

Introduction:

Intergovernmental cooperation is any arrangement by which officials of two or more jurisdictions communicate visions and coordinate plans, policies, and programs to address and resolve issues of mutual interest. It can be as simple as communicating and sharing information, or it can involve entering into formal intergovernmental agreements and sharing resources such as equipment, buildings, staff, and revenue. It can involve consolidating services, jurisdictions, or transferring territory. To help improve or further enhance communication among municipalities, a copy of this comprehensive plan will be provided to all surrounding governments.

Many issues cross jurisdictional boundaries, affecting more than one community. For example, air and water pass over the landscape regardless of boundaries so that one jurisdiction's activities with regard to air and water impact other jurisdictions downwind or downstream. However, benefits can be obtained from intergovernmental cooperation. These benefits include:

- **Cost Savings** – Cooperation can save money by increasing efficiency and avoiding unnecessary duplication. Cooperation can enable some communities to provide their residents with services that would otherwise be too costly.
- **Reduced Litigation** – Communities that cooperate are able to resolve issues before they become mired in litigation. Reducing the possibility of costly litigation can save a community money, as well as the disappointment and frustration of unwanted outcomes.
- **Service to Citizens** – The biggest beneficiaries of intergovernmental cooperation are citizens. They may not understand, or even care about, the intricacies of a particular intergovernmental issue, but all Wisconsin residents can appreciate the benefits, such as cost savings, provisions of needed services, a healthy environment and a strong economy.
- **Environmental** – Cooperation can decrease environmental impacts caused by flooding, groundwater contamination, air quality degradation, etc.



Potential Conflicts of Intergovernmental Relations:

The City of Oconomowoc shares a border with Jefferson County, Village of Oconomowoc Lake, Village of Lac la Belle, Town of Oconomowoc, Town of Summit, Town of Concord, and the Town of Ixonia. The City is cognizant of the fact that conflict related to specific issues may arise in the future. It is the City's intent to work with other entities to ensure that conflict is either mitigated or altogether eliminated.

Village of Oconomowoc Lake:

Part of the City's eastern border is shared with the Village of Oconomowoc Lake. The Village and the City have not entered into a Municipal Boundary Agreement. However, the City and Village have an understanding that the Village has no intentions of expanding past its existing boundary. The City provides electric, sanitary and water

service for some properties in the Village along Plank Road. The City and Village maintain a good relationship and will continue to work together.

Village of Lac la Belle:

Located north and west of the City on the shores of Lake La Belle, both the City and the Village are located on this body of water. The City and the Village have not entered into a Municipal Boundary Agreement. However the two municipalities do have a good working relationship. The City provides sanitary sewer service to the Village and it is anticipated this area may need to be expanded further in the future. The City and Village will continue to work together on various issues.

Town of Oconomowoc:

The City and the Town have been negotiating a future boundary between the municipalities for the past years, but have yet to reach an agreement. The City remains optimistic an agreement can be reached that will define both future City and Town boundaries. The City provides sewer to properties within the Town and sewer connections will be part of future discussions.



The Town and City will continue to work together on planning their common boundaries to eliminate future land use conflicts.

Town of Summit:

The City and the Town of established a permanent border with the establishment of the Municipal Boundary Agreement in 2000, amended in 2007. This agreement defines the City and Town boundaries, allocates sewer/water to certain areas of the Town, and requires certain lands to attach to the City. All in all, this agreement has helped both municipalities in guiding future growth and limiting disagreements on annexation issues. The City and Town work together on other issues including stormwater and fire protection. The City and Town will continue to work together and share services when costs are beneficial.

Certain lands located in the Town of Summit were identified in the Peripheral Area Plan for the City of Oconomowoc dated December 4, 1996 as being required to have a minimum 15-acre lot size. Due to the approved boundary agreement between the City and the Town, the City finds this 15-acre lot size constraint is no longer applicable.

Town of Concord and Town of Ixonia:

The Towns of Concord and Ixonia are both located in Jefferson County and help form the western boundary of the City. The City does not have Municipal Boundary Agreements with these communities. With current law, it is very difficult for the City to annex across a county line. State Statutes does not permit the City to annex across the Jefferson/Waukesha County line unless the Town board of the annexing Town parcel adopts a resolution approving the proposed annexation, and the County board of the County in which the territory is located adopts a resolution approving the proposed annexation. Due to this requirement for annexations, a Municipal Boundary Agreement

with the Towns of Concord and Ixonia is not necessary at this time. However, the City will continue to keep a positive working relationship with both communities and will work together on issues when needed.

Waukesha County:

The City and County work together on issues ranging from transportation to land use decisions. Many roadways in close proximity to the City are County highways and require coordination between both governments. In addition, the City has been in discussions with the County regarding the jurisdictional transfer of roadways. The City's Planning Department works with the County on annexed properties that require the City to enforce the County Shoreland/Wetland Zoning Ordinance. The City and County will continue to work with each other on future City related issues.

State of Wisconsin:

The City and various State agencies work together on a variety of issues. The City works most closely with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The City and the State have long history of coordinating projects; specifically Wisconsin Avenue reconstruction and work along STH 67 in the Pabst Farms area. In addition the DNR has jurisdiction of waters and wetlands within the City including floodplains. A Chapter 30 Permit from the DNR is required for certain land disturbing activities in the City. The City and the State will continue to work together on future planning issues.

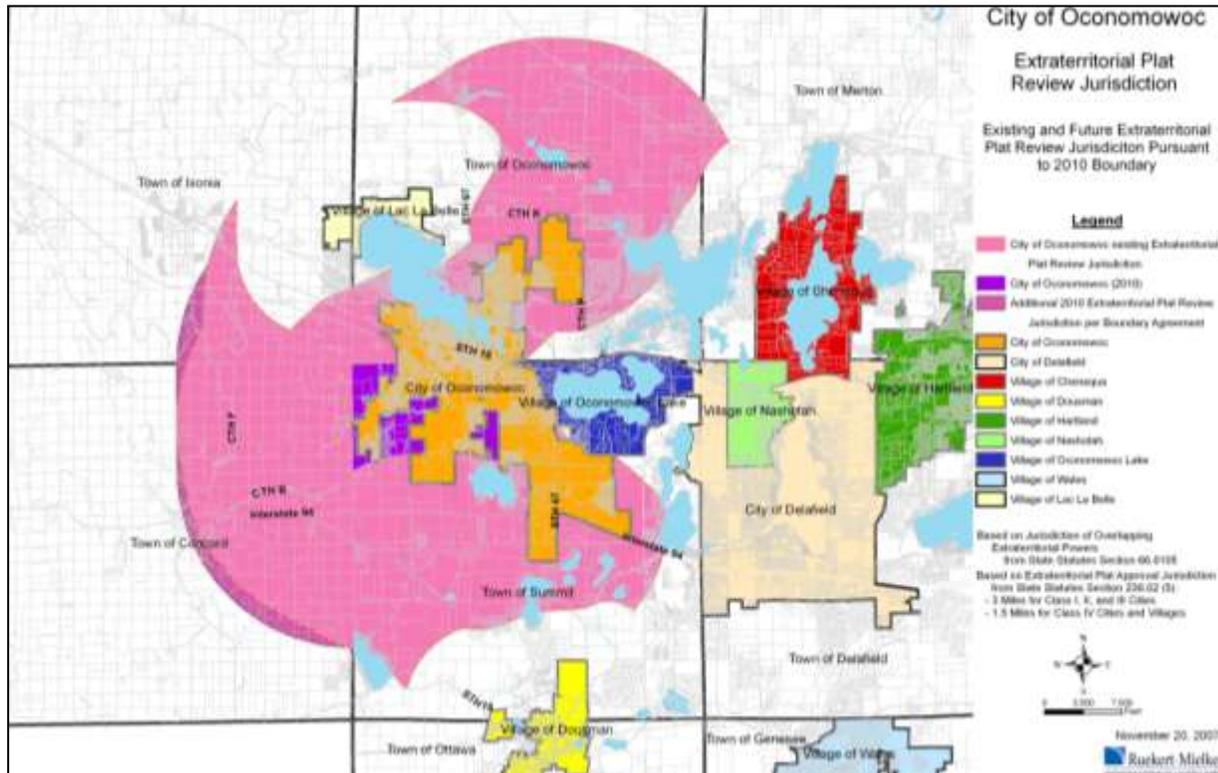
Oconomowoc Area School District:

The City of Oconomowoc has coordinated closely with the Oconomowoc Area School District on issues relating to growth and future school property needs. In recent years, the City worked proactively with the School District on the construction of two (2) intermediate schools. The City and School District will continue to work together on existing and future needs.



Extraterritorial Platting Jurisdiction:

The City of Oconomowoc exercises its extraterritorial land division review authority for areas located outside of the City’s boundaries. The City has adopted an Extraterritorial Platting Jurisdiction map to guide the City in determining reviews for land divisions located outside of the City. This review authority will ensure land divisions that may be located in the City at a future date are being divided with sound planning methods.



Intergovernmental Programs:

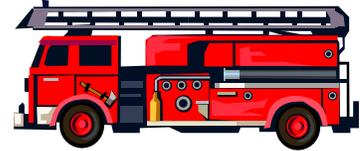
The State of Wisconsin encourages municipalities to partner with one another to reduce costs and to increase the efficiency of services being provided. A variety of ideas and programs for City use can be provided from the State. One program in particular that could assist the City is municipal revenue sharing as allowed by State Statute 66.0305. Under this Statute, two or more cities, villages, and towns may enter into revenue sharing agreements, providing for the sharing of revenues derived from taxes and special charges. The agreements may address matters other than revenue sharing, including municipal services and municipal boundaries. Municipal revenue sharing can provide for a more equitable distribution of the property tax revenue generated from new commercial and industrial development within urban areas and help reduce tax base competition among communities, competition that can work against the best interests of the urban area as a whole.

Intergovernmental Agreements:

The City of Oconomowoc has numerous governmental agreements with surrounding municipalities and outside agencies. Some of these agreements have been discussed

in other chapters or in this chapter. Other relevant intergovernmental agreements of importance to the City include:

- EMS/Ambulance Service – The City provides ambulance and EMS services to the Village of Lac La Belle, Village of Oconomowoc Lake, Town of Ashippun, and the Town of Oconomowoc through an intergovernmental agreement.
- Fire Protection – Fire services are provided by the City to the Village of Lac La Belle and the Town of Oconomowoc.
- Police Protection – The City has signed a variety of agreements to assist other municipalities with safety and to ensure the City is properly protected during a major catastrophe. These agreements include the countywide mutual aid agreement, joint powers agreement and participating in the National Incident Management Systems.
- Lake Country Municipal Court – Formed in 1988, the Lake Country Municipal Court is a shared multi-jurisdictional court which the City of Oconomowoc is a member.
- Waukesha County Federated Library System – The City’s library is part of the County system that assists in funding for the City’s library and helps facilitate the sharing of materials among all libraries within the system.



Intergovernmental Cooperation Policy

Work to resolve possible future differences between this City of Oconomowoc Comprehensive Plan and plans from adjacent communities.