

Intergovernmental Cooperation Element

In order to provide services for the people of Sumpter, as well as protect the natural and cultural resources found throughout the area, the Town must interact with many agencies and governmental units.

Map#1 - *Context Map*, shows that the US Highway 12 corridor, currently under expansion in Sauk County, passes through the Town of Sumpter connecting the City of Baraboo, Village of West Baraboo and Town of Baraboo to the north and the Villages of Prairie du Sac and Sauk City and the Town of Prairie du Sac to the south. This expansion of US Highway 12 will impact all of these communities. The other neighboring townships adjacent to Sumpter are the Towns of Freedom and Honey Creek to the west and to the east is the Town of Merrimac.

Badger Army Ammunition Plant is located along the middle-eastern portion of the Town. Details of how the Badger Reuse Plan will be implemented is nearing completion. Lands protected by the Nature Conservancy and the State of Wisconsin occupy a portion of land area along the northern boundary. Sauk County Supervisory Districts 20, 26, and 28 represent the people of Sumpter. The Baraboo School District, Baraboo Fire District and Baraboo Ambulance Service encompasses the very northern stretches of Sumpter, and the Sauk Prairie School District, The Sauk Fire District and the Sauk Prairie Ambulance Service District encompasses the rest of Sumpter (Map 2 - *Jurisdictional Map*).

State, Regional and County Plans and Agreements

USH 12 Project Sauk County, Report 1: Summary of Existing Secondary Impact Situation (1994-1995)

In order to address increasing safety and congestion problems along Highway 12 between the Village of Lake Delton and the Town of Sumpter, the Department of Transportation worked with engineering and land use consultants to prepare an EIS for proposed highway expansion. The land use consultant met with the local jurisdictions to analyze the secondary impacts of highway improvements and the relationship between land use and transportation patterns. As part of this analysis, the consultant reviewed local plans and ordinances in ten jurisdictions along the corridor. Future land use and transportation impacts were projected based on the then-current planning framework in each community. A report was prepared for each of the ten jurisdictions that included:

- ◆ An inventory and analysis of existing plans, ordinances and policies;
- ◆ An analysis of the relationship between secondary impact concerns and current policies;
- ◆ An analysis of the relationship between community character objectives and current policies;
- ◆ Predicted secondary impacts under current policies;
- ◆ Recommended revisions to then-current local plans, policies, and ordinances to minimize the secondary impacts; and
- ◆ Predicted secondary impacts if existing policies were revised.

Specifically, many of the Towns were advised to prepare land use plans and revise zoning regulations to address community character concerns. In addition, the City of Baraboo, Villages of West Baraboo and Lake Delton, and the Towns of Baraboo and Delton were advised to prepare detailed neighborhood development plans for lands along the US Highway 12 corridor.

Memorandum of Agreement concerning US Highway 12 between Middleton and Lake Delton, Wisconsin (March, 1999)

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) is an agreement between Sauk County, Dane County, the State of Wisconsin, WisDOT, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the National Park Service (NPS), and The Nature Conservancy (TNC). The agreement includes commitments and timeframes for Highway 12 improvements in Dane and Sauk Counties, protection of the Baraboo Range National Natural Landmark, farmland preservation and other natural resource protection. Specifically, the parties agreed to the following transportation system improvements:

- ◆ "WisDOT and FHWA may proceed with a phased construction of a modified four-lane USH 12 in Dane County (between Middleton and Sauk City]..."
- ◆ "WisDOT will exercise its authority to control and reduce access points along USH 12..."

The parties also agreed to the following:

- ◆ The creation of two funds "to provide long-term protection of the nationally significant natural resources in the Baraboo Range National Natural Landmark (BRNNL) which may be impacted from the USH 12 project." The BRNNL Protection Fund "will contain \$5 million paid by WisDOT from state/federal transportation monies." The Special BRNNL Stewardship Fund "will contain up to \$5 million of additional Stewardship Capital Fund dollars but will require a dollar-for-dollar federal/local/private non-transportation fund match...". Funding of \$250,000 each for Dane County and Sauk County for local planning assistance for "the towns, cities, and villages along the USH 12 corridor to use as they see appropriate to address growth-related issues." This is the funding source for this Highway 12 Corridor Growth Management Plan and future implementation projects to be determined.
- ◆ The creation of the Sauk County Fund in which "WisDOT agrees to provide up to \$250,000 over a five year period in state/federal transportation monies to be used to establish and fund a program to purchase lands, scenic/conservation/agricultural easements and/or development rights from willing sellers in Sauk County outside of the BRNNL".