

Element 4 - Utility & Community Facility Goals, Objectives and Policies

- 1 **Utility and Community Facility Goal 1:** Continue to cost effectively maintain the Town's infrastructure at a level of service desired by Town residents, farmers and businesses.²⁹

1.0 Objective 1.0:

Provide reasonable access to adequate and safe water for drinking and fire protection.

Policies:

- 1.01 Protection of Groundwater – Restrict or prohibit any land uses that could damage or threaten groundwater supplies.
- 1.02 Maintain Groundwater Testing Program – Maintain the Town's groundwater testing program to monitor for possible contamination (e.g. atrazine) and to protect drinking water supplies.
- 1.03 Cooperate on Preserving Firefighting Capabilities in the Commercial District – Continue to work with the Village of DeForest to ensure adequate service and fire protection flows to those areas (i.e. commercial districts) within the Town near the I-39/90/94 interchange.
- 1.04 Monitoring and Maintenance of Existing Private Wells – Ensure that existing private wells are properly maintained and monitored through inspections as necessary.
- 1.05 Proper Installation of New Private Wells – Ensure that new private wells are properly installed according to Wisconsin DNR and Dane County regulations through inspections.
- 1.06 Utility District No. 1 Public Water Service - Continue to provide public water service in Utility District No. 1 and plan for the potential future expansion of Utility District No. 1 and the Town's urban service area to appropriate areas as consistent with the comprehensive plan.
- 1.07 Establishment of New or Expanded Urban Service Areas – Any proposed new or expanded urban service areas or limited urban service areas must be addressed as a formal amendment to this comprehensive plan. Such areas may not be submitted or approved until the Town Comprehensive Plan is formally updated and amended to incorporate such areas

on the Proposed Land Use Map, and appropriate policies for the location, capacity and need for the expansion of services has been incorporated into the proposed amendment to this plan. The formal adoption/amendment process identified in this plan must be followed to consider and potentially approve a formal amendment to this plan

1.1 Objective 1.1:

Provide reasonable access to adequate and safe disposal of wastewater and management of stormwater throughout the Town.

Policies:

- 1.11 Protection of Groundwater – Restrict or prohibit land uses that could threaten groundwater supplies.

- 1.12 Mandatory Connection to Public Sanitary System – Require? uses of any significant density or intensity in the area of the I-39/90/94 interstate area to connect to the Town sanitary system.

- 1.13 Consistency with Comprehensive Plan – Encourage the development of residential subdivisions or commercial areas (as defined in the Town ordinance) that are consistent with the comprehensive plan, which includes requiring such developments to connect to public sanitary facilities.

- 1.14 Coordination with Dane County on Septic Inspections – Dane County should continue to ensure that existing private septic systems are adequately maintained and inspected on a regular basis and that new private septic systems are designed, constructed, and inspected according to Wisconsin DNR and Dane County regulations.

- 1.15 Coordination on Stormwater Management Enforcement – Work with other jurisdictions as necessary to enforce the Dane County Stormwater Management and Erosion Control Ordinances.

- 1.16 Utility District No. 1 Public Sanitary Service - Continue to provide public sanitary service in Utility District No. 1 and No. 2 and plan for the potential future expansion of Utility District No. 1 and No. 2, along with the Town’s urban service areas to appropriate areas as consistent with the comprehensive plan.

1.17 Establishment of New or Expanded Urban Service Areas – Any proposed new or expanded urban service areas or limited urban service areas must be addressed as a formal amendment to this comprehensive plan. Such areas may not be submitted or approved until the Town Comprehensive Plan is formally updated and amended to incorporate such areas on the Proposed Land Use Map, and appropriate policies for the location, capacity and need for the expansion of services has been incorporated into the proposed amendment to this plan. The formal adoption/amendment process identified in this plan must be followed to consider and potentially approve a formal amendment to this plan.

2 Utility and Community Facility Goal 2: Continue to cost effectively maintain the Town’s public services desired by Town residents and businesses.

2.0 Objective:

Work with neighboring jurisdictions, special districts and other providers to ensure Town residents, farmers and businesses receive adequate service levels.

Policies:

2.01 Emergency Services Coordination – Continue to work with neighboring municipalities and Dane County to continue to maintain adequate provision of emergency services (i.e. fire, police, EMS) for Town residents and businesses and review service provision levels with the appropriate agency once per year or sooner if necessary.

2.02 Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling – Annually review levels of service provided by the contracted solid waste disposal and recycling carrier and meet with them to address any concerns raised by residents or local businesses (currently contracted to a private provider: Green Valley Disposal).

2.03 Utility Corridors and the Town Plan – Actively participate in the planning and siting of any major transmission lines for electricity or natural gas. In the event that major transmission lines for electricity or natural gas are being proposed, work with potentially affected landowners and jurisdictions to determine if such lines can be run through the Town safely and in a manner that will not overly disrupt life in the Town. (If such an area is identified and approved, these areas should be identified on the Town Proposed Land Use Map through a formal amendment to this plan.)

2.04 Siting of Major Utility Facilities – Major power production facilities, substations, lines or other related facilities should be located in an area away from significant residential uses, high traffic area, and major livestock operations whenever possible.

- 2.05 Telecommunications Towers – No new telecommunications tower shall be located within the Town of Vienna without the owner/operator entering into an agreement with the Town that addresses the use, design, site location, overall safety and potential impacts to the Town and neighboring jurisdictions of such a facility. Note: If such an area/use is identified and approved, these areas should be identified on the Town Proposed Land Use Map through a formal amendment to this plan. While the Town may not be able to fully regulate the location of such uses, their siting and location can affect other land use decisions.
- 2.06 School Facilities – Continue to work with overlapping school districts to provide high quality educational facilities for Town residents.
- 2.07 Public Libraries – Work with neighboring jurisdictions to maintain and improve access to public library facilities for Town residents through mobile or “traveling” collections.
- 2.08 Recreational Facilities and Preserve Areas – Evaluate the need for recreational or natural preserve areas in the Town of Vienna and work with the Wisconsin DNR and Dane County as necessary to develop and maintain these areas if established. (NOTE: If such an area is identified and approved in the future, these areas should be identified on the Town Proposed Land Use Map.)
- 2.09 Special Needs Care Facilities – Work with neighboring jurisdictions to conduct a formal survey on the need for public and private special care facilities such as day care or health care facilities.
- 2.010 Cemeteries – Revisit the need for additional cemeteries within the Town with local churches and neighboring municipalities.

2.1 Objective:

Evaluate the condition of the Town Hall, garage and associated equipment to ensure that it will continue to meet Town needs.

Policies:

- 2.11 Schedule a Facility Needs Assessment – Conduct a formal facilities needs assessment.

2.12 Continue Capital Improvement Planning – Maintain and fund the Town’s capital replacement program for maintenance vehicles and equipment.

2.13 Review of Proposed Major Capital Equipment Purchases - Continue to utilize the Town of Vienna Equipment Committee as the principal review resource for the Town Board to make major capital equipment purchases.

Utility and Community Facility Goal 3: Continue to protect landowners by implementing Town Solar Policies

2.2 Objective: Develop a Solar Development Agreement.

Any Solar installation, regardless of size, with the purpose of distribution of electrical energy to other properties must have a Solar Development Agreement with the Town of Vienna. This agreement is a Town Ordinance and requirement similar to the agreements in place surrounding Mineral Extraction. It addresses the implementation of the policies below.

Policies for Renewable Energy Facilities in Farmland Preservation Areas.

2.21 To minimize the need for new electrical transmission lines, locate new renewable energy installations as close as possible to existing transmission facilities.

2.22 Where practical, manage density and size of utility-scale installations to minimize impacts to adjoining agricultural land uses and rural character.

2.23 Except where required for aviation or other safety concerns, encourage setbacks, vegetative screening, berms, or other practices to minimize visual impact.

2.24 Encourage multiple- or dual-use facilities that allow for agricultural, natural resource, habitat and/or soil and water conservation uses to coexist with energy generation.

2.25 Arrange energy infrastructure, fencing and berms to allow for equipment movement, habitat, wildlife corridors and pervious cover to minimize runoff.

2.26 Make sure all installations comply with county erosion control and stormwater standards during construction, operational, maintenance and decommissioning phases.

2.27 Encourage adaptive reuse of operating or closed mineral extraction or other rural industrial sites for renewable energy use.

2.28 To the extent possible, follow the siting criteria for this plan, to avoid productive farm soils. Make sure landscaping and other vegetation is maintained to continue to serve its intended purpose and does not create sources for invasive species.

2.29 Require decommissioning plans for all renewable energy facilities, with financial instruments sufficient to cover the cost of equipment removal and reclamation. Including but not limited to payment/performance bonds. Lands should be reclaimed to agricultural or natural resource use.