

# Cooperative Plan Timeline

## \* **Past Activities.**

- \* No Village residents stepped forward to run for the Board. Current Village Board agrees to continue for as long as it takes to accomplish an orderly merger of the two entities.
- \* 2/8/17 – Village and Town sign resolutions authorizing participation in the preparation of a Cooperative Plan
- \* 2/28/17 - Town and Village begin meeting and Village turns over documents to the Town.

# Cooperative Plan Timeline (cont.)

- \* **Past Activities continued.**

- \* 10/18/17 – Village and Town Boards approve submitting the draft Cooperative Plan to a Public Hearing
- \* 10/19/17 - Mailing to all Williamstown and Village residents announcing the public hearing
- \* 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 2017 -- Class 3 notice of joint Kekoskee/Williamstown public hearing published

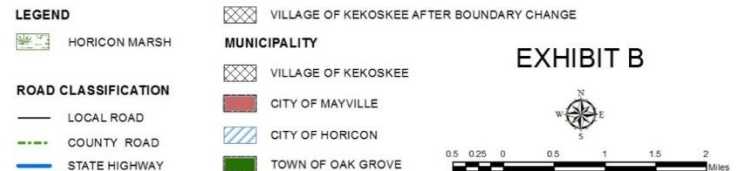
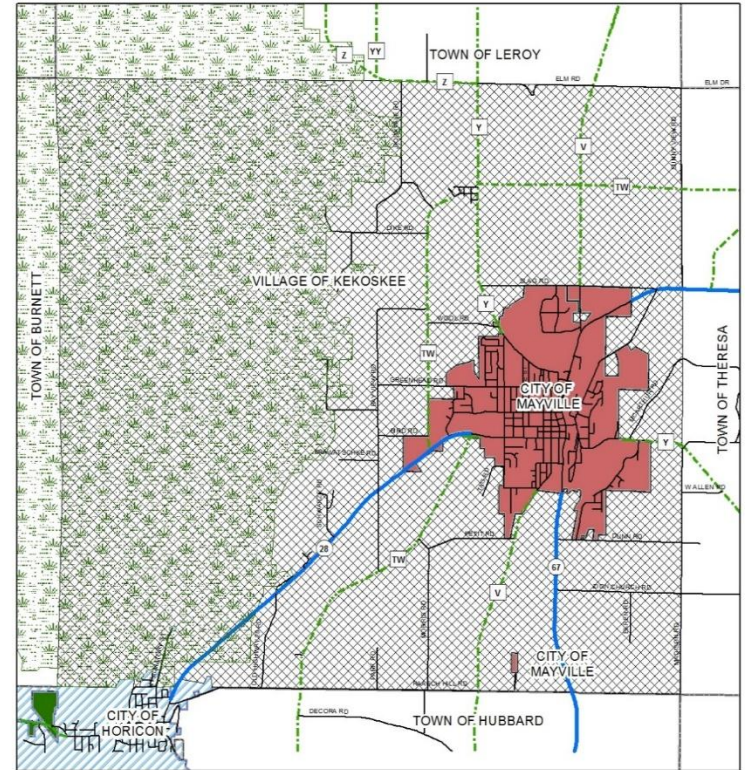
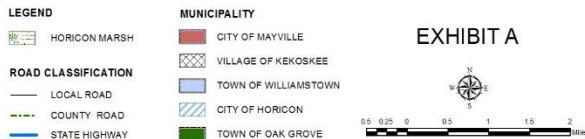
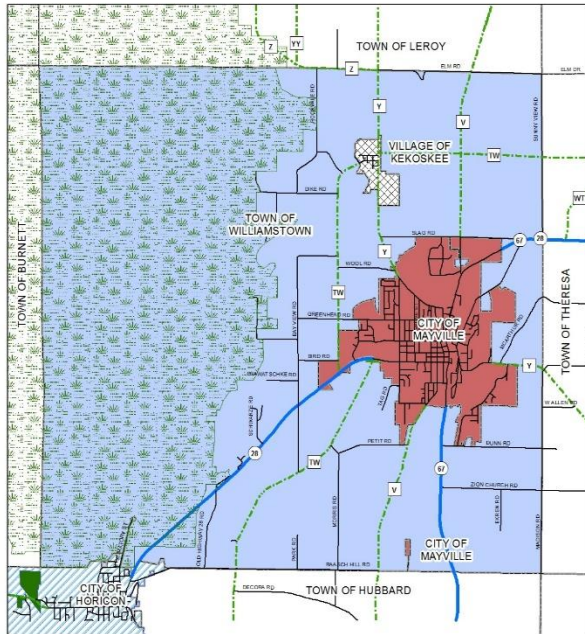
# Cooperative Plan Timeline (cont.)

## \* **Current and Future Activities**

- \* 12/6/17– Joint Kekoskee/Williamstown public hearing
- \* 12/26/17 – comments period closes
- \* January 2018 - Meet to review written and Public Hearing comments and discuss any modification to the Plan
- \* 30 – 60 days after Public Hearing – Village and Town sign resolutions approving the final Cooperative Plan
- \* 60 days after Public Hearing – Send Cooperative Plan to the Wisconsin Department of Administration

# Cooperative Plan Components

## \* Boundary Change



# Cooperative Plan Components (cont.)

- \* **Name Change**

- \* Retains a hint of our roots as a Town.
- \* Kekoskee continues as a “neighborhood” within the expanded Village. **And we can even keep the sign: “Home to Dam Good Folks!”**

# Cooperative Plan Components (cont.)

## \* Village Board and Elections

- \* The current Kekoskee Board members will step down and the Village of Williamstown Board will be filled with the current Town of Williamstown Board members by appointment.
- \* Elections for Village Board Trustees will then continue as usual: one seat in odd years and two seats (including the President) in even years.
- \* A referendum will be held to change the Village Clerk and Treasurer positions from elected to appointed.

# Cooperative Plan Components (cont.)

## \* Planning and Zoning

- \* The Cooperative Plan specifies that the unzoned area within the current Village of Kekoskee will be zoned. The intent is to use the Town's recently revised zoning ordinance and create a **new zoning district** titled "Concentrated Mixed Use" for the entire area of the old village. Set backs and side yard standards will be set to minimize non-conforming situations.
- \* Contact with DATCP confirms the expanded Village will need to recertify the Town's current **Farmland Preservation** Zoning District with the State. No issues are expected as the recertification is needed primarily for the name change only.

# Cooperative Plan Components (cont.)

## \* **Comprehensive Plan and Ordinances**

- \* Comprehensive Plan amendment will be required to include the original Village of Kekoskee area and address the name change.
- \* Ordinances from both governments will be merged into a single Code of Ordinances for the expanded Village.
- \* Individual differences will be reviewed, amended and perhaps grandfathered where appropriate.
- \* Zoning Ordinance will need to be amended to include the “Concentrated Mixed Use” district.
- \* County shoreland zoning ordinances remain in effect until changed by the Village board. Then, the Village will need to implement a shoreland zoning ordinance (Statutory Requirement).



# Cooperative Plan Components (cont.)

- \* **Law Enforcement, Fire Protection and Ambulance Services**
  - \* Kekoskee and Williamstown use the same providers: Dodge County Sheriff's Office, the Kekoskee Fire Department and City of Mayville Ambulance.
  - \* Maintain the current level of service received by the residents of both governments.
  - \* Expect agreements to continue with any fees reflecting the merged population.

# Cooperative Plan Components (cont.)

- \* **Public Works**

- \* Continue as previously provided

- \* Road maintenance, snow plowing, signage, Kekoskee lift stations, stormwater management, sewer, street lights, parks, etc.

- \* For future consideration

- \* Sidewalks, dump sites, Kekoskee-owned buildings, etc.

# Cooperative Plan Components (cont.)

## \* County Highways

- \* No Jurisdictional Transfer required.
- \* County will retain access control of all CTH's except for portions within the old village area.
- \* ATV Routes now include all Town and County Roads. All routes will remain.
- \* County will maintain the center 22' of all CTH's. The new Village will maintain outside 22'.
- \* County will retain speed limit jurisdiction on all CTH's.

# Cooperative Plan Components (cont.)

## \* **Planning Period**

- \* “The planning period shall be 10 years.” The minimum allowed by statute.
- \* “Planning Period” refers to the time we have to accomplish the tasks necessary to implement our Cooperative Plan.
- \* Most tasks will be accomplished within the first year.
- \* Once approved by the WI Department of Administration, the consolidation is permanent, regardless of the expiration of the planning period.

# Working With Bordering Towns (LeRoy, Theresa, Hubbard & Burnett)

- \* Boundary Agreements have been prepared and shared with neighboring towns. The newly expanded Village remembers where it came from and will respect the concerns of their neighboring towns.
- \* The agreements basically say the Village of Williamstown will not annex any land within adjacent towns for a 20 year period or unless mutually agreed upon by the Village and subject Town.

# Additional Merger Questions

- \* Will my taxes go up if the area becomes a village?
  - \* Taxes aren't based on the type of municipality; they're based on the expenses of that municipality.
  - \* Combining governments could make service costs (expenses) even more efficient when spread out across an increased population base. In addition, because of the Landfill Permit payments, the property relief credit will now include the area of the old village.

# Additional Merger Questions (cont.)

- \* Kekoskee Sanitary debt
  - \* Only those using the Joint Leroy/Kekoskee sanitary facilities will be billed.
  - \* Users are already seeing a small increase in billing which is calculated to cover the debt.
  - \* A Utility District may be created to separate users from non-users of the facilities.

# QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- \* To speak, please sign in at the “Speakers Registration Table” table.
  - \* You will be given a number.
  - \* You will be asked to say and spell your name and tell where you’re from.
  - \* You may change your mind about speaking by declining when your name is called.
  - \* The moderator will call your name when it is time to speak.
- \* Please limit comments to no more than 5 minutes. If you need longer, you may speak again after everyone else has spoken.
- \* Please respect the rights and views of others, just as you would want your rights and views respected. Be advised we have a Court Reporter present.
- \* Forms for leaving written comments are available at the “Comments” table.



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<http://williamstown-wi.com>

- \* This presentation
- \* Hearing transcript and written comments
- \* Updated FAQ's
- \* Draft Cooperative Plan
- \* Approved Cooperative Plan