Town of Sherman Comprehensive Workplan 2023

Housing

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| **GOAL 1: TO HAVE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT THAT ENSURES THE TOWN’S OVERALL VISION AND LAND USE GOALS ARE MET** |
| **Objectives** | **Actions** | **Partners in Implementation** | **Timeframe** | **Responsible Party** | **Priority** | **Outcome** |
| Assist Iron County Zoning to ensure that appropriate building regulations are followed during construction of new housing, out lot buildings and septic systems as well as to any improvements/upgrades made to existing structures. | Meet periodically with Iron County Zoning to review current codes, standards and enforcement activity taking place at the County level. | Town BoardPlan CommissionIron County Zoning | Ongoing | Plan Commission |  | Met with Iron County Zoning Administration February 3, 2023 |
| Maintain reasonable fees for local building permits and continue prompt action on Conditional Use Permit requests. | Plan CommissionTown BoardIron County ZoningTown Clerk | Ongoing | Plan Commission Town Board |  |  |
| Provide information on the Town’s website regarding other requirements, rules and regulations related to new building activity. | Town BoardPlanning CommissionTown ClerkIron County Zoning | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |
| Encourage residents to continue maintaining and improving existing structures. Cooperate with Iron County. | Direct residents to contact their local banker or co.iron.wi.gov for further information on the programs listed under 2.4 that may provide financial assistance to help with paying for home improvements | Town BoardTown ResidentsIron County Zoning | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |

Transportation

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| **GOAL 1: TO HAVE A SAFE SYSTEM OF ROADS** |
| **Objectives** | **Actions** | **Partners in Implementation** | **Timeframe** | **Responsible Party** | **Priority** | **Outcome** |
| Provide for the continued maintenance and upgrading of Town roads. | Maintain, clear and brush road rights-of-way to maximize functionality for snow plowing and safe passage for emergency vehicles. | Town BoardRoad SuperintendentProperty Owners | Ongoing | Road Supervisor |  |  |
| Develop an ongoing five-year plan for pavement maintenance and chip sealing. Develop wide shoulders when possible and financially feasible. | Town BoardRoad Superintendent Road Crew | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |
| Increase efforts to secure grant funding for road projects. | Town Board Volunteers | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |
| Establish appropriate speed limits with proper signage when applicable and install other road signage as required. | Town Board Road Crew | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |
| Maintain the remote nature of Town roads. | Implement building setbacks according to Iron County Zoning and vegetative screening when applicable. | Town BoardIron County ZoningPlan Commission | Ongoing | Plan Commission Iron County |  |  |
| Encourage forestry practices that utilize woodland buffers during harvest.  | Town BoardIron County ForestryPlan Commission | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |
| Protect the environment by limited use of salt and other chemicals on roads and rights-of-way. | Town BoardRoad Supervisor | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |

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Transportation (cont.)

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| **GOAL 2: TO HAVE A MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM** |
| **Objectives** | **Actions** | **Partners in Implementation** | **Timeframe** | **Responsible Party** | **Priority** | **Outcome** |
| Work toward safer routes for recreational trails of all types. | Ensure proper signage on all Town roads used by ATV, UTVs and/or Snowmobiles. | Town BoardRoad Supervisor | Ongoing | Road Supervisor |  |  |
| Work with local clubs to ensure proper signage on recreational trails in the Town. | Local Recreational ClubsWDNR | Ongoing | Local Clubs |  |  |
| Encourage efforts to move recreational trails off Town roads whenever feasible. | WDRNTown Board | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |
| Encourage snowmobile and ATV/UTV users to “stay on the trail” and respect private property. | Local Recreational ClubsWDNR | Ongoing | Local Clubs |  |  |
| Support the formation of local organizations to determine feasibility of additional trail systems. | VolunteersWDNR | Ongoing | VolunteersTown Board |  |  |

Utility and Community Facilities

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| **GOAL 1: TO HAVE RELIABLE UTILITY SERVICE WITHIN THE TOWN** |
| **Objectives** | **Actions** | **Partners in Implementation** | **Timeframe** | **Responsible Party** | **Priority** | **Outcome** |
| Monitor utility providers (telephone, electric and broadband) to ensure dependable and consistent service is available for Town residents. | Seek a Town resident to function as a liaison to keep the Town informed on current topics. | Town BoardVolunteer | 2023 and Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |
| Invite current and future providers periodically to discuss current improvements, programs, and alternatives to energy delivery. | Town BoardService Providers | Ongoing | Volunteer Liaison |  |  |
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| **GOAL 2: TO HAVE TOWN FACILITIES, SERVICES AND PROGRAMS THAT ARE SUPPORTED** |
| **Objectives** | **Actions** | **Partners in Implementation** | **Timeframe** | **Responsible Party** | **Priority** | **Outcome** |
| Allocate budget dollars to provide for maintenance and upkeep of Town buildings. | Periodically review the need for other facilities and solicit public input to seek future changes. | Town Board | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |
| Encourage the public use of Town facilities through programs and community events. | Local OrganizationsTown BoardSherman Connect | Ongoing | Sherman Connect |  |  |

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Utility and Community Facilities (cont.)

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| **GOAL 2: TO HAVE TOWN FACILITIES, SERVICES AND PROGRAMS THAT ARE SUPPORTED** (cont.) |
| **Objectives** | **Actions** | **Partners in Implementation** | **Timeframe** | **Responsible Party** | **Priority** | **Outcome** |
| Provide ongoing EMS and Fire Department services. | Continue to provide appropriate levels of funding. | Town Board | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |
| Continue to make available the waste/recycling center operations. | Periodically review needs of waste/recycling center and upgrade, as necessary. | Town BoardProperty Owners | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |
| Inform residents of hazardous waste, metal disposal and electronic recycling events/sites. | Town Board | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |
| Maintain awareness of public health concerns and human services programs. | Establish and maintain relationships with various Iron County agencies. | Iron County SupervisorTown BoardPlan Commission | Ongoing | Iron County Supervisor |  |  |

Natural, Agricultural, & Cultural Resources

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| **GOAL 1: TO HAVE NATURAL AND AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES THAT ARE PROTECTED** |
| **Objectives** | **Actions** | **Partners in Implementation** | **Timeframe** | **Responsible Party** | **Priority** | **Outcome** |
| Work to protect lakes, rivers, wetlands, woodlands, and forests. | Align with Iron County Land and Water Conservation, the WDNR and other cooperating agencies to increase awareness and knowledge about best management practices:* Clean Boats/Clean Water program
* Shoreland stabilization including native planting, buffer zones and riparian establishment
* Fish stocking regulations
* Fishing regulations
* Aquatic invasive species and terrestrial species identification and removal
* Responsible use of herbicides and phosphorus-free fertilizer
* Lake water quality testing
* Culvert sizing and placement
 | Iron County SupervisorIron County Land & Water ConservationWDNRTown BoardProperty Owners | Ongoing | Iron County Supervisor |  |  |
| Encourage forestry practices that utilize woodland buffers during harvest. | Iron County ForestryWDNRTown BoardProperty Owners | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |

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Natural, Agricultural, & Cultural Resources (cont.)

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| **GOAL 1: TO HAVE NATURAL AND AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES THAT ARE PROTECTED** (cont.) |
| **Objectives** | **Actions** | **Partners in Implementation** | **Timeframe** | **Responsible Party** | **Priority** | **Outcome** |
| Protect groundwater and other sensitive natural areas. | Encourage landowners to properly maintain private wells through regular inspection and water testing. | Iron County Health DeptWDNRProperty Owners | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |
| Collaborate with Iron County Land & Water Conservation to encourage proper well abandonment. | Iron County SupervisorWDNRIron County ZoningProperty Owners | Ongoing | Iron County Supervisor |  |  |
| Discourage improper waste disposal and unauthorized burning. | WDNRFire DepartmentProperty Owners | Ongoing | WDNR |  |  |
| Discourage development within environmentally sensitive areas. |  | Plan CommissionTown BoardIron County ZoningProperty Owners | Ongoing | Plan CommissionTown Board |  |  |
| Encourage residents to collaborate with Iron County Land and Water Conservation and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to incorporate best management practices related to agriculture. |  | Iron County SupervisorIron County Land & Water ConservationProperty Owners | Ongoing | Iron County Supervisor |  |  |

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Natural, Agricultural, & Cultural Resources (cont.)

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| **GOAL 2: TO HAVE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES THAT ARE PROTECTED** |
| **Objectives** | **Actions** | **Partners in Implementation** | **Timeframe** | **Responsible Party** | **Priority** | **Outcome** |
| Support local preservation efforts to document and preserve materials and personal documentaries of personal interest. |  | Town VolunteersTown Board | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |
| Support local preservation efforts to educate and display historical photos/artifacts about the Town. |  | Town VolunteersTown Board | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |
| Promote the formation of the Sherman (Springstead) Historical Society. |  | Town Volunteers | Ongoing | Volunteers |  |  |

Economic development

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| **GOAL 1: TO HAVE FUTURE ECONOMIC GROWTH THAT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE COMMUNITY’S NEEDS WHILE PROTECTING THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND MAINTAINING THE REMOTE NATURE OF THE TOWN** |
| **Objectives** | **Actions** | **Partners in Implementation** | **Timeframe** | **Responsible Party** | **Priority** | **Outcome** |
| Support/encourage formation of a local business association. |  | Business Owners | Ongoing | Business Owners |  |  |
| Focus economic development activity on tourism, forestry, and other businesses that are compatible with the needs and desires of the community. |  | Plan CommissionTown Board | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |

Intergovernmental Cooperation

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| **GOAL 1: TO HAVE INFORMED AND ENGAGED RESIDENTS** |
| **Objectives** | **Actions** | **Partners in Implementation** | **Timeframe** | **Responsible Party** | **Priority** | **Outcome** |
| Improve public communication. | Encourage full-time and seasonal residents to sign up to receive Town emails. | Town BoardTown Volunteers | 2023 and Ongoing | Town Board |  | 2022-informational flyer with tax bill |
| Utilize the Town’s website and designated bulletin boards to provide information on Town matters. | Town BoardTown VolunteersPlan Commission | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |
| Create an informational packet for residents and other users of Town facilities and services. | Town Volunteers | 2023 | Tracy MurrinSherman Connection |  | December 2022 – Sherman Connection formed. |
| Form a work group to determine the capabilities of the Town web site and work with the Town Board to make improvements. | Town BoardTown Volunteers | 2023 | Town BoardChair Wolff |  | Work group created January 2023 |
| Broaden the Volunteer Base. | Match up resident skill sets with various volunteer opportunities. | Town Volunteers | 2023 and Ongoing | Town BoardSherman Connection |  |  |

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Intergovernmental Cooperation (cont.)

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| **GOAL 2: TO HAVE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH NEIGHBORING JURISDICTIONS** |
| **Objectives** | **Actions** | **Partners in Implementation** | **Timeframe** | **Responsible Party** | **Priority** | **Outcome** |
| Coordinate with Iron County for enforcement of local and County regulations within the Town. | Meet periodically with Iron County Zoning to review standards and enforcement activity taking place at the County level. | Town BoardPlan Commission | Ongoing | Plan Commission |  | Met Feb. 2023 with Iron County zoning. |
| Participate in conditional use permit review to ensure the Town’s goals are followed. | Plan CommissionTown Board | Ongoing | Plan Commission |  |  |
| Review periodic reports and updates provided by the County Supervisor. | Sherman’s Iron County SupervisorTown Board | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |
| When feasible, cooperate with adjoining towns and government units regarding facility planning, services, and land-use policies to gain efficiency and regional development consistency. | Maintain awareness of opportunities that may arise and respond as appropriate. | Town Board | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |
| Maintain open lines of communication with the WDNR and Iron County | Contact WDNR personnel and Iron County departments as needed to share information and review relevant topics.  | Town BoardPlan Commission | Ongoing | Town Board |  |  |

Land Use

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| **GOAL 1: TO HAVE FUTURE LAND DECISIONS THAT PRESERVE THE REMOTE NATURE OF THE TOWN, PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES AND PROVIDE A VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.** |
| **Objectives** | **Actions** | **Partners in Implementation** | **Timeframe** | **Responsible Party** | **Priority** | **Outcome** |
| Guide future development into appropriate areas of the Town. | Explore methods to limit future shoreland development to single family housing. | Plan CommissionIron County ZoningTown Board | 2023-2024 | Plan Commission | 5 |  |
| Explore methods to ensure off-water development is low density and large lots. | Plan CommissionIron County ZoningTown Board | 2023-2024 | Plan Commission | 3 |  |
| Review the current commercial overlay district along Hwy 182 and determine whether the overlay district still reflects the Town’s vision. | Plan CommissionIron County ZoningTown Board | 2023-2025 | Plan Commission | 7 |  |
| Review Tourist Rooming House compliance concerns with Iron County to determine if changes in regulation are necessary. | Plan CommissionIron County ZoningIron County Health DeptTown Board | Annually | Plan Commission |  |  |
| Direct new short term small scale non-metallic mining or asphalt plant operation (those smaller than ten acres and operational for less than sixty days annually) away from sensitive natural resources while maintaining a respectable distance from adjacent property owners. | Plan CommissionIron County ZoningWDNRTown Board | Ongoing | Plan Commission |  |  |

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Land Use (cont.)

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| **GOAL 1: TO HAVE FUTURE LAND DECISIONS THAT PRESERVE THE REMOTE NATURE OF THE TOWN, PROTECT NATURAL RESOURCES AND PROVIDE A VARIETY OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.** (cont.) |
| **Objectives** | **Actions** | **Partners in Implementation** | **Timeframe** | **Responsible Party** | **Priority** | **Outcome** |
| Guide future development into appropriate areas of the Town (cont.) | Any metallic mining or long term, large scale non-metallic mining or asphalt plant operations (those greater than ten acres or operational for more than sixty days annually) are not compatible with the Town’s updated comprehensive plan.  | Plan CommissionIron County ZoningWDNRTown Board | Ongoing | Plan Commission |  |  |
| Determine whether the current Town ordinance preventing keyholing is sufficient to prohibit water access from off water parcels or individuals. | Plan Commission Iron County ZoningTown Board | 2023-2024 | Plan Commission | 4 |  |
| Encourage the use of landscaping and screening to reduce visual impacts of conflicting land uses near one another. | Plan CommissionProperty Owners | Ongoing | Plan CommissionTown Boar |  |  |
| Provide public forums, input sessions and information sessions on land use planning and land use decisions | Plan CommissionIron County Zoning | Ongoing | Plan Commission |  |  |
| Consider the development of a blight ordinance to ensure properties are maintained and valued throughout the community. |  | Plan CommissionTown BoardProperty Owners | 2024-2025 | Plan Commission | 6 |  |

Other Town Issues

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| **GOAL 1: OTHER TOWN ISSUES** |
| **Objectives** | **Actions** | **Partners in Implementation** | **Timeframe** | **Responsible Party** | **Priority** | **Outcome** |
| Amend CUP-Accessory building conditions language |  |  |  | Plan Commission | 1 | 02/2023 – Rescinded CUP condition language. Future CUP applications will be reviewed & conditions will be applied on an individual basis using Iron County Title 9, Article 8 as a guide. |
| Determine whether the town desires mobile/manufactured home and RV regulation  |  |  |  | Plan Commission | 2 | Issue tabled until fall. Develop questions for a public survey to go out with taxes. |