

1 **G. INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION**

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3 Intergovernmental cooperation can be defined as a compilation of objectives,
4 policies, goals, maps, and programs for joint planning and decision making with
5 other jurisdictions, including school districts and adjacent local government
6 units, for siting and building public facilities and sharing public services. For the
7 Town, the interacting units include surrounding towns, the City of Menomonie,
8 Dunn County, the State of Wisconsin, and the Federal Government.

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10 **Surrounding Towns**

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12 The Towns of Tainter, Red Cedar, Dunn, Weston, Lucas, Stanton, and Sherman
13 surround the Town of Menomonie.

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15 **The Town is a member of the Rural Fire - Ambulance District.**

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17 The fire district is made up of nine towns and the Village of Knapp. The fire
18 district has its own budget and equipment. The District contracts with the City of
19 Menomonie to provide employees and to provide housing for the equipment.
20 This district assesses fees on assessed values on the municipalities for fire
21 services.

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23 The ambulance district also consists of eight towns and the Village of Knapp.
24 This service is contracted through the City of Menomonie and a per capita fee is
25 assessed the municipalities. (Ambulance/Fire data from Town of Menomonie,
26 8/2014)

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28 The Town of Dunn and the Town of Menomonie cooperate in brush cutting,
29 mowing, chipping, and hauling operations. The Town has road maintenance
30 agreements with the Towns of Red Cedar, Sherman, and Weston. Present
31 arrangements for the Towns work well. This is due in part to maintaining
32 excellent communications with each of the neighboring municipalities

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34 **City of Menomonie**

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36 Because the Town surrounds the City of Menomonie on the north, west and
37 south, the City has the potential to have a major impact on the Town.

38 The City has the capacity to provide water and sewer service (either through
39 annexation or the construction of a sanitary district) in areas within the "Sanitary
40 Sewer Service Line". (See Map 13.) This could affect future annexation
41 discussions. The Town has a sanitary agreement with the City for Birch Terrace.
42 (See Map 2.)

43 The City of Menomonie currently has the "Right of Extraterritoriality" covering
44 much of the Town. This means that the City can review and approve/disapprove
45 most development within an area 3 miles outside the city limits. However the
46 City has agreed to limit its "Right" to 1.5 miles. It has not used this power yet,
47 but it is available to them. (See Map 13.)

51 **Storm water management**

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53 The City accepts storm water drainage from part of Woodland Terrace, which is
54 in the Town. The City is planning to build more storm water storage basins.
55 Some of these areas spill out into the town. No widespread cases of property,
56 infrastructure, or environmental damage due to storm water drainage from the
57 city into the town have been identified to date. There have been instances of
58 localized areas where water from the city has caused erosion and related
59 problems. The City has cooperated with the town in the past and is expected to
60 do so in the future.

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62 **Schools**

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64 Because many students, faculty, and staff members reside in the Town, schools
65 have a large impact on the Town of Menomonie. The Menomonie School District
66 encompasses the Town of Menomonie, the City, and parts of all of adjoining
67 towns. Although there are no public schools within its boundaries, the Town
68 collects real estate taxes for the Menomonie School District and Chippewa Valley
69 Technical College. UW-Stout, located in the city of Menomonie, is supported
70 primarily by state and Federal funds.

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72 **Dunn County**

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74 Dunn County provides construction and maintenance for county highways, law
75 enforcement services, garbage and recycling facilities, and oversight of various
76 ordinances. The County also supports the Land Conservation Office, which
77 gives technical information to the residents of the Town. These services now
78 meet the needs of the residents and most likely will be expanded to meet their
79 future needs.

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82 **State of Wisconsin**

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84 The State provides funds to build and maintain State Highways 12, 25, 29, and
85 79, which intersect and pass through the Town. The State also supports the Land
86 Conservation Service, the Department of Natural Resources, and UW-Stout. The
87 DNR maintains the Red Cedar State Trail, assists in identifying and preserving
88 environmentally sensitive areas, provides forest management services, and
89 licenses fishing and game hunting. (See Map 10.) Moreover, the State provides
90 funding assistance for the Menomonie School District, UW-Extension, and
91 provides General Transportation Aid for Town roads. The state may continue to
92 make grants available for various town works.

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95 **Federal Government**

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97 The Federal Government has a wide range of programs and regulations that
98 influence the State, the County, and the Town. These programs often change and
99 need to be continuously monitored.

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102 **SUMMARY**

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104 The state, county, city, and surrounding towns all affect the welfare of the Town
105 of Menomonie. It is important to maintain good relationships and
106 communication with all of them. At present the Town of Menomonie has no
107 serious conflicts with other governmental units. If conflicts develop, the Town
108 Board will take immediate steps to resolve them. A joint City-Town group has
109 been meeting about every three months to share information and ideas. It is
110 important to keep up this kind of communication.

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112 **Goals**

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- 114 1. The Town should foster good public services.
- 115 2. The Town should maintain frequent communication with surrounding
116 units of government.
- 117 3. The Town should keep up to date with any county ordinances or policies
118 that may affect the Town.
- 119 4. The Town should continue to be active in the joint City-Towns group.
- 120 5. The Town may want to explore the use of extraterritorial zoning in
121 cooperation with the City.
- 122 6. The Town should provide input, when appropriate, to city, county, and
123 state officials and political representatives.
- 124 7. The Town should make use of State Department of Transportation grants
125 whenever possible.
- 126 8. The Town should support education.

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128 **Objectives**

- 129 1. Remain active in the joint City-Towns group.
- 130 2. Apply for grants when possible
- 131 3. Strive for continued cooperation with the adjoining municipalities.

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