



CHAPTER 9

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INTRODUCTION

The relationship a municipality has with school districts, neighboring communities, the county, the Regional Planning Commission, the state, and the federal government can impact residents in terms of tax rates, planning, financial resources, service provision, and siting of public facilities. An examination of these relationships and the identification of existing or potential conflicts can help a municipality address these situations in a productive manner. Detailed information and an inventory of all units of government are contained in Appendix C-9, Chapter 10 contains action steps, while this chapter contains framing concepts and strategies.

GOAL

The Town of Algoma will strive to communicate and work with surrounding political entities, seeking ways to conduct joint planning and develop service agreements.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS AND NARRATIVE

Below are a summary of the key intergovernmental points and a brief narrative of what this means:

ADJACENT UNITS OF GOVERNMENT

THE FACTS:

- The Town of Algoma shares its borders with the City of Oshkosh and the Towns of Omro to the west, and Nekimi on the south, all of which are located in Winnebago County.
- At this time, the Town of Algoma has only one formal cooperative boundary agreement, that being with the City of Oshkosh.
- The Town is subject to extraterritorial reviews by the City of Oshkosh.
- The City of Oshkosh has established extraterritorial zoning in the Town; this covers areas of the Town outside of the Protected Area.
- The Town of Algoma is under Winnebago County zoning.

WHAT IT MEANS:

The Town's current arrangement with the City of Oshkosh goes a long way in terms of providing confidence in making future land use decisions.

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OVERLAPPING UNITS OF GOVERNMENT

THE FACTS:

- Two public school districts provide education to Town of Algoma residents: the Oshkosh Area School District (OASD) covers the majority of the Town of Algoma. A Small area along the Town of Omro/Town of Algoma border is part of the Omro School District. The Oakwood Elementary School is located on N. Oakwood Road.
- There are no institutions of higher education in the Town of Algoma. However, the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, located in the City of Oshkosh offers academic and professionally oriented bachelors and master degrees in a wide range of fields. The Town is within the Fox Valley Technical College district, which offers a wide variety of two year technical degrees.
- The Town is part of the Oshkosh Sewer Service Area (SSA) and hence, future sewered development must adhere to this plan administered by the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.
- The Algoma Sanitary District provides sewer and water services (although water systems are not part of the SSA planning jurisdiction) to homes and businesses in the Town of Algoma, Town of Omro, and portions of the City of Oshkosh.
- Town of Algoma residents are served by the Oshkosh Public Library at 106 Washington Avenue in the City of Oshkosh and by the Carter Memorial Library at 405 E Huron Street in the City of Omro.
- The Town of Algoma is under County Zoning and land use decisions are subject to the review and approval of Winnebago County. In addition, the Town of Algoma and the county must interact and cooperate regarding land divisions, on-site sanitary systems, highway system planning and special zoning (e.g. including shoreland-wetland, floodplain areas, etc.).
- Winnebago County, and thus the Town of Algoma, are members of the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC). The Town is included in several important regional plans including the Oshkosh MPO Long Range Transportation/Land Use Plan and the Oshkosh Sewer Service Area Plan.
- The WDNR is responsible for the regulation, protection, and sustained management of natural resources including stormwater management within the state.
- WisDOT deals with issues related to all transportation uses in the planning area. WisDOT evaluates existing transportation infra-structure for bicycle and pedestrian trails as well as assists in planning efforts for future trails.

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WHAT IT MEANS:

Cooperation and communication between the Town of Algoma and its overlapping jurisdictions is critical to the provision of services and the quality of life for its residents. The Town of Algoma's future plans for land use, infrastructure improvements and expansions, and economic development will rely on close communication and coordination with other affected entities. Periodic and timely sharing of information regarding desired land uses, densities, and development patterns and planned land use changes will help ensure the appropriate infrastructure and services will be in place to meet the future needs of the Town of Algoma residents. At times, specific agreements may be needed between the Town of Algoma and neighboring entities for the provision of additional services.

FRAMING CONCEPTS AND STRATEGIES

9a: INTENTIONAL COMMUNICATION

In order to effectively implement the comprehensive plan, the Town of Algoma will need to work closely with its neighboring jurisdictions and Winnebago County on land use and transportation issues along common borders. As with all municipalities, Algoma has some reliance on its neighboring communities in terms of employment, workforce commuting, municipal services, and economic Planning. The growth and types of growth in one community can have important effects on neighboring jurisdictions. The Town of Algoma and City of Oshkosh established a cooperative boundary agreement in 2004. An agreed upon schedule of annexations have and will occur from 2015 to 2023.

Implementing the comprehensive plan involves a great deal of consideration and actual decision-making at both staff and elected official levels. Internal and external stakeholders may be impacted by future land use decisions, therefore a process should be put into place to ensure consistent communication before, during, and after large projects are approved.

Various activities and actions affecting land use and the implementation of this plan will occur on a continuous basis after its adoption. Ensuring the Town has a formal process for communicating with various stakeholders and property owners will help ensure transparency and promote trust within the broader region.

Strategy 9a-1: Continue to establish formal procedures for the notification of stakeholders on individual decisions related to land use.

Strategy 9a-2: Continue to cultivate relationships with internal organizations and external stakeholders.

Strategy 9a-3: Continue to utilize and leverage social media opportunities in order to share information.

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