of the Statutes, to change from one class to another a city must meet the required population based on the last Federal census, fulfill required governmental changes (generally, an amendment to the charter ordinance is required), and publish a mayoral proclamation.

Extraterritorial Zoning

Under Section 62.23 (7a) of the *Statutes*, a city or village may enact an extraterritorial zoning ordinance and map for adjoining unincorporated areas lying within its extraterritorial area. The limits of extraterritorial zoning are the same as those specified in the *Statutes* for extraterritorial plat review. Unlike extraterritorial plat review authority, which is automatically granted by the *Statutes* to cities and villages, a city or village must follow a procedure that involves the adjoining town before enacting a permanent extraterritorial zoning ordinance and map, as summarized below:

- 1. The common council or village board must adopt a resolution stating its intent to adopt an extraterritorial zoning ordinance. The city or village must publish a public notice and send a copy of the resolution and a map showing the boundaries of the proposed extraterritorial zoning area to the county and to the clerk of each affected town within 15 days of adopting the resolution.
- 2. The common council or village board may also adopt an interim ordinance that "freezes" the existing zoning within the extraterritorial area while the extraterritorial zoning ordinance is being prepared. A public notice must be published and the county and affected towns must be notified. An ordinance freezing existing zoning can remain in effect for up to two years. The common council or village board may extend the moratorium for one additional year upon the recommendation of the joint zoning committee.
- 3. A joint zoning committee must be formed to develop recommendations for the extraterritorial zoning ordinance regulations and map. The committee is made up of three members from the city or village plan commission and three members from each town affected by the proposed extraterritorial zoning ordinance. The town members are appointed by the town board and must be town residents. If more than one town is affected, one committee is formed to develop the regulations, but the *Statutes* provide that "a separate vote shall be taken on the plan and regulations for each town and the town members of the joint committee shall vote only on matters affecting the particular town which they represent."
- 4. The *Statutes* further provide that the common council or village board may not adopt the proposed extraterritorial zoning map and ordinance unless the map and ordinance receive a favorable vote of a majority of the six members of the joint committee.

There were no extraterritorial zoning ordinances in effect in Washington County in 2007. Extraterritorial zoning processes were underway between the City and Town of Hartford and the Village and Town of Kewaskum. Joint extraterritorial committees were formed and the minimum two-year process was initiated in 2006 in both cases.

Other Extraterritorial Authorities

Other city and village extraterritorial authorities include the following:

- Smoke: Under Section 254.57 of the *Statutes*, a common council or village board may regulate or prohibit the emission of dense smoke into the open air within city or village limits and up to one mile from city or village limits.
- Offensive Industry: Under Section 66.0415 of the *Statutes*, a common council or village board may regulate, license, or prohibit the location, management, or construction of any industry, thing, or place where any nauseous, offensive, or unwholesome business is carried out. This authority extends to the area within the city or village and up to four miles beyond the city or village boundaries. The City of Milwaukee may regulate offensive industries along the Milwaukee, Menominee, and Kinnickinnic Rivers and their branches to the outer limits of Milwaukee County, including along all canals connecting with these rivers and the lands adjacent to these rivers and canals or within 100 yards of them. A town board has the same powers as cities and villages within that portion of the town not regulated by a city or village under this section.

Cities, villages, and towns have the following extraterritorial authorities:

• Water Navigation Aids: Under Section 30.745 of the *Statutes*, a common council, village board, or town board may regulate water navigation aids (moorings, markers, and buoys) within one-half mile of the city,

- village, or town, provided the municipal ordinance does not conflict with a uniform navigations aids system established by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources or the County.
- Aerial Approaches to Airports: Under Section 114.136 of the *Statutes*, any city, village, or town (or county) that is the owner of an airport site may protect the aerial approaches to the airport through an ordinance regulating the use, location, height, and size of structures and objects of natural growth surrounding the airport. An ordinance adopted by a local government that owns an airport site applies in all local governments within the aerial approach area, and may be adopted and enforced without the consent of other affected governing bodies.

The City of West Bend regulates uses in the aerial approach zone in the Town of Trenton near the West Bend airport.

Appendix D

RULES AND BYLAWS GOVERNING WASHINGTON COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PANEL

ARTICLE I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1 – AUTHORITY

The Washington County Multi-Jurisdictional Dispute Resolution Panel has been established pursuant to §66.1001(1)(g), Wis. Stats., as amended, and assumes thereby, all responsibilities, duties and powers as provided therein and by related statutes. A copy of these rules shall also be filed with the County Clerk to be kept as a permanent public record. Copies of the rules shall be also available to the public. These rules are supplementary to the provisions of the Washington County Ordinances as related to comprehensive planning.

SECTION 2 – TITLE

The official title of this body is, The Washington County Multi-Jurisdictional Dispute Panel, hereafter referred to as the "Panel".

SECTION 3 - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Panel is to provide a forum for disputing parties to reach consensus by engaging in facilitated negotiations. This forum is available to Washington County; cities, villages and towns within Washington County and adjoining Washington County that have adopted a comprehensive plan; and, counties adjoining Washington County that have adopted a comprehensive plan. The spirit and intent of facilitated negotiations is to bring parties together to openly and candidly discuss an identified dispute and negotiate a mutually agreeable outcome that will be implemented and adhered to by the parties.

SECTION 4 – PANEL MEMBERSHIP

The Panel shall be selected on a case-by-case basis at the time of the identification of a dispute requiring a facilitated negotiation meeting. Members will be selected from a pool of candidates comprised of current elected or appointed representatives from cities, villages, towns and the counties. Each party to the dispute shall select three panelists. In order to conduct the negotiation process, the Panel shall be comprised of at least two panelists per party.

SECTION 5 – SELECTION PROCESS

Units of government wishing to participate will be asked to enter into intergovernmental agreements which will describe the obligations of the participating unit of government including the requirement that the unit of government designate elected or appointed representatives to be members of a pool of eligible panelists and designate its clerk or designee as eligible for the pool of potential recording secretaries as mentioned in Article II, Section 3.

Each disputing party shall select, at the time of filing the application, three units of government from the pool of governments for the other disputing party. For example, if a town government and city government have identified a dispute to be submitted to facilitated negotiations, the town shall select three city or village governments from the pool of city-village government participants and the city shall select three town governments from the pool of town governments. In the case of a dispute involving a county government such as a county-town dispute, the county shall select three town governments from the pool of town government participants and the town shall select three county governments from the pool of county government participants. In the event that there are less than three participating county governments, the town shall select all participating county governments from the pool and the staff shall notify the participating county governments that it must designate an adequate number of panelists to fill three positions and two alternates. In addition to each disputing party selecting units of governments, each disputing party shall at the same time select two alternates from the unit of government pool in the same fashion. Each participating city, village or town government selected from the pool shall designate its own representative to serve on the panel. The disputing parties jointly at the time of the filing of the application shall select a recording secretary and an alternate from the available pool of recording secretaries.

SECTION 6 - CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Any member of the Panel who has any direct or indirect interests, personal or financial, in the matter before the Panel shall not assist with or participate in the negotiation process of such matter at any meeting at which said matter is under consideration. A disqualifying conflict of interest shall be deemed to exist when: (1) The Panel member is the applicant or spouse of the applicant, or is related to the applicant within the third degree of consanguinity or is the husband or wife of someone so related; or, (2) The applicant is the employer, employee, or partner of the member or is a corporation in which the member is a major shareholder or has a major financial interest; or, (3) The member owns property within 300 feet of the property which is the subject of the application. Any member having a disqualifying conflict of interest shall promptly notify the Washington County Planning and Parks Department. Acknowledging that the County Planning and Parks Department is designated by these bylaws to serve in an administrative capacity and recognizing that the County may also be a disputing party taking advantage of this forum to resolve its dispute, such circumstances may give rise to the appearance of a conflict of interest on the part of the County. However, in the event that the County is responsible for administering the process and is also a disputing party, the County shall implement appropriate safeguards by assigning its administrative functions with respect to the Panel to another division within the County Planning and Parks Department to avoid the appearance of or actual conflict and so that the Planning Division is freely and fully capable of taking its dispute through this forum for a resolution.

SECTION 7 – LIMITATIONS

The Panel's role is limited to conducting facilitated negotiation of town, village, city or county disputes related to the comprehensive plan as described in §66.1001(1), Wis. Stats for the nine following elements; Issues & Opportunities, Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources, Land Use, Housing, Transportation, Utilities and Community Facilities, Economic Development, Intergovernmental

Cooperation and Implementation. Nothing herein shall be construed to give or grant to the Panel, the power or authority to alter or change the comprehensive plans, ordinances related thereto or other official maps of the disputing parties, which authority shall be retained by the governing bodies of the disputing local units of government. The Panel's role is to facilitate negotiations between the disputing parties in an effort to lead the parties to achieving a mutually agreeable resolution of the dispute or disputes brought before the Panel.

SECTION 8 - STAFF ROLE

The Washington County Planning and Parks Department (hereinafter "staff") shall provide administrative assistance to the Panel. The Staff's role shall be limited to assisting the Panel by accepting and processing joint applications, assembling the Panel and coordinating the meeting(s). The Staff shall not, in any way, assist the disputing parties or the presentation of the issue(s) to the Panel. During the facilitated negotiation process, Staff shall be available, upon request of the Panel, to assist the Panel with administrative functions.

SECTION 9 – PANEL'S OFFICE

The Office of the Panel shall be located at the Washington County Planning and Parks Department at 333 East Washington Street, Suite 2300, West Bend, Wisconsin 53095. Panel records of active disputes shall be available for public inspection between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays.

ARTICLE II. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE PANEL

SECTION 1 – GENERAL POWERS

The powers and duties of the Panel are authorized by §66.1001(1), Wis. Stats. and are more completely described herein. The Panel shall have the following general powers:

- A. To facilitate negotiations among disputing parties relating to the county, city, village or town comprehensive plan as described in §66.1001(1), Wis. Stats for the nine following elements; Issues & Opportunities, Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources, Land Use, Housing, Transportation, Utilities and Community Facilities, Economic Development, Intergovernmental Cooperation and Implementation.
- B. To refer written agreements or written outcomes to the appropriate governing bodies for formal action.

SECTION 2 – PRESIDING OFFICERS

Upon convening a Panel for facilitated negotiations, the Panel shall elect a chairperson from among its selected members to coordinate and conduct the Panel during the facilitated negotiation process. The chairperson shall serve as such until the dispute is resolved or the process is otherwise terminated. Upon convening, the Panel shall also select a recording secretary who shall record information as instructed by the Panel. The recording secretary shall not be a member of the Panel. The recording secretary shall be selected from the pool of available clerks of participating governing bodies, but shall not be a clerk from the locale of any of the disputing parties. At the discretion of the Panel, in lieu of a recording secretary, the parties may be required to obtain the services of a stenographer or court reporter to adequately record the negotiation activity and shall equally share the expense of same.

SECTION 3 – DUTIES

- 1. CHAIRPERSON. The chairperson shall preside over and direct the conduct of all meetings of the Panel. The chairperson shall, subject to these rules and further instructions from the Panel, direct the official business of the Panel, supervise the work of the Panel and request necessary help when required. The presiding officer, subject to these rules, shall decide all points of procedure or order.
- 2. RECORDING SECRETARY. The recording secretary, as selected by the disputing parties, shall record information as directed by the Panel and maintain permanent minutes of the Panel's proceedings; reflect the presence of the participants including representatives of the parties; show generally the activity conducted by the Panel; shall keep records of its official action; shall summarize accurately the information presented by the parties appearing before the Panel and keep a written record of all proceedings; shall record the names and addresses of all persons appearing before the Panel in person, or by attorney; shall, at the conclusion of process, collect all documents introduced during the negotiation process and attach same to the recorded information; and shall file said minutes and records in the office of the Panel, which minutes and records shall be of public record. County staff shall assist the Recording Secretary in performing these clerical duties as requested by the Chairperson. The Washington County Clerk shall be the custodian of the files of the Panel and shall keep all records.

The County Attorney, or his or her designated representative may provide assistance and guidance to the Panel, upon request, unless an actual or perceived conflict exists. Upon request of the Panel, assistance of counsel shall be noted in the record of the proceeding.

SECTION 4 – SCOPE

In exercising the powers herein, the Panel shall facilitate negotiations of disputing parties who present an issue relating to the comprehensive plan and who desire to engage in voluntary good faith negotiations to resolve said dispute.

ARTICLE III. FACILITATED NEGOTIATION MEETINGS

SECTION 1 – TIME: HOW CALLED

Meetings of the Panel shall be held, or may be canceled, at the call of the chairperson and at such other time as the Panel may determine provided that all Panel members are notified by staff at least 48 hours prior to such meeting. All meetings shall be open to the public and scheduled and noticed in accordance with Wisconsin's Open Meeting Law, unless a disputing party requests that the facilitated negotiation be conducted in closed session and it is properly noticed as such.

SECTION 2 – QUORUM

A quorum shall consist of at least two selected panelists per each disputing party. Because the Panel is charged with facilitating a negotiation process, the conduct of the meeting will not require the making of formal motions nor will the outcome of the meeting result in a decision or other formal action by the Panel; therefore, the voting requirements and other formal rules of conduct are unnecessary.

SECTION 3 – ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Staff provide assistance to the Panel Chairperson for the development of an agenda for each Panel meeting which shall include the general subject matter of the business to be discussed at the meeting.

- B. Meetings shall be conducted as follows:
 - 1. Call to order and roll call.
 - 2. Statement by the presiding officer concerning the notice in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. (Read legal notice)
 - 3. Presiding officer to read the joint application identifying the dispute.
 - 4. Parties to acknowledge voluntary participation and accuracy of the identified dispute.
 - 5. Identification of all participants.
 - 6. Each party is allowed an opening statement regarding the dispute.
 - 7. Questions by the Panel members.
 - 8. Other questions or statements at the discretion of the Panel.
 - 9. Any correspondence received relevant to the issue before the Panel shall be read by the recording secretary.
 - 10. Panel to continue to lead parties in negotiation and engage in debate and discussion.
 - 11. Panel, with the assistance of the parties, to engage in brainstorming to delineate list of possible solutions.
 - 12. Panel to continue leading parties in negotiation process by using suitable facilitation techniques.
 - 13. Written agreement signed by representatives of the disputing parties reduce resolution(s) to writing.
 - 14. If no agreements are reached, the Panel shall reduce outcomes of the facilitated negotiation to writing.
 - 15. Panel shall send a copy of the outcome to governing body of disputing parties
 - 16. Adjournment.

The order of business at any meeting or hearing may be varied from the preceding by consent of the members present.

SECTION 4 - ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 10th Edition, shall generally guide the actions of the Panel in conduct of its meetings if not covered by these rules, County ordinance or *State Statutes*.

SECTION 5 – MINUTES

The Panel, by its recording secretary, shall keep minutes of its meetings including any documentation presented to the Panel.

ARTICLE IV. APPLICATIONS

SECTION 1 – WHO MAY FILE

Washington County, cities, villages and towns within Washington County and adjoining Washington County that have adopted a comprehensive plan; and, counties adjoining Washington County that have adopted a comprehensive plan may submit a joint application regarding a dispute relating to the comprehensive plan. Applications to the Panel shall be filed with the Planning and Parks Department.

Disputing parties must co-sign an application which shall include a jointly defined dispute, minutes of the governing body reflecting authorization to engage in the negotiation process, proposed outcomes and a general description of communications between the parties regarding the dispute.

SECTION 2 – COPIES TO BE SENT

Staff shall promptly transmit copies of the application and the supporting documentation as follows: original retained for Panel file; a copy to the applicants; copy to the Clerks of the respective governing bodies of the disputing parties; and copy to SEWRPC.

SECTION 3 – TIMELINESS OF APPLICATION

Applications may be filed at any time upon the determination or discovery of a dispute relating to the comprehensive plan of a town, city, village or county. Upon receipt of a properly filed joint application, staff shall within sixty (60) days take appropriate action to process the application, including but not limited to assembling the Panel and scheduling the first meeting of the Panel. The first meeting of the Panel may be scheduled more than sixty (60) days after receipt of the application upon mutual agreement of the disputing parties.

SECTION 4 – REQUIRED INFORMATION

Applications shall be made on forms provided by the Panel. Any communication, except in the prescribed forms, purporting to be an application shall be deemed a mere notice of intention to file and shall not be deemed a filing to comply with the requirements of timely filing. Failure of the joint applicants to supply the required information, including the appropriate fee, will be considered by the Panel as a failure to comply with the application procedure and the dispute will not be permitted to be submitted to the Panel.

SECTION 5 – REASONS TO BE STATED

The reasons for the application must be stated and basis of the dispute must also be stated by the applicants:

- A. The application shall designate all informal discussions that have occurred between the parties regarding the dispute at issue.
- B. The facts should be stated upon which findings may be made by the Panel.
- C. Relevant maps, ordinances, or procedures and policies shall be included as exhibits to the application.

SECTION 6 – JOINT APPLICATION/REPRESENTATIVE FILING

The application shall bear the signatures of the chief elected official of the respective disputing parties. The joint application shall be filed in person by a representative of each of the disputing parties so that the selection of the Panel and the Recording Secretary can be accomplished at the time of filing.

SECTION 7 – TERMINATION OF THE PROCESS

The Panel, at its discretion, may refuse to convene upon the failure of the applicants to supply the required information called for on the forms or if it is determined that the Parties are not acting in good faith.

SECTION 8 – TIME FOR HEARING

Each application screened by Staff satisfying the requisite criteria for facilitated negotiations shall be considered by the Panel as soon as reasonably practical providing for sufficient time between the date of the application and the date of the meeting for the required meeting notices to be published.

SECTION 9 – NOTICE OF HEARING

The Staff of the Panel shall give, or cause to be given, notice of each meeting as required by law and these rules. Notice shall be given as follows:

- A. Consistent with that required by Wisconsin Open Meeting law.
- B. Mailing a notice to the joint applicants at least 10 calendar days before the meeting.
- C. Mailing a notice to the Clerk of the governing body of the disputing parties, not less than one week before the date of the hearing.
- D. Mailing notice to Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC).

SECTION 10 - EFFECT ON OTHER ACTIONS

Submittal of a dispute to the Panel for facilitated negotiations shall have no effect whatsoever on any other judicial, quasi-judicial, administrative or alternative dispute resolution proceeding. Disputing parties retain all rights and remedies available at law and submittal of same shall in no way affect said rights.

SECTION 11 – FEE

- **A. Application Administrative Fee**. This fee is intended to cover 100 percent of the costs associated with staff's administrative functions such as processing the application, coordinating and convening the Panel and providing required notices and mailings. This fee shall be paid at the time of application and shall be provided to the Washington County Planning and Parks Department.
- **B.** Panel Fee. This fee is intended to cover 100 percent of the costs associated with the operations of the Panel including panel participants and the recording secretary. The fee for the first meeting shall be paid at the time of application and shall be provided to the Washington County Planning and Parks Department.

Additional fees will be determined at the conclusion of the first meeting and imposed at the conclusion of the facilitated negotiations.

ARTICLE V. PANEL PROCEEDINGS

SECTION 1 – APPEARANCES

At the time of the meeting, the applicant may appear on his or her own behalf or be represented by his or her attorney or agent. It is preferred that parties are represented by officials of the governing body rather than attorneys or other professionals.

SECTION 2 – WITNESSES

The chairperson or the Panel has no authority to compel the attendance of witnesses by subpoena. However, any representative wishing to participate shall be required to state their names and their interests in the matter before the Panel. Statements may be limited by the chairperson in order to conduct an orderly and efficient meeting.

SECTION 3 – PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Following the reading of the application, the Panel may hear statements on the question of the appropriateness of the process for the identified dispute and request that each party state a position on the point. The Panel may proceed with the meeting by engaging the parties in negotiation and reserve its determination on an appropriateness of the forum until after the negotiations conclude. The Panel may make an immediate determination and terminate the hearing upon a finding that the parties are not voluntarily bringing the dispute before the panel or the parties lack good faith. If the Panel determines that the dispute is not appropriate for the forum, the recording secretary shall record the decision as a determination to terminate the meeting.

SECTION 4 – DECORUM

The chairperson shall maintain order and decorum during all Panel proceedings. All persons present during Panel proceedings shall conduct themselves properly so as to not disrupt the process. The chairperson reserves the right to order any person to leave who has conducted himself or herself in a disorderly manner and persisted in such conduct after being directed by the chairperson to cease the conduct.

SECTION 5 – PARTIES NOT TO INTERRUPT

Orderly procedure requires that each party shall proceed without interruption by the other and that there be no arguments between the parties.

SECTION 6 – TOOLS TO FOSTER/ENHANCE NEGOTIATIONS

The Panel shall engage and lead the disputing parties in negotiations to achieve a mutually agreeable result. Facilitated negotiations may employ various tools which include but are not limited to establishing ground rules, brainstorming, caucusing, consensus building and similar techniques. Each dispute brought before the Panel shall be considered unique and as such, the Panel shall not be limited in any way with regard to the tools and techniques it chooses to employ or not employ, but rather it shall determine on a case-by-case basis the appropriate manner to conduct negotiations.

SECTION 7 – QUESTIONS BY THE PANEL

During the meeting, the chairperson, Panel members or representatives of the disputing parties may ask questions and may make appropriate comments pertinent to the dispute; however, no member should argue an issue with the applicant. The chairperson and other Panel members may direct any questions to the applicants or to any person speaking in order to bring out all relevant facts, circumstances and conditions affecting the dispute.

SECTION 8 – PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENTATION

All supporting documentation for each issue shall be presented to the assembled Panel by the disputing parties. Each applicant shall be responsible for the presentation of all information supporting its position. The Panel may take administrative notice of the ordinances of the local governments involved in the dispute in effect at the time of the dispute. Washington County Ordinances and the laws of the State of Wisconsin and other relevant facts not recently subject to dispute may also be considered by the Panel.

SECTION 9 – ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

The Panel may take a case under advisement for later consideration and determination, or may defer action whenever it concludes that additional information is needed or further study is required. The Panel may require that the parties temporarily discontinue the negotiation process so as to reevaluate respective positions and reconvene at a later date as determined by the Panel.

SECTION 10 – POSTPONEMENT OF MEETING

Negotiations may be postponed only by prior arrangement with the chairperson, or at the discretion of the chairperson.

SECTION 11 – RULES OF EVIDENCE

The Panel shall not be bound by court rules of evidence, but it may exclude irrelevant, immaterial, incompetent, unduly argumentative or repetitious information. In addition, all records and documents relied upon by the Panel or presented to the Panel, shall be made part of the record and every party given an opportunity to rebut the report and documents or to offer countervailing or clarifying oral or written information.

SECTION 12 – INTERESTED PERSONS MAY GIVE STATEMENTS

Representatives of the disputing parties who have not been formally designated to conduct negotiations on behalf of the disputing party may attend the meeting and may request an opportunity to be heard provided they identify themselves and sign the list of persons attending the meeting and the disputing parties do not object. The Chairperson shall have the sole authority to allow statements by interested persons after conferring with the Panel.

SECTION 13 - RECORD

All proceedings shall be recorded by the recording secretary or recorded by a court reporter or stenographer which shall include a summary of actions, witnesses, appearances, roll call and other matters constituting the substance of the proceeding. Any party or member of the public may make a record of the proceedings by any means which does not disturb the meeting or others present.

SECTION 14 – ADJOURNMENT

A recess or adjournment of a meeting, made at the noticed meeting date, to a time and place certain is adequate notice to the Panel participants and the public of a new meeting date, time and place. When a dispute cannot be resolved on the date set, the Panel may adjourn from day to day or to a date certain, as it may order, and such adjourned date shall be construed as a continuance. Notice of such adjournment shall be given to the absent members of the Panel.

SECTION 15 - WITHDRAWAL OF APPEAL

Applicants may withdraw a request for facilitated negotiations at any time prior to the conclusion of the process. Withdrawal of the application shall not entitle the applicants to a refund of any fees and may result in the assessment of additional fees.

SECTION 16 – POTENTIAL OUTCOME

The Panel has no authority to reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or modify an order, requirement, decision or determination, ordinance or law. The Panel may refer the matter to an appropriate administrative agency or other dispute resolution forum for further consideration, may adjourn the matter to a later date, may assist in a negotiated result, or may terminate the process.

ARTICLE VI. OUTCOME OF THE PROCESS

SECTION 1 – OUTCOMES TO BE WRITTEN

All outcomes of the parties at the conclusion of the negotiations shall be reduced to writing by the recording secretary, identify the dispute at issue, the facts upon which the outcome is based and the impact of the outcome. The written outcome shall be signed by the disputing parties.

SECTION 2 -OUTCOMES TO BE MAILED

Staff shall mail written copies of any such outcomes to the applicants and all interested parties and shall retain a copy on behalf of the Panel to the County Clerk. Copies of written outcomes shall also be mailed to SEWRPC.

SECTION 3 – INFORMAL ADVICE NOT BINDING

Any advice, comments, opinion or information given by any Panel member or the recording secretary, shall not be binding on the Panel or the disputing parties. The Panel shall not be perceived as a decision-making body nor shall it comment on the merits of the dispute.

SECTION 4 - CASES TO BE DETERMINED INDIVIDUALLY

No action of the Panel or outcome of the negotiation shall set a binding precedent. Each dispute shall be considered upon its merits and upon the attendant circumstances, provided, however, that the Panel shall not act arbitrarily or capriciously and that it shall facilitate negotiations in an orderly and congenial manner.

SECTION 5 – ACTIONS IN CIRCUIT COURT

Parties submitting disputes to the Panel shall be cognizant of other administrative remedies, quasi-judicial or judicial avenues available to resolve disputes and the laws, rules and regulations associated with the said forums, including but not limited to relevant statutes of limitations and other applicable procedural or substantive rules.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENT OF RULES

These rules may be changed or amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee.

The foregoing rules and regulations are hereby adopted by the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee for the County of Washington on this 30th day of January, 2008.

Mathew Heiser, Chairperson

Appendix E

PLAN COMMISSION RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

APPENDIX E

TOWN OF ERIN PLAN COMMISSION

RESOLUTION APPROVING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Town of Erin, pursuant to Sections 62.23, 61.35, and 60.22 (3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, has adopted Village powers and created a Town Plan Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty and function of the Town Plan Commission, pursuant to Section 62.23 (2) of the Wisconsin Statutes, to make and adopt a comprehensive (master) plan for the development of the Town, and to recommend that the Town Board adopt the comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town has cooperated with Washington County and SEWRPC to prepare both a multi-jurisdictional comprehensive plan for the County, and a comprehensive plan for the Town of Erin. The Town plan is documented in the report titled "A Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Erin: 2035," containing all maps, references and other descriptive materials; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 66.1001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the comprehensive plan includes the following nine elements: Issues and Opportunities; Land Use; Housing; Transportation; Utilities and Community Facilities; Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources; Economic Development; Intergovernmental Cooperation; and Implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted a Public Participation Plan for the comprehensive planning process as required by Section 66.1001 (4) (d) of the Wisconsin Statutes on September 27, 2004, and the Town has conducted meetings and other public participation activities during the course of development of the comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Town has duly noticed a public hearing on the comprehensive plan and the Town Board held a public hearing following the procedures in Section 66.1001 (4) (d) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Sections 62.23 (3) (b) and 66.1001 (4) (b) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Plan Commission of the Town of Frin hereby approves the comprehensive (master) plan embodied in the report titled "A Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Erin; 2035."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Plan Commission does hereby recommend that the Town Board enact an Ordinance adopting the Comprehensive Plan.

Adopted this 2nd day of June , 2008.

Dennis E. Kencaly, Chairperson Town of Frin Plan Commission

Attest:

Daye Schippers, Secretary Town of Erin Plan Commission

Appendix F

TOWN BOARD ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

APPENDIX F

Ordinance No. 08-03

ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF ERIN, WISCONSIN

The Town Board of the Town of Erin, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Sections 62.23(2) and (3), Section 61.35, and Section 60.22(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Town of Erin is authorized to prepare and adopt a comprehensive plan as defined in Sections 66.1001(1)(a) and 66.1001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

SECTION 2. The Town Board of the Town of Erin, Wisconsin, has adopted written procedures designed to foster public participation in every stage of the preparation of a comprehensive plan, as required by Section 66.1001(4)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

SECTION 3. The Town has cooperated with Washington County and SEWRPC to prepare both a multijurisdictional comprehensive plan for the County and a comprehensive plan for the Town of Erin. The Town plan is documented in the report titled "A Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Erin: 2035."

SECTION 4. The plan commission of the Town of Erin, by a majority vote of the entire commission recorded in its official minutes, has approved a resolution recommending to the Town Board the adoption of the document titled "A Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Erin: 2035," containing all of the elements specified in Section 66.1001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

SECTION 5. The Town has duly noticed and held at least one public hearing on the comprehensive plan, in compliance with the requirements of Section 66.1001(4)(d) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

SECTION 6. The Town Board of the Town of Erin, Wisconsin, does, by the enactment of this ordinance, formally adopt the document titled, "A Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Erin: 2035," pursuant to Section 66.1001(4)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes, as the Town of Erin comprehensive plan.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by a majority vote of the members-elect of the Town Board and publication or posting as required by law.

ADOPTED this 16 day of June , 2008.

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Published/Posted: 10/24/08

Attest: Brenda Klemmer

Dennis Kencaly, Town Chair

Brad Bautz, Supervisor

Mike Cornell, Supervisor

Gene Eggert, Supervisor

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