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The purpose of this Subchapter is to comply with §66.1001(2)(d), Wis. Stats., which requires this Plan to contain a compilation of objectives and programs to guide the future development of utilities and community facilities in the Town such as sanitary sewer service, storm water management, water supply, solid waste disposal, on-site waste water treatment technologies, recycling facilities, parks, telecommunications facilities, power-generating plants and transmission lines, cemeteries, health care facilities, child care facilities, and other public facilities, such as police, fire and rescue facilities, libraries, schools and other governmental facilities. This Section should describe the location, use and capacity of existing public utilities and community facilities that serve the Town and should provide a timetable for the expansion or rehabilitation of existing facilities or the construction of new utilities or facilities. It should also assist future needs for government services in the Town that are related to such utilities and facilities.

21.601 INVENTORY OF EXISTING PUBLIC UTILITIES

- (1) **WATER UTILITIES:** The Town does not own or operate a water utility. The Village of Lyndon Station and the City of Wisconsin Dells both have water utilities.
- (2) **SANITARY SEWERAGE SYSTEMS:** The Town does not own or operate a public sanitary sewerage system. The Village of Lyndon Station and the City of Wisconsin Dells both have public sanitary sewerage systems.
- (3) **TOWN SANITARY DISTRICTS:** The Town has not created any Sanitary Districts pursuant to Subchapter IX of Chapter 60 Wis. Stats.
- (4) **STORM WATER SYSTEMS:** The Town does not have a publicly owned or operated storm water management system, except for the culverts and ditches associated with the Town road system.
- (5) **DRAINAGE DISTRICTS:** The Town has not created any Drainage Districts pursuant to Chapter 88 Wis. Stats.
- (6) **PUBLIC INLAND LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICTS:** There no Public Inland Lake Protection & Rehabilitation Districts in the Town.
- (7) **SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL:** The Town does not own or operate a garbage truck or other garbage/dump facilities. However, the Town contracts with a private firm to provide weekly curbside trash/recycling pickup to residential dwelling units in the Town. All garbage collected in the Town is dumped at approved sites located outside the Town. Trash/recycling pickup is not provided by the Town to commercial, retail, industrial, educational, religious or governmental facilities.
- (8) **ELECTRIC UTILITIES:** The Town does not own or operate an electric utility. There are no power-generating plants in the Town. However, the Town is fully electrified, with electric service provided by Alliant Energy and Oakdale Electric Cooperative.
- (9) **GAS UTILITIES:** The Town does not own or operate a gas utility. A natural gas line does not run through the Town. Residents who wish to use gas must use propane gas (LP), which is available from several vendors in the area.

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21.602 INVENTORY OF GOVERNMENT FACILITIES

- (1) **TOWN HALL:** The Town owns a modern town hall located at W1797 Co. J, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. This building has a meeting hall, kitchen facilities, offices, and bathrooms, and it houses polling equipment. (See, Map No. 6).
- (2) **PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING:** The Town uses the old Town Hall for storage of public works equipment. The Town has a very small public works department. The Town uses private contractors to do most of its work (e.g. plowing, mowing, road repair, etc.).
- (3) **CEMETERIES:** There is one cemetery in the Town, commonly known as “Indian Baptist Church Cemetery,” which is owned and maintained by the Wisconsin State Baptist Convention. There are no cemeteries owned or maintained by the Town.
- (4) **HEALTH CARE FACILITIES:** There are no health care facilities in the Town. Mile Bluff Clinic and Hess Memorial Hospital are available in Mauston (10 miles away). The Dells Clinic is located in Wisconsin Dells (3 miles away), and the Lake Delton Clinic is located in Lake Delton (6 miles away), both of which are operated by the Dean Clinic/St. Mary’s Hospital. The Reedsburg Area Medical Center is located in Reedsburg (10 miles away).
- (5) **EDUCATION:** Students living in the Town are split between the Mauston school district (including Lyndon Station Elementary), the Wisconsin Dells school district, and the Reedsburg School District. College classes and adult continuing education classes are available at University of Wisconsin Extension (UW-Extension) and Western Wisconsin Technical College (WWTC) in Mauston, and at Madison Area Technical College in Reedsburg.
- (6) **CHILD CARE FACILITIES:** The Town does not own or operate child care facilities. There are several licensed child care providers within 10 miles of the Town, with most located in the Wisconsin Dells and Mauston areas. There are two child care providers in the Town.
- (7) **LIBRARIES:** The Town does not own or operate a public library. The closest library is located in Wisconsin Dells. The Hatch Public Library is located in Mauston.
- (8) **POLICE PROTECTION:** The Town does not currently own or operate its own police department or other law enforcement agency. The Town is serviced by the Juneau County Sheriff’s Department. Lyndon Station has a small part-time police department, and the City of Wisconsin Dells has a fulltime police department.
- (9) **FIRE FIGHTING FACILITIES:** The Town does not own or operate a fire department. The Town contracts with the City of Wisconsin Dells and the Village of Lyndon Station to provide fire protection. The DNR in Wisconsin Dells handles forest/wildfire protection.
- (10) **AMBULANCE FACILITIES:** The Town does not own or operate an ambulance service. The Town contracts with the Dells-Delton EMS Commission and the Reedsburg Area Ambulance Service, Inc., to provide ambulance service.
- (11) **TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES:** The Town does not own or operate any telecommunications facilities. There are three cell towers located in the Town. Land-line telephone service is provided by Verizon throughout the Town. Cell phone service is available in the Town, but there are some dead zones, especially in the western hills of the Town. (See, Map No. 6).
- (12) **PARK FACILITIES:** The Town owns and operates no parks. The Town owns and operates a public boat ramp and public parking area on the Wisconsin River.

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21.603 PUBLIC INPUT

According to the participation survey, Town residents have few, if any, concerns about utilities or community facilities. Most residents understand that their taxes cannot remain low if they demand more utilities, facilities, and services. In general, they give acceptable marks to public services:

Sheriff's Protection	Above Average
Fire Protection	Good
EMS	Good
Garbage handling	Good
Road Maintenance	Above Average
Area Schools	Average

21.604 GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The Town hereby adopts the following goals, objectives and policies, based upon the foregoing data and the in-put of residents and landowners, regarding housing in the Town:

- (1) **FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE:** The Town will continue to provide fire and rescue service by contracting with adjacent municipalities and other service providers.
- (2) **RECREATION:** The Town will continue to maintain its parks and boat launch.
- (3) **GARBAGE:** The Town will continue to provide garbage/recycling pickup for dwelling units. The Town will also enforce ordinances prohibiting the dumping and/or accumulation of junk, garbage and waste at sites which are not approved by the Town.
- (4) **UTILITIES:** The Town will continue to work with utility providers to supply services to Town residents and businesses. At this time, the Town does not contemplate the creation or construction of any new Town utilities or community facilities. However, the Town will cooperate with other governmental entities and providers, who wish to construct or expand such utilities and community facilities in the Town.

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