

DRAFT TOWN OF CENTER VISION STATEMENTS

What follows are vision statements for each of the 9 required Plan Elements. These visions are intended to represent the broad interests of the community and serve as a guide for making land use decisions. The visions are based on an assessment of the town's strengths and weaknesses, values, and the community survey results.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES (OVERALL VISION)

The Town of Center offers rural subdivision development opportunities. Residents enjoy access to local trails and parks. Undeveloped natural areas and farms contribute to the Town's rural character and aesthetic appeal. The Town provides basic municipal services to its residents. The Town continues to develop working relationships with the City of Appleton and Outagamie County to obtain additional services, plan for growth, and expand the economic base.

HOUSING VISION

The Town of Center encourages rural, single-family residential subdivisions located within easy access to the Fox Cities, as the primary choice for residential development. Housing is attractive, planned and well-suited for raising a family. Neighbors support neighbors, especially seniors still living in the Town.

TRANSPORTATION VISION

The Town of Center transportation network has expanded to accommodate its growing population. Town roads that existed in 2002 are now collector streets for subdivision developments. The STH 47 and CTH A corridors have been expanded to 4-lanes, with an interchange, to accommodate traffic and maintain the link between the Town of Center and City of Appleton. Trails provide connections from neighborhoods to natural areas throughout the county.

UTILITIES & COMMUNITY FACILITIES VISION

Residents enjoy nearby access to a full-range of services, including: medical care, retail, educational facilities and entertainment choices available in the Fox Cities. The Town strives to ensure that property taxes are minimized, without jeopardizing public health and safety.

The provision of town services and infrastructure are closely coordinated, well-planned, and do not create unreasonable financial burden for residents. Town residents rely on monitored and treated well water. Municipal water and sewer service is only available in adjacent cities and villages.

AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES VISION

Woodlands, wetlands, surface water resources and other natural areas in the Town of Center are protected from development through effective county ordinances. The few remaining farms in the Town are devoted to cash-cropping and are found mainly in the northern 1/3 of the Town. The Town's farmland and natural areas enhance the rural

residential character of the community by maintaining some open vistas and buffers between residential areas. The Town strives to maintain enough park space to meet resident expectations. As has been the tradition, cultural and entertainment venues are easily accessible in the Fox Cities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT VISION

Through 2025, economic activity has been concentrated primarily around Mackville and Center Valley. Quarry operations are thriving and are considered an important part of the local economy.

Most of the Town's non-residential development has been along the STH 47 corridor in and to the south of Mackville. Activities in this area include: service businesses, shops, and light industrial development. Some of this area has been annexed to the City of Appleton, prior to development, to accommodate business needs for city services (i.e. water and sewer). Center Valley has grown modestly with a few businesses locating near the STH 47/CTH A intersection. Employment opportunities for residents can easily be found within 15 miles of their homes.

LAND USE VISION

Over the next 20 years, much of the Town of Center has been developed into rural residential neighborhoods and large rural residential lots to accommodate the growing Fox Valley population. The Town has become a popular suburban area for people seeking larger lots that are accessible to the economic activities in the Fox Cities. Portions of the Town have been annexed by neighboring communities, resulting in water and sewer service for these areas. Limited areas of commercial and light industrial development exist near Mackville (along STH 47) and in Center Valley.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION VISION

The Town of Center and Outagamie County work cooperatively to make sure roads are well-maintained and serviced. Annexation is planned, based on service demands, and coordinated in a fashion to ensure that both communities have preserved their community identities.

After much coordination with local school districts, two elementary schools have been built in the town.

Town leaders keep residents informed on all matters pertinent to Town operations and land development issues and pursue opportunities to provide coordinated, cost-effective services with neighboring governments.

IMPLEMENTATION VISION

By 2025, the Town of Center has consistently recognized the importance of planning to build a better community. Effective planning helps the town to prevent incompatible land uses and anticipate capital improvement needs. The Town listens to the opinions of its residents and business owners, while also respecting the responsible efforts of landowners to improve their property and community.

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