

# UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES



## **Chapter 1: Existing Utilities and Community Facilities**

### **I. Town Hall**

The Town of Primrose's town hall is centrally located at 8468 County Highway A.

### **II. Water Supply**

Residents in the town get water from private wells. The town does not offer municipal water service, and does not anticipate offering water service in the 20-year planning period.

### **III. On-Site Wastewater Treatment**

Residential and commercial wastewater is handled through on-site disposal and treatment techniques, including: conventional, mound, pressure distribution, at-grade, holding tank, and sand filter systems. Because of the low population density, there is no municipal sewer service. The town does not expect to need this service in the next twenty years.

### **IV. Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Facilities**

The town offers trash and recycling curbside through a local contractor. The charges for this service are included in the municipal property taxes. The Town of Primrose is served by the [Dane County Sanitary Landfill](#), operated by Dane County Public Works, Highways and Transportation Department. The [Dane County Clean Sweep program](#), housed at the landfill, provides for disposal of hazardous wastes.

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

### **VI. Law Enforcement**

The town falls entirely within the West 4 Dane County Sheriff District.

### **VII. Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Service (EMS):**

New Glarus Fire and Mount Horeb Fire and EMS serve the Town of Primrose.

## **VIII. Cemeteries**

Three cemeteries operate in the Town of Primrose. The East and West Primrose Cemeteries are both located on Ridge Dr, and the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery is located on 722 Bowers Rd.

## **IX. Libraries**

Town residents have access to three libraries within 15 minute drive: New Glarus Public Library, Belleville Public Library, and Mount Horeb Public Library. All three of these village libraries participate in the South Central Library Service shared collection access.

## **X. Schools**

The town is served by three school districts: New Glarus, Mount Horeb, and Belleville.

## **XI. Parks and Recreational Facilities**

Two park exists near the town, the Mount Vernon Forest of Fame Park, and Donald County Park that is located in less than 0.5 miles outside of town.

## **XII. Health Care Facilities**

The town does not contain health care facilities. The nearest hospital is located in the City of Madison. The closest nursing homes are located in the City of Verona, the Village of Belleville, and the Village of Mount Horeb.

## **XIII. 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.

## **XIV. Churches**

Primrose Lutheran Church, located on 8770 Ridge Dr., is the only church in the town

## **XV. Senior Services**

Senior centers near the Town of Primrose are located in the City of Verona, the Village of Belleville, and the Village of Mount Horeb.

- The [Aging and Disability Resource Center](#) (ADRC) of Dane County provides information about resources and support related to aging and/or living with a disability, long-term care options, and public benefits. ADRC services are free and available to all County residents.

- The [Area Agency on Aging of Dane County](#) provides individuals age 60 and over and/or their family members information and assistance in accessing services that help older adults stay in their homes and communities.

## **XVI. Other Community Services**

Town of Primrose residents can access three food pantries in the City of Verona, the Village of Belleville, and the Village of Mount Horeb. There are also two youth centers near the Town in the City of Verona and the Village of Mount Horeb.

## **XVII. Telecommunications Facilities**

Two telecommunication towers are located in the town, and another tower is located in the Town of Montrose just east of the Montrose/Primrose line.

## **XVIII. Broadband**

Most areas in the Town of Primrose lack sufficient broadband internet coverage.

## **XIX. Power Plants and Transmission**

The Town of Primrose is in the Wisconsin Power & Light Company service area.

# **Chapter 2: Service Demand Forecast**

Due to the anticipated low growth rate for the Town of Primrose, most existing utilities and community facilities are expected to be sufficient to meet demand for the next twenty years. One exception, broadband internet access, is already insufficient to meet current demand.

# **Chapter 3: Goals, Objectives and Policies**

## **A. Goals:**

1. Cost effectively maintain the Town's infrastructure at a level of service desired by Town residents, farmers, and businesses.
2. Cost effectively maintain the Town's public services desired by Town residents and businesses.

## **B. Objectives:**

1. Provide convenient solid waste and recycling services.
2. As feasible, accommodate recreational facilities of interest to residents.
3. Cooperate with other municipalities and governmental agencies to maximize cost-efficient delivery of services.



4. Meet the objectives of the Dane County Comprehensive Plan for utilities and community facilities, including sanitary sewer service, storm water management, water supply, solid waste disposal, on-site wastewater treatment, 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.

### C. Policies and Programs:

1. Limit residential, commercial, and industrial development to densities that are cost-effective to serve.
2. Apply the 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, 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 the availability, affordability, and adoption of telecommunication and high-speed broadband internet services.
4. Encourage pre-planning of utility corridors by towns and the counties.
5. Work with the state legislature to require utility companies to use pre-planned corridors identified in county comprehensive plan, or existing transportation corridors.
6. Ensure new renewable energy facilities comply with town siting, design, and decommission standards described in Element 8 of this plan.
7. Explore and plan for future options to manage solid and liquid waste (manure) within the township.
8. Develop policies to manage placement of cell towers that minimize impacts to the Town's rural character and the environment.
9. Work with the County of Dane's Broadband Coordinator to:
  - a. Pursuing available broadband expansion funding opportunities,
  - b. Partnering with internet service providers that serve or could serve the Town of Primrose
  - c. Use available maps and data to identify areas of the Town that are underserved and unserved.
  - d. Consider building conduit access whenever road reconstruction are ongoing in the Right of Way to allow for broadband infrastructure.
  - e. Consider adopting the Broadband Forward! model ordinance to streamline administrative procedures and reduce obstacles to broadband infrastructure investment in the Town.