

4: Utilities and Community Facilities

Goal 4.1: The Township of Deerfield is committed to continue supporting the facilities and services that support and provide for its citizens and will make every effort to work with the providers of these services to improve them.

4.1A: The Township Deerfield does not have any communities within its borders; there are no water treatment or wastewater facilities in the Township. Alliant Energy Adams – Columbia Electric Cooperative, Union Telephone Company and Centurytel Telephone Company serve the Township.

4.1B: Deerfield Townships fire protection is provided by the Hancock and Wautoma Fire Departments. Waushara County provides emergency and Police services for the Township. The senior members of the community use the various Waushara County Senior Centers and the County's senior bus transportation. The residents of the Township use the libraries in Hancock and Wautoma; the Township supports these libraries financially.

4.1C: The children of the Township go to the schools of Wautoma School System and the Tri County School System.

4.1D: Deerfield Township only public building is its town hall, which is used for public meetings, voting and is rented out to the public. The Township has three cemeteries where lots can be purchase. The Township Owens a 40-acre parcel of land on Marl Lake that it rents to Waruhara County, that uses it for a County Park.

GOAL 4.2: Provide an appropriate level of municipal services and facilities to maintain the public health and welfare and to sustain a viable economy. According to the citizens questionnaire, about three-quarters of the people feel that the town does an acceptable or above average job providing fire, law enforcement and emergency medical protection to town residents.

OBJECTIVE:

- **Provide adequate services and facilities in a fiscally responsible manner.**

RECOMMENDATION 4.2A: The Town of Deerfield will continue to explore opportunities for shared services with its neighbors. Sharing services with adjoining communities saves the town money and enables the town to realize efficiencies in services that it could not achieve on its own. Currently fire protection within the town is shared with the adjoining municipalities. The western portion of the town is

served by the Hancock Volunteer Fire Department (Village and Town of Hancock and the Town of Colburn) and the eastern portion of the town is served by the Wautoma Area Fire District (City and Town of Wautoma, and the towns of Mount Morris, Marion, Dakota and Richford). Police protection is provided by the Waushara County Sheriff's department, while the town works with the Town of Hancock to provide a boat patrol for Fish, Lyman's, Hartford and Marl Lakes and the White River Millpond. A community center and library in the Village of Hancock is also utilized by town residents. Maintenance of common town roads is divided between the towns of Wautoma, Hancock and Dakota.

RECOMMENDATION 4.2B: The Town of Deerfield will continue to monitor the growth occurring in the town and plan appropriately for any necessary public and community facilities. A Capital Improvement Program (CIP) helps town officials to look toward the community's future needs, remain focused on the improvement goals of the town, and stay organized regarding finances involved in the improvements. Annual updates of the CIP are also needed to better assess the necessary changes in the program.

RECOMMENDATION 4.2C: The Town will develop a town website. The website could be used to inform residents and interested people about the town and could include basic information about the community, a copy of the "Community Management Plan", general information about conservation subdivisions, suggestions on architectural designs and materials, building site locating, landscaping, standards for single family homes, and products or services that are available in the town.

RECOMMENDATION 4.2D: The town encourages the development of the Ice Age and other recreational trails, with the decision resting with the individual property owners.

The status of all recommendations of the 2004 Town of Deerfield Land Use Community Management Plan can be found in Table 5-1 of Element 9.