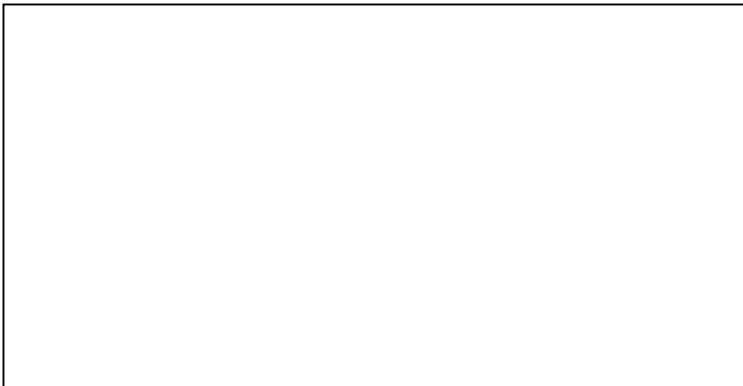


CHAPTER 4: UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Existing Utilities and Community Facilities

- *Town Hall:* The town hall is located on County Trunk Highway A (Map 4-2).
- *Water Supply:* Residents in the town receive their water from private wells. Currently, the town does not offer municipal water service, and does not anticipate offering water service over the 20-year planning period.
- *On-Site Wastewater Treatment:* Disposal of residential and commercial wastewater is handled through on-site wastewater treatment techniques, which include conventional, mound, pressure distribution, at-grade, holding tank, and sand filter systems. The town's building suitability map (Map 4-1) delineates areas most and least suitable for on-site waste disposal systems. Because of the low population density in the town, there is no municipal sewer service. The town believes this will continue to be the case over the next twenty years.
- *Solid Waste Disposal/Recycling Facilities:* The town contracts with Town and Country to provide waste pickup. In addition, alternate yard waste and compost sites, (accepting non-woody materials), operated by the Dane County Department of Public Works are open to all Dane County municipalities and residents.



- *Stormwater Management:* The town follows Dane County's Erosion Control and Stormwater Management Ordinance (Chapter 14 Dane County Code of Ordinances). The Ordinance sets standards for the quality and quantity of runoff from areas under construction in urban, rural and farm areas where

alterations in the landscape may result in changes in the amount and quality of water running off a site.

- *Law Enforcement:* The town falls entirely within the West 4 Dane County Sheriff District .
- *Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Service (EMS):* The Mount Horeb Fire District, Mount Horeb Volunteer Fire District and Mount Horeb EMS primarily serve the northwestern portion of the town, while the New Glarus Fire Department and New Glarus EMS serve the southeastern portion (Map 4-3). Other fire and medical

and rescue services, including the Belleville Fire and EMS District, may also respond to emergencies in the Town of Primrose under mutual aid compacts.

- *Cemeteries:* There are three cemeteries in the town, East and West Primrose and a small cemetery near County Trunk Highway U.
- *Libraries:* As is typical in towns, no libraries exist in the Town of Primrose. However, town residents have access to the libraries in the City of Verona and the villages of Mount Horeb and New Glarus. All three of these village libraries participate in the South Central Library Service which provide shared collection access.
- *Schools:* The town is served by three school districts: Mt. Horeb, Belleville and New Glarus (Map 4-4).
- *Parks and Recreational Facilities:* The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) operates the 395-acre Mount Vernon Creek Fishery Area, south of Highway 92. Other recreational facilities include Forest and Fame Park in Mount Vernon, operated by Dane County Parks, and the privately-owned Deer Creek Sport and Recreation Club.
- *Health Care Facilities:* The town does not contain any health care facilities. Nearby hospitals include the Monroe Clinic Hospital in the City of Monroe, and several hospitals in the City of Madison. Clinics in the Villages of Belleville, Mount Horeb and New Glarus also serve Town of Primrose residents.
- *Child Care Facilities:* At this time there are no childcare centers in the town. Small, in-home childcare services may exist from time to time.
- *Churches:* The town has one church, Primrose Lutheran Church, located at 8770 Ridge Drive.
- *Senior Services:* Southwest Dane Services, a consortium with representatives from area communities, provides outreach services to area senior citizens (people over 60), including case management, meals on wheels, nutrition sites and transportation.
- *Other Community Services:* The Belleville Food Pantry provides donated food to town residents in need who have a Belleville mailing address. Area churches operate the Community Clothes Closet in Mount Horeb.
- *Telecommunications Facilities:* There are no telecommunication towers located in the town (Map 4-2).
- *Power Plants and Transmission Lines:* There are no power plants, substations or major transmission lines located in the town. Although current and anticipated needs are met for town, needs for the county as a whole has resulted in major projects planned for Dane County between 2011 and 2015 (Map 4-2).
- *Forecasted needs for utilities and community facilities:* Because the population projections for the Town of Primrose anticipate flat or little growth, town residents will not require increased utility or community facility capacity over the next twenty years.

Utilities and Community Facilities Goals, Objectives and Policies

Goals:

1. Provide effective and efficient governmental facilities and services for town residents.

Objectives:

- a. Provide convenient solid waste and recycling services.
- b. As feasible, accommodate recreational facilities of interest to town residents.
- c. Cooperate with other municipalities and governmental agencies to maximize cost-efficient delivery of services.
- d. Recognize objectives of the Dane County Comprehensive Plan for utilities and community facilities, including those for sanitary sewer service, storm water management, water supply, solid waste disposal, on-site wastewater treatment technology, recycling facilities, parks, telecommunication facilities, power plants and transmission lines, cemeteries, health care facilities, child care facilities, police, fire, rescue, libraries, schools and other governmental facilities.

Policies and Programs:

1. Limit development of residential and commercial/industrial uses to densities that are cost-effective to serve.
2. Recognize policies and programs of the Dane County Comprehensive Plan for utilities and community facilities, including those for sanitary sewer service, storm water management, water supply, solid waste disposal, on-site wastewater treatment technology, recycling facilities, parks, telecommunication facilities, power plants and transmission lines, cemeteries, health care facilities, child care facilities, police, fire, rescue, libraries, schools and other governmental facilities.
3. Work to improve uniformity and availability of telecommunication and high-speed internet services to town residents. Develop policies to manage placement of cell towers to fill provide more uniform service, while minimizing impacts to rural character and the environment. The town should consider pre-planning and pre-approving new cell tower locations.
4. Support and expand relationships with regional cooperative organizations, such as South West Dane Outreach, to deliver needed services to town residents.
5. Support development of alternative energy, heat or cooling sources, including solar, wind, geothermal, biomass and wood. Make sure land use plans do not place unnecessary impediments to alternative energy projects.
6. Explore future options to manage manure within the town. Consider potential for a manure digester in the town.