

Chapter 5 Recommended Changes

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Emergency Medical Services

Ambulance services are provided to ~~the majority of~~ the Town by the Gresham-Shawano Area Ambulance. ~~The southeastern corner of the Town is served by the Shawano Area Ambulance. These services are~~ This service is expected to adequately serve the Town throughout the duration of the planning period.

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Schools

~~The Town of Herman is served by the Shawano, Gresham, and Marion School Districts. The Shawano School District has two elementary schools, a middle school and a high school, all located in the City of Shawano and has the largest enrollment of the three Districts. The Gresham School District has an elementary school and a high school, both located in the Village of Gresham. The Marion School District has an elementary school and a middle/high school, both located in the City of Marion in Waupaca County.~~

~~The majority of the Town of Herman is located within the Shawano and Gresham School Districts (the Shawano-Gresham School District divided in 2007), which serve students living in the City of Shawano, the Village of Gresham, and the towns of Red Springs, Herman, Richmond, Belle Plaine, Navarino, Waukechon, Wescott, and Washington. The District had a K-12 enrollment of 2,956 during the 2005/06 school year. Enrollment has remained relatively steady over the past five years, peaking at approximately 3,000 students.~~

~~The District currently operates two high schools, one middle school, and three elementary schools. Four of the six schools are located in the City of Shawano: Olga Brener Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Franklin Middle, and Shawano High School. In February of 2005, the Shawano-Gresham School District commissioned the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance to conduct a study analyzing the potential fiscal impacts of creating a new school district to serve the Village of Gresham and adjoining communities.~~

~~The southwestern corner of the Town is located within the Marion School District, which serves students in the towns of Grant, Pella, Herman, and Seneca. The District currently operates one middle/high school and one elementary school and had a K-12 enrollment of 634 during the 2005/06 school year.~~

Parks and Recreation Facilities

~~The Town of Herman has one town park located on Third Street in the hamlet of Leopolis. The park has a large shelter and a children's playground. The park also has a beautiful baseball field which is used by the Leopolis Bulldog Baseball Club, but is available to the public on non-game days. Reservations for the shelter are made through the Leopolis Booster Club. The Town also owns land on Water Street in Leopolis which offers access to fishing on the Leopolis Pond. Two access points are located on Lower~~

Red Lake, located in the Town has two access points, both located in the Village of Gresham. A segment of the Mountain Bay Recreation Trail that runs from Wausau to Green Bay is located in the northern part of the Town, ~~adjacent to~~ along an abandoned railroad corridor. ~~A park is also located in Leopoli.~~

Health and Child Care Facilities

ThedaCare ~~Physicians~~ Medical Center (clinic and hospital), Stockbridge-Munsee Health & Wellness Center, ~~Shawano Medical Center Riverside Clinic,~~ and Aurora Clinic operate in the area. There are currently no health care facilities located within the Town. ~~The Shawano-Theda Care~~ Medical Center, ~~also~~ located in the City of Shawano, is the only general hospital in the County.

There are ~~not any~~ no child care facilities located in the Town of Herman. However, there are 32 County or State licensed child care facilities within Shawano County. The closest facilities are located in the City of Shawano, east of the Town.

Cemeteries

There are six cemeteries located in the Town of Herman, Elias Lutheran Cemetery, Jung Cemetery, Saint Francis Solanus Cemetery, Saint Johns Hermansfort Cemetery, Saint Mary's Cemetery, and Zion Lutheran Cemetery. The Gresham Public Cemetery also serves Town residents.

Churches

The Town of Herman is served by the following churches: Elias Lutheran on Winkle Road; St. John Lutheran Hermansfort on County U; St. Mary Catholic and St. John E.L.C.A both located in Leopoli; and St. Francis Solanus Catholic, Zion Lutheran, and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints all located in Gresham.

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Objectives:

1. Coordinate community facilities planning with land use, transportation, and natural resource planning.
2. Provide the appropriate level of community services and facilities consistent with a low tax levy and the rural orientation of the Town.
3. Explore the potential for wireless and high speed communication technologies, in cooperation with neighboring communities.
4. Continue to work with other communities to provide community services such as EMS and fire protection.
5. Continue to maintain and improve the Herman Town Hall.
6. Enhance Town administration and communications capacities.
7. Maintain and enhance park and recreational facilities in the Town.
- ~~8. Protect the Town's public health through proper siting and avoiding over-concentration of on-site wastewater treatment systems.~~

Allocate Resources to ~~Develop a Town Hall Office to Fulfill Improve~~ Administrative and Communication Capacities

~~Since the original Long Range Plan was adopted in 2008, the Town has established an office in the Town Hall.~~ The functioning and efficiency of operations in the Town could be greatly enhanced by expanding the ~~capacities for~~ administrative capacities in the Town. Over time, the Town will allocate resources through its annual budget toward this. The Town will consider planning ahead through developing a Capital Improvement Program. Some ~~preliminary~~ ideas about how ~~functioning of~~ the Town office may be more efficient include the following:

- ◆ Set up and train personnel in the use of laptop computers for recording minutes and notes during official Town meetings
- ◆ Scan documents to record all old important Town records on computer files

~~Ensuring o~~Open communication between the local government and the residents of the Town is also important to ensuring that residents are well-informed on Town events and policies, and have ample opportunity to provide input to Town decision-makers on important issues. Some ~~preliminary~~ ideas ~~as to how to promote for promoting~~ more effective communications in the Town include:

- ◆ Develop a Town website on which to post important Town information, notices, agendas, minutes, news, etc.
- ◆ Create an email address to which residents can direct questions or comments.

- ◆ Explore funding for this type of community utility investment available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Rural Utility Services or other broadband pilot programs.
- ~~◆ Work with the County on revision the current telecommunication ordinance.~~

Stay Informed with any Plans for the Location of Power Lines and/or a Substation in the Town.

Because new transmission lines are costly to build and difficult to site, energy providers are increasingly looking to increase capacity

Figure 21: Timetable to Expand, Rehabilitate, or Create New Community Utilities or Facilities

Town Utilities & Community Facilities	Timeframe	Comments
Water Supply	N/A	All water supplied by private wells; expected to continue
Sanitary Wastewater Disposal	N/A	All wastewater treatment supplied by on-site wastewater treatment systems

Town Utilities & Community Facilities

	Timeframe	Comments
On-Site Wastewater Treatment (Septic Systems)	Ongoing – being in 2008	Promote the State’s Wisconsin Fund to help repair or replace failing septic systems; promote the use of community/group waste treatment systems in areas of intensive development
Stormwater Management	2008 – 2011	Ensure that subdivision ordinance contains erosion and stormwater management standards for new subdivisions; enforce those standards
Solid Waste & Recycling	Ongoing	Continue to contract with private companies for waste disposal and recycling
	2010 – 2012 Ongoing	Cooperate with the County on a Solid Waste Management Plan
Town Buildings and Facilities	2016 – 2020 2009 – 2011	Purchase and set up a computer system to enhance Town administration and communications capacities Establish a Town Web Site
	Ongoing	Support ongoing Town Hall improvements and maintenance, as necessary
Parks	2008 – 2010 2016 – 2020	Participate in a Countywide process to prepare a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan to access State funds for park and recreation improvements Promote the Leopold Park for use by more town residents
Telecommunication Facilities	2008 – 2009	Inquire and pursue the availability of wireless communications in the Town
	Ongoing	Support strategies for enhancing telecommunication capabilities
Power Plants/Transmission Lines	Ongoing	Continue to stay informed on any plans by ATC for improvements to and location of power lines/transmission stations
Child Care Facilities	N/A	Future needs will be met by the private parties
Health Care Facilities	N/A	Existing and proposed medical facilities in nearby communities appear to meet needs
Senior Center/Care Facilities	N/A	Facilities in nearby communities appear to meet needs
Schools	Ongoing	Work with the School Districts serving the Town on long-range planning issues and retaining local schools
Library	N/A	Area libraries meet current and forecasted needs
Police	Ongoing	County provides services and may explore long-range space needs for Sheriff’s Department
Fire and EMS	2008 – 2012 Ongoing	Continue to work with neighboring communities to provide these services
Cemeteries	N/A	Future needs will be met by private parties
Other Government Facilities	N/A	