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## UTILITIES & COMMUNITY FACILITIES PLAN

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The Town of Dunn is committed to providing efficient, affordable and quality public services and facilities, and requiring any new development to be located in areas that will continue these practices.

**Goal 1: Ensure Town residents and businesses are adequately served by public utilities and facilities in a cost-effective manner that contributes to a high quality of life and is consistent with the Town's rural character.**

**1-1:** Maintain low public service and facility costs in the Town.

**Action 1-1a:** Create and refine mechanisms to ensure that any future development projects pay their own way. Some existing and possible future mechanisms include:

- Establishing impact fees (i.e., transportation system improvements).
- Significantly increasing development review fees.
- Amending Town ordinances to require evaluation of development impacts on the provision of public services and facilities, including the fiscal impacts of providing new or expanded services and facilities.
- Evaluating costs of providing services and facilities with growth and development in the Town at least every five (5) years and adjusting fees accordingly.

**Action 1-1b:** Continue to seek grants, state and federal loans, and alternative methods of funding improvements.

**Action 1-1c:** Direct any new development to locations where it can be efficiently served by existing utilities and facilities, including fire and EMS services.

**1-2:** The Town of Dunn will continue to work cooperatively with Dane County, the School Districts, Fire/EMS Districts, surrounding communities, the Department of Natural Resources, and other jurisdictions to ensure efficient, economical, and quality provision of community services and facilities.

**Action 1-2a:** Continue an on-going dialogue with the School Districts in order to address issues of mutual concern.

**Action 1-2b:** Continue to ensure Town participation on regional boards, commissions and committees to jointly plan for and coordinate the provision of Town utilities and community facilities.

**1-3:** The provision of public services and facilities will improve the quality of life of Town residents, property owners, businesses and visitors.

**Action 1-3a:** Involve the public in facility and utility expansion decisions and sewer districts and monitor their satisfaction, whenever possible, by asking for public comments and placing citizens on appropriate boards.

**Action 1-3b:** As contracts are up for renewal, evaluate the quality of services provided by the police, fire and emergency medical service in order to assure the community of prompt and efficient responses to emergencies.

**Action 1-3c:** Continue to contract with Dane County Sheriff's office for a dedicated officer in the Town of Dunn.

**Action 1-3d:** Maintain the Town's excellent government accessibility.

**Action 1-3e:** Ensure that the Town Hall is maintained as a vital community facility that is accessible to all residents and visitors.

**Action 1-3f:** Encourage service providers, businesses and developers to promote energy conservation and green building practices in the Town.

**Action 1-3g:** Pursue the use of alternative energy sources, such as wind energy, bio diesel fuel, solar energy, etc. at the Town Hall and on Town property.

**Action 1-3h:** Encourage development designs and patterns that promote energy efficiency and conservation.

**Goal 2: Avoid environmentally sensitive areas when upgrading existing utilities and community facilities.**

**2-1:** Consult the Sensitive Environmental Areas Map before making decisions regarding the upgrade of existing utilities or community facilities, and encourage development and redevelopment practices that will maintain or improve the natural environment.

**Action 2-1a:** The Town should consider the land use planning implications of the COMM 83 rules. Specifically, the Town should understand that the COMM 83 regulations often allow development to occur in areas where private, on-site waste disposal systems were previously not feasible due to poor soil conditions. The Town should work with the County to prevent and control pollution of surface and subsurface waters by regulating the location, construction, installation, alteration, design and use of all private sewage systems.

**Action 2-1b:** The Town should work closely with Dane County to implement the County's Stormwater Management Ordinance (Chapter 14, subchapter II) to prevent soil erosion and protect water quality.

**Action 2-1c:** Permit sewered development in the Town of Dunn only in infill areas within the Waubesa and Kegonsa Limited Service Areas and within areas designated for Limited Service Area expansion on the Future Land Use Map.

**Action 2-1d:** To control erosion and runoff, encourage designs and landscaping patterns in the Town that promote the retention of natural vegetation.

**Action 2-1e:** Do not extend or develop new utilities and facilities in floodplains, wetlands, steep slopes, or other environmentally sensitive areas.

**Action 2-1f:** Follow the Town's ordinance related to the construction and operation of communication towers and periodically review and update the ordinance as necessary.

**Action 2-1g:** Maintain drainage ditches along Town roads. The ditches provide important stormwater management functions by allowing runoff to filter into the ground.

**Please see Utilities Service Area Map**