

4. Utilities & Community Facilities

This section describes the utilities and community facilities located in and/or serve the Town of Westboro. The map for the Utilities and Community Facilities element is Map 4.1, *Utilities*. It is located at the end of this section.

Sanitary Sewer Service

The Town of Westboro Sanitary District #1 was started in 1977. It has undergone three major upgrades since then. This system is a re-circulating and filter system, with the treated effluent discharged into Silver Creek. The district is designed to treat 30,000 gallons per day, but currently uses an average of approximately 6,000 gallons per day. The Westboro Sanitary District currently serves 90 customers with room for expansion.

Water Supply

The Town of Westboro has a public water system that was developed between 1987 and 1988, providing service to a limited area of the Town. The system consists of two wells with pumping capacity of 864,000 gallons per day. There are no future plans for expansion of the system, but upgrades are possible.

Storm Water Management

Throughout the rural areas of the Town of Westboro, storm water is permitted to drain through a series of ditches and culverts along town roadways. In 2009 the Town began

installing a storm sewer collection system within the unincorporated area. It is not anticipated additional storm sewer collection systems will be installed over the next 20 years.

Solid Waste / Recycling Facilities

The Town of Westboro is its own Responsible Unit, and responsible for local recycling efforts throughout the Town. The Town operates a centralized site for property owners to bring garbage and recycling facilities. Property owners can also contract with local solid waste haulers for curbside garbage pickup.

There are no open solid waste landfills in Taylor County. There are 32 closed solid waste disposal sites in the county, 4 of which are located in the Town of Westboro. Primary providers of solid waste and recycling facilities and services in Taylor County include Waste Management and Veolia. According to the DNR, the majority of solid waste produced in Taylor County goes to either the Cranberry Creek Landfill operated by Veolia in Wood County, or the Chippewa Falls Landfill operated by Waste Management. Waste haulers throughout the county also offer recycling collection as part of their garbage pickup schedule.

Schools

The Town of Westboro is served by the Rib Lake School District. The district has three separate facilities, which include the Rib Lake Elementary School, located at 1236 Kennedy Street, Rib Lake Middle School, located at 1296

North Street, and the Rib Lake High School located at 1200 North Street. According to the Wisconsin Department of Instruction, the school enrollment for the 2008-2009 school year was 479. Since the 1999-2000 school year, enrollment has dropped from 618 to 479, an 22.5% decrease.

Libraries

The Town of Westboro is served by the Westboro Public Library, located at N4941 Center Street in Westboro. However, in 2010 the library will relocate to 2nd Street and occupy the former St. Theresa Catholic Church. The library offers a number of programs and services to residents.

Law Enforcement

Police protection is provided by the Taylor County Sheriff's Department, located at 224 S. Second Street in the City of Medford. The department has jurisdiction over a 976 square mile radius and employs 43 full-time staff. All 9-1-1 emergency calls are dispatched through the County Sheriff's Office.

Fire Protection

The Town of Westboro has its own volunteer fire department. The department is located at N4941 Center St. in Westboro, and covers 125 square miles. The department is staffed by 22-25 volunteer fire fighters, responds to approximately 12-20 calls per year, and has an Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating of 8 or 9. Department equipment includes: two pumpers (one 1,250 gal./min. and one 1,000 gal./min.), two tankers (one 2,000 gal. and one 2,250 gal.), and an equipment van. All

dispatch is through the Taylor County Sheriff's Department, and there are mutual aid agreements with all neighboring departments.

Rescue/Emergency Response

The Taylor County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the Taylor County First Responders provide rescue services in Taylor County. The Taylor County EMS Office is operated through the Memorial Medical Center and located in the City of Medford. Ambulances are located in Medford (3), Gilman (1), and Rib Lake (1). The Taylor County First Responders have command centers in Jump River, Lublin, and Stetsonville.

Ambulances in both Medford and Rib Lake serve the Town of Westboro.

Health Care Facilities

Memorial Health Center and Memorial Clinic provide healthcare services to Town of Westboro residents.

Child Care Facilities

Taylor County Human Services Department keeps information on certified and licensed childcare providers in Taylor County. Currently there are thirteen licensed family providers; two licensed group providers; and seven regular certification providers. The childcare provider list is continuously updated by the Human Services Department.

Cemeteries

Two cemeteries serve the Town of Westboro. These include:

- Northside Cemetery
- Mount Olive Cemetery

Parks/Recreation Areas

Parks and recreation areas in the Town of Westboro consist of:

- Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest
- Mondeaux Flowage Recreation Area
- Chelsea Lake Access
- Cooper Dam
- Ballfields/Playground Equipment in the village

Trails

The Pine Line Trail, also known as State Corridor Trail 23, runs north-south through the eastern portion of the Town of Westboro. This converted rail-trail follows the route traveled by the Wisconsin Central Railroad. The Pine Line stretches 26.2 miles from Medford in Taylor County to Prentice in Price County. From April 1 to November 30, the Pine Line is open for hiking, cycling, and jogging. From December 1 through March 31, it is open for snowmobiling (weather permitting) and ATV's.

The Ice Age National Scenic Trail is a thousand-mile footpath located entirely within Wisconsin. The trail runs through Taylor County, a portion of it passing through the Town of Westboro and winding around the Mondeaux Flowage. It was

designated to highlight unique Ice Age landscape features, and to provide access to some of the state's natural areas.

Telecommunication Facilities

Local telephone service providers in the Town of Westboro include Frontier Citizens Communication. There is currently one cell phone tower in the town.

Power Plants / Transmission Lines

There are no power plants located in the Town of Westboro. There are two transmission lines in the eastern portion of the town. One line starts in the City of Medford, travels north through the Town of Chelsea, and winds its way into the Town of Westboro; while the other connects this line to State Highway 13. The four electric providers that serve the town include Taylor Electric, Jump River Electric, Price Electric, and Xcel Energy. Map 4.1 identifies electric provider coverage. However, as was noted by the Plan Commission the map coverage is incorrect as represented on Map 4.1. An effort to obtain a more accurate map to display area providers was sought, but the updated coverage of area is not available.

Other Government Facilities

Westboro Town Hall - The town hall is located at N8835 Business Hwy 13. Town meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of each month at 8:00 A.M. However, in 2010 the library will relocate to 2nd Street and occupy the former St. Theresa Catholic Church.

Future Needs

Identified throughout this element has been a description of existing utilities and community facilities located in and serving the Town of Westboro. To assess future needs for services and infrastructure related to such utilities and community facilities, the town has forecasted the need to expand, rehabilitate, or provide new utilities and facilities over the next 20 years in Table 4-1 on the following page.

Table 4-1: Future Utilities and Community Facilities Timetable							
	2010-2020			2020-2030			Comment
	Expand	Rehab	New	Expand	Rehab	New	
Sanitary Sewer Service		X			X		As needed.
Storm Water Management							As needed.
Water Supply		X			X		As needed.
Solid Waste Disposal		X			X		As needed.
Recycling Facilities		X			X		As needed.
Communication Facilities		X			X		As needed by private sector.
Power Plants and Trans. Lines		X			X		As needed by private sector.
Cemeteries	X						Expansion began in 2009.
Health Care Facilities		X			X		Provided by Memorial Health Center.
Child Care Facilities							Dependent on residential needs.
Law Enforcement		X			X		Provided by Taylor County.
Fire	X	X			X		As needed.
Rescue		X			X		Served by Taylor County EMS.
Libraries		X			X		As needed.
Schools		X			X		Served by Rib Lake School District.
Parks		X			X		As needed.
Trails		X			X		As needed.
Town Hall/Garage					X		As needed.
Other Govt. Facilities					X		As needed.