

CHAPTER 4: UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

I. Existing Utilities and Community Facilities

Town Hall:

The City of Primrose's town hall is located in the center of the town on 8468 County Highways A.

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. 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 offers trash and recycling curbside by 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.

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 Town of Primrose are served by New Glarus Fire and Mount Horeb Fire and EMS.

Cemeteries:

There are three cemeteries in the Town of Primrose. The first one is the East Primrose Cemetery located on Ridge Dr, the second one is the West Primrose Cemetery also located on Ridge Dr, and the last one is Mt. Pleasant Cemetery located on 722 Bowers Rd.

Libraries:

As is typical in towns, no libraries exist in the Town of Primrose. However, town residents have access to the nearby libraries within 15 minute drive in 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 which provide shared collection access.

Schools:

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

Parks and Recreational Facilities:

There is one park near the Town of Primrose, which is Mount Vernon Forest of Fame Park, in the Town of Springdale.

Health Care Facilities:

The town does not contain any health care facilities. The nearest hospital is located in the City of Madison. Nursing homes near the Town of Primrose are located in the City of Verona, the Village of Belleville, and the village of Mount Horeb.

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:

There is one church in the Town of Primrose which is Primrose Lutheran Church that is located on 8770 Ridge Dr.

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 on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a disability and is a one-stop shop for older adults, people with disabilities and their families. The ADRC is also the access point for information about long-term care options and applying for public benefits. Services provided by the ADRC are free and available to all Dane County residents regardless of income or assets.

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

Other Community Services:

There are three food pantries that the resident of the Town of Primrose could access, which are located in the City of Verona, the Village of Belleville, and the village of Mount Horeb.

There are also two youth center near the Town of Primrose which are located in the City of Verona, and the village of Mount Horeb.

Telecommunications Facilities:

There are two telecommunication tower located in the town, and one other telecommunication tower located near the town, which is in the Town of Montrose just east of the Montrose/Primrose line.

Broadband:

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

Power Plants and Transmission

The Town of Primrose falls within the Wisconsin Power & Light Company service area.

II. Forecasted needs for utilities and community facilities:

Due to the relatively low growth anticipated for the Town of Primrose, most existing utilities and community facilities should be sufficient to meet expected demand for the

next twenty years. One exception is broadband internet access, which is already insufficient to meet current demand.

III. Utilities and Community Facilities Goals, Objectives and Policies

Goals:

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

Objectives:

1. Provide convenient solid waste and recycling services.
2. As feasible, accommodate recreational facilities of interest to town residents.
3. Cooperate with other municipalities and governmental agencies to maximize cost-efficient delivery of services.
4. 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 the availability, affordability, and adoption of telecommunication and high-speed broadband internet services to town residents.

4. Encourage pre-planning of utility corridors by towns and the counties. Work with the state legislature to require utility companies to use pre-planned corridors identified in county comprehensive plan, or existing transportation corridors.
5. Make sure new renewable energy facilities in the town comply with town siting, design and decommission standards described in Chapter 8 of this plan.
6. Plan and explore future options to manage solid and liquid waste (manure) within the township.
7. Develop policies to manage placement of cell towers and to minimize impacts to rural character and the environment.
8. Work with the County of Dane's Broadband Coordinator. This should include pursuing available broadband expansion funding opportunities, partnering with internet service providers that serve or could serve the Town of Primrose, and utilizing available maps and data to identify areas of the Town that are underserved and unserved. Consider building conduit access whenever road reconstruction are ongoing in the Right of Way (ROW), to allow for future broadband infrastructure. Consider adopting the Broadband Forward! model ordinance to streamline administrative procedures and reduce obstacles to broadband infrastructure investment in the Town.