

Element 6 - Natural Resource Goals, Objectives and Policies

- 1 Natural Resource Goal 1: Promote compatibility between agricultural uses, commercial development efforts, natural areas and environmental corridors within the Town of Vienna as identified in this plan.

1.0 Objective 1.0:

Consider the potential impact on natural resources, environmental corridors, or habitat areas when evaluating potential residential, commercial, industrial and intensive agricultural uses.

Policies:

- 1.01 Compatibility with Threatened and Endangered Species – Discourage potential uses that would have an impact on documented threatened and endangered species.
- 1.02 Encroachment on Wetlands and Floodplains - Direct any new development to locate in a manner that does not encroach upon or impact delineated wetlands or floodplains.
- 1.03 Enforcement of Water Quality Regulations – Work with Dane County to enforce water quality standards for both surface water (rivers and streams) and groundwater through its stormwater management and erosion control ordinance.
- 1.04 Continue Groundwater Monitoring – Continue to monitor groundwater quality in the Town of Vienna through a testing program.
- 1.05 Coordinate Inspection of Private Septics and Private Wells – Ensure that proposed new development outside of the urban service area conducts proper soils tests and uses current design standards when installing septic systems and wells.
- 1.06 Joint Planning, Review and Enforcement – Reviews of proposed developments in the Town will be coordinated with neighboring communities, Dane County, and the drainage district as necessary.

1.1 Objective 1.1:

Utilize recreational opportunities and the preservation of open space to maintain the rural character of the Town wherever feasible.

Policies:

- 1.11 Role of the Town Park Commission – The Town Board may charge the Town Park Commission with the planning of future park facilities or expanded facilities in the Town as needed.

- 1.12 Preservation of Woodlands – Encourage the preservation of woodland areas to the extent possible while maintaining the preservation of productive agricultural lands as a priority.

- 1.13 Identification and Planning for Natural Resource Areas – Work with Dane County, Wisconsin DNR and other agencies to identify, plan for, and preserve open spaces, natural habitat and environmental corridors within the Town where appropriate.

- 1.14 Existing and Future Park Areas – Maintain the existing park spaces within the Town and consider expanding or adding to these areas by 2010 if the Town grows as anticipated.

- 1.15 Bike Trail Planning – Work to plan and develop a formal bike trail and route system throughout the Town that connects to the larger, regional system.

- 1.16 Coordination of Recreational Opportunities – Work with neighboring municipalities and school districts to ensure access to recreational opportunities for all Town residents.

- 1.17 ATV/UTV Routes – Monitor the Town’s new ATV/UTV ordinance on effectiveness and usage. Be prepared to revise or modify the Town Ordinance based on safety and welfare of the citizens; the creation of additional state regulation; or the creation of additional Town routes. See the ATV Map.