

SECTION 7:
Element 4: UTILITIES & COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Predominantly rural towns, like Sherry, typically do not provide urban-type utilities and community facilities, such as sanitary and storm sewers, public water supply, police and fire protection, parks in some instances, and similar facilities. Towns simply do not have the financial means to provide public utilities because of lower population and lower density developments.

A. INVENTORY OF UTILITIES

1. DRINKING WATER

Drinking water supplies in the Town of Sherry are individual, private wells and are on the site they serve. There are no municipal wells serving Town residents in Sherry and there are no plans to establish any at this time.

Private wells are regulated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Unlike some sandy soil areas of Wood County where many wells are driven sand points, the wells in the Town of Sherry are drilled. Maintenance of private wells is up to the property owner.

2. WASTEWATER AND TREATMENT FACILITIES

Wastewater Collection & Treatment

There is a sewage treatment facility which is managed by the Blenker-Sherry Sanitary Sewage District located at 3861 County Road N. There is a concentration of population which allow for a centralized system. A portion of the Town of Sherry is in the Blenker-Sherry Sanitary District No. 1.

With continued improvements in both quality and efficiency the plant operates at a very high level and has a significant reserve capacity treating both domestic wastewaters from 119 units plus light industrial waste.

Additionally, the Village of Milladore treatment facility is also located at 9594 West Street. This facility although located in Sherry, does not serve residents of the town of Sherry.

The Town will utilize the coordination process on issues relating to or pertaining to the sewage sanitary district with other municipality(s), sanitary districts, and other agencies.

Except for the sanitary district, the Town of Sherry relies on private on-site waste treatment systems (POWTS) to treat wastewater.

See Section 8-3 Soils: The majority of the Town of Sherry consists of soils from the Sherry Series association. Wastewater treatment systems are dependant on the soil. The county permits individual wastewater treatment systems and the Town would expect the County to coordinate with the Town of Sherry should new requirements make on private on-site waste treatment systems (POWTS) prohibitive.

3. DAMS

The Town recognizes that activity above and below our jurisdiction can have negative impacts that affects the town's economy or environment.

The Town reserves the right to coordinate on any issues regulating the flow of water within its jurisdiction.

Portions of the Wisconsin Rapids, Mill Creek and Hemlock watersheds are within the Town's jurisdiction.

4. STORMWATER RUNOFF

Stormwater runoff is water from rainstorms or snowmelt that flows over the land rather than evaporating or soaking into the ground. Sherry is rural in nature and does not provide an integrated stormwater collection management system.

B. COMMUNITY FACILITIES

1. LICENSED LANDFILLS, SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING

There are no licensed landfills in Sherry. However, residents in the Town of Sherry may use the Sherry-Milladore Recycling Center which is located at 4179 Maple Road.

2. STATE, COUNTY, LOCAL PARKS, AND FOREST LAND

There are no state or county parks, nor county forests located within the town. There are several large areas of forest or wildlife areas, located mostly in the southeastern portion of the town.

The Paul J. Olson Wildlife Area is located east of Lundberg Road. The state of Wisconsin wildlife area is located east on County Highway F. Any future development or expansion should be coordinated with the Town.

The Auburndale School District forest is located on Lonely Road.

Sherry Volunteer Fire Department owns and maintains its own local park facility named Anderton Community Park which is centrally located near the town hall between 2nd Street, 3rd Street and Main Street.

3. CEMETERY AND CHURCH

In 1893, the Fairview Cemetery was established. It is located on Dairy Road, one half mile west of CTH F.

St. Luke's Lutheran Church is located in Sherry at 9297 3rd Street.

4. TELECOMMUNICATION, DSL AND OTHER TOWERS

Wood County has erected a tower for emergency services near Maple Road at the Sherry-Milladore Recycling Center.

There are no radio towers, nor cellular towers at the present time in Sherry.

Telephone, mobile communication devices and internet service is available to the Town by local service providers.

5. ENERGY FACILITIES AND TRANSMISSION LINES

Electric and natural gas service are provided through Alliant Energy and Wisconsin Public Service to households and businesses in the town. While electric service is available to nearly all locations, natural gas is not available to all residents.

The Arpin Substation Energy facility located at 8574 County Highway N is maintained by Wisconsin Power & Light, a subsidiary of Alliant Energy. It is also known as the Camp One Energy facility. American Transmission Company (ATC) operates and maintains the 345 kvw transmission lines which enter and leave the substation.

Koch Pipeline Company, L.P. operates and maintains a cross-country, high pressure petroleum pipeline in the Town of Sherry.

6. SCHOOLS

Sherry is located in three public school districts: Auburndale, Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids.

7. MEDICAL FACILITIES

There are no medical facilities located in the town.

A First Responder vehicle is housed at the Sherry fire building and is manned by local volunteer, certified EMS personnel trained at the first responder level.

Hospitals are located in Marshfield, Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids with various medical and dental clinics in those cities. However, dental offices are also available in Auburndale and Rudolph.

8. EMERGENCY SERVICES: FIRE, RESCUE, AND POLICE

Emergency 911 calls are dispatched by the Wood County Sheriff's Department inclusive of fire department(s), ambulance/EMS, and police service.

9. LIBRARY

The Town of Sherry does not have its own library.

Residents have access to the other libraries in the County, the closest being in Arpin or Vesper. Our Coordination Plan will be available at the Lester Public Library of Vesper, 6550 Virginia Street. There are larger libraries in Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield.

Communities without libraries of their own pay for these services through a County apportionment, which is based on the town's equalized valuation.

§43.12(1) specifically says that "at least" 70% of the cost is calculated on the basis of the non-library municipalities paying at least 70 percent of the costs associated with circulation to non-library community users.

Sherry is responsible to Wood County for its apportionment for library funding. In 2011, the rate for Sherry is .03535 according to the Wood County Clerks Office.

Wood County currently pays 75% of the costs associated with circulation to non-library community users.

10. TOWN HALL

The Sherry Town Hall is located at 9285 2nd Street. The town hall is available for rent under established guidelines. See the Town's website www.townofsherry.com for reservation information. Public notices are posted at the Sherry Town Hall, Sherry-Milladore Recycling Center and at 9277 2nd Street – Sherry.

C. OPPORTUNITES, GOALS, OBJECTIVES & POLICIES

1. OPPORTUNITIES:

a. The presence of the Blenker-Sherry Sanitary wastewater treatment system is a strength in attracting additional growth: residential, commercial or light industrial to the area.

b. Encourage Town residents through town officials to utilize the coordination process to protect their precious groundwater.

2. GOALS

It is the goal of the Utilities and Community Facilities section to promote and protect individual allodial property rights as guaranteed by the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Wisconsin.

a. The Town of Sherry will continue to encourage all agencies and the private sector to engage in the negotiation of shared space for better services in development and installation of supply access for

mobile communication devices, telephone, DSL, energy sources, natural gas services and utilities to all residents of the town. Leasing of shared space on private towers is encouraged by the Town.

b. The Town of Sherry will coordinate future protective service agreements and contracts by exploring available fire, ambulance and EMS services to ensure safe and effective protection. See ss: 60.55 Fire Protection and ss: 60.565 Ambulance Service.

c. Coordinate with all utilities including, but not limited to transmission line operators for their maintenance and future expansion needs.

d. Coordinate with government and their agencies in adopting standards for towers or pedestals, including sharing of space, location criteria, aesthetics standards and criteria and funding for the decommissioning and demitting of towers or pedestals.

e. Establish a committee to share responsibility of Fairview Cemetery so that it meets the current and future needs of the Town.

2. OBJECTIVES

It is the objective of the Utilities and Community Facilities section to achieve our goal through local control by utilizing the coordination process at the town level.

3. POLICIES

Any policies adopted by the Town or Town appointed committee must be consistent with the goals of this section and overall coordination plan.

It is the policy of the town to rely on the early notification requirement of coordination for all levels of government and their agencies to notify and accept participation by the town as an equal partner on any matter that affects the economy or the environment of the towns' jurisdiction.