

## **4. Utilities and Community Facilities**

This element includes an inventory of existing facilities and services and provides insight into their condition and level of service.

### **4.1 Local Administrative Facilities and Services**

The Beaver Town Hall is located at W3742, Capital Rd. Town administration is handled by three board members, a seven (7) member planning commission, one clerk, and one treasurer. Board meetings are generally held at the town hall once every month. The annual meeting is held on the second Tuesday in April. Town staff includes one full-time patrolman and one part-time patrolman and volunteers.

In spring 2007, the Town Board made a motion at the creating a seven member Planning Commission. Appointments to the commission were made in April 2007. The Commission's primary charge is to assist the Town Board in land use and planning decisions.

The location of various existing and proposed public facilities is presented on Map 4-1, Existing and Proposed Facilities and Services.

The Town owns and maintains the town hall which is used for administration as well as meetings, and the attached town garage used for storage of various signs, seasonal equipment, and maintenance tools. The building is ADA accessible.

### **4.2 Protective Services**

#### **Police Services**

Police services for the Town of Beaver are provided by the Clark County Sheriff's Department.

The Clark County Sheriff, located at 517 Court Street in Neillsville, provides the majority of law enforcement services to Clark County, particularly within unincorporated areas. All emergency calls are dispatched through the sheriff's office.

#### **Fire Protection Services/Emergency Medical Services**

The Town of Beaver is served by the Loyal Unified Fire and Ambulance Service.

The Loyal Unified Fire and Ambulance Service is located at 603 N. Wolf Street in the City of Loyal. The Loyal Unified Fire and Ambulance Service share a facility and operate as one department providing services for the City of Loyal and the Towns of Beaver and Loyal. The Ambulance also serves in the north third of the Town of York.

### **4.3 Schools**

The Town of Beaver is served by the Greenwood School District, the Loyal School District and the Owen Withee School District.

The Greenwood School District provides for grades 4K-12 located in two facilities. The Loyal School District provides for grades 4K-12 located in one facility. The Owen Withee School District provides for grades 4K-12 located in one facility.

#### **Private Schools**

The following private and parochial schools also serve the Town of Beaver:

- ◆ St. Anthony Catholic School
- ◆ St. Mary Catholic School
- ◆ Three Amish Schools

### **4.4 Quasi Public Facilities**

The Town of Beaver is served by the Public Libraries located in the Cities of Greenwood, Loyal and Owen Withee.

#### **Cemeteries**

The town has two cemeteries: St. Luke's Cemetery and Beaver Cemetery. Refer to Map 4-1 for locations. The existing cemeteries contain adequate space to accommodate needs throughout the planning period. The Beaver Cemetery Association is the governing board for the Beaver Cemetery.

### **4.5 Civic Organizations and Outdoor Clubs**

Clark County is home to several civic organizations and rod, gun, and other conservation/outdoor clubs. These clubs promote civic activities, land conservation, and outdoor recreation, including hunting and trail use activities.

### **4.7 Post Offices**

Post offices which serve the town include the Greenwood, Loyal, Owen and Unity Post Offices.

**Map 4-1, Existing Facilities and Services**

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## **4.8 Parks, Recreation & Open Space**

There are currently no public parks, athletic fields, tennis or basketball courts, picnic shelters or playground facilities in the Town of Beaver.

Active recreation facilities such as athletic fields (baseball, softball, football) and courts (tennis, basketball) are typically provided by the serving school district at either the public high schools or elementary schools.

## **4.9 Hunting**

The Town of Beaver contains approximately 5,200 acres of forested land which supports a variety of large and small game species available for hunting. Most popular hunted species include deer, turkey, pheasant, grouse, squirrel, and rabbit. There is no county forestland in the town available for public hunting.

## **4.10 Fishing**

Within the Town of Beaver opportunities are limited for such activities with the only warm water sport fishery being the Popple River and Rock Creek. There are no designated trout streams in the town.

## **4.11 Solid Waste Management & Recycling**

Within the Town of Beaver, solid waste collection and recycling services are privately contracted. The town provides a drop-off site for recyclables from which the private contractor collects the materials. The site is located at the Town Hall on Capital Road and is open the second Saturday in May and October. Tires and appliances are collected on the second Saturday in May.

Clark County hosts a Clean Sweep program every three years. Agricultural and household hazardous wastes are collected along with tires, batteries, and appliances. The collected materials are then recycled or disposed of properly.

The Town of Beaver also hosts annually a tire and appliance collection at the Town's disposal site. There is a minimal charge for recycling these items.

## **4.12 Communication Towers**

The need to construct additional towers is being driven by advancements in mobile communications technology, additional demand for these services, and increased numbers of service providers competing to supply that increased demand.

Locally, there is one tower within the Town of Beaver.

#### **4.13 Sanitary Sewer Service**

Currently, there are no areas in the town which are served by a public sanitary sewer provider or utility. All town residents rely on private on-site wastewater treatment systems (POWTS) to accommodate their wastewater needs.

#### **4.14 Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS)**

Residents of the town depend upon Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS), commonly known as septic systems. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce (DOC) and Wisconsin Counties are jointly responsible for the regulation and monitoring of POWTS. In July of 2000 the DOC completed major revisions to the state Plumbing Code (Comm 83) with the intent of allowing the use of more diverse technology in the design of POWTS.

Soil conditions dictate the types of POWTS that are suitable for use at any given site. Soil conditions throughout Clark County are very limiting of the type of systems that may be installed. The vast majority of POWTS in Clark County are holding tank systems, which are followed in number by mound systems.

Holding tanks are closed systems that do not discharge waste to the soil like a conventional drainfield, but must be pumped on a regular basis. Clark County currently has “Agent” status for the review of sanitary permit designs which saves time and money for applicants.

Suitable sites for mound systems are increasingly found in the county due to the 2000 revisions to Comm 83. A mound system can currently be placed on as little as six inches of suitable soil when other design and sizing criteria can be met.

Clark County participates in the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program, which provides financial incentives to qualified residents who replace their failing POWTS.

#### **4.15 Public Water Supply**

The Town of Beaver is not served by any public water supply system. Residents and businesses within the town are responsible for providing their own wells consistent with county and state requirements. The source of water to all private wells is groundwater.

#### **4.16 Storm water Management**

The Town of Beaver maintains a system of roadside ditches and culverts along the more than 63.7 miles of roads under the town's jurisdiction. The main purpose of road-side ditches is to control and convey storm water runoff along the adjoining town roadway system. Common associated maintenance activities include mowing, debris and sediment removal, and regrading. Private driveways and field roads which cross town ditches shall be approved by the town, and the owners of such accesses are responsible for maintaining associated culverts within the right-of-way. Road-side drainage ditches and other related storm water facilities are also associated with county and state highways located within the town. Development density within the town does not warrant any detention or retention facilities at this time.

#### **4.17 Care Facilities**

There are no health care facilities in the Town of Beaver, however there are several in adjoining cities. Meals on Wheels service is available for town residents if needed. There are health care facilities in the City of Stanley.

#### **4.18 Day Care Facilities**

At any given time, private day care facilities may be available in the township.

#### **4.19 Expansion and Rehabilitation of Existing Utilities and Facilities, and Future Needs for Government Services**

Wisconsin comprehensive planning statutes require that the utilities and community facilities element of a comprehensive plan identify the need for the expansion, construction or rehabilitation of existing utilities and facilities. An assessment for future needs of government services must also be included. The Town of Beaver has completed an assessment of needs related to utilities and community facilities as well as recommendations with regard to services in the town. Improvements were classified as either the short term (expected to be completed within the next five years, 2012-2017) or long term (to be completed after year 2017). The result of this assessment process is provided below.

##### **Public Buildings and Administrative Facilities and Services**

###### Short Term

- ◆ None

###### Long Term

- ◆ None

##### **Police Services**

###### Short Term

- ◆ None. Continue service through Clark County Sheriff's Department.

Long Term

- ◆ None. Monitor need for local service.

**Fire Protection and EMT/Rescue Services**

Short Term

- ◆ None.

Long Term

- ◆ None.
- ◆

**Libraries, Cemeteries, and Other Quasi Public Facilities**

Short Term

- ◆ None

Long Term

- ◆ None. Monitor needs.

**Parks and Recreation**

Short Term

- ◆ None

Long Term

- ◆ None. Monitor needs.

**Solid Waste and Recycling**

Short Term

- ◆ None

Long Term

- ◆ None. Monitor needs.

**Sanitary Sewer Service**

Short Term

- ◆ None.

Long Term

- ◆ None

**Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS)**

Short Term



- ◆ None. New development requires sanitary permits from the Clark County Planning and Zoning Department.

#### Long Term

- ◆ None. New development requires sanitary permits from the Clark County Planning and Zoning Department.

### **Public Water**

#### Short Term

- ◆ None.

#### Long Term

- ◆ None.

### **Storm water Management**

#### Short Term

- ◆ Convert town's existing "culvert policy" to a road access or driveway ordinance which includes dimensional standards so that adequate flows are maintained in local road ditches.

#### Long Term

- ◆ None. Monitor needs.

### **Health Care and Child Care Facilities**

#### Short Term

- ◆ None.

#### Long Term

- ◆ None.

### **Local Roads and Bridges**

Refer to Map 4-2 for specific locations.

#### Short Term

- ◆ Bridge upgrade on Mill Road over the Nelson Creek
- ◆ Bridge upgrade on Kington Road over the Nelson Creek.
- ◆ Bridge upgrade on the Rock Creek Road over Rock Creek.
- ◆ Keep information updated on culverts, gravel, and road signs.  
Evaluation of all signage's: reflect ability and condition of.  
Improve fire number signages.  
Maintain Capital Road, 153 Road and Century Road as each are Minor Collectors.

Long Term

- ◆ Monitor Needs.

## **4.20 Utilities and Community Facilities Goals and Objectives**

***Goal: Provide for quality cost effective town facilities and services that meet the existing and future demands of residents, landowners, and visitors.***

### ***Objectives***

1. Continually, consider impacts of development proposals to town facilities and services.
2. Maintain or pursue additional cooperation between communities to avoid duplication of facilities and increase the cost effectiveness of services provided to residents.
3. Continually monitor the need for new, expanded or rehabilitated town services.
4. Any objectives mentioned are subject to County approval.

### **Privately Owned Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS)**

***Goal: Promote the proper disposal of wastewater to ensure public health and protect ground and surface water quality.***

### ***Objectives***

1. Increase resident education on the proper design, installation and maintenance of privately owned wastewater treatment systems (POWTS).
2. Increase resident education regarding funding options for POWTS owners to upgrade failing non-complying systems.

### **Stormwater Management**

***Goal: Promote stormwater management practices which reduce property and road damage and promote a high level of water quality.***

### ***Objectives***

1. Increase the use of stormwater management practices to abate non-point source pollution and promote good water quality.
2. Preserve natural open space areas such as wetlands and floodplains that will accommodate flood water and minimize flooding.
3. Maintain town road-side swales/ditches/culverts and other related stormwater facilities for both stormwater quantity and quality control.
4. Increase awareness over the unequitable taxation of wetland and floodplains as recreational land.

### **Water Supply**

***Goal: Protect the quality and quantity of the town's ground and surface water features.***

### ***Objectives***

1. Continually evaluate the potential impacts of development proposals on groundwater quality and quantity.

### Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Facilities

***Goal: Promote effective solid waste disposal and recycling services and systems that protect the public health, natural environment, and general appearance of land use within the town.***

### ***Objectives***

1. Increase town and citizen involvement in decisions involving the type, location and extent of disposal facilities and services.
2. Annually evaluate solid waste and recycling services available to residents to determine if current needs are adequately being met.
3. Require major developments to adequately address solid waste disposal and recycling needs.
4. Increase collection opportunities for the proper recycling and disposal of unique (i.e. tires, appliances, etc.) and/or hazardous wastes. Computers and other electronic devices can be recycled at Express Disposal or First Choice Recycling.

### Parks and Outdoor Recreation

***Goal: Allow for recreational opportunities within the town.***

### ***Objectives***

1. Identify areas where recreational opportunities for all age groups can be increased.
2. Increase public awareness of Managed Forest Lands and publicly owned lands for recreational use.

### Utilities and Communication Services

***Goal: Promote the provision of reliable, efficient, and well-planned utilities ( i.e. gas, electric) and communication services ( i.e. telephone, cable, telecommunications) to adequately serve existing and future development.***

### ***Objectives***

1. Increase town involvement in the planning and coordination of utilities (gas, electric) with other agencies and jurisdictions in order to efficiently serve existing and future development and regional growth.
2. Direct new utility transmission and distribution lines into private-right-of-ways whenever feasible.
3. Monitor structural design, location and service standards for towers.

### Fire/Rescue Facilities

***Goal: Provide a level of fire and emergency services that meets existing and future demands of residents and development patterns.***

#### ***Objectives***

1. Increase resident education on ways to reduce the risks of fire and increase access and response time of emergency vehicles to local residences (i.e. forest and grass fire prevention, driveway design that eases emergency vehicle access).
2. Support the needs of the volunteer fire department and ambulance service to improve the condition of equipment and facilities and address needs where appropriate.

### Police Protection

***Goal: Promote efforts for police services that are appropriately meeting the existing and future needs of the town.***

#### ***Objectives***

1. Monitor and evaluate the need for a local police presence (i.e. constable or county liaison).

### Government Facilities

***Goal: Maintain quality town services and facilities.***

#### ***Objectives***

1. Maintain a public meeting place for large gatherings, town activities and public meetings.
2. Continually monitor the need for new or expanded local government facilities or services.
3. Assess if current staffing levels are effectively providing quality town services.
4. Provide a contact person for developers, homeowners, landowners, agencies and local business owners for information regarding town procedures, ordinances, regulations and programs.
5. Develop an annual budget to provide local decision makers, private developers, and citizens with detailed information on any capital improvement projects that will take place in the town's future.

### Health and Child Care Services and Facilities

***Goal: Promote opportunities for residents to have reasonable access to health care facilities and child care.***

## ***Objectives***

1. Allow opportunities for local residents in providing child care facilities in accordance to state law.
2. Support school districts or local community organizations in their sponsorship of child care programs and early developmental programs.
3. Support local clinics and hospitals in developing education programs to inform citizens of available services or health care advances.
4. Direct residents to health care providers and facilities that will meet the needs of existing residents and an aging population.

## **4.21 Utilities and Community Facilities Policies and Recommendations**

### **Policies**

#### General Policies

1. Development proposals shall address the impacts to utilities and town facilities including, but not limited to, fire protection, emergency rescue, law enforcement, drainage systems, solid waste collection and disposal.
2. Development which can not prove cost effective in covering required services, utilities and town facilities should not be pursued.

#### Sanitary Sewer

1. Concentrated residential development shall consider the feasibility and water quality impacts of a wastewater collection and treatment system.

#### Stormwater Management

1. Stormwater management shall be addressed as a requirement of all development proposals with an appropriate level of review based on potential negative impacts caused by construction site erosion and post-construction runoff.
2. Proper ditch, culvert and bridge sizing shall be pursued to ensure adequate drainage.
3. All new or altered ditch slopes shall contain proper stabilization.

#### Water Supply

1. Protection of the groundwater supply shall be considered prior to allowing any development.

#### Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Facilities

1. Household hazardous waste collection shall be performed at least once every two years.
2. Opportunities to expand or improve solid waste and recycling service for residents shall be pursued if more cost-effective solutions are available.

3. There will be an annual collection for recycling tires and appliances.

#### Parks and Outdoor Recreation

1. All park facilities shall be in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

#### Utilities and Communication Services

1. Telecommunication facilities and towers shall utilize and coordinate with existing facilities to the maximum extent possible and shall be designed to be as safe and unobtrusive as possible.
2. Underground placement of new or existing distribution lines for electricity, telecommunications, and cable entertainment shall be pursued to maintain and enhance rural character.

#### Libraries

1. Library facilities are available to residents within a reasonable distance of the town.

#### Fire/Rescue Facilities

1. An evaluation of fire protection staff, services, and equipment shall be completed on an annual basis.
2. The use of grants or donations to meet the need of the fire department shall be pursued prior to using the general fund.
3. Efforts to increase cooperation with neighboring jurisdictions with regard to fire and rescue facilities and services shall be pursued.

#### Government Facilities and Services

1. The town shall continually review staffing and professional service needs relative to planning, ordinance development/enforcement and other governmental services.
2. The town shall assess its capacity and needs with regard to administrative facilities and services and public buildings.

#### **Recommendations**

See Section 4.19 for a complete list of short term and long term project recommendations.