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COMMUNITY CENTER LAND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

10:00 a.m. – Monday, July 15, 2019

Town Garage – 35900 State Highway 13

Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodations, should contact the Town Clerk at 715 779-5338, at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting time, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

1. Call to order and roll call.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of the agenda.
4. Public Input (3-minute limit-max 15 minutes total) at the beginning of the agenda.
5. Approval of the minutes of the June 3, 2019 committee meeting****.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review Town of Russell Comprehensive Plan (Plan is not adopted by the Town Board)****.
2. Discussion on land use options.
3. Future direction of committee.
4. Next steps.
5. Schedule next meeting (time, date, location).
6. Adjourn.

The Committee reserves the right to take action on any agenda item and to call upon individuals to address the Committee regarding specific agenda items in which they may be named or have direct responsibility. **** denotes attachments. A quorum of the Town Board may be present but no business will be conducted. Posted July 9, 2019 at 4 p.m.

David L. Good – Clerk/Treasurer

Community Center Land Advisory Committee – June 3, 2019

Posted May 20, 2019 at 4 p.m. at the Town of Russell Garage, Town Clerk's Office and Town website. Notice sent to the Ashland Daily Press.

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman, Town Supervisor Mark Bugher at 9:15 a.m. at the Town of Russell Garage. Roll call was taken as follows; present committee members Mirka Nelson, Annalisa Bermel arrived later as the meeting was underway and Supervisor Jeff Benton. Clerk/Treasurer David L. Good and Committee member Mike Cariveau were excused.

Two electors and/or members of the public was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Approval of the agenda – A motion was made by Benton and seconded by Nelson to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Public Input – Bugher called for public input. Wayne Nelson questioned how the scope of this committee was narrowed to just the land behind the Community Center. He believes the Town needs to look at highest and best use for the Little Sand Bay land and other lands within the Town that can be better utilized. The Town can probably earn income from Little Sand Bay greater than that being generated at this time. Rob Halvorson believes nothing should be done at Little Sand Bay. This property was to be for the use of Town residents. There are conflicts with boaters and kayakers. The land behind the Community Center should be allowed to return to forestry. It is no good for farm land and water is too deep for a well. Bugher explained what the Board's intention was for this committee to review the land behind the Community Center. The scope may be broadened by the Board at a later time but it is not the issue at hand today. Halvorson felt the National Park Service has not met the needs of the people within the Town.

Approval of minutes of December 18, 2018 – A motion was made by Benton and seconded by Nelson to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

Discussion regarding the committees purpose and goal – Nelson questioned if we are to look at the highest and best use for the land behind the Community Center. Bugher stated we could look at developing the land, sell it to a developer, or do nothing. If the land is sold, we need to look at how to acquire maximum financial benefit to the Town. Nelson asked if this would include how this land can most benefit the residents. Discussion followed about the shooting range and the LSB recreation area. It was felt the shooting range is currently an under used asset of the Town. The view corridor for the land behind the Community Center will change as the forest regenerates. A discussion was held regarding the difficulty of obtaining well water for this property. Benton felt that residential development is not the way to go at this time. He believes the land is suitable for renewable power generation such as wind turbines due to its elevation and proximity to Lake Superior. A renewable energy discussion followed with focus on wind power. Annalisa Bermel arrived at this time. Bugher summarized today's prior discussions for Bermel.

Issues Identified with land behind the Community Center:

1. Future obstruction of view corridor.
2. Drinking water (deep, costly wells).
3. Sewage disposal.
4. Maximize value to Town verses preservation.
5. Renewable energy (wind power).

6. Broaden the scope of the committee (LSB Recreation Area).
7. Possibly utilize property for marina support services out of Little Sand Bay.
8. The need to look globally at how this impacts the area, residents, future land owners, etc.

Discussion to develop strategies for this property:

1. What makes the Town of Russell today a desirable place to live?
 - a. Low population, a quiet place to live.
 - b. Access to recreational opportunities – Lake Superior, camping, boating, fishing, hiking, hunting, birding, ATV's, silent sports, motor sports, biking, winter camping, snowmobiling, ATV/UTVs, gambling, entertainment, public lands, public access, snow shoeing, dog sledding.
2. Why do buyers buy property in the Town of Russell verses adjoining areas? Russell land is more affordable.
3. Are BRBO's viable in the Town? A discussion followed about how current activities of this nature are operating in our region. Several specific operations were discussed. The good and bad aspects of BRBO's were discussed. Town of Bayfield's licensing of BROB's and Room Tax were discussed.
4. What are the benefits to long time residents in the Town? Old families tend to hold large parcels of property which is attractive.
5. Are there climate benefits? Yes, it is believed there are up to 30 additional growing days in the Town.
6. Are public lands important? Yes, currently only 2% of the land is residential and commercial. Vast areas of public land are attractive.
7. What are challenges today for Town residents?
 - a. Cellular and broadband communications.
 - b. Maintaining a viable, affordable workforce.
 - c. Affordable housing, life style,
 - d. By 2025 over 50% of Town population will be over 65 years of age. Their need to access services will be critical (food, health, medical, shopping, transportation, etc.).
8. What are core values of Town Comprehensive Plan?
 - a. Preserve the rural character.
 - b. Large land parcels.
9. What will Town look like in 25-years?
10. What is the Town of Russell "brand" or claim to fame?
 - a. "The northern most south shore of Lake Superior".
 - b. "Rural Characteristics" don't seem to do this.
11. What amenities are important to residents or others or draw people to the Town of Russell?
 - a. We don't seem to know the answer to this question.
 - b. What things don't we have that would benefit all? More campgrounds, winter camping, dog sledding, etc.
 - c. Campgrounds seem to be an item the Town needs more of such as yurts, or other year round use facilities. Discussion about yurts followed.
 - d. It is difficult for people to "spend money" in the Town to benefit residents, etc. We need things to keep people here. Many different ideas were discussed.
 - e. We should consider some type of "tour" activities in the Town. The "Seven Wonders of the Town of Russell".
12. What are uses of adjacent property?
 - a. Wedding venue was discussed.

Items for next Committee Meeting – Comprehensive Plan will be discussed. Bugher will investigate information on yurts.

Schedule next Committee Meeting – The Committee agreed to meet again at 10:00 a.m. on July 15, 2019 at the Town Garage.

A motion was made by Benton and seconded by Bermel to adjourn at 9:40 p.m. The motion carried.

The minutes respectfully submitted by:

David L. Good – Clerk/Treasurer

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Town of Russell, Wisconsin Comprehensive Plan



Introduction

In 2009, the Town of Russell began the process of writing its Plan. This Plan seeks to create goals, policies and implementation strategies for the next 10 years. From April 2009 to November 2009, the Town of Russell, along with 13 other Towns and Bayfield County held community meetings and sought input on the planning process related to the Plan. It was during these meetings that input related to issues and opportunities, land use, housing, economic development, transportation, utilities and community facilities, natural and cultural resources and implementation strategies were identified and developed.

Based upon the steering committee's input as well as an understanding of the project scope, a set of planning objectives was outlined as a part of the Plan process:

1. Make certain that the information presented as part of this process was developed in a transparent fashion. The use of a project website, community meetings, monthly steering committee meetings, a County-wide survey, open house meetings and a public hearing were key to the successful completion of this Plan.
2. Create uniform land use classifications that are clearly identified within the Plan.
3. Work with the County to ensure that the goals, objectives and implementation strategies are obtainable and realistic.

Community engagement activities were an essential aspect of the Plan. Below is a review of the community meetings and engagement activities associated with the process.

- Monthly community meetings held the last Wednesday and Thursday of each month from April 2009–October 2009.
- Community Survey sent to over 15,000 land owners within Bayfield County. The survey was also made available online.
- A community open house meeting was held in August 2009. A public hearing was also held in December 2009.
- Committee Meetings were held twice per month beginning in April and once per month, jointly with the County Comprehensive Plan Committee.
- All information related to the Plan was available through the project website.

Acknowledgments

This Plan was developed in cooperation with Bayfield County, the Town Board, Town Plan Committee, and the consulting firm of Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH®).

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What is a Comprehensive Plan?

The Town of Russell Plan offers a broad look at the elements of housing, land use, transportation, natural environment, utilities and community facilities, economic development, issues and opportunities, intergovernmental cooperation, implementation. This Plan offers a “30,000 foot” elevated look at the Town related to trends and future needs through a series of goals and policies. The intent of this Plan is to offer guidance to the residents, stakeholders and landowners of the Town of Russell as well as to ensure the long-term health, safety and well-being of the Town.

Sense of Place

The Town of Russell lies at the northernmost tip of the Bayfield peninsula in Bayfield County. Over 90 percent of the Town’s 49.8 square miles of area are wooded with a large majority of the Town held as part of public forestland or a part of the Red Cliff Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa. Residential and commercial uses make up approximately two percent of the existing land uses of the Town.

The Town of Russell is rich in history and cultural significance. The Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa has Tribal lands partially within the Town of Russell. While the Red Cliff Band has established its own land use policies and objectives, it is the intention of this Plan to ensure that long-lasting collective policies related to land use, water quality and the environment can continue to achieve between the Town, Tribe and County.

The Town of Russell is unique and significant due to its people, its relationship with the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and because of its idyllic natural beauty. The combination of forest lands, farms, rolling topographic and coastal areas all set this Town apart from others. Throughout this planning process several main objectives were developed through public engagement activities and public meetings. Based upon public input, the following keys have been identified for fostering a sense of place within the Town of Russell:

1. Our rural character is comprised primarily of a relatively undeveloped place, rich in natural beauty. Forests, woodlands, the natural landscape and vegetation predominate over the built environment outside of the core business area for the Red Cliff Reservation. To the extent possible, these areas should be preserved.
2. Development and redevelopment that does occur within the Town of Russell shall do so by developing light-imprint standards that minimize the impact on the environment.

What is Light-imprint? Light-imprint is a green approach to compact residential, commercial and industrial design. By incorporating light-imprint design techniques within the context of the Town of Russell, better management of runoff, natural drainage areas and overall edesign concepts can be enhanced.



3. Intergovernmental cooperation between the Red Cliff Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa and Bayfield County is critical in developing short-term and long-term goals and objectives within the Town of Russell. As part of this planning process, the Town will work with the Tribe and County in ensuring that the environment and economy of Russell is enhanced.

Issues and Opportunities

The Town of Russell has the largest population within Bayfield County. Based upon population projections it is anticipated that the population will experience a steady rate of growth over the next 10 years. Between 2010 and 2020 approximately 290 new residents will call the Town of Russell home. Below is a breakdown of existing population figures and a look at population trends within the next 10 years.

	1980	1990	2000	2010	2015	2020
Town of Russell	791	978	1216	1467	1612	1757
Red Cliff Reservation	686	876	1078	1266	1364	1462

The issues and opportunities element provides background information about the Town of Russell and its overall policies, programs, goals and objectives. The information provided in this section is critical to the development of the goals and objectives concerning the future direction of the Town. Issues and opportunities were identified as part of the 2009 public engagement process. The following is a review of key issues and opportunities as they related to the Town of Russell.

Throughout the Town of Russell comprehensive planning process key issues, opportunities, strengths and weaknesses were identified. Below is a review of those issues.

Key Issues

- Preservation of land while allowing growth to occur.
- Environmental protection.
- Maintaining and preserving water quality.
- Intergovernmental cooperation with Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.
- Pace of development and where development occurs within the Town.



Opportunities

- Develop Town-wide Wi-Fi system.
- Work with Bayfield County and Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa on the development of light-imprint standards for future development and redevelopment.
- Continue to promote a transparent planning process when it comes to development, redevelopment and planning within the Town of Russell.

Strengths

- Nature, woods, streams, coastal areas.
- The people that make up this area.
- Location.
- Public involvement.

Weaknesses

- Need better understanding of rural character while also allowing for future growth.
- Lack of design standards.
- Better understanding of short-term and long-term planning objectives within the region and in conjunction with Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa on issues that relate to land use and infrastructure.

Housing

The number of households within the Town of Russell has increased at a pace consistent with the population. Single-family households as well as agricultural/rural residential dwellings are the predominant housing option within Russell. The following goals related to housing have been developed as County-wide objectives in meeting the housing needs.

- Goal: The housing stock in the Town of Russell should provide an adequate range of housing opportunities to meet the varied needs and desires of existing and future community residents.
- Goal: Guide new housing development into areas that minimize impacts on sensitive natural resources so that the Town continues to be an attractive place to reside.
 - Utilizing information in the agricultural, natural, and cultural resources element, the Town of Russell, in conjunction with Bayfield County shall inventory and map sensitive resources that should be preserved to the greatest extent possible.
 - Encourage “low-impact” development that strives to retain natural vegetation that can help reduce stormwater runoff, flooding, and minimize impact on water quality. Encourage the retention of natural vegetation, especially along streams, and lakeshores.
- Goal: Improve the existing housing stock to enhance quality, livability, and character of the Town of Russell.



What is Alternative Development? A development or land division in which dwellings and other buildings are located on only a portion of a development, in contrast to conventional practice, which distributes development evenly across the entirety of a parcel, in order to accomplish either of the following: Preserve by deed restriction, including conservation easement, restrictive covenant and development rights transfers, the majority of the land division parcel for present or future agricultural use or conservation and/or create, maintain or expand protective barriers contiguous with roadways, lakes, wetlands and other natural resources in the Town of Russell

Economic Element

Like most of the County, the economy is largely agrarian based. Large-scale commercial and industrial uses that employ large amounts of the workforce have rapidly declined in numbers as the logging and timber harvesting industry downsized.

The economy of the Town of Russell has changed over the last several decades, however the need for quality paying jobs and opportunities for an older workforce is shared throughout the region. Below are general goals that are supported throughout Bayfield County as a means of retaining a strong work-force throughout the life of this Plan.

- Goal: The region as a whole should continue to develop better communications (DSL, internet access) to accommodate home-based businesses.
- Goal: Protect farmland through zoning and other measures.
- Goal: Support existing and traditional agriculture such as dairy, beef, crops, orchards and ranch.
- Goal: Encourage small or cooperative enterprises based on agriculture, including new efforts of marketing local foods and food products to locate in Russell.
- Goal: Support UW Extension, WITC and start-up organizations in their continuing education in food production and marketing.
- Goal: Support and promote home-based businesses and encourage entrepreneurs and contractors in operating home-based businesses.
- Goal: Encourage new small tourism related businesses such as kayak rental, campgrounds, riding stables and hunting and fishing guides and supplies.
- Goal: In conjunction with Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, work with the Bayfield County Economic Development Corporation to develop a regional economic Plan for the County.

Land Use

The Town's Future Land Use Map is based upon updated, County-wide land use classifications for Bayfield County. The Russell Future Land Use Map is unique because of the relationship with the Red Cliff Band of the Lake Superior Chippewa as well as the coastal area of Lake Superior. Over the next 10 years, it is anticipated that additional growth will occur within the Town. It is critical that this growth occur in an orderly fashion to minimize environmental and infrastructure costs on the Town and/or County.

New development at higher densities within the Town of Russell should be concentrated in areas that support both the infrastructure improvements and emergency service access to these areas. Light-imprint standards will be required for new development as outlined within this Plan.

Transportation

The Town of Russell has a comprehensive, multi-model transportation system that provides a safe, environmentally sensitive, and economical movement of people and goods.

- Work to enhance the Bay Area Rural Transit system. (BART). Explore ways to encourage use of the public transportation system.
- Explore areas to provide public parking and park and ride facilities. Promote car-pooling.
- Encourage additional bicycle and pedestrian trails.
- Enhance regional snowmobile and ATV trails between communities.

The Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribal lands lay partially within the Town of Russell. This Comprehensive Plan has no jurisdiction over these Tribal lands.

Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Goals and Objectives

A set of recommended goals, objectives, and action steps has been developed to assist the Town of Russell in the conservation and promotion of effective management of the local natural, agricultural, and cultural resources.

- Goal: Conserve, protect, manage, and enhance the Town's natural resources.
 - Objective: Endorse the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) watershed initiatives to restore altered shoreland/wetland vegetation and prohibit removal of natural vegetation in critical shoreland areas.
 - Objective: Promote the establishment and maintenance of natural buffers along water resources.
 - a. Collaborate with state and local organizations whose charge is to enhance water quality.
 - b. Work to control wastewater and septic systems.
 - c. Control runoff during construction projects through the establishment of erosion control standards found within the Bayfield County Code.
 - Objective: Educate the public on Best Management Practices (BMPs) that will ensure the protection of natural resources.
 - Publish or obtain information that can be distributed to residents on the disposal of hazardous materials, such as paint, waste oils, computers, insecticides, etc.
 - Objective: Protect and manage local forested areas and other wildlife habitats.
 - a. Encourage selective cutting in forest stands.
 - b. Coordinate with WDNR to identify and protect wildlife habitats.
 - c. Inventory and map sensitive resources that should be preserved to the greatest extent possible.
 - d. Encourage "low-impact" development that strives to retain natural vegetation.
 - e. Discourage habitat fragmentation by encouraging development on the fringes of identified habitat areas.
 - f. Work and cooperate with local land trust and similar organizations on forest and wildlife habitat protection, management, and preservation.
- Goal: Preserve and enhance cultural resources, including historical and archeological sites and resources.
 - Objective: Coordinate with the Bayfield County Historical Society to update the inventory of historic properties within the Town and share this information with the State of Wisconsin Architecture and History Inventory.
 - a. Develop a list of eligible or registered historical places in the Town.
 - b. Work with private landowners on the preservation of historic buildings.

Utilities and Community Facilities

The maintenance and enhancement of public facilities and public recreational facilities encourages a healthy community environment. The leadership and growth is vital to maintaining the desired characteristics of the Town. This element serves as an inventory that describes what is and what has been. The Town of Russell will continue to establish and enhance mutual relationships with federal, state, county and local governments to develop solutions to issues within the Town as well as issues that involve multiple jurisdictions or cross municipal boundaries.

1. Ensure safe drinking water.
 - a. Support the monitoring and control of surface and ground water pollutants from residential, agricultural and business activity.
 - Abide by County regulations and zoning regarding wastewater.
2. Control stormwater to protect natural watersheds and built features of the Town.
3. Encourage solid waste management by all residents.
4. Adopt graywater policy standards for the Town and encourage new development to promote graywater standards as part of new development.
5. Where possible, work with utility and telecommunication companies to place utilities underground.
6. Encourage telecommunications companies to provide further services for current and future residents and businesses.
7. Reduce long-term dependence on fossil fuels by promoting wind, solar and thermal energy conversions.

What is Graywater?

Graywater is non-industrial wastewater generated from domestic processes such as dish washing, laundry and bathing. Graywater comprises 50-80% of residential wastewater. Graywater comprises wastewater generated from all of the house's sanitation equipment except for the septic tank (water from toilets is blackwater, or sewage).

Intergovernmental Cooperation Development Element Goals and Objectives

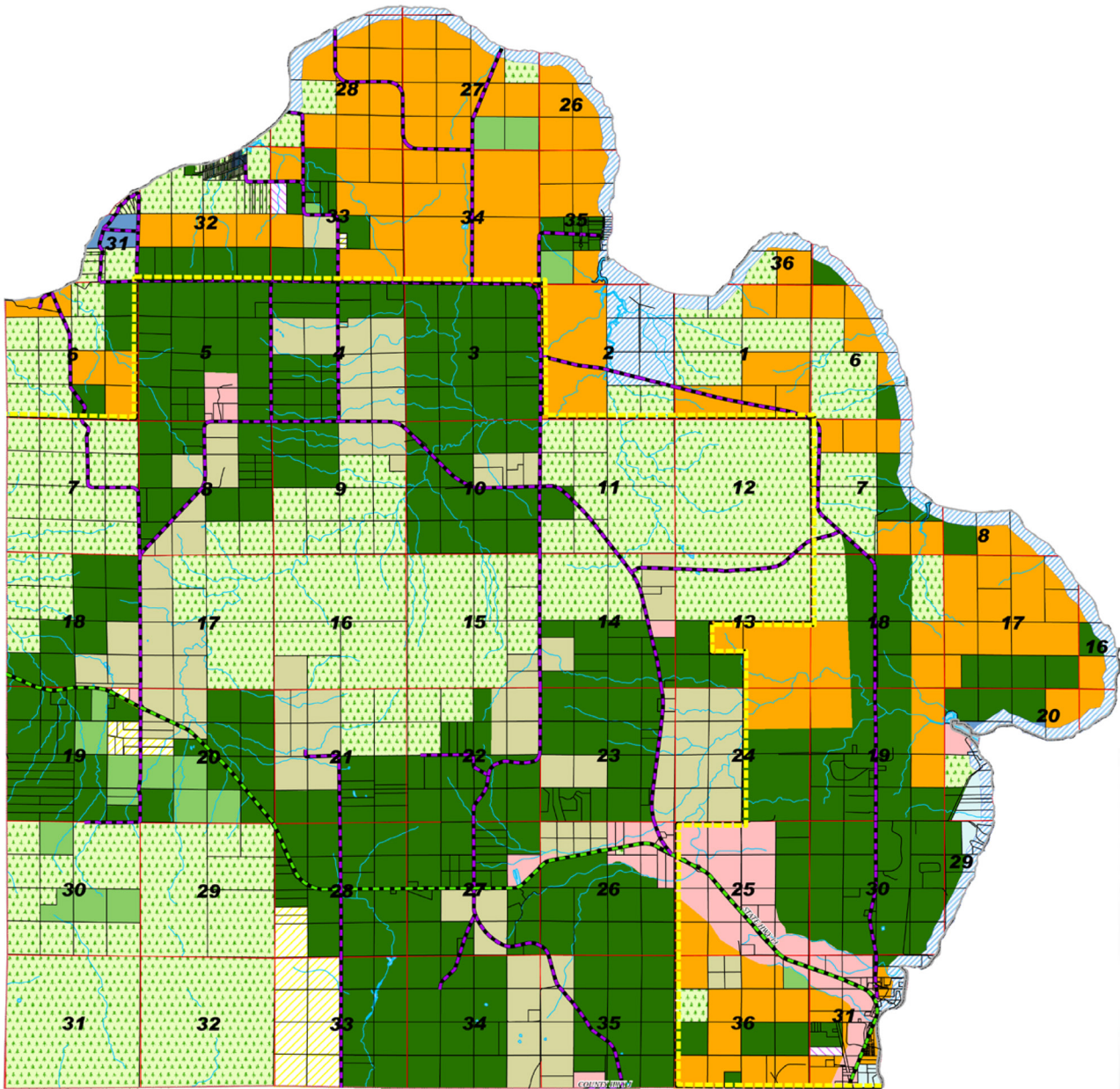
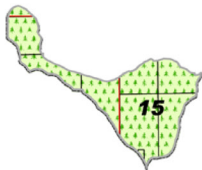
- Goal: Improve communication with neighboring Towns, Bayfield County, area school districts, and state agencies.
 - Objective: Notify the area school districts about proposed residential developments so the districts may Plan accordingly. Encourage the school district to provide input into these decisions.
 - Objective: Notify appropriate state agencies of proposed land use changes and development plans.
 - a. Notify WisDOT of proposed development projects adjacent to state trunk highways so they can plan accordingly for future improvements.
 - b. Coordinate with WisDOT and WDNR to ensure transportation facilities are safe and natural resources are protected.
 - Objective: Seek ways to share community facilities and services with neighboring communities and coordinate on multi-jurisdictional applications whenever possible.
 - a. Inventory equipment and services of adjacent jurisdictions.
 - b. Seek funds for housing rehabilitation in coordination with other jurisdictions.
 - Objective: Identify existing or potential conflicts between local governmental units, including future land use trends, and describe processes to resolve such conflicts.
 - a. Establish a conflict resolution process with adjoining and overlapping jurisdictions.
 - b. Work with Bayfield County and the surrounding Towns on land use and zoning issues.

Implementation

As part of the comprehensive planning process, a number of goals, objectives, and action items were developed that when implemented are intended to build stronger relationships and give direction to the Town Board and its residents. As is stipulated in 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, a Plan must be updated at least once every 10 years. However, in order to ensure that the Town's Plan is an effective management tool, the Town of Russell Plan Commission will review the Plan goals and objectives annually to track those activities that have been completed to realize its accomplishments and identify areas where additional resources or actions are needed. Part of this effort, will also include addressing conflicts which may arise between the elements of the Plan.

Housing Implementation Schedule	Target Date
- Action: The housing stock in Russell should provide an adequate range of housing opportunities to meet the varied needs and desires of existing and future community residents.	Ongoing
- Action: Support efforts of private and non-profit organizations to address the needs of all income levels, age groups, and persons with special needs in the development of housing within the Town.	Ongoing
- Action: Support efforts and new programs that will provide additional elderly and disabled resident housing opportunities and services.	2010-2015
- Action: Utilizing information in the agricultural, natural, and cultural resources element, the Town shall inventory and map sensitive resources that should be preserved to the greatest extent possible.	2010-2011
- Action: Encourage “low-impact” development that strives to retain natural vegetation that can help reduce stormwater runoff and flooding.	Ongoing
Transportation Implementation Schedule	Target Date
- Action: Establish open line of communication with BIA/Tribal, Bayfield County, WisDOT, and local or regional transit authorities to maintain and enhance transportation facilities throughout the Town of Russell.	Ongoing
- Action: Continue to establish a local network of roads that is connected, coordinated, and affordable that will link residents to important community facilities and regional highways.	Ongoing
- Action: Facilitate discussion with BART to improve transit locations throughout the County.	2010
Utilities and Community Facilities Implementation Schedule	Target Date
- Action: In association with Bayfield County, work to improve awareness of water quality issues in Bayfield County and design enhancement features that assist in the preservation of natural areas as well as a reduction in stormwater runoff.	Ongoing
- Action: Maintain essential emergency services to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the community.	Ongoing
- Action: Ensure there are adequate emergency services of police, fire, rescue, hazardous event responders and emergency medical services.	Ongoing
- Action: Meet with representatives of utility companies to seek system upgrades in a timely and cost-effective manner when they are necessary.	Ongoing
Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Implementation Schedule	Target Date
- Action: Enforce setback requirements for water resources by enforcing Town shoreland standards when applicable.	Ongoing
- Action: Educate residents about the importance of natural areas and wildlife corridors.	Ongoing
- Action: Endorse the WDNR watershed initiatives to educate shoreland and basin property owners on the appropriate safe levels, application, timing and safe types of fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and fields in the Town of Russell.	Ongoing
- Action: Inventory and map sensitive resources that should be preserved to the greatest extent possible.	2010
- Action: Develop a list of eligible or registered historical places in the Town. Work with Bayfield County in developing a historical and cultural resource map for the Town of Russell.	2010
- Action: Work with private landowners on the preservation of historic buildings.	Ongoing

Town of Russell Future Land Use



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Forest Industrial (or Private) Forest Forest - Limited Residential Agricultural Core Agricultural - Limited Residential Rural - Moderate Residential Shoreland - Concentrated Residential Shoreland Recreation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Village Mixed Use Village Residential Commercial Industrial Mining Overlay Natural Resources Protection* Tribal Lands Overlay Municipal / Institutional | <p>Roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town/BIA Rds. State County Private Water | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section Line Municipal Boundary County Boundary Sanitary District Reservation Boundary |
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* The NRP Overlay shall be referenced on a separate map.

Economic Development Implementation Schedule

Target Date

- **Action:** As appropriate, provide financial assistance and/or incentives through state and federal grants, low interest loans and other financial instruments to existing and new companies. **Ongoing**
- **Action:** Ensure that the land use adequately addresses development standards that reflect the characteristics of the Town (e.g. appropriate building materials, setbacks from natural resources, signage, lighting, landscaping, etc.) **2010**

Intergovernmental Cooperation Implementation Schedule

Target Date

- **Action:** Improve communication with neighboring Towns, Bayfield County, area school districts, and state agencies. **Ongoing**
- **Action:** Notify appropriate state agencies of proposed land use changes and development plans. **Ongoing**
- **Action:** Coordinate with WisDOT regarding proposed development projects adjacent to state trunk highways so they can plan accordingly for future improvements. **Ongoing**
- **Action:** Work with Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in developing an annual planning summit to discuss land use, transportation and economic development strategies for the area. **2010-Beyond**
- **Action:** Explore the potential for mutual services with neighboring Towns including road development/maintenance, garbage collection, etc. **Ongoing**
- **Action:** Seek funds for housing rehabilitation in coordination with other jurisdictions. **Ongoing**
- **Action:** Identify existing or potential conflicts between local governmental units, including future land use trends, and describe processes to resolve such conflicts. **Ongoing**
- **Action:** Establish a conflict resolution process with adjoining and overlapping jurisdictions. **Ongoing**
- **Action:** Work with Bayfield County and the surrounding Towns on land use and zoning issues. **Ongoing**

Land Use Implementation Schedule

Target Date

- **Action:** Develop light-imprint design standards for the Town of Russell. **2010**
- **Action:** Provide continual public review and a public-based amendatory process to the Plan. **Ongoing**
- **Action:** Conduct a review of the Plan on an annual basis. **Ongoing**
- **Action:** Develop and maintain a Plan Commission for the Town of Russell. The purpose of this Committee is to review land use applications, ensure that the policies of the Plan are adopted and work with the Town Board to ensure that land use decisions are carried out. **Ongoing**
- **Action:** Update the Zoning Ordinance to reflect the characteristics and policies of the Future Land Use Map of the Town. Make amendments to the Zoning Ordinance based upon the Future Land Use Map. **2010**