

# DRAFT VISION STATEMENTS

These DRAFT visions were developed by OMNNI Associates after the Vision Meeting held on July 11, 2005. These DRAFT visions will be reviewed and refined by the Plan Commission and residents. Final visions will be provided within each of the chapters of the plan.

## **OVERALL VISION**

Buchanan is a unique, thriving, and prosperous community that invites opportunity for involvement from all in creating and implementing its vision for 2025 and beyond.

Buchanan is “the place” for living in the Fox Cities. It offers a great location, excellent schools, attractive parks, a network of trails, and quality housing choices for its many residents. Town planning has successfully blended development with natural areas and agricultural uses.

We envision Buchanan as a community that values cooperation and harmony among government, the business sector, citizens, civic organizations and surrounding communities

The community is known for its spirit of neighborliness, compassion, cooperation and mutual respect for all.

## **HOUSING VISION**

In 2025, the Town of Buchanan offers a variety of housing types to meet the lifestyle, demographic and economic needs and desires of its residents. Housing developments, particularly those beyond the Darboy Sanitary District, are designed in harmony with local farms and natural green spaces. Housing choices west of STH 55 include a greater mix of choices including condominiums, apartments, townhouses, etc. These developments buffer nearby single family residential neighborhoods from business areas and offer a housing choice for residents who want to live in a development close enough to walk to stores, restaurants, services, and even local employers. Several senior housing developments have also been established in Buchanan. Town codes and ordinances promote attractive housing with abundant green spaces and trail access in accordance with the recommendations outlined in the Town of Buchanan Comprehensive Plan.

## **TRANSPORTATION VISION**

In 2025, more residents than ever before take advantage of organized transit choices (including carpooling) to travel to nearby employment centers and entertainment choices. Trails and walkways are an integral part of the recreation and transportation network - providing connections between neighborhoods, neighboring communities, schools, parks, and the greater region. Residents and businesses enjoy convenient access to STH 441 and STH 55, as well as, a well-maintained system of neighborhood streets, Town and County roads.

## **UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

In 2025, the Town of Buchanan closely coordinates with Outagamie County, local school districts and nearby communities to ensure that residents have easy access to efficient services and quality facilities. Without jeopardizing public health and safety, the Town strives

to ensure that property taxes are minimized by controlling debts, maintaining Town equipment, carefully planning Town expenditures, and using volunteers whenever feasible. The Town has been able to reduce costs and improve efficiencies in services by entering into shared service agreements with neighboring communities. Buchanan's dedication has enabled the Town to offer a superior quality of living to residents.

### **AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES VISION**

In 2025, prime agricultural lands, woodlands, wetlands, the Fox River frontage and other natural areas provide recreational opportunities and wildlife habitat. The Town's farmland and natural areas maintain a link to Buchanan's rural agricultural past and serve as a buffer between outlying farm areas in neighboring counties and residential and commercial areas within the Town. Residents enjoy access to many natural areas via a network trails. Access to a great variety of cultural facilities and historical resources (both in the Town and in nearby communities) enriches the lives of residents.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VISION**

In 2025, the Town has successfully concentrated its commercial development in areas with transportation access to important state and county highways and trails. The Town is an important regional shopping destination for the eastern Fox Cities, but also, provides areas with smaller, local businesses that are integrated into the community within walking distance of residential developments. Light industrial uses have also expanded near the 441 and 55 corridors expanding quality local employment choices in the Town. Most importantly, the Town has been successful in helping local farmers to realize profitable farm opportunities - beyond the sale of land for development - that have resulted in farming remaining an thriving part of the community setting in 2025.

### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION**

By 2025, intergovernmental cooperation efforts have enabled Buchanan to establish partnerships with neighboring communities, state agencies, Outagamie County, and the school districts to provide coordinated, cost-effective services. Annexations have been minimized based on carefully planned Town development patterns that utilize local services and through boundary agreements that seek to protect the rural character of the Town.

### **LAND USE**

In 2025, the Town has successfully maintained its safe, friendly community atmosphere and at the same time increased its recognition among residents, landowners, and other communities. The Town of Buchanan is a recognized for its conservation subdivision development approaches that are widely used to accommodate residential neighborhoods while preserving open space, natural areas, wildlife habitat, and farmland. Expanding business uses are concentrated primarily along visible highway corridors - catering to Town residents and residents from nearby communities.

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

The Town relies on effective land use ordinances (i.e. zoning, design and subdivision) to conserve the Town's natural resources, promote quality residential development and provide development options that are also sensitive to preservation of its community character.