

# **COOPERATIVE PLAN**

Between

**CITY OF OSHKOSH**

And

**TOWN OF NEKIMI**

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OUTLINE OF CITY OF OSHKOSH AND TOWN OF NEKIMI  
COOPERATIVE PLAN  
UNDER WIS. STAT. § 66.0307

The **CITY OF OSHKOSH**, a Wisconsin municipal corporation with offices at 215 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54903-1130 and the **TOWN OF NEKIMI**, a Wisconsin municipality with offices at 3790 Pickett Avenue, Nekimi, Wisconsin 54904 enter into this Cooperative Plan, ("**Cooperative Plan**" or "**Plan**" or "**Agreement**"), subject to approval of the State Department of Administration, under authority of Wis. Stat. § 66.0307.

**RECITALS**

- A.** Wis. Stat. § 66.0307, authorizes municipalities to determine the boundary lines between themselves upon approval of a cooperative plan by the State Department of Administration.
- B.** The purpose of a cooperative plan is set forth in Wis. Stat. § 66.0307(3)(b), as follows: The cooperative plan shall be made with the general purpose of guiding and accomplishing a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of the territory covered by the plan which will, in accordance with existing and future needs, best promote public health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity or the general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development.
- C.** Wis. Stat. § 66.0307(2) permits cooperative plans to provide for future boundary changes.
- D.** On July 24, 2007 the City and Town entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement under the authority of Wis. Stat. § 66.0301 to provide the basic foundation for this Cooperative Plan. The document was subsequently amended on May 11, 2011. The Intergovernmental Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit J.
- E.** The City and Town entered into the Intergovernmental Agreement for the purposes of establishing a long-term boundary, limiting the City's extraterritorial authority within the Protected Area assuring orderly growth and development outside the Protected Area, protecting Town owners from annexations against their will, and facilitating attachment of lands in the Expansion Area at the will of the owners without threat of lawsuits.

**F.** This Cooperative Plan is intended to implement the Intergovernmental Agreement and to guide and accomplish a coordinated, well-planned and harmonious development of the territory covered by the Plan.

**G.** This Cooperative Plan was developed following a review of regional, county and local plans and after a public hearing held on August 17, 2011 noticed under Wis. Stat. § 66.0307(4)(b), from which comments were received and said comments are addressed in Exhibit I.

**H.** It is the intention of the City and Town that this Cooperative Plan be a binding and enforceable contract.

## **PLAN**

**THEREFORE**, the City of Oshkosh and Town of Nekimi enter into this Cooperative Plan under authority of Wis. Stat. § 66.0307, and petition the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration for approval, in accordance with statutory procedures and time frames.

### **SECTION 1 PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES**

This Cooperative Plan applies to the City of Oshkosh and Town of Nekimi, located in Winnebago County, Wisconsin. The boundary between the City and the Town is shown on Exhibit A.

### **SECTION 2** [This section left intentionally blank.]

### **SECTION 3 TERRITORY SUBJECT TO THE COOPERATIVE PLAN**

The territory subject to this Cooperative Plan is all territory in the Town as of the date of this Plan.

### **SECTION 4 ISSUES, PROBLEMS, OPPORTUNITIES**

This Cooperative Plan will address issues and problems and create opportunities as noted in the subsections below:

**4.01 Existing Character of the Territory (Town of Nekimi)** The Town of Nekimi is predominated by undeveloped and agricultural areas. Single-family homes are located along many of the section roads in the Town. Limited commercial and industrial developments are located along USH 41 and STH 44. Given that the Town has no central place where development and activity is congregated, institutional uses and public facilities are scattered throughout the Town.

The following table is a breakdown of existing land use in the Town.

<b>Town of Nekimi Existing Land Use*</b>		
<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Percent of Town</b>
Air Travel	336.9	1.82%
Commercial	50.0	0.27%
Industrial	40.3	0.22%
Non-Metallic Mining	66.9	0.36%
Open Water	72.6	0.39%
Single-Family Residential	882.7	4.77%
Transportation	828.7	4.47%
Undeveloped/Agricultural	15,407.9	83.2%
Utilities & Public Facilities	212.0	1.14%
Wetlands	626.4	3.38%
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,524.4</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Town of Nekimi Comprehensive Plan, October 2003

**4.02 Future Road Network** The parties will consult with each other relative to future road planning.

- (a) New West Side Arterial (WSA). The Winnebago County Highway Commission is undertaking a planning process to identify a location for a future west side arterial that would be located between US 41 and County FF and connect WIS 21, WIS 91, WIS 44 and WIS 26. This limited access roadway would be able to handle future land development and connect Town and City lands on what is now the far western portion of the Oshkosh metropolitan area. Planning for the roadway now will prevent development over the next 20 years from encroaching on the future highway corridor. This major roadway may also be one of the few connecting points (full interchange) with the potential Highway 21 freeway system.
- (b) The study area includes portions of the Town of Nekimi, including areas identified as City Expansion Area, Nekimi Protected Area, and Rural Preservation Area. Right-of-way will need to be preserved under the authority of Wis. Stat. § 66.1031. The City agrees to only exercise its

extraterritorial mapping for that segment of the WSA that terminates at WIS 44. Any proposed mapping of the WSA to connect with WIS 26 will be done solely under the jurisdiction of the Town. The City will periodically provide the Town with reports of the status of this proposed project together with all relevant background documents that the Town may need to make informed decisions concerning the project.

#### **4.03 Preservation of Natural, Physical and Socio-Economic Attributes**

The Town of Nekimi has a rich farming tradition with roughly 83% of the Town's land area devoted to agricultural and undeveloped space. Farming operations in the Town consist of a balance of family farm operations, rented cropland, and larger corporate farms. Large portions of Town lands are considered to be prime agricultural lands. Contiguous areas of woodlands, wetlands, and other natural areas in the Town have been protected from development. In order to protect prime agricultural lands from residential development pressures, the Town has adopted a Subdivision Ordinance with provisions for cluster and conservation subdivisions.

The Town has not yet completed a comprehensive inventory of its cultural resources. Completion of said inventory is a priority in the Comprehensive Plan to establish priorities for protection of cultural resources. According to the Wisconsin Historical Society, the Town of Nekimi has 39 registered historic structures.

This Plan will promote and enable cooperation between the City and the Town to coordinate their plans for pedestrian trails.

**4.04 Joint Planning** Both the City of Oshkosh and the Town of Nekimi have completed their respective Comprehensive Plans that were developed per the State's "Smart Growth" statutes. Each of the plans includes an Intergovernmental Cooperation element. With the Plans in place, greater emphasis can be applied to working jointly to resolve any potential land use conflicts or issues, and to promote efficient delivery of services to both the City and Town.

Those portions of the Town in the City Expansion Area will be served (as attachment occurs) with sanitary sewer, water and underground storm sewer system. There are no plans to extend sanitary sewer, water, and underground storm sewer to Nekimi Protected Area.

**4.05 Establish Long-Term Boundaries Between City and Town, Eliminate Annexation Disputes.** In previous years, annexation disputes have occurred between the City of Oshkosh and the Town of Nekimi. These disputes have absorbed City and Town fiscal resources.

Current Wisconsin annexation statutes and annexations have resulted in fragmentation of the Town into discontinuous geographic areas and irregular peninsulas. The boundaries of the Town and the City are not well defined by built or natural features, which have resulted in service inefficiencies and challenges. The irregular boundary issues are addressed by this Plan.

The term and implementation phases within the Plan recognize an attempt to balance the competing desires of the City, the Town, and existing Town property owners and residents.

The boundary provisions between the City and the Town that provide for a protected area for the Town and an expansion area for the City will enable both municipalities to engage in more orderly land use planning and development, without wasting public resources on divisive boundary disputes and inefficient service provision.

#### **4.06 Assure Orderly Development of City and Town Within the Planning Area.**

The Plan provides a mechanism for joint land use decision making while parcels in the City Expansion remain in the Town. The Plan establishes the City's Comprehensive Plan as the planning document to guide growth in the City Expansion Area. Furthermore, the Town agrees that it will not rezone lands in the City Expansion Area without first obtaining the City's consent to the rezoning, which consent may not be withheld if the rezoning is consistent with the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan that may be amended from time to time. The Plan establishes density maximums in the Rural Preservation Area to permit some limited residential development and commercial/industrial development along the Highway 41 corridor. Within the Protected Area, the Town of Nekimi will be able to undertake appropriate long range planning with assurance that the Nekimi Protected Area will remain in the Town.

## **SECTION 5 DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this Cooperative Plan, the following words and phrases are defined as follows

- 1. Nekimi or Town:** The Town of Nekimi, Wisconsin, a municipal corporation with offices at 3790 Pickett Road, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54904.
- 2. Voluntary Attachment:** The method by which land is attached to the City as set forth in Section 10 of this Plan.
- 3. Boundary Line:** The boundary between the Protected Area and the City or Expansion and Rural Preservation Area as shown on Exhibit B.

4. **Exhibits:** Maps, lists, resolutions and other supporting documents that are attached to this Plan and incorporated as part of the Plan.
5. **City Expansion Area:** Is a geographic area that the parties expect to be developed for urban uses within the City during the term of this Agreement and illustrated on Exhibit B.
6. **Rural Preservation Area:** Is a geographic area that the parties expect will remain primarily rural and agriculturally oriented during the term of this Agreement and illustrated on Exhibit B.
7. **Functional Town Island Attachment:** Attachment of areas determined to be functional town islands as set forth in Section 10 of this Plan.
8. **Town Section Attachment:** Attachment of remaining unincorporated Town areas within individual Town Sections (as identified on Exhibit E) that contain 70% or more of incorporated City of Oshkosh territory and as set forth in Section 10 of this Plan.
9. **Town Section:** Individual geographic sections of the Town in one mile squares as illustrated on Exhibit E.
10. **Oshkosh or City:** The City of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, a municipal corporation with offices at 215 Church Avenue, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54903-1130.
11. **Plan Territory:** All parcels of land within the Town of Nekimi as of the date of this Plan.
12. **Nekimi Protected Area:** A geographic area shown on Exhibit B that the City agrees not to annex or attach territory during the term of this Agreement.
13. **Functional Town Island:** For purposes of this Agreement, a functional town island occurs when either man-made or natural barriers, employed in conjunction with City corporate boundaries, isolate a portion of the Town. In determining whether an area is sufficiently isolated so as to constitute a functional town island, the parties shall consider: (i) the extent to which lakes, rivers and political boundaries isolate the area from the balance of the Town, (ii) the extent to which natural borders and political boundaries of the City isolate the area from the balance of the Town, or (iii) the extent to which, for all practical purposes, the area is cut off from the remainder of the Town.
14. **Voluntary Attachment:** An attachment of land within the City Expansion Area pursuant to unanimous request of all owners prior to Final or Intermediate Attachment.



- 15. Highway 41 Corridor Overlay District.** Parcels abutting the U.S. Highway 41 right-of-way and/or the U.S. Highway 41 frontage roads, but excluding any portion of abutting parcels lying more than one thousand three hundred twenty (1,320) feet beyond the most westerly and easterly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 41 and/or the U.S Highway 41 frontage roads. The frontage roads include Black Oak School Road and Plainview Road. The district is identified on Exhibit F.

**SECTION 6  
TERM**

The term of this Cooperative Plan shall commence upon the date of its approval by the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) and shall terminate at 11:59 p.m. 40 years after the date of approval of this Plan by the DOA. The basis for the 40 year term is that such time period is deemed by the City and Town to be necessary to protect existing Town land owners from annexation against their will and for the City to fully assimilate the territory in the Expansion Area in an orderly and cost effective manner.

**SECTION 7  
EXPANSION AREA, PROTECTED AREA, AND RURAL PRESERVATION AREA**

The area of the Town subject to boundary adjustments over the term of this Cooperative Plan includes the City Expansion Area and the Rural Preservation Area. The area of the Town protected from boundary adjustments, Protected Area, are shown on Exhibit B.

**7.01 City Expansion Area.** The parties acknowledge that the territory within the City Expansion Area is likely to be developed with comprehensive urban services, including, but not limited to, sanitary sewers and water in conformance with the City's Comprehensive Plan. The following additional provisions shall apply in the City Expansion Area (CEA):

- (a) Lands may be attached to the City only upon the unanimous consent of the owners of the lands, exclusive of any right-of-way that may be attached. Such attachments need not be contiguous to the City and may create Town or City islands. Such attachments shall include the entire width of highway rights-of-way abutting the lands attached. The Town shall not oppose, nor support opposition to, attachment consistent with the terms of this Agreement.
- (b) When requests are made for approval of any certified survey map (CSM), or initiation of development activities that will result in the creation of any non rural, non-agricultural use, where the CSM, plat, or development activity does not include an annexation or attachment to the City, the following standards shall apply:

- (i) An attachment agreement is executed with the City, which requires the property owner and successor owners to annex and/or attach the affected parcel(s) when the parcel(s) become contiguous with the City. The annexation and/or attachment agreement shall also provide provisions for necessary easements, which the City determines, may be required for the future extension of utilities to the relevant parcel(s) and development area.
  - (ii) The property owner and/or developer prepares and submits to the City a Master Development Plan for the Town Section within which the certified survey map, plat, or development activity is proposed, and a finding is made by the City that the CSM, plat, or development activity is consistent with the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan, or can be made consistent with the addition of appropriate conditions, including conditions relative to the installation of public improvements. The City may waive the Master Development Plan requirement based on the size and scope of the proposal.
  - (iii) The CSM, plat, and development activity must be served by a publicly dedicated road built in accordance with the City's Subdivision Regulations, unless said requirement is waived and/or modified by the City.  
The maximum lot size of residential parcels shall not exceed two (2) acres, and they must be designed in such a manner that future land divisions may be possible relative to creating additional residential building sites(s), unless said requirement is waived and/or modified by the City.
- (c) The Town will not rezone land located in the CEA without first obtaining the City's consent to the rezoning, which consent may not be withheld if the proposed rezoning is consistent with the terms of the Intergovernmental Agreement and the provisions of the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan.
  - (d) The Town will not interfere with or object to the City applications to extend its sewer service area consistent with the Intergovernmental Agreement.

**7.02 Nekimi Protected Area.** The parties acknowledge that the territory in the Nekimi Protected Area (NPA) will be developed and will remain in the Town during the term of this Agreement. The following additional provisions shall apply to the NPA:

- (a) The City will not attach any land from the NPA without the Town's prior written consent. A written request for consent will be submitted to the Town upon receipt of an attachment petition. The Town will respond in writing to such request within 45 days. Failure to respond within said 45 days shall be deemed a denial of the request. The Town reserves all legislative prerogatives in deciding whether it wishes to allow the attachment and, to that extent, all rights are reserved.
- (b) The Town reserves the right to permit unsewered development on lands within the NPA, provided the development is consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan. To the extent that the City has jurisdiction to review or approve any land division within the NPA, the City shall provide timely approval of said land division without conditioning its consent on the execution of an attachment agreement.

- (c) In consideration of for the rights and privileges granted to the City by the Town under this Agreement, the City agrees that it shall not adopt or exercise extraterritorial zoning, official mapping, and plat approval jurisdiction applicable to the NPA.

**7.03 Rural Preservation Area.** The parties acknowledge that the majority of land within the Rural Preservation Area (RPA) is not likely to be developed to urban densities within the term of this Agreement. Nevertheless, the parties agree to the following provisions applicable to the RPA:

- (a) Lands may be attached to the City only upon the unanimous consent of the owners of the lands, exclusive of any right-of-way that may be attached. Such attachments need not be contiguous to the City and may create Town islands. Such attachments shall include the entire width of highway rights-of-way abutting the lands attached. The Town shall not oppose, nor support opposition to, attachments consistent with the terms of this Agreement.
- (b) The parties acknowledge and agree that any area that, on the effective date of this Agreement or during the term of this Agreement, becomes a Functional Town Island shall be attached per the provisions of 10.02 of this Agreement.
- (c) The Town shall consent to the construction of City utilities in Town rights-of-way and easements as necessary to serve annexed lands subject to the City's obligations (i) to maintain access to Town territory, and (ii) to restore the right-of-way or easement in accordance with commonly accepted practices.
- (d) When a new road is proposed by the City to be built on land located in the RPA, the parties will discuss the exact location of the road in order to avoid jurisdictional confusion over the provision of governmental services. The City must obtain the Town's prior written consent for new roads to be built on land located in the RPA, but such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The City must obtain the Town's prior written consent before the Town is financially obligated to pay for any portion of the construction or reconstruction of a road project initiated by the City, with such consent at the Town's legislative discretion.
- (e) The Town will not interfere with or object to City applications to extend its sewer service area consistent with this Agreement.
- (f) When requests are made for approval of any CSM, plat, or the initiation of development activities that will result in the creation of any non-rural, non-agricultural use, where the CSM, plat, or development activity does not include an annexation or attachment to the City, the following standards shall apply:
  - (i) A maximum of twenty-eight (28) non-rural, non-agricultural residential dwellings are permitted within each Town Section, provided, however, that not fewer than ten (10) additional non-rural, non-agricultural residential dwellings will be permitted in each Town Section regardless of the number of non-rural, non-agricultural residential dwellings in existence on the date of this Agreement.

- (ii) The CSM, plat, and development activity must be served by a publicly dedicated road built in accordance with the design (but not construction) standards of Section 30-73 of the City of Oshkosh Municipal Code, as amended from time to time, unless said requirement is waived and/or modified by the City.
  - (iii) The minimum lot size of residential parcels shall be five (5) acres, and they must be designed in such a manner that future land divisions may be possible relative to creating additional residential building sites(s), unless said requirement is waived and/or modified by the City.
- (g) Commercial and light industrial development may be permitted within the Highway 41 Corridor Overlay District subject to the following provisions:
- (i) The property owner(s) execute an attachment agreement with the City requiring the property owner or successor owners to attach to the City within sixty (60) months of the date when the parcel(s) becomes contiguous to the City. The attachment agreement shall provide provisions, necessary easements, which the City determines, may be required for the future extension of utilities to the relevant parcel(s) and development area.
  - (ii) Design Standards. New development shall be required to comply with the Highway 41 Overlay District design standards as found in the City of Oshkosh Zoning Ordinance as amended from time to time.
  - (iii) Commercial and industrial development may be permitted outside the Highway 41 Corridor Overlay District subject to review and approval of development proposals by the City, a finding that any such proposed development is and/or will be deemed compatible with the City's and the Town's Comprehensive Plans, and an attachment agreement is executed with the City that requires the property owner and successor owners to attach the affected parcel(s) within sixty (60) months of the date when the parcel(s) become contiguous with the City. The attachment agreement shall provide provisions, necessary easements, which the City determines, may be required for the future extension of utilities to the relevant parcel(s) and development area.
  - (iv) Prior to securing a building permit for non-residential development, property owners/developers shall be required to obtain approval of project plans from the City of Oshkosh Department of Community Development to ensure compliance with the provisions of this section.

## **SECTION 8**

### **LONG-TERM BOUNDARY BETWEEN CITY AND TOWN**

The limits of the City bordering the Town as protected through the creation of a "Town Protected Area" and expanded through the creation of a "City Expansion Area" shall constitute the long-term boundary between the City and Town. The Town boundaries will result in a compact community bounded on the east and north by the City. The boundary agreement will allow for the eventual elimination of Town peninsulas and islands and other irregularities with the municipal border that may create service

delivery confusion or inefficiencies. The plan area is and will remain in the Oshkosh Area School District. Terrain and other physical features are virtually uniform throughout the planning area. The expansion of the City into the Town will allow for the orderly development of the City that should lessen urban sprawl and create compactness over time. The staged expansion will also allow for appropriate planning of infrastructure and other service needs into these areas.

The City may attach areas within the Expansion Area and Rural Preservation Area as provided in this Plan, but will not attach or annex during the term of this Plan, any part of the Protected Area except with written approval of the Town Board.

The City and Town have independently determined that the long-term boundary established by this Cooperative Plan best promotes the mutual public health, safety, order, convenience, prosperity and general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy of development within both the City and the Town.

## **SECTION 9**

### **ATTACHMENT OF TERRITORY IN EXPANSION AREA OF TOWN TO CITY**

**9.01 Voluntary Attachment.** Following approval of this Plan by the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration, property owner(s) within the Expansion Area and the Rural Preservation Area will have the right to unanimously request attachment of their land(s) to the City at any time. Procedures to attach land on a voluntary basis are found in Section 10.01 of this Plan.

## **SECTION 10**

### **PROCEDURE - ATTACHMENT OF TOWN LAND TO CITY IN EXPANSION AREA**

**10.01 Procedure for Voluntary Attachment** The procedure for Voluntary Attachment of territory in the Expansion Area to the City shall be as follows:

- (a) Upon written petition for attachment of land filed with the City Clerk on City forms signed by all of the owners of all the land, exclusive of Town roads abutting such land, the City may, with ten (10) days advance, written notice to Town Clerk, without further review and approval of the Town, and without mandatory review and recommendation by the City Plan Commission or any other sub-unit of the City, adopt an attachment ordinance by a majority of the elected members of its Common Council attaching the land. The attachment ordinance may designate a temporary or permanent zoning classification for each parcel as prescribed in Wis. Stat. § 66.0217 (8).
- (b) Following adoption of the attachment ordinance, the City Clerk shall immediately file, record and send copies of the same, in accordance with Wis. Stat. §§ 66.0217(9)(a) and 66.0307(10). Failure to file, record or send shall not

invalidate the attachment and the duty to file, record or send shall be a continuing one. The information filed with the Secretary of State shall be utilized in making adjustments to entitlements under the federal revenue sharing program and to distribution of funds under Wis. Stat. Chapter 79, and to any successor or other federal or state entitlement or revenue-sharing program.

- a. **Delayed Attachments.** For any attachment where the effective date of the attachment is delayed for a period of time as specified in this Plan, the City Clerk shall not file and record the attachment ordinance until after the effective date of the attachment.
- (c) No land shall be attached to the City as a Voluntary Attachment without the consent of all of the owners. Petition signatures or other indices of consent shall not be required of residents, occupants or users of property who are not owners of the property.
- (d) Territory may be attached to the City, under this Cooperative Plan, irrespective of the size, or shape of the territory. Such attachments may create Town islands. The City, however, may reject any petition to attach territory that is not contiguous, configured or located in such a manner as will enable the City to provide adequate and timely service. The City is authorized to confer with landowners interested in attachment to recommend the size, shape and contiguity of territory to be covered by a petition.
- (e) The Town shall not oppose any attachments permitted by this Agreement or provide support, financial or otherwise, to those who do.
- (f) Any territory within the City Expansion Area not attached to the City as a Voluntary Attachment shall be attached to the City as a Functional Town Island attachment or a Town Section attachment in accordance with the time frames and procedures governing such attachments set forth below.

**10.02 Procedure for Functional Town Island Attachment.** The procedure for attachment of geographic areas determined to be a Functional Town Island may be attached by attachment ordinance adopted by a majority vote of the City of Oshkosh Common Council as follows:

- (a) **Determination.** City of Oshkosh Department of Community Development staff will make the initial determination as to whether an area has become a Functional Town Island per standards identified in Section 5 of this Plan.
- (b) **Public Hearing.** Upon determination that an area has become a Functional Town Island, staff will schedule a public hearing before the City of Oshkosh Common Council to adopt a resolution declaring said area to be a Functional Town Island. At least 30 days prior to said hearing the City of Oshkosh shall

send a meeting notice to all property owners of record within the subject area as identified in the City's Geographic Information System (GIS). At least 30 days prior to the hearing, the City shall also send a meeting notice to the Town Clerk.

- (c) **Council Resolution.** After scheduling a public hearing Council may adopt a resolution declaring said area to be a Functional Town Island.
- (d) **Attachment Ordinance.** At anytime following adoption of a resolution declaring an area to be a Functional Town Island the Council may adopt an attachment ordinance attaching said property to the City. The effective date of said attachment ordinance shall be at least sixty (60) months from the date of ordinance adoption after which time the City Clerk shall file, record, or send attachment ordinance in the same manner as described under paragraph 10.01(b) above. Attachment ordinances may designate temporary or permanent zoning classifications for each parcel of land as prescribed in Wis. Stat. § 62.23(7)(d).
- (e) **Connection to City's Sewer System.** Following attachment, properties shall be required to connect to the City's municipal sewer system within one (1) year, except that connection to the City municipal sewer system may be delayed for a period not to exceed sixty (60) months if the property owner provides a current evaluation of the existing private sanitary system as performed by a Licensed Plumber or Certified Soil Tester.
- (f) Attachment ordinances of areas declared to be Functional Town Islands shall not require the consent of owners, residents or electors.

**10.03 Procedure for Town Section Attachment.** Town Sections may be attached by attachment ordinance adopted by a majority vote of the City of Oshkosh Common Council as follows:

- (a) **Determination.** City of Oshkosh Department of Community Development staff will make an initial determination as to whether a Town Section area has achieved 70% or more City incorporation. Town Sections are identified on Exhibit E of this Plan.
- (b) **Public Hearing.** Upon determination that an area has achieved 70% or more City incorporation, staff will schedule a public hearing before the City of Oshkosh Common Council to adopt a Town Section attachment ordinance attaching the remaining unincorporated lands to the City. At least 30 days prior to said hearing the City of Oshkosh shall send a meeting notice to all property owners of record within the subject area as identified in the City's Geographic Information System (GIS). At least 30 days prior to the hearing, the City shall also send a meeting notice to the Town Clerk.
- (c) **Attachment Ordinance.** The Common Council shall be required to adopt a Town Section attachment ordinance. At anytime following adoption of a resolution declaring that a town section has achieved 70% incorporation, the Council may adopt a Town Section attachment ordinance attaching said property to the City. The effective date of said attachment ordinance shall be sixty (60)

months from the date of Ordinance adoption after which time the City Clerk shall file, record, or send attachment ordinance in the same manner as described under paragraph 10.01(b) above. Attachment ordinances may designate temporary or permanent zoning classifications for each parcel of land as prescribed in Wis. Stat. § 62.23(7)(d).

- (d) The time frame for attachment of Town Sections 2 and 4 shall be extended to at least ten (10) years from the time after which 70% incorporation has been achieved.
- (e) **Connection to City's Sewer System.** Following attachment, properties shall be required to connect to the City's municipal sewer system within one (1) year, except that connection to the City municipal sewer system may be delayed for a period not to exceed sixty (60) months if the property owner provides a current evaluation of the existing private sanitary system as performed by a Licensed Plumber or Certified Soil Tester.
- (f) **No Consent.** Attachment Ordinances taking place under this Section shall not require the consent of owners, residents or electors.

#### **10.04 Attachments Shall Include Public Right-of-Way.**

All attachments shall include the full width of abutting Town roads, except those roads the centerline of which is part of the Boundary Line. The City may also include in such attachments any Town road rights-of-way that abut lands previously annexed to the City before the effective date of this Cooperative Plan, even though such inclusions will create Town islands.

**10.05 Effective Date of Attachment.** After adoption of the Attachment Ordinance by the Common Council Town territory in the City Expansion Area will become officially attached and part of the City on the following day after the Attachment Ordinance is published in the local newspaper of record, except as provided in Sections 10.02 and 10.03.

**10.06 Immediate Attachment of Right-of-Way.** Effective January 1 following approval of this Plan by the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration, the boundary between the City and the Town is adjusted by this Plan to attach to the City the road rights-of-way identified on Exhibit K. At that time, the City Clerk shall provide notice of the attachment as provided in Section 10.01(b) above. The parties will execute the documents necessary, as may be required by the State, to provide for the transfer of jurisdiction.

### **SECTION 11**

#### **LOCAL ORDINANCES**

**11.01 Attached Territory.** Town territory attached to the City from time to time under this Cooperative Plan shall become City territory subject to all City zoning and general ordinances on the effective date of attachment.



**11.02 Town Territory in Expansion Area Not Yet Attached.** Town territory located within the City Expansion Area and subject to attachment, but not attached, shall be subject to the following rules:

- (a) The Town consents to the construction of City utilities in Town rights-of-way and easements as necessary to serve City territory subject to the City's obligations (i) to maintain access to Town territory, (ii) not to interfere with Town utilities, and (iii) to restore the right-of-way or easement in accordance with commonly accepted practices.
- (b) When a new road is proposed by the City in the City Expansion Area, the parties will discuss the exact location of the road in order to avoid jurisdictional confusion over the provision of governmental services. The City must obtain the Town's prior written consent for new roads to be built on land located in the City Expansion Area, but such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The City must obtain the Town's prior written consent before the Town is financially obligated to pay for any portion of the construction or reconstruction of a road project initiated by the City, with such consent at the Town's legislative discretion.

## **SECTION 12**

**CURRENT LAND USE AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE TERRITORY** The Town is generally located on the south side of Oshkosh. This section of the Plan describes existing land uses within the Town, the socio-economic characteristics of the population, and other aspects of the physical development of the area.

**12.01 Existing Land Use and Physical Development Summary.** Of the 18,471.31 acres in the Town of Nekimi, approximately 19.04%, or 3,516.45 acres is developed (see Table 1). Approximately 71.96% of the town's total land area, or 13,291.69 acres, is in agricultural/undeveloped use, while the remaining 8.52% of the town's total land area, or 1,574.45 acres, is vacant and undevelopable (open water areas, woodlands, and land within 75 feet of navigable streams)

The Town Protected Area covers approximately 6,496.61 acres. Of that total, 13.25% is developed. The Expansion Areas covers approximately 7,204.87 acres, of which 31.53% is developed. The Rural Preservation Area covers approximately 4,769.83 acres, of which 8.04% is developed.

Table 1 provides a comprehensive breakdown of land uses in the Protected, Expansion, and Rural Preservation Areas of the Town of Nekimi, and what uses would remain in these areas by this Plan. Based on the statistics in Table 1, nearly one third (31.53%) of the land in the Expansion Area has been developed, as compared to about 13% less than a fifth (19.2%) of the Town Protected Area. Less than 10% of the Rural

Preservation Area has been developed. The predominant land use pattern for all areas is agricultural/undeveloped.

**Table 1**  
**Existing Land Use** (As of February, 2008)

Category	Protected Area			Expansion Area			Rural Preservation			Entire Town		
	# Parcels	# Acres	% Area	# Parcels	# Acres	% Area	# Parcels	# Acres	% Area	# Parcels	# Acres	% Area
Total	477	6,496.61	100.00	587	7,204.87	100.00	343	4,769.83	100.00	1,405	18,471.31	100.00
Churches/ Cemeteries	5	5.86	0.09	0	0	0	2	4.67	0.10	7	10.54	0.06
Residential	160	337.56	5.20	187	447.75	6.21	82	147.43	3.09	429	932.74	5.05
Commercial	2	1.50	0.02	14	57.51	0.80	1	1.00	0.02	17	60.01	0.32
Industrial	2	45.50	0.70	3	101.02	1.40	2	1.98	0.04	7	148.50	0.80
Non-Metallic Mining	11	380.72	5.86	15	334.80	4.65	0	0	0	26	715.53	3.87
Utility/ Public Facility	6	24.09	0.37	47	758.39	10.53	0	0	0	53	782.48	4.24
Recreation/ Conservation	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	65.86	1.38	2	65.86	0.36
Undeveloped/ Agricultural	241	5,597.62	86.16	221	4,890.40	67.88	201	4,368.88	91.59	663	14,856.90	80.43
Vacant Single Family	6	4.62	0.07	2	1.69	0.02	7	2.94	0.06	15	9.24	0.05
Transportation (Including ROW)	44	65.59	1.01	98	572.44	7.95	46	162.77	3.41	188	800.79	4.34
Undeveloped area Wetlands	N/A	437.46	6.73	N/A	111.13	1.54	N/A	62.92	1.32	N/A	611.51	3.31
Open Water/ Pools/Lakes	N/A	41.33	0.64	N/A	34.01	0.47	N/A	8.31	0.17	N/A	83.67	0.45
Undeveloped w/ 75' navigable stream	N/A	274.97	4.23	N/A	267.69	3.72	N/A	336.34	7.05	N/A	879.27	4.76
Developed*	230	860.82	13.25	364	2,271.91	31.53	135	383.71	8.04	729	3,516.45	19.04
Undeveloped Developable**	247	4,848.48	74.63	223	4,479.26	62.17	208	3,964.25	83.11	678	13,291.69	71.96
Undeveloped Undevelopable^	N/A	753.76	11.60	N/A	412.83	5.73	N/A	407.57	8.54	N/A	1,574.45	8.52

\*Include Churches, Developed Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Mining, Utility/Public Facilities, Recreation, Transportation

\*\*Includes Agricultural and Vacant Single Family

^Includes Open Water, Wetlands & 75' Buffer from Navigable Streams

**12.02 Socio-Economic Characteristics of the Town.** Table 2 provides a review of the demographic characteristics of the Town of Nekimi and City of Oshkosh based on the 2000 Decennial Census. 5,702 people reside in the Town of Nekimi. The minority population within the Town is 119 people, which is 2.1% of the total population. The minority population in the City of Oshkosh includes 4,577 residents, which accounts for 7.3% of the total population.

**Table 2**  
**Socio-Economic Characteristics**

Category	City of Oshkosh	Town of Nekimi
Population	62,916	1,419
Race		
White	58,339 (92.7%)	1,391 (98%)
Other	4,577 (7.3%)	28 (2%)
Median Household Income	\$37,636	\$50,547
Total Occupied Housing Units	24,082	526
Owner-Occupied	13,851	455
Renter-Occupied	10,231	71
Total Housing Units	25,420	540

Source: U.S. Census 2000

The Town's median household income in 1999 (provided by the 2000 Census) was \$50,547, compared to the median household income in the City of Oshkosh of \$37,636.

According to the 2000 Census, rental housing in Town of Nekimi accounted for 71 units (13%) of the 526 occupied dwelling units in the Town. In contrast, rental housing in Oshkosh constitutes 10,231 units (42.5%) of the total 24,082 housing units in the City.

The Town's higher median income and much lower number of rental housing reflects its predominantly single family residential character.

Table 3 provides a further breakdown of population statistics for the City of Oshkosh and Town of Nekimi. The Town of Nekimi experienced significant population growth in the period between 1970-1980, a small decline between 1980-2000, with increases projected into the future. Meanwhile, the City of Oshkosh experienced a 6.5% decrease in its population between 1970 and 1980, but rebounded after 1980 to show double-digit growth in the past twenty years.

**Table 3**  
**Population Change, 1970-2000**

Year	Town of Nekimi	% Change	City of Oshkosh	% Change
1970	1,193		53,082	
1980	1,516	27.07%	49,620	-6.52%
1990	1,475	-2.70%	55,006	10.85%
2000	1,419	-3.80%	62,916	14.38%
2010	1,500	5.71%	67,757	7.69%
2020	1,594	6.27%	69,991	3.30%

Source: U.S. Census: 1970-2000 & 2010 & 2020 projections from ECWRPC

**12.03 Land Values.** There are 1,405 individual parcels of land in the Town of Nekimi. The Protected Area encompasses 477 parcels of which 241 are undeveloped, while the Expansion Area includes 587 parcels of which 221 are undeveloped. The Rural Preservation Area contains 343 individual parcels of land of which 201 are undeveloped.

The assessed value of land in the Protected Area of the Town is \$38,635,600, while the assessed value of land in the Expansion Area is \$59,465,600. The assessed value of land in the Rural Preservation Area is \$24,572,600.

**12.04 Existing Development Plans.** The Town and City have both completed Comprehensive Plans under the State of Wisconsin's "Smart Growth" legislation that provide guidance on the use and development of properties covered by the Plan. Existing adopted plans and future comprehensive plans of the Town and City shall govern development in the plan area. The following sections provide a summary of the plans currently in place for the area covered by this Plan.

**12.05 Town of Nekimi Plans:**

(a) The land use plans, prepared by the Town in the last eight years, which guide land use decision-making and physical improvement projects within the Town, are as follows:

1. The Town of Nekimi Smart Growth Comprehensive Plan dated October, 2003, was prepared for the Town by Omni Associates. The Plan was developed under the requirements of Wisconsin's Smart Growth Law (WI 1999 Act 9). The Plan addresses the nine required elements of a comprehensive plan and includes a series of specific implementation goals and objectives with milestone dates.

2. The Town of Nekimi contains 39 registered historic structures (according to the Wisconsin Historical Society historic places inventory).

**12.06 City of Oshkosh Plans.** The City has prepared a number of plans that cover the Plan territory. These plans include the following:

(a) Urban Growth Plan – Recommendations for Peripheral Area Land Use and Development, adopted by the City in 1990. The Plan includes growth projections and it included an identification of priority growth areas and recommended land uses.

(b) City of Oshkosh Comprehensive Plan, adopted by the City in 2005. The Plan was developed under the requirements of Wisconsin's Smart Growth Law (WI 1999 Act 9). The Plan addresses the nine required elements of a comprehensive plan and includes a series of specific implementation goals and objectives with milestone dates

(c) Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation Plan, adopted by the City in 1998. The Plan includes a variety of recommendations aimed at improving and implementing pedestrian circulation and trail development within the community as well as in peripheral growth areas, including areas within the Town of Nekimi.

(d) Southwest Industrial Park Expansion Area Site Master Plan prepared for the City in 2001 by Foth & Van Dyke. The Plan provides a general strategy and guide for the City to follow in its expansion of the Southwest Industrial Park, including into areas within the Town of Nekimi.

(e) Southwest Area Sanitary Sewer Study prepared for the City by Earth Tech, Inc. in 2002. The plan provides technical data and planning recommendations to allow for the orderly expansion of sanitary sewer facilities to areas south and west of the City that includes lands within the expansion and buffer areas.

**12.07 Coordination of Future Planning.** This Plan will facilitate efforts to achieve a coordinated, adjusted, and harmonious development of the territory covered by the plan, and promote consistency of future land use as the two communities develop their own comprehensive plans. Any future land use plans or amendments to existing plans made by either community will need to be consistent with this Cooperative Plan.

## **SECTION 13**

### **RELATIONSHIP OF THE COOPERATIVE PLAN TO NONPARTICIPATING ENTITIES**

Exhibit D shows the political entities within Winnebago County and their relationship to the territory included in the Plan. There are six municipalities shown on the map. The territory included in the Plan is adjacent to the City of Oshkosh and the Towns of Utica, Algoma, Black Wolf, and Omro. The area is covered by the Oshkosh Area School District.

Wisconsin Statute § 66.0307 requires that any boundary maintained or changed under the Plan must be reasonably compatible with the characteristics of the surrounding community. In preparing the Plan, Oshkosh and the Town have taken into consideration the location of services that must be provided to areas subject to the

Plan, including the transportation infrastructure, the fiscal capacity of the communities to provide the services needed, the existing and ultimate political boundaries, the current boundaries of the school district, and shopping and social customs. For the purposes of this section, the "surrounding community" includes a 5-mile radius outside of the boundaries of the area included in the agreement.

Growth in the City of Oshkosh is constricted on its east by Lake Winnebago and on the northwest due to a boundary agreement with the Town of Algoma. The City's primary growth corridor has been to the west. However, there are several City residential subdivisions in the City's southern areas and adjacent to the Town of Nekimi and areas covered by the Plan. This plan will provide for a structured approach that will enable the City to absorb areas within the Town on a continuing north to south basis.

The provision of services by the City and Town are made more difficult by confusing boundaries in many areas. Implementation of the Plan should improve the ability of the City and Town to serve residents in the area covered by the Plan.

It is anticipated that over the Plan period residential development will occur to a substantial extent in both the Protected Area and the Expansion Area. It should also be recognized that without a plan, residential development would still occur in the subject areas. However, with the Plan in place it will be possible to provide for a more organized and coordinated pattern of development, where basic urban services will be provided in a more efficient and cost effective manner. Given the presumption that significant residential development would occur in the subject areas with or without a Plan in place, it would not appear implementation of the Plan would result in significant changes in the provision of school services from that which would otherwise occur.

## **SECTION 14 SERVICES**

**14.01 Water.** The City of Oshkosh has a central water supply system. The City's Water Utility, which receives staff support from the Department of Public Works, includes the community's new state-of-the-art water filtration plant between Merritt Avenue and Washington Avenue on the shore of Lake Winnebago. The Utility maintains a distribution system with over 300 miles of water main, which includes approximately 7,000 valves, approximately 2,410 fire hydrants, approximately 20,000 water services, and over 22,500 water meters of various sizes.

As annexations or attachments occur and as areas within the Town come into the City under the various attachment expansion time frames, the City will plan for and undertake the extension of water service to the Expansion Areas.

**14.02 Sanitary Sewer.** The Town of Nekimi does not have any sanitary sewer districts nor has any plans to establish its own wastewater collection and treatment system in the future. The vast majority of parcels are served by individual on-site wastewater systems as will new development occurring in the Protected Area.

Those portions of the Town in the Expansion and/or Rural Preservation Area will be served (as annexation or attachment occurs) with City of Oshkosh sanitary sewer, water and storm sewer system.

The City's Sewer Utility, which receives staff support from the Department of Public Works, includes the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Campbell Road and over 267 miles of sanitary sewer lines. The Wastewater Treatment Plant, which completed a \$20 million upgrade in 1998, is designed to treat a daily flow of 20 million gallons per day (MGD). In 2001 the plant received an average of 11.1 MGD, while servicing a population of approximately 73,000. About 8% of the flow to the plant comes from industrial sources.

The City's Sewer Utility has 32.33 full time equivalent employees.

As annexations or attachments occur and as areas within the Town come into the City, the City will plan for and undertake the extension of sanitary sewer service to these expansion areas.

**14.03 Stormwater.** The Town of Nekimi primarily utilizes ditches for the conveyance of storm water. New development within the Town is subject to provisions of the Winnebago County Zoning Ordinance.

The City of Oshkosh has a Storm Water Utility for the purpose of managing and maintaining its storm water facilities. The City has over 227 miles of storm sewer and various other streams, creeks, ditches, drainageways and detention ponds. The City's Storm Water Utility has 7 full time equivalent employees.

The City has had a Storm Water Management and Retention Ordinance in place for a number of years, and through its enforcement the City has been able to minimize problems associated with storm water runoff and control.

**14.04 Streets.** By eliminating uncertainty about future jurisdiction over, and responsibility for, roads in the Town, this Plan is expected to promote better maintenance of roads and cooperation between the City and the Town over road improvements.

**14.05 Police, Fire, and Emergency Services.** Police services within the Town are provided by the Winnebago County Sheriff's Department.

The City is currently protected by a full time fire department responding from 6 fire stations. Total staff for the department is 108. The City operates 4 front line engine companies, 2 quints (combination engine and ladder company), 1 heavy rescue, a grass/brush fire unit, 1 command car, and 7 paramedic ambulances (3 front line, 4 cross staffed with engine companies). The Fire Department also staffs 3 airport fire apparatus at its Wittman Regional Airport station, and 2 hazardous materials units. Reserve equipment includes 2 engines, 2 ambulances, and a variety of support vehicles.

The Town of Nekimi Volunteer Fire Department was established in 1939 to serve the Town. This department provides on-call volunteer based fire and first responders service to residents in need. The Town participates in a countywide mutual aid agreement and also has a mutual aid agreement with the City of Oshkosh. These agreements allow the town to call on additional service from neighboring communities, including the City of Oshkosh, should the need arise.

The fire station is located on the same property as the Town Hall. The department has 36 trained volunteer firefighters. Since 1997, the Town has also had first responder volunteers. Currently, the Town has 9 trained first responder volunteers. These individuals are prepared to provide initial medical assistance with appropriate equipment until an ambulance can reach the scene.

The fire department provides 911 based emergency service. The response time within the Town of Nekimi varies depending on the location of the call and the time of day. Typical response times average between 2-3 minutes.

The fire department operates 2 engines 2 tankers, 1 pumper, and one small grass/brush fire unit.

The City of Oshkosh Fire Department responds to emergency service calls in the Town of Nekimi.

**14.06 Fiscal Capacity.** Town property valuation generates the second lowest per capita tax base of all municipalities in Winnebago County and the fourth lowest overall tax rate. The City has a diversified tax base and the attachment of lands in the expansion area will strengthen that base.

## **SECTION 15**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION OF THE COOPERATIVE PLAN**

The City and Town have evaluated the potential environmental consequences of the Cooperative Plan, including air and water pollution impacts, energy use and the protection of environmentally sensitive lands. The Cooperative Plan identifies areas which will become part of the City and be developed within the City consistent with the City's growth and development ordinances. The Plan also identifies an area which will



remain within the Town and which will eventually be developed by the Town, consistent with Town and County ordinances and development standards. The parties have found no significant adverse environmental consequences of the Plan to the natural environment including air and water pollution, energy use, environmentally sensitive lands, and development outside compact urban areas that contribute to urban sprawl.

In the negotiation and preparation of this Plan, the parties considered alternatives. No practical alternatives were discovered that would avoid or reduce adverse environmental consequences. In particular, policies to discourage development are not feasible as growth pressures in the southern area of Oshkosh commit this area to urbanization due to the eastward growth restriction of Lake Winnebago and convenient access to US 41 from the southern growth area.

**15.01 Air Quality Impacts.** The existing adopted plans covering the area do not recommend a significant change in the type of development which currently exists within the Town.

**15.02 Water Quality Impacts.** The plans and regulations of the City and Town recognize and are consistent with the areawide water quality plans adopted by the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission. Few water quality impacts are anticipated related to the Plan. As noted in Sections 14.02 and 14.03, areas within the City are served by the City's sanitary sewer system and both parties are governed by storm water regulations.

**15.03 Energy Use.** The City and Town believe the Plan will serve to reinforce implementation of smart growth planning principles, which should serve to create more compact and contiguous development patterns overall. As a result, energy use impacts associated with implementation of the Plan will be comparatively lower than energy use impacts associated with development that could occur on a more fragmented basis without the Plan.

**15.04 Environmentally Sensitive Lands.** The City, Winnebago County, and the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission have identified environmentally sensitive lands in the area covered by the Plan as shown on Exhibit L, and the Plan will promote cooperation between the City and the Town to protect these resources. Environmentally sensitive lands are identified and protected as part of the development review and approval process that occurs in the City and Town. The environmentally sensitive lands that are identified include wetlands, floodplain lands, navigable streams, significant woodlands, and steep slopes (6-12%).

**15.05 Compliance with Environmental Regulations.** Lands covered by this Plan are and will remain under the jurisdiction of state and federal environmental laws and regulations as applicable. There are relatively few lands where state shoreland zoning

jurisdiction applies and legal requirements arising from shoreland designations will be met by the Town and City as applicable.

## **SECTION 16 HOUSING NEEDS**

**16.01 Town Housing.** According to the 2000 census, the Town of Nekimi contained 540 dwelling units, of which 455 were owner-occupied; 71 were rental; and 14 were vacant. Of these approximately 37% (201 units) are located in the Protected Area, 44% (236 units) are located in the Expansion Area, and 19% (103 units) in the Rural Preservation Area. In general, residential units in the expansion areas contain some of the older single family housing stock in the Town of Nekimi. Due to higher median income levels and high home ownership rates in the Town's Protected Area as compared to the City of Oshkosh, the Town expects to have relatively few residents of low income seeking housing opportunities.

**16.02 Oshkosh Housing.** The City contains a broad spectrum of housing types to meet the various needs of its citizens. Oshkosh's adopted Comprehensive Plan includes strategies aimed at preserving and maintaining the community's housing stock, as well as promoting housing affordability, diverse housing opportunities, and neighborhood viability.

## **SECTION 17 COMPREHENSIVE/MASTER PLANNING**

Territory subject to this Plan is covered by adopted Comprehensive Plans of the City and Town, as described in Section 12 above. Both jurisdictions' identified the need to establish boundary/intergovernmental agreements with each other in their respective "Intergovernmental Cooperation Element" of their Comprehensive Plans and as such adoption of this Plan is consistent with those plan recommendations. The existing adopted plans and future updated Comprehensive Plans will govern new development, infill development, and redevelopment within the City and Town.

The Plan will allow the City and Town to move forward with confidence over the Plan period in planning for the delivery of municipal services to the affected territory. The Plan identifies prospective cooperation in the area with regard to zoning, and it provides a foundation for further cooperation between the City and Town in other areas of mutual public interest.

This Plan is consistent and compatible with existing local, County, State and Federal plans, ordinances, codes and statutes. The Plan was developed in recognition of the multiple jurisdictions with an interest in the planning area.

## **SECTION 18**

### **AUTHORIZING RESOLUTIONS, RECORD OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATIVE PLAN ADOPTION RESOLUTIONS**

**18.01 Initial Authorizing Resolutions.** Both the City of Oshkosh and Town of Nekimi adopted resolutions authorizing the initial support of a boundary agreement, with copies located in Appendix G & H.

#### **18.02 Record of Public Participation and Comment.**

Public participation for this effort has included numerous public discussions at Town Board meetings that resulted in a joint public meeting between the City and Town on August 17, 2011. A record of this hearing is included in Exhibit I.

**18.03 Resolution Indicating Adoption and Authorizing Transmittal of the Cooperative Plan to the State.** On January 10, 2012 the City of Oshkosh adopted a resolution to adopt the Cooperative Plan and on December 19, 2011, the Town of Nekimi adopted a resolution to adopt the same Cooperative Boundary Plan.

## **SECTION 19**

### **BINDING EFFECT OF COOPERATIVE PLAN**

This Cooperative Plan shall bind, and accrue to the benefit of, all successors of the City and Town, whether one or more, including future City Councils and Town Boards. For example, if a part of the Town should be incorporated, both the incorporated and unincorporated entities would be considered to be bound by the terms of the Plan. Except as to the rights of persons or entities as expressly set forth herein, this Cooperative Plan is for the exclusive benefit of the Town and the City and their successors and assigns and shall not be deemed to give any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim to any other person or entity.

## **SECTION 20**

### **ADMINISTRATION OF THIS COOPERATIVE PLAN**

This Cooperative Plan shall be administered on behalf of the Town by Glen Barthels, Town Board Chairperson, a successor to this position, or a designee approved by the Town Board, and on behalf of the City by Oshkosh, by Allen Davis, Director of Community Development, a successor to this position, or a designee approved by the Common Council. Notification of the appointment of a designee must be given in writing to the other party to this Cooperative Plan.

**SECTION 21**  
**DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

In the event of a breach of this Plan or a dispute between the Parties involving the application, interpretation or enforcement of this Plan:

a. The Parties shall meet to seek a resolution within 10 days following written notice by one Party to the other Party of the breach or dispute.

b. If the issue is not resolved at such meeting or at an extension thereof mutually agreed to by the Parties, either Party may demand mediation. The Parties shall submit to mediation if demanded by either Party.

(1) If the Parties cannot agree on a mediator within five (5) days after the demand for mediation, either Party may request appointment of a qualified mediator by the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration—Intergovernmental Relations/Municipal Boundary Review Director.

(2) The mediation session must take place within thirty (30) days of the appointment of the mediator.

(3) Each Party must designate a representative with appropriate authority to be its representative in the mediation of the dispute.

(4) Each Party must provide the mediator with a brief memorandum setting forth its position with regard to the issues that need to be resolved at least 10 days prior to the scheduled mediation session. The Parties must also produce all information reasonably required for the mediator to understand the issues presented. The mediator may require any Party to supplement such information.

(5) The mediator does not have authority to impose a settlement upon the Parties, but will attempt to help the Parties resolve their dispute. The mediation sessions shall be private. The Parties and their representatives may attend the mediation sessions.

(6) The cost of the mediator shall be borne equally by the Parties.

(7) The Parties shall maintain the confidentiality of the mediation and may not rely on, or introduce as evidence in any arbitral, judicial, or other proceeding (i) views expressed or suggestions made by the other Party with respect to a possible settlement of the dispute; (ii) admissions made by the other Party in the course of the mediation proceedings; (iii) proposals made or views expressed by the mediator; or (iv) the fact that the other Party had or had not indicated willingness to accept a proposal for settlement made by the mediator.

c. In the event the issue is not resolved as a result of the meeting or mediation as provided in paragraphs a and b, the matter shall be submitted to binding arbitration upon written demand by either Party to the other with notice to the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration—Intergovernmental Relations/Municipal Boundary Review Director of such demand. The arbitration shall be performed by a person designated by the Director in accordance with such rules and procedures such person may specify, subject to the terms of this Plan. In the event the Director does not appoint an arbitrator within 30 days of the Director's receipt of a written request to do so, then:

(1) The arbitration must be conducted in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") in effect at the time of the arbitration ("Rules"), except as such Rules may be modified by this Plan.

(2) A Party desiring to submit a dispute to arbitration hereunder must file a Demand for Arbitration ("Demand") with the AAA at its office in Chicago, Illinois. A copy of such Demand must be sent to the other Party at the same time. The arbitration proceeding must be conducted by a panel of three (3) arbitrators selected from a list of qualified arbitrators supplied by the AAA. The arbitrators must be selected as follows: Within 10 days after filing, each Party shall appoint one (1) arbitrator. Within 10 days after they are chosen, the two arbitrators shall choose a third arbitrator who acts as chairperson of the arbitration proceedings. If the two arbitrators are unable to agree upon a third arbitrator within 10 days, then the third arbitrator shall be appointed by the AAA. The arbitrators in the arbitration proceeding must be individuals with the necessary expertise and competency to pass on the matters presented for arbitration, but said arbitrators may have no interest in or prior connection with any Party.

d. Following the appointment of the arbitrators, each Party has the right to mail to any other Party (with a copy to the arbitrators) a written request for the production of certain identified documents or of all documents in possession of the other Party relevant to any claims or counterclaims in the arbitration. Within 10 days of receipt of any such request, the receiving Party must respond to such request but may object to all or part of said request (with a copy to the arbitrators), on the ground that it is unduly burdensome, that the documents requested are irrelevant or privileged, or that such documents are equally available to the requesting Party. The arbitrators will rule on the validity of any such objection and the Parties must produce documents in accordance with the ruling.

e. The site of the arbitration shall be in Winnebago County, Wisconsin, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties. The Parties must diligently and expeditiously proceed with arbitration. Upon the conclusion of any hearing, the Parties shall have 30 days to submit written briefs in support of their respective positions. The arbitrators must make an award within 45 days after the filing of such briefs, subject to any reasonable delay due to unforeseen circumstances.

f. Except to the extent the Parties' remedies may be limited by the terms of this Plan, the arbitrators are empowered to award any remedy available under the laws of the State of Wisconsin including, but not limited to, monetary damages and specific performance. The arbitrators have no authority to award punitive or other damages not measured by the prevailing Party's actual damages and may not, in any event, make any ruling, finding, or award that does not conform to the terms and conditions of this Plan. The award of the arbitrators must be in writing with a statement of reasons for such award and signed by the arbitrators. A written decision of a majority of the arbitrators is binding upon the Parties. An award rendered by the arbitrators in an individual or consolidated arbitration may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

g. The arbitrators' authority is limited solely to resolving disputes under this Plan.

h. The pendency of any arbitration hereunder does not relieve either Party of any of its obligations under this Plan.

i. The Parties shall share equally the fees and expenses of the arbitrators as well as all fees imposed by the AAA including, but not limited to, transcripts, hearing room rentals and administrative costs. Each Party to the arbitration proceeding is responsible for its own costs and legal fees, if any, except that the arbitrators are empowered to award such costs and fees against a Party who prosecutes or defends an arbitration hereunder in bad faith or as otherwise provided in section 11.b.

j. The provisions of this section shall be the exclusive method of resolving the issues specified in the introduction to this section and both Parties waive their rights under Wis. Stat. §893.80, and their rights to seek remedies in court as to such issues except that the prohibition on court actions shall not apply to

(1) Actions to enforce an arbitration award under this section;

(2) Actions for injunctive relief necessary to protect the public health, safety or welfare during the dispute resolution process;

(3) Disputes involving a necessary third party who refuses to consent to arbitration as provided above; or

(4) Disputes involving a necessary third party when the Municipal Boundary Review Director fails to appoint an arbitrator.

k. In the event any of the entities designated to perform mediation or arbitration services under this section ceases to exist or for some other reason cannot or does not perform said services, the Parties shall use their best efforts to agree on a substitute to perform the services.

## **SECTION 22**

### **NO CHALLENGES TO THIS COOPERATIVE PLAN**

a. The Parties waive all rights to challenge the validity or enforceability of this Plan or any of its provisions or to challenge any actions taken pursuant to or in accordance with this Plan.

b. In the event of a court action by a third party challenging the validity or enforceability of the Plan or any of its provisions, the Parties shall fully cooperate to vigorously defend the Plan.

(1) If only one Party is named as a party to the action the other Party shall seek to intervene and the named Party shall support such intervention.

(2) No settlement of such an action shall be permitted without the approval of the governing bodies of the Parties.

(3) The workload to defend the Plan shall be shared equally.

c. A challenge to the Plan by one of the Parties or a failure to vigorously defend the Plan constitutes a breach of the Plan.

## **SECTION 23**

### **REMEDIES**

In the event of a breach of this Plan:

(a) Except as limited by section 21 above, either Party may seek declaratory judgment or specific performance of this Plan by court action in addition to any other remedies available at law or in equity. No Party shall challenge the standing of the other in such an action.

(b) The breaching Party shall pay the other Party's attorneys' fees reasonably incurred in seeking remedies for the breach provided that the breaching party has been given notice and a reasonable opportunity to cure the breach prior to commencement of any proceedings for a remedy. Following the dispute resolution procedure outlined in section 21 constitutes sufficient notice and reasonable opportunity to cure under this paragraph

**SECTION 24  
AMENDMENT**

**24.01** The procedure for amendment of this Cooperative Plan is found in Wis. Stats. §66.0307(8).

**24.02** In the event a change in state or federal law substantially affects this Plan, either party may request that modifications be made to the Plan to maintain, as closely as possible, the original terms, intent and balance of benefits and burdens of this Cooperative Plan. In the event they are not able to reach agreement in such situation, either the City or Town may require submission of such dispute to arbitration under Section 21.

**SECTION 25  
GOOD FAITH AND FAIR DEALING**

The City and the Town hereby acknowledge that this Cooperative Plan imposes upon each of them a duty of good faith and fair dealing in its implementation.

**SECTION 26  
INVALID OR INEFFECTIVE ORDINANCE**

In the event that any Ordinance, including but not limited to Attachment and Zoning Ordinances, which parties are required or entitled to enact and/or enforce by this Cooperative Plan is adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or ineffective, in whole or in part, the City and Town shall promptly meet to discuss how they might satisfy the intent of this Cooperative Plan by alternative means, including, without limitation, enacting another ordinance designed to satisfy the court's objections. The Town and City shall use their best efforts to find, design and implement a means of successfully accomplishing the intent of this Cooperative Plan. If necessary, they shall negotiate appropriate amendments of this Cooperative Plan to maintain, as closely as possible, the original terms, intent and balance of benefits and burdens of this Cooperative Plan. In the event they are not able to reach agreement in such situation, either the City or Town may require submission of such dispute to arbitration under Section 21.

**SECTION 27  
IMPLEMENTATION**

The Town and the City shall each take such actions as may be necessary or desirable to implement and effectuate the provisions and intent of this Cooperative Plan.



## **SECTION 28**

### **MISCELLANEOUS INTERPRETATION**

**28.01 References.** Any references in this Cooperative Plan to any particular agency, organization or officials shall be interpreted as applying to any successor agency, organization or official or to any other agency, organization or official to which contemplated functions are transferred by statute or ordinance. Any references in this Cooperative Plan to any particular statute or ordinance shall be interpreted as applying to such statute or ordinance as recreated or amended from time to time.

**28.02 Section Titles.** Section and subsection titles in this Cooperative Plan are provided for convenience only and shall not be used in interpreting this Cooperative Plan.

**28.03 Governing Law.** This Cooperative Plan shall be governed by, construed, interpreted and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

**28.04 Interpretation.** If any term, section or other portion of this Cooperative Plan is reviewed by an administrative agency, court, mediator, arbitrator or other judicial or *quasi*-judicial entity, such entity shall treat this Plan as having been jointly drafted by both the City and the Town. By the terms of this Plan, neither Party shall benefit from not having drafted this document.

**28.05 Entire Agreement:** The entire agreement of the City and the Town is contained in this Cooperative Plan and the Intergovernmental Agreement and these two documents supersede any and all oral representations and negotiations between the municipalities. This Cooperative Plan and the Intergovernmental Agreement are intended to complement and supplement each other. However, if there is an irreconcilable difference between the provisions of this Cooperative Plan and the provisions of the Intergovernmental Agreement, the provisions of the Intergovernmental Agreement shall apply.

## **SECTION 29**

### **NOTICES**

All notices required by or relating to this Cooperative Plan shall be in writing. Each notice shall specifically refer to this Cooperative Plan by name and shall refer specifically to the number of the section(s), subsection(s), paragraph(s) or subparagraph(s) to which the notice relates. Any such notice shall be delivered in person to the Clerk of the municipality receiving the notice or to the person apparently in charge of the Clerk's office during normal business hours, or shall be mailed to such Clerk by certified mail, return receipt requested at the Clerk's office. Each notice shall be effective upon delivery in person, or mailing, or upon actual receipt without regard to the method of transmission, whichever occurs first.

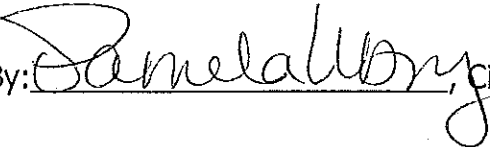
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the City and Town certify that this Cooperative Plan has been duly approved by their respective governing bodies in accordance with State and local laws, rules and regulations, and each has caused their duly authorized officers to execute this Cooperative Plan on the dates written before their respective signatures.

**CITY OF OSHKOSH, a Wisconsin Municipal Corporation**

Date: 2/9/2012, 2012

By: , City Manager

Date: 2/9/2012, 2012

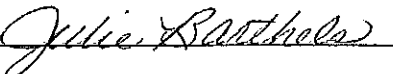
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**TOWN OF NEKIMI, a Wisconsin Municipality**

Date: February 9, 2012

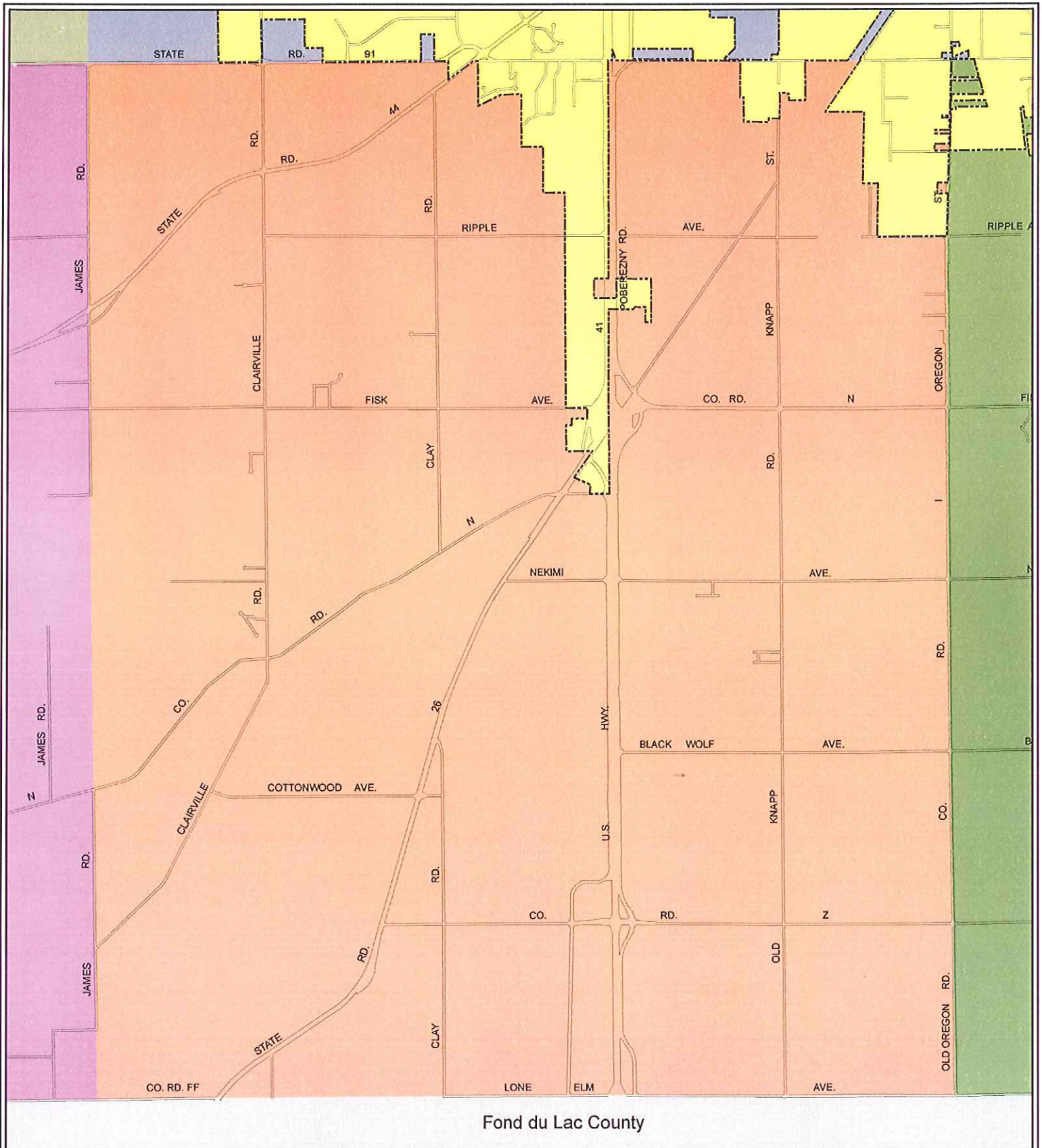
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Date: February 9, 2012

By: , Town Clerk

**Exhibit A**

**City/Town Boundary Map**



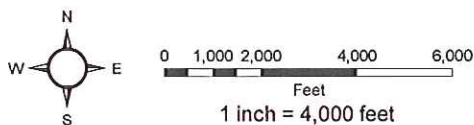
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|  | Town of Utica      |   |                    |

# EXHIBIT A

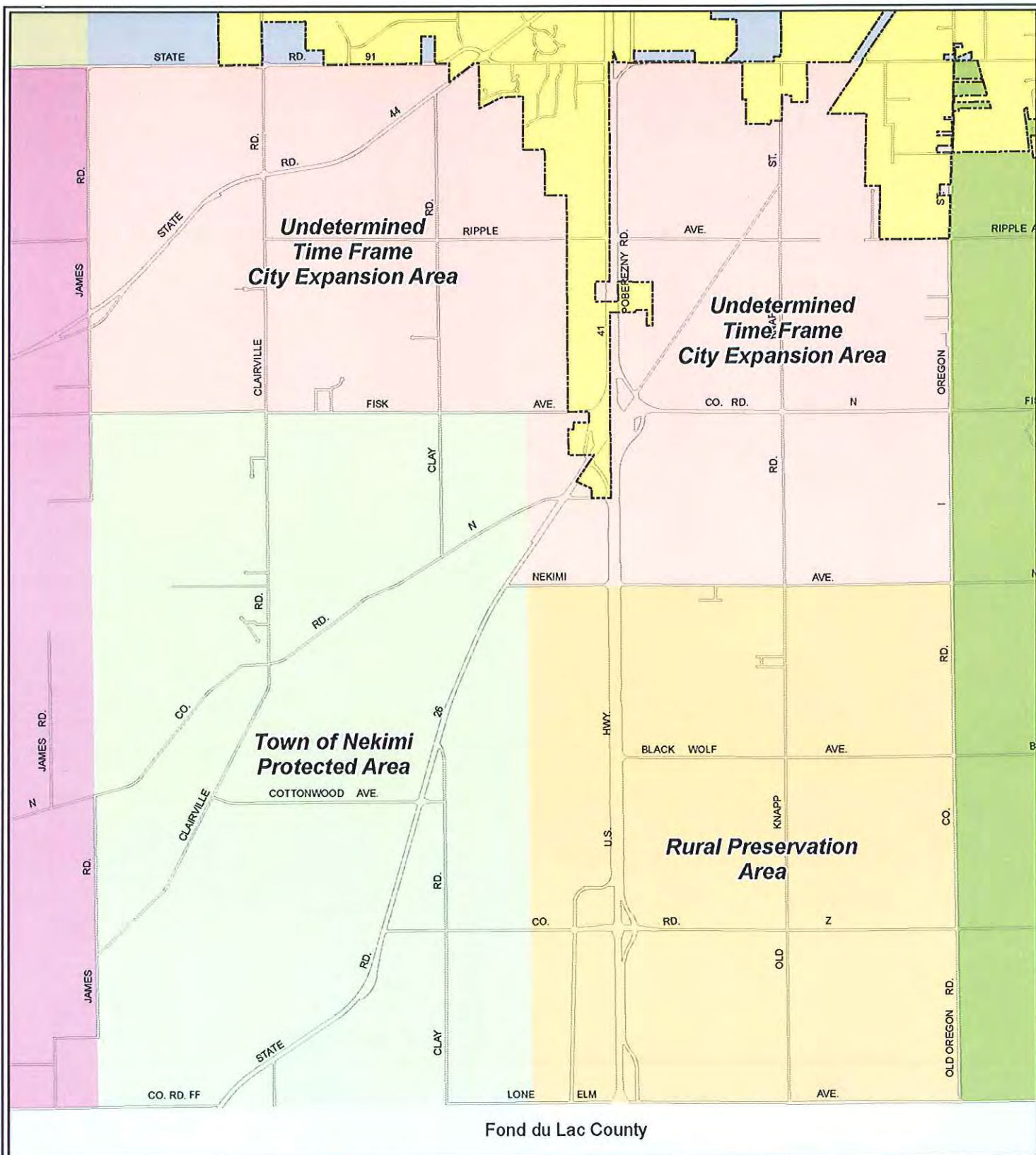
## City - Town Boundary Map

### City of Oshkosh / Town of Nekimi Boundary Agreement



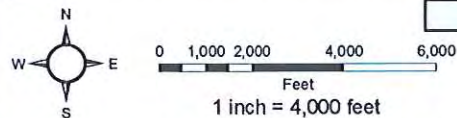
**Exhibit B**

**Protected/Expansion/Rural Preservation Zones**



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|  City of Oshkosh                  |  Town of Black Wolf |
|  Rural Preservation Area          |  Town of Utica      |
|  Town of Nekimi Protected Area    |  Town of Omro       |
|  Undetermined City Expansion Area |  Town of Algoma     |
|  Fond du Lac County               |  |



# EXHIBIT B

Town Protected, City Expansion  
& Rural Preservation Areas

City of Oshkosh / Town of Nekimi  
Boundary Agreement

August, 2011

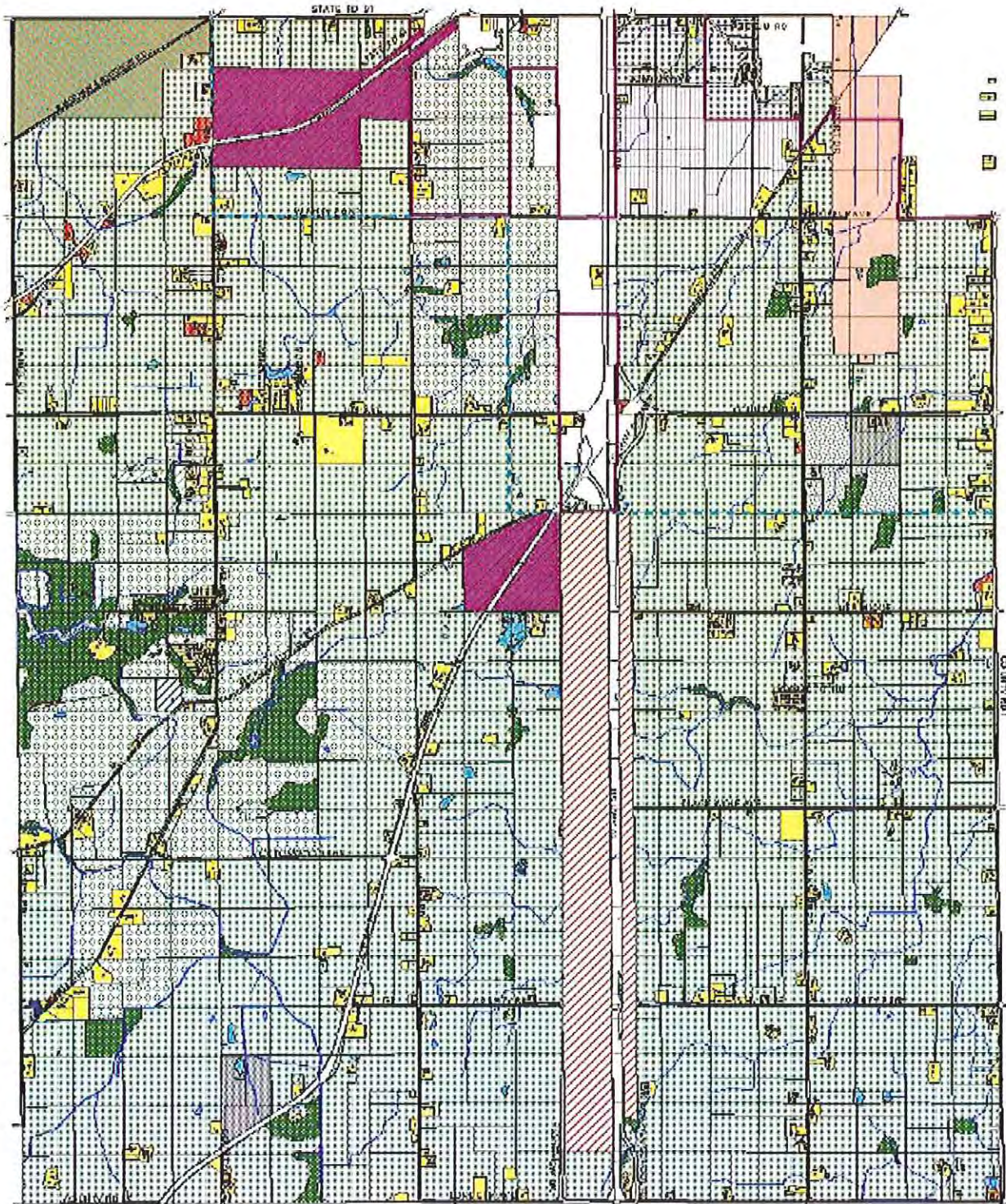
**EXHIBIT C**

**TOWN OF NEKIMI LAND USE PLAN**

# Exhibit C

# LAND USE PLAN

## TOWN OF NEKIMI





**Omni**  
ASSOCIATES

1555 EASTERN AVENUE, SUITE 200  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32310

PROJECT NO. U-002401  
DATE: 11-12-01  
DRAWN BY: DJH  
REVIEWED:

THIS PLAN, SPECIFICATIONS, CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, PROVISIONS, STATEMENTS AND NOTICES  
 TO BE READ AND UNDERSTOOD IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND THE TOWN OF NEKIMI  
 PLANNING AND ZONING ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS.

PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT, TOWN OF NEKIMI, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

**LEGEND**  
EXISTING LAND USES

- RESIDENTIAL UNIMPROVED
- RESIDENTIAL
- COMMERCIAL
- INDUSTRIAL
- RESIDENTIAL UNIMPROVED
- OPEN SPACE
- SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
- TRANSITION
- APPROVED/PROPOSED UTILITIES AREA
- STATION AND PUBLIC FACILITY
- VACUATED
- INSTITUTIONAL
- OPEN SPACE
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PROPOSED LAND USES

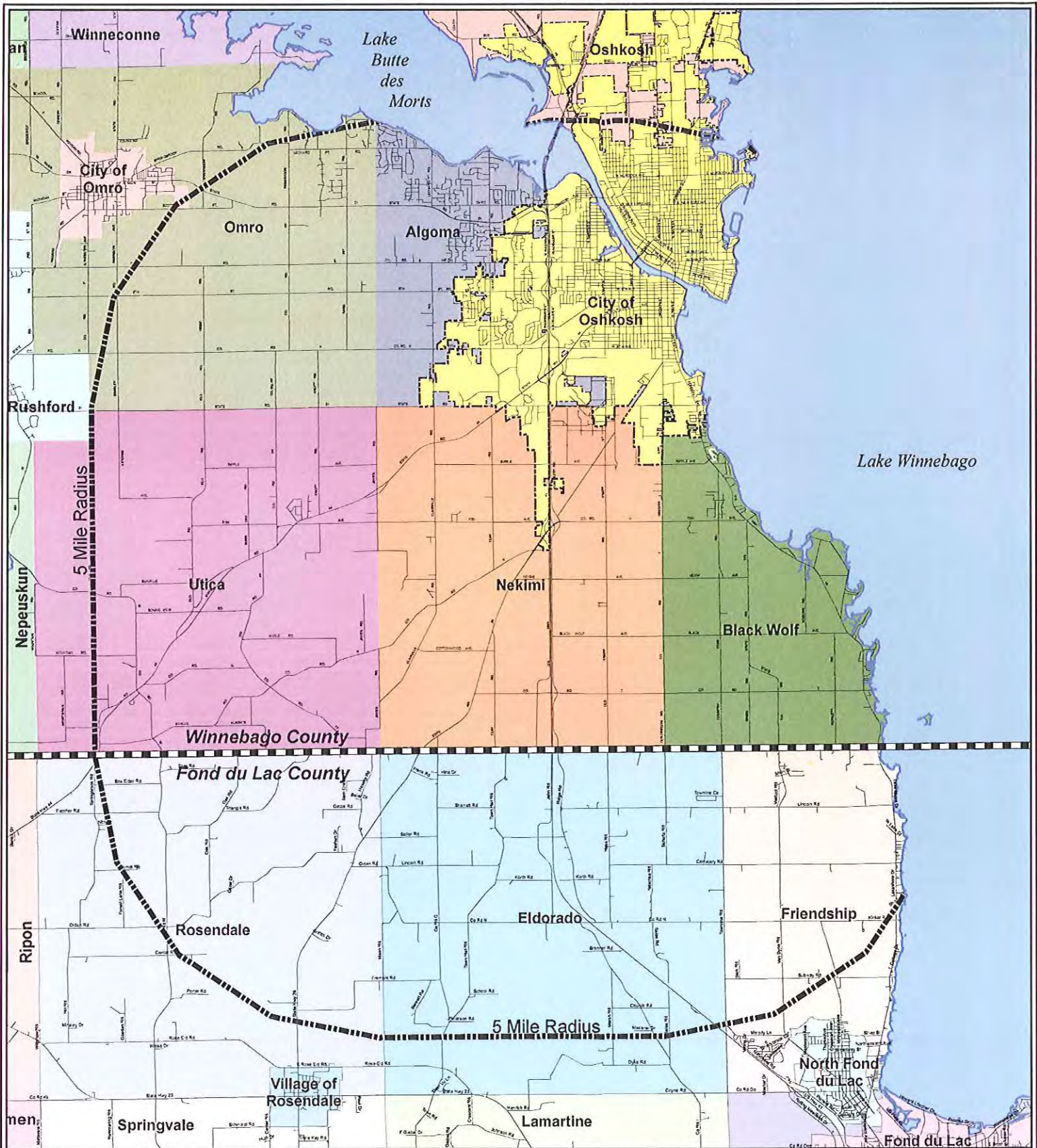
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- GENERAL UNPLANNED AREA





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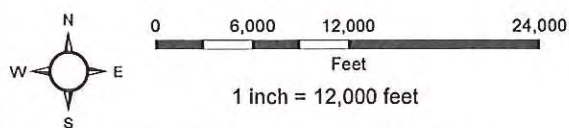
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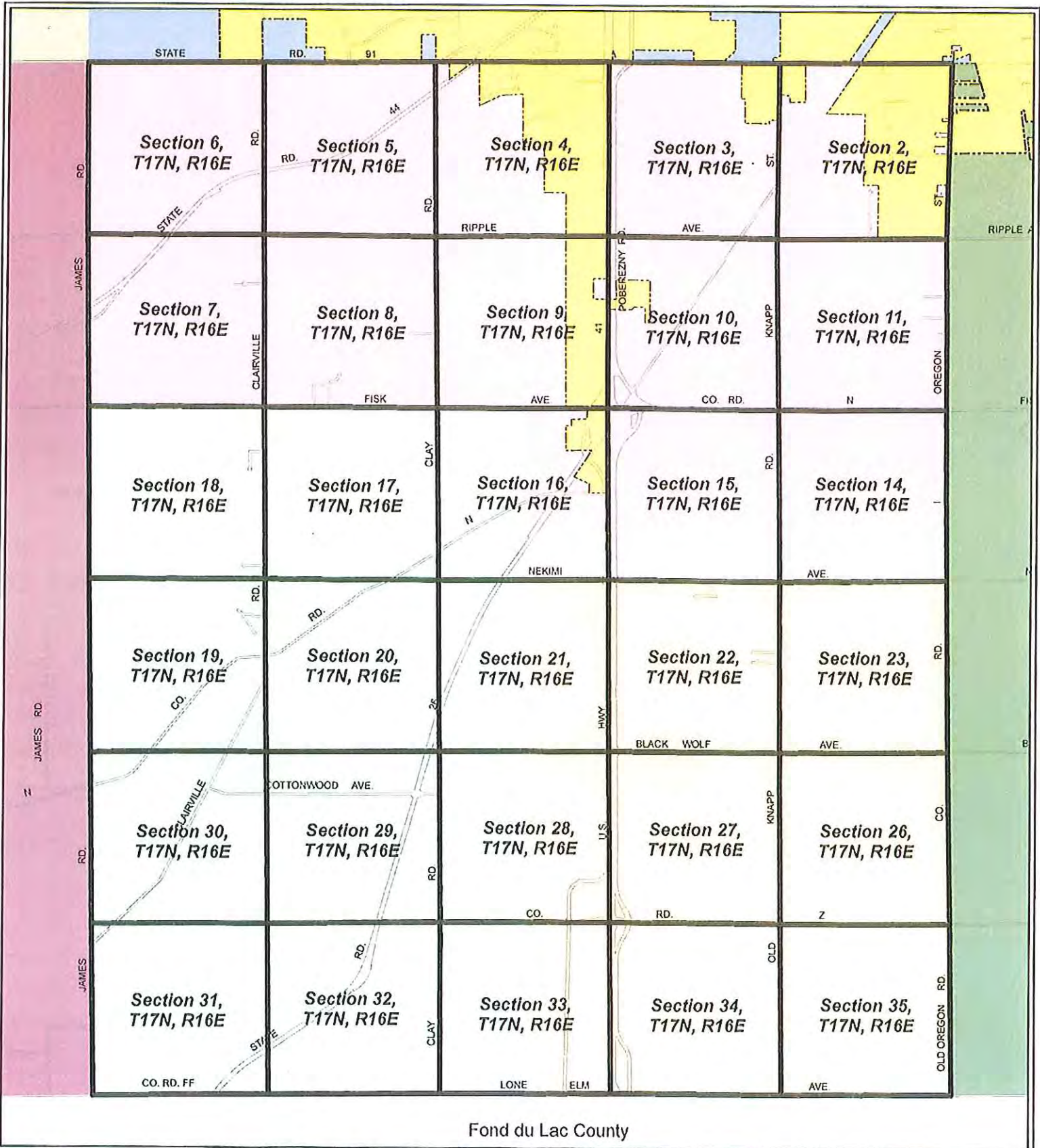
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City of Oshkosh / Town of Nekimi  
Boundary Agreement

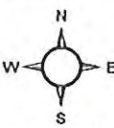


**EXHIBIT E**

**TOWN OF NEKIMI SECTIONS MAP**



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|  | City of Oshkosh                  |  | Town of Black Wolf |
|  | Rural Preservation Area          |  | Town of Utica      |
|  | Town of Nekimi Protected Area    |  | Town of Omro       |
|  | Undetermined City Expansion Area |  | Town of Algoma     |
|  | Fond du Lac County               |  |                    |



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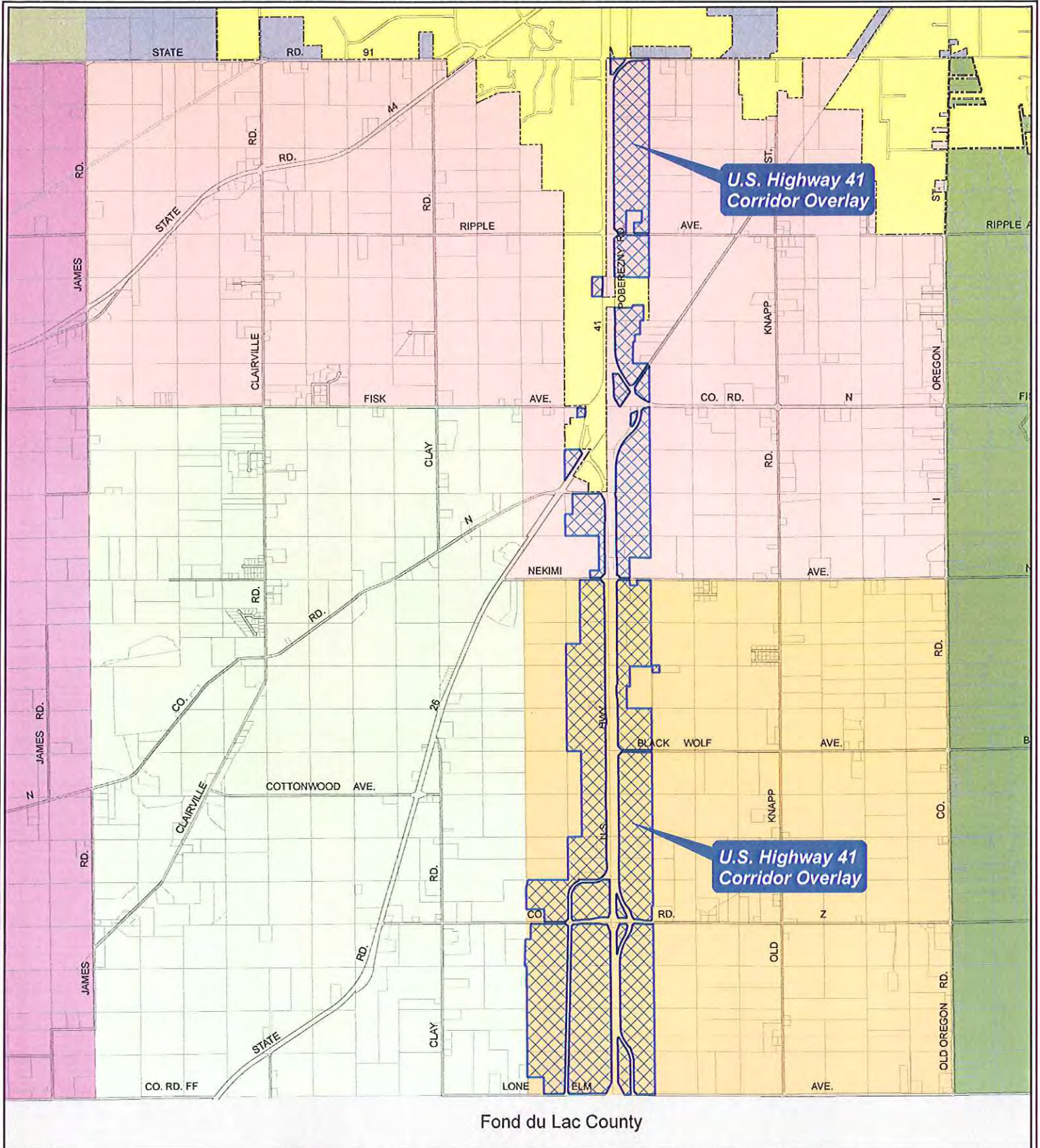
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## Town of Nekimi Sections

City of Oshkosh / Town of Nekimi  
Boundary Agreement

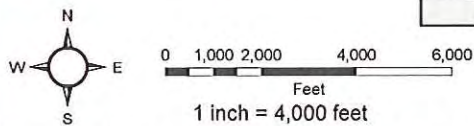
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**U.S. HIGHWAY 41 CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICT MAP**



Fond du Lac County

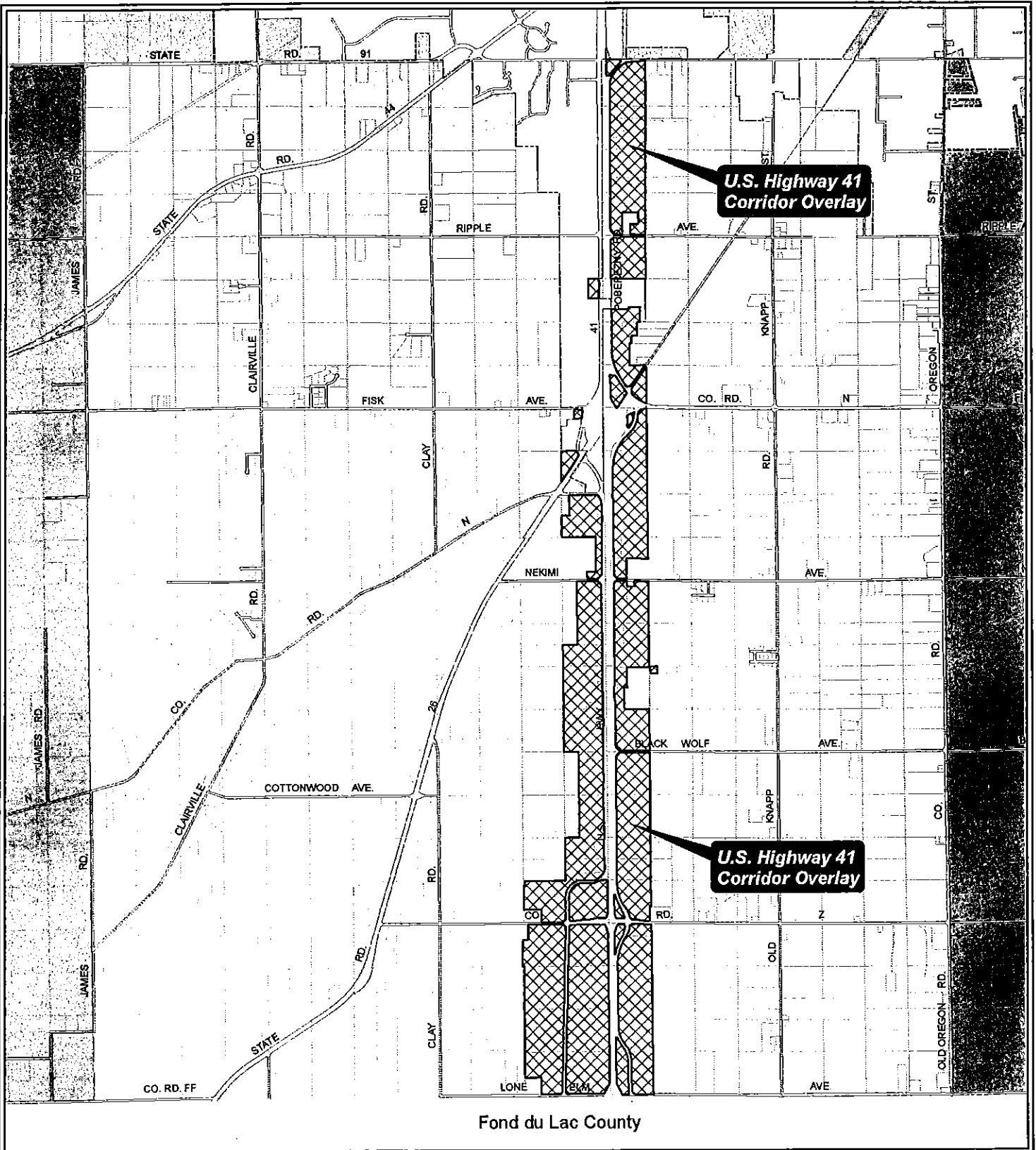
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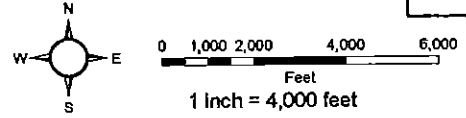
## U.S. Highway 41 Corridor Overlay

City of Oshkosh / Town of Nekimi  
Boundary Agreement



Fond du Lac County

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# EXHIBIT F

U.S. Highway 41  
Corridor Overlay

City of Oshkosh / Town of Nekimi  
Boundary Agreement

August, 2011

Sources: City of Oshkosh GIS, Winnebago County WINGS Project

**EXHIBIT G**

**Town of Nekimi Resolution  
Authorizing Support of Boundary Agreement**



EXHIBIT G

TOWN OF NEKIMI  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY, WISCONSIN

**Town Board Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Agreement  
With the City of Oshkosh and Initiating Cooperative Plan Hearing Process**

WHEREAS, the Town of Nekimi ("Town") and the City of Oshkosh ("City") previously approved an intergovernmental agreement that provides for the orderly growth and development within agreed-upon municipal boundaries ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Town and the City wish to amend the Agreement with regard to the provisions affecting the proposed west side arterial ("West Side Arterial"); and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to initiate the Cooperative Plan process set forth in Wis. Stat. § 66.0307;

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the revised Agreement, attached, which in Section 3.2 contains new language regarding the West Side Arterial; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby approve the draft of the Cooperative Plan, attached; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby declare its intention to participate in the preparation of a cooperative plan pursuant to the procedures set forth in Wis. Stat. § 66.0307 and, upon completion, to hold a joint public hearing on the proposed cooperative plan as required by law; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that after the public hearing described above the Town Board shall duly consider the comments of the public and, if appropriate, revise the cooperative plan, and then present the final cooperative plan for action; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk and the Town Attorney are authorized and directed to take all further action required by law to accomplish the intended purposes of these resolutions.

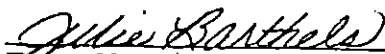
Adopted this 11th day of May, 2011.

TOWN OF NEKIMI

By: 

Town Chairperson

Attest:

  
Town Clerk

**TOWN OF NEKIMI  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

**Resolution Adopting Final Cooperative Plan**

**WHEREAS**, the Town previously adopted a Resolution under Wis. Stat., § 66.0307(4)(a) authorizing its participation in the preparation of a cooperative plan with the City of Oshkosh; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 17, 2011, the Town of Nekimi and the City of Oshkosh held a joint hearing on the proposed version of the cooperative plan. That hearing was preceded by a Class III notice; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has allowed 20 days after the joint hearing for any person to comment on the proposed plan in accordance with Wis. Stat., § 66.0307(4)(c); and

**WHEREAS**, under Wis. Stat., § 66.0307(4)(d), the Town may, after the public hearing described above, adopt a final version of the cooperative plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Wis. Stat., § 66.0307(4) requires the Town to wait 30 days after adoption of the final cooperative plan before submitting it to the Department of Administration to allow qualified electors an opportunity to request an advisory referendum in accordance with Wis. Stat., § 66.0307(4)(e); and

**WHEREAS**, it is the Town's intention to adopt the version of the cooperative plan presented at the August 17, 2011 public hearing as the final version of the plan under Wis. Stat., § 66.0307(4)(d) and to allow 30 days from the date of this Resolution for qualified electors to have an opportunity to request an advisory referendum.


**NOW, THEREFORE, RESOLVED** that the cooperative plan, in the form presented at the August 17, 2011 public hearing, is adopted as the final version of the cooperative plan under Wis. Stat., § 66.0307(4)(d); and

**FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town shall wait at least 30 days from the date of this Resolution before submitting the final version of the cooperative plan to the Department of Administration; and

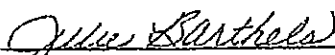
FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk and the Town Attorney are authorized and directed to take all further action required by law to accomplish the intended purposes of this Resolution.

Adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

TOWN OF NEKIMI

By:   
Glen Barthels, Town Chairperson

Attest:

  
Julie Barthels, Town Clerk

**Exhibit H**

**City of Oshkosh Resolution  
Authorizing Support of Boundary Agreement**

EXHIBIT H

MAY 24, 2011

11-220

RESOLUTION

(CARRIED 6-0 LOST \_\_\_\_\_ LAID OVER \_\_\_\_\_ WITHDRAWN \_\_\_\_\_)

PURPOSE: AUTHORIZE PREPARATION OF COOPERATIVE PLAN WITH  
THE TOWN OF NEKIMI

INITIATED BY: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Oshkosh ("City") and the Town of Nekimi previously approved an intergovernmental agreement that provides for the orderly growth and development within agreed-upon municipal boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the parties wish to initiate the Cooperative Plan process set forth in Wis. Stat. § 66.0307;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City does hereby declare its intention to participate in the preparation of a cooperative plan pursuant to the procedures set forth in Wis. Stat. § 66.0307 and upon completion, to hold a joint public hearing on the proposed cooperative plan as required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that after the public hearing described above the City shall duly consider the comments of the public and, if appropriate, revise the cooperative plan, and then present the final cooperative plan for action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk or the Department of Community Development are hereby directed to mail copies of this resolution within five days of the date of this resolution to those entities identified in § 66.0307 (4) (a) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate City officials are authorized and directed to take all further action required by law to accomplish the intended purposes of these resolutions.

APPROVED

Burl. Tower

(CARRIED 7-0 LOST \_\_\_\_\_ LAID OVER \_\_\_\_\_ WITHDRAWN \_\_\_\_\_)

PURPOSE: APPROVE FINAL COOPERATIVE PLAN WITH TOWN OF NEKIMI

INITIATED BY: CITY ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2011 and May 24, 2011, the Town of Nekimi and City of Oshkosh, respectively, adopted resolutions authorizing participation in the preparation of a cooperative plan pursuant to Wis. Stat., Section 66.0307 and approving an intergovernmental agreement to provide the basic foundation of the proposed cooperative plan; and

WHEREAS, the municipalities drafted the proposed Cooperative Plan between City of Oshkosh and Town of Nekimi, and held a joint public hearing on August 17, 2011, in accordance with Wis. Stat., Section 66.0307(4)(b), to solicit input on the Cooperative Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City and Town have allowed 20 days after the joint hearing for any person to comment on the proposed plan in accordance with Wis. Stat., Section 66.0307(4)(c); and

WHEREAS, all comments received have been considered by the City and Town in the preparation of the final version of the Cooperative Plan; and

WHEREAS, prior to submitting the final Plan to the Department of Administration, Wis. Stat. Section 66.0307(4) requires a 30 day period after adoption of the final Cooperative Plan to allow qualified electors an opportunity to request an advisory referendum.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Oshkosh as follows:

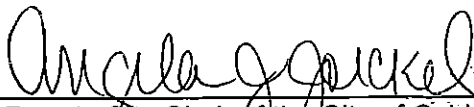
- 1) The final version of the Cooperative Plan between City of Oshkosh and Town of Nekimi dated January 4, 2012 (on file in the Office of the City Clerk) is approved.
- 2) The proper City officials are authorized and directed to execute the Cooperative Plan document and all other necessary, implementation documents, to take all appropriate actions to obtain approval of the Cooperative Plan from the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration, and to take such actions as are necessary to implement the provisions of this Agreement.

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO ) SS  
CITY OF OSHKOSH )

I, ANGELA J. JOECKEL, Deputy City Clerk for the City of Oshkosh, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution (12-03) is a true and correct copy of the original on file in my office, adopted by the Common Council of the City of Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the meeting held on January 10, 2012.

Witness my hand and the Corporation seal of the City of Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

DATED: February 9, 2012

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy City Clerk of the City of Oshkosh,  
Winnebago County, Wisconsin

## **Exhibit I**

### **Record of Public Participation and Comment**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED TOWN OF NEKIM/  
CITY OF OSHKOSH LAND USE COOPERATIVE PLAN**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 3790 Pickett Road, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, the Town Board of the Town of Nekimi and the City Council of the City of Oshkosh will be holding a joint hearing on a proposed Cooperative Plan. The Cooperative Plan is pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 66.0307. Among the purposes of the proposed Cooperative Plan is the establishment of long-term boundaries between the Town and the City in order to reduce annexation disputes and to minimize the fragmentation of the Town into discontinuous geographic areas and irregular peninsulas. The Town Board and the City Council invite public comments on the proposed Cooperative Plan before taking final action. Any person may comment on the Cooperative Plan during the hearing or may submit written comments before, at or within 20 days following the hearing. Copies of the proposed Cooperative Plan may be obtained from the following representatives:

Town

Jerry Braasch  
c/o Town Hall  
3790 Pickett Road  
Oshkosh, WI 54904  
920-688-2294  
[townofnekimi@ntd.net](mailto:townofnekimi@ntd.net)

City of Oshkosh

Darryn Burich  
215 Church Avenue  
P.O. Box 1130  
Oshkosh, WI 54903-1130  
920-236-5059  
[dburich@ci.oshkosh.wi.us](mailto:dburich@ci.oshkosh.wi.us)

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

Published by order of Town Board and  
City Council.



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BROWN COUNTY

CITY OF OSHKOSH/LEGALS  
PO BOX 1130  
OSHKOSH, WI 54903

Holly Perrault

Being duly sworn, doth depose and say that she/he is an authorized representative of the Oshkosh Northwestern, daily newspaper published in the city of Oshkosh, in Winnebago County, Wisconsin, and that an advertisement of which the annexed is a true copy, taken from said paper, which was published therein on  
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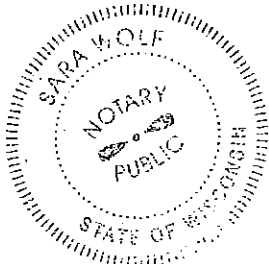
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Legal Clerk

Signed and sworn before me

[Signature]  
Notary Public, Brown County, Wisconsin

My commission expires 12/10/12



CITY OF OSHKOSH/LEGALS  
Re: public hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED TOWN OF NEKIMI CITY OF OSHKOSH LAND USE COOPERATIVE PLAN  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 17 day of August, 2011 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 3790 Pickett Road, Oshkosh, Wisconsin, the Town Board of the Town of Nekimi and the City Council of the City of Oshkosh will be holding a joint hearing on a proposed Cooperative Plan. The Cooperative Plan is pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 66.0307. Among the purposes of the proposed Cooperative Plan is the establishment of long-term boundaries between the Town and the City in order to reduce annexation disputes and to minimize the fragmentation of the Town into discontinuous geographic areas and irregular peninsulas. The Town Board and the City Council invite public comments on the proposed Cooperative Plan before taking final action. Any person may comment on the Cooperative Plan during the hearing or may submit written comments before, at or within 20 days following the hearing. Copies of the proposed Cooperative Plan may be obtained from the following representatives:  
Town  
Jerry Brasch  
c/o Town Hall  
3790 Pickett Road  
P.O. Box 1130  
Oshkosh, WI 54903-1130  
920-688-2294  
townofnekimi@td.net  
City of Oshkosh  
Darryn Burich  
215 Church Avenue  
Oshkosh, WI 54901  
920-236-5059  
dburich@ci.oshkosh.wi.us  
Dated this 15th day of July, 2011.  
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**NOTICE OF OBSERVATION AND/OR PARTICIPATION**  
**OF THE**  
**OSHKOSH COMMON COUNCIL**

The OSHKOSH COMMON COUNCIL may observe and / or participate in the TOWN OF NEKIMI BOARD MEETING at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, August 17, 2011** at Nekimi Town Hall, 3790 Pickett Road, for the following purpose:

OBTAIN COMMENTS & PUBLIC INPUT TO THE PROPOSED COOPERATIVE PLAN BETWEEN THE CITY OF OSHKOSH & TOWN OF NEKIMI

CITY OF OSHKOSH

PAMELA R. UBRIG  
City Clerk

DATED: 8/15/2011

# TOWN OF NEKIMI

## PUBLIC HEARING FOR COOPERATIVE PLAN

AUGUST 17, 2011

The hearing was called to order by Chairman Glen Barthels, and then turned over to Darryn Burich from the City of Oshkosh to present the plan.

Purpose of Hearing – To implement executed Intergovernmental Agreement.

Protection – to the Town Residents by keeping growth from happening haphazardly.

West Side Arterial – This road cannot be mapped farther than State Road 44 for the duration of the Cooperative Plan which is 40 years.

Maps were displayed showing different areas of the Cooperative plan and what each area means.

The Cooperative Plan implements what the City and Town agree upon.

Comments from the Audience:

Jeff Kuhnz – 4279 Fisk Avenue, Oshkosh, WI, Town of Nekimi – Questions in regard to the West Side Arterial and how the Cooperative gets to the State Level.

Kevin Radloff – 2162 James Road, Oshkosh, WI, Town of Nekimi – Questioned why the West Side Arterial was allowed to be mapped North of State Road 44, questioned the 70% annexation requirement.

Sheree Zellner – 3669 Oregon Street, Oshkosh, WI, Town of Nekimi – Questioned industrial growth and the increase in width of Oregon Street as to who would be responsible, the City or the County.

Mike Newell – 1780 Buehring Road, Oshkosh, WI, Town of Nekimi – Questioned if the Town Board felt the Cooperative Plan is in the Best Interest of the Town of Nekimi.

Jerry Braasch – 3472 Lone Elm Road, Van Dyne, WI, Town of Nekimi – Voiced feelings of commitment and Time that was spent putting the Cooperative Plan together.

Discussed what the Boundary Agreement and Cooperative plan mean to the Township and how it really affects everyone. Without this Plan, the City has more say as to what happens in the Town.

Motion by Pollack, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Schweda to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Respectfully Submitted –

Julie Barthels, Clerk

**Exhibit J**

**Intergovernmental Boundary Agreement**

## EXHIBIT J

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OSHKOSH AND THE TOWN OF NEKIMI TO PROVIDE FOR ORDERLY GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT WITHIN AGREED-UPON MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES

Agreement effective as indicated herein by and between the City of Oshkosh ("City"),  
and the Town of Nekimi ("Town").

#### ARTICLE I PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

1.1 Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to set forth the procedures, terms and conditions by which the parties wish to achieve the following mutual goals pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 66.1001, 66.0301 and 66.0307:

- (A) Orderly, planned growth for the City and the Town and the provision of appropriate, cost-effective municipal services for such development;
- (B) Orderly boundaries between the City and the Town, promoting cost-effective provision of services and more efficient operation of all units of government;
- (C) Continual City growth to provide the City with an ever-renewing and expanding tax base and a pool of citizen leadership;
- (D) Continual development for the Town to replace tax base lost to the City by reason of annexations or attachments so that the Town may also have an ever-renewing and expanding tax base and a pool of citizen leadership;
- (E) Prevention of unplanned development leading to sprawl, and the protection of the area's natural resources, including its lakes, streams, rivers, wetlands, woodlands and prime agricultural land; and
- (F) Promotion of quality development in the City and the Town.

#### ARTICLE II AREA GROWTH DELINEATIONS

2.1 Introduction. The parties intend to identify and accept three geographical delineations, as follows:

- (A) **Nekimi Protected Area.** The Nekimi Protected Area (sometimes referred to as "NPA") is an area from which the City agrees not to annex or attach territory during the term of this Agreement. The NPA is delineated in the attached map,

which is identified as Exhibit 1 and which is incorporated by reference. Additional provisions relating to the NPA are identified in Section 2.2, below.

- (B) **City Expansion Area.** The City Expansion Area (sometimes referred to as "CEA") is an area that the parties expect to be developed for urban uses within the City during the term of this Agreement. The CEA is delineated in the attached map, which is identified as Exhibit 1 and which is incorporated by reference. Additional provisions relating to the CEA are identified in Section 2.3, below.
  - (C) **Rural Preservation Area.** The Rural Preservation Area (sometimes referred to as "RPA") is an area that the parties expect will remain primarily rural and agriculturally oriented during the term of this Agreement. The RPA is delineated in the attached map, which is identified as Exhibit 1 and which is incorporated by reference. Additional provisions relating to the CEA are identified in Section 2.4, below.
- 2.2 **Nekimi Protected Area.** The parties acknowledge that the territory in the Nekimi Protected Area will be developed and will remain in the Town during the term of this Agreement. The following additional provisions shall apply to the NPA:
- (A) The City will not annex any land from the NPA without the Town's prior written consent. A written request for consent will be submitted to the Town upon receipt of an annexation petition. The Town will respond in writing to such request within 45 days. Failure to respond within said 45 days shall be deemed a denial of the request. The Town reserves all legislative prerogative in deciding whether it wishes to allow the annexation and, to that extent, all rights are reserved.
  - (B) The Town reserves the right to permit unsewered development on lands within the NPA, provided the development is consistent with the Town's comprehensive plan. To the extent that the City has jurisdiction to review or approve any land division within the NPA, the City shall provide timely approval of said land division without conditioning its consent on the execution of an attachment agreement.
  - (C) In consideration for the rights and privileges granted to the City by the Town under this Agreement, the City agrees that it shall not adopt or exercise extraterritorial zoning and plat approval jurisdiction applicable to the NPA.
- 2.3 **City Expansion Area.** The parties acknowledge that the territory within the City Expansion Area is likely to be developed with comprehensive urban services, including, but not limited to, sanitary sewers and water in conformance with the City's comprehensive plan. The following additional provisions shall apply to the City Expansion Area:

- (A) Lands may be annexed to the City only upon the unanimous consent of the owners of the lands, exclusive of any right-of-way that may be annexed. Such annexations need not be contiguous to the City and may create town or city islands. Such annexations shall include the entire width of highway rights of way abutting the lands annexed. The Town shall not oppose, nor support opposition to, annexation consistent with the terms of this Agreement.
- (B) The parties acknowledge and agree that any area that, on the effective date of this Agreement or during the term of this Agreement, becomes a functional town island shall be annexed or attached to the City within sixty (60) months, except as otherwise provided in subsection 2.3(C), below. The Town shall cooperate with the City on the annexation or attachment of the relevant area. For the purposes of this Agreement, a "functional town island" occurs when either man-made or natural barriers, employed in conjunction with City corporate boundaries, isolate a portion of the Town. In determining whether an area is sufficiently isolated so as to constitute a "functional town island," the parties shall consider: (i) the extent to which lakes, rivers and political boundaries isolate the area from the balance of the Town, (ii) the extent to which natural borders and political boundaries of the City isolate the area from the balance of the Town, or (iii) the extent to which, for all practical purposes, the area is cut off from the remainder of the Town. Following annexation, properties shall be required to connect to the City's municipal sewer system within one (1) year, except that connection to the City municipal sewer system may be delayed for a period not to exceed sixty (60) months if the property owner provides a current evaluation of the existing private sanitary system performed by a Licensed Plumber.
- (C) Once seventy (70%) percent or more of the land within a Town Section has been annexed or attached to the City, the remaining land within the Town Section shall attach to the City within seven (7) years; provided, however, that once 70% or more of the land within Town Sections 2 and 4 have been annexed or attached to the City, the remaining land within these Sections shall attach to the City within ten (10) years. Following annexation, properties shall be required to connect to the City's municipal sewer system within one (1) year, except that connection to the City municipal sewer system may be delayed for a period not to exceed sixty (60) months if the property owner provides a current evaluation of the existing private sanitary system performed by a Licensed Plumber.
- (D) The Town shall consent to the construction of City utilities in Town rights of way and easements as necessary to serve annexed lands subject to the City's obligations (i) to maintain access to Town territory, and (ii) to restore the right of way or easement in accordance with commonly accepted practices.
- (E) When a new road is proposed by the City to be built on land located in the CEA, the parties will discuss the exact location of the road in order to avoid jurisdictional confusion over the provision of governmental services. The City must obtain the Town's prior written consent for new roads to be built on land located in the CEA, but such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The City must obtain the Town's prior written consent before the Town is financially obligated to pay for any portion of the construction or reconstruction of a road project initiated by the City, with such consent at the Town's legislative discretion.
- (F) The Town will not interfere with or object to City applications to extend its sewer service area consistent with this Agreement.
- (G) When requests are made for approval of any certified survey map, plat, or initiation of development activities that will result in the creation of any non-rural, non-agricultural use, where the certified survey map, plat, or development activity does not include an annexation or attachment to the City, the following standards shall apply:
- (i) An attachment agreement is executed with the City, which requires the property owner and successor owners to annex and/or attach the affected parcel(s) when the parcel(s) become contiguous with the City. The annexation and/or attachment agreement shall also provide provisions for necessary easements, which the City determines, may be required for the future extension of utilities to the relevant parcel(s) and development area.
  - (ii) The property owner and/or developer prepares and submits to the City a Master Development Plan for the Town Section within which the certified survey map, plat, or development activity is proposed, and a finding is made by the City that the certified survey map, plat, or development activity is consistent with the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan, or can be made consistent with the addition of appropriate conditions, including conditions relative to the installation of public improvements. The City may waive the Master Development Plan requirement based on the size and scope of the proposal.
  - (iii) The certified survey map, plat, and development activity must be served by a publicly dedicated road built in accordance with the City's Subdivision Regulations, unless said requirement is waived and/or modified by the City.
  - (iv) The maximum lot size of residential parcels shall not exceed two (2) acres, and they must be designed in such a manner that future land divisions may be possible relative to creating additional residential building site(s), unless said requirement is waived and/or modified by the City.
- (H) The Town will not rezone land located in the CEA without first obtaining the City's consent to the rezoning, which consent may not be withheld if the proposed rezoning is consistent with the terms of this Agreement and the provisions of the City's adopted Comprehensive Plan.

Rural Preservation Area. The parties acknowledge that the majority of land within the Rural Preservation Area is likely not to be developed to urban densities within the term of this Agreement. Nevertheless, the parties agree to the following provisions applicable to the RPA:

- (A) Lands may be annexed to the City only upon the unanimous consent of the owners of the lands, exclusive of any right-of-way that may be annexed. Such annexations need not be contiguous to the City and may create town or city islands. Such annexations shall include the entire width of highway rights of way abutting the lands annexed. The Town shall not oppose, nor support opposition to, annexation consistent with the terms of this Agreement.
- (B) The parties acknowledge and agree that any area that, on the effective date of this Agreement or during the term of this Agreement, becomes a functional town island shall be annexed or attached to the City within sixty (60) months. The Town shall cooperate with the City on the annexation or attachment of the relevant area. For the purposes of this Agreement, a 'functional town island' occurs when either man-made or natural barriers, employed in conjunction with City corporate boundaries, isolate a portion of the Town. In determining whether an area is sufficiently isolated so as to constitute a 'functional town island,' the parties shall consider: (i) the extent to which lakes, rivers and political boundaries isolate the area from the balance of the Town, (ii) the extent to which natural borders and political boundaries of the City isolate the area from the balance of the Town, or (iii) the extent to which, for all practical purposes, the area is cut off from the remainder of the Town.
- (C) The Town shall consent to the construction of City utilities in Town rights of way and easements as necessary to serve annexed lands subject to the City's obligations (i) to maintain access to Town territory, and (ii) to restore the right of way or easement in accordance with commonly accepted practices.
- (D) When a new road is proposed by the City to be built on land located in the RPA, the parties will discuss the exact location of the road in order to avoid jurisdictional confusion over the provision of governmental services. The City must obtain the Town's prior written consent for new roads to be built on land located in the RPA, but such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The City must obtain the Town's prior written consent before the Town is financially obligated to pay for any portion of the construction or reconstruction of a road project initiated by the City, with such consent at the Town's legislative discretion.
- (E) The Town will not interfere with or object to City applications to extend its sewer service area consistent with this Agreement.
- (F) When requests are made for approval of any certified survey map, plat, or the initiation of development activities that will result in the creation of any non-

rural, non-agricultural use, where the certified survey map, plat, or development activity does not include an annexation or attachment to the City, the following standards shall apply:

- (i) A maximum of twenty-eight (28) non-rural, non-agricultural residential dwellings are permitted within each Town Section, provided, however, that not fewer than ten (10) additional non-rural, non-agricultural residential dwellings will be permitted in each Town Section regardless of the number of non-rural, non-agricultural residential dwellings in existence on the date of this Agreement.
- (ii) The certified survey map, plat, and development activity must be served by a publicly dedicated road built in accordance with the design (but not construction) standards of Section 30.73 of the City of Oshkosh Municipal Code, as amended from time to time, unless said requirement is waived and/or modified by the City.
- (iii) The minimum lot size of residential parcels shall be five (5) acres, and they must be designed in such a manner that future land divisions may be possible relative to creating additional residential building site(s), unless said requirement is waived and/or modified by the City.
- (iv) Commercial and light industrial development may be permitted within the Highway 41 Corridor Overlay District for all parcels abutting the right-of-way of U.S. Highway 41 and/or the U.S. Highway 41 frontage roads, but excluding any portion of abutting parcels lying more than one thousand three hundred twenty (1,320) feet beyond the most westerly and easterly right-of-way line of U.S. Highway 41 and/or the U.S. Highway 41 frontage roads. The frontage roads include Black Oak School Road and Plainview Road. Any such commercial and light industrial development permitted shall also be required to execute an attachment agreement with the City which requires the property owner and successor owners to annex and/or attach the affected parcel(s) within sixty (60) months of the date when the parcel(s) become contiguous with the City. The annexation and/or attachment agreement shall also provide provisions for necessary easements, which the City determines, may be required for the future extension of utilities to the relevant parcel(s) and development area.
- (v) Commercial and light industrial development may be permitted outside the Highway 41 Corridor Overlay District, subject to the review and approval of development proposals by the City, a finding that any such proposed development is and/or will be deemed compatible with the City's and the Town's Comprehensive Plans, and an attachment agreement is executed with the City which requires the property owner and successor owners to annex and/or attach the affected parcel(s) within sixty (60) months of the date when the parcel(s) become contiguous with the City. The annexation

and/or attachment agreement shall also provide provisions for necessary easements, which the City determines, may be required for the future extension of utilities to the relevant parcel(s) and development area. If the City's and the Town's respective Comprehensive Plans are inconsistent with regard to the proposed development, the parties agree to meet for the purpose of attempting to reconcile the inconsistencies, either through amendments to the Comprehensive Plans or by other mutually agreed upon means.

### ARTICLE III

#### COOPERATION WITH GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

3.1 Advancement of Mutual Interests. The parties acknowledge that in order to effectively implement this Agreement, it may be necessary to obtain the cooperation and approval of other governmental agencies, including, but not limited to, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Wisconsin Department of Administration and Winnebago County. In all matters necessary to implement this Agreement, the parties agree to seek the cooperation and approval of the relevant agency. To the extent practicable, the parties will, where necessary, submit a single, joint request or other appropriate document requesting the approval.

3.2 New West Side Arterial. In addition to the subjects of cooperation referenced in Section 3.1 above, the parties agree that they will cooperate in the mapping of a possible new west side arterial running from State Highway 21 on the north to State Highway 26 on the south. The City acknowledges the Town's opposition to this project south of State Highway 44 and, therefore, agrees not to map this project south of State Highway 44. The City will periodically provide the Town with reports of the status of this project together with all relevant background documents that the Town may need to make informed decisions concerning the project.

3.3 Road Transfer. Effective January 1 following approval of the Cooperative Plan by the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration under Wis. Stat. § 66.0307, the boundary between the City and the Town is adjusted by the Plan to attach to the City the road rights-of-way identified on Exhibit 4. At that time, the City Clerk shall provide notice of the attachment as provided in the Cooperative Plan. The parties will execute the documents necessary, as may be required by the State, to provide for the transfer of jurisdiction.

### ARTICLE IV DISPUTE RESOLUTION

4.1 Dispute Resolution. All disputes over the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be resolved according to the following dispute resolution procedures:

(A) If the dispute cannot be resolved by the personnel directly involved, the parties will conduct the following mediation process before invoking formal arbitration:

- (i) Each party will designate a representative with appropriate authority to be its representative in the mediation of the dispute.
- (ii) Either representative may request the assistance of a qualified mediator. If the parties cannot agree on the qualified mediator within five days of the request for a mediator, a qualified mediator will be appointed by the Chairperson of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee of the State Bar of Wisconsin, or if the Chairperson fails to appoint a mediator, by the American Arbitration Association.
- (iii) The mediation session shall take place within 30 days of the appointment of the respective representatives designated by the parties, or the designation of a mediator, whichever occurs last.
- (iv) In the event that a mediator is used, each party shall provide the mediator with a brief memorandum setting forth its position with regard to the issues that need to be resolved at least 10 days prior to the first scheduled mediation session. The parties will also produce all information reasonably required for the mediator to understand the issues presented. The mediator may require either party to supplement such information.
- (v) The mediator does not have authority to impose a settlement upon the parties but will attempt to help the parties reach a satisfactory resolution of their dispute. To the extent authorized by law, the mediation session(s) are private. The parties and their representatives may attend mediation sessions. Other persons may attend only with the permission of the parties and with the consent of the mediator. The parties shall maintain the confidentiality of the mediation and shall not rely on, or introduce as evidence in any arbitral, judicial, or other proceeding, views expressed or suggestions made by the other party with respect to a possible settlement of the dispute, or admissions made by the other party in the course of the mediation proceedings.
- (vi) The expenses of a mediator, if any, shall be borne equally by the parties.

(B) If unresolved after (a) above, the parties will submit the dispute to binding arbitration by an arbitrator of recognized qualifications. If the parties cannot agree on an arbitrator they will request a 5-person panel list from the Municipal Boundary Review Director of the Office of Land Information Services of the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration, or his successor. Each party will have two strikes from the 5-person panel. The parties may agree to an alternative method for the selection of the single arbitrator.



agreements or municipal policies to the contrary. No agreements, promises, or representations made during or in connection with the negotiations for or approval of this Agreement shall be binding or effective unless they are included herein. This Agreement may be filed with the Register of Deeds of Winnebago County. This Agreement may be used in litigation and may be introduced into evidence by either party without objection in any action to enforce the terms of this Agreement.

**5.5 No Waiver.** The failure of any party to require strict performance with any provision of this Agreement will not constitute a waiver of the provision or of any of the parties' rights under this Agreement. Rights and obligations under this Agreement may only be waived or modified in writing. A writing waiving a right must be signed by the party waiving the right. If an obligation of a party is being waived or released, the writing must be signed by all affected parties. Waiver of one right, or release of one obligation, will not constitute a waiver or release of any other right or obligation of any party. Waivers and releases will affect only the specific right or obligation waived or released and will not affect the rights or obligations of any other party that did not sign the waiver or release.

**5.6 Term of Agreement.** The initial term of this Agreement shall be 40 years from the date of the last signature. No breach or violation of any of the terms of this Agreement shall operate to void or terminate this Agreement, it being the intent of the parties that any such breach or violation shall only be redressed, enjoined, or otherwise remedied by exercise of any lawful, contractual enforcement remedies then available to be utilized by the aggrieved party to enforce the terms of this Agreement. Despite the preceding, this Agreement shall automatically terminate when the parties mutually agree that the purposes recited in Section 1.1, above, are no longer relevant.

**5.7 Performance Standard.** This Agreement requires the parties to act or to refrain from acting on a number of matters. The parties hereby acknowledge that this Agreement imposed on them a duty of good faith and fair dealing. In addition, whenever consent or approval is required by a party, the consent or approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

**5.8 No Third Party Beneficiary.** This Agreement is intended to be solely between the signatories set forth on the following pages. Nothing in this Agreement grants any third party beneficiary rights to any non-party that may be enforced by any non-party to this Agreement.

**5.9 Construction.** This Agreement shall be liberally construed to accomplish its intended purposes. The parties acknowledge that the language contained in this Agreement is the product of numerous individuals representing the various interests. Therefore, ambiguities shall not be construed against the drafter of this document. This Agreement should be construed to give a reasonable meaning to each of its provisions, and a construction that would render any of its provisions meaningless, inexplicable, or mere surplusage is to be avoided.

(C) The City and the Town will be responsible for the fees of their own arbitrator and will equally divide the fees of the third arbitrator, as well as the costs of court reporters, if any. The City and the Town will be responsible for their own attorneys' fees and expert fees.

(D) The arbitration panel shall not be bound by rules of evidence or the substantive, internal laws of Wisconsin. The award of the panel is final and binding, and shall be enforceable at law. The arbitration provisions of Chapter 788 of the Wisconsin Statutes shall apply to the arbitration proceedings, unless the parties agree on different arbitration procedures.

(E) The parties agree that arbitration proceedings must be instituted within one year after the claimed breach occurred, and that the failure to institute arbitration proceedings within such periods shall constitute an absolute bar to the institution of any proceedings and a waiver of all claims.

ARTICLE V

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**5.1 Amendments.** This Agreement may be amended, from time to time, by mutual consent of all parties hereto. Any party wishing to propose such an amendment will give written notice to all other parties. The notice will identify the proposed amendment and the reasons supporting such amendment. Within 30 days after receipt of the notice, the parties will meet to discuss and, if necessary, negotiate the proposed amendment. If after 90 days, the parties are unable to agree upon and approve the proposed amendment, it shall be automatically deemed to have been withdrawn and shall not thereafter be proposed for a period of 2 years after the date of the initial notice, unless a majority of the parties jointly re-submit it for consideration.

**5.2 Notices.** All notices required under this Agreement must be served, either personally or by certified mail, upon the parties' respective municipal clerks. A copy of the notices shall also be mailed via regular U.S. mail to the Town Chairperson and City Mayor. Any action taken by a party in violation of the relevant notice requirements is voidable unless, under the facts of the particular case, the public interest outweighs strict enforcement of the notice requirement.

**5.3 Enforceability.** The parties have entered into this Agreement under the authority of Wis. Stats. §§ 66.1001, 66.0301 and 66.0307. Its enforceability will not be affected by statutory amendments, changes in the forms of City or Town government, or changes in elected officials. The parties agree that this Agreement be construed so as to be binding on their respective successors, agents and employees.

**5.4 Complete Agreement.** This Agreement is the complete agreement of the parties with respect to the matters covered by this Agreement and it shall supersede all prior

5.10 Non-Severability. The parties acknowledge that the provisions of this Agreement are interconnected. Therefore, if any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the entire Agreement will be void if the parties are unable to replace the invalid provision through the process described below.

If any provision of this Agreement is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the parties shall make a concerted, good faith effort to substitute a valid and enforceable provision as similar as possible to the provision at issue. If agreement is not reached within 90 days of the adverse determination, the parties shall submit the issue to mediation pursuant to the mediation provisions of Section 5.1(a), above. If unresolved after mediation the Agreement is void.

**CITY OF OSHKOSH**

The undersigned officers of the City of Oshkosh have executed this Agreement pursuant to a duly adopted resolution of the Common Council dated July 24, 2007 Res. 07-203

By: Mark Rohloff Date 6/11/11 Attest: [Signature] Date 6/13/11  
 City Manager City Clerk

**APPROVED**

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
 ) ss  
 WINNEBAGO COUNTY )  
[Signature]  
 CITY ATTORNEY  
 OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN

Personally came before me this 3rd day of June, 2011, the above-named Mark Rohloff, City Manager and Pamela R. Ubrig, City Clerk, to me known to be said officer(s) who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same as such officers by its authority, for the purpose therein contained.

[Signature]  
 Notary Public, Winnebago County, Wisconsin  
 My commission is permanent/expires: 2-27-13

**TOWN OF NEKIMI**

The undersigned officers of the Town of Nekimi have executed this Agreement pursuant to a duly adopted resolution of the Town Board dated May 11, 2011

By: Glen Barthels Date 5/11/11 Attest: [Signature] Date 5-11-11  
 Chairperson Jerome Braasch Deputy Town Clerk

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
 ) ss  
 WINNEBAGO COUNTY )

Personally came before me this 11 day of May, 2011, the above-named Glen Barthels, Chairperson and Jerome Braasch, Deputy Town Clerk, to me known to be said officer(s) who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same as such officers by its authority, for the purpose therein contained.

[Signature]  
 Notary Public, Winnebago County, Wisconsin  
 My commission is permanent/expires: 4/27/12

EXHIBIT 1

MAP DELINEATING NEKIMI PROTECTED AREA,  
CITY EXPANSION AREA AND  
RURAL PRESERVATION AREA

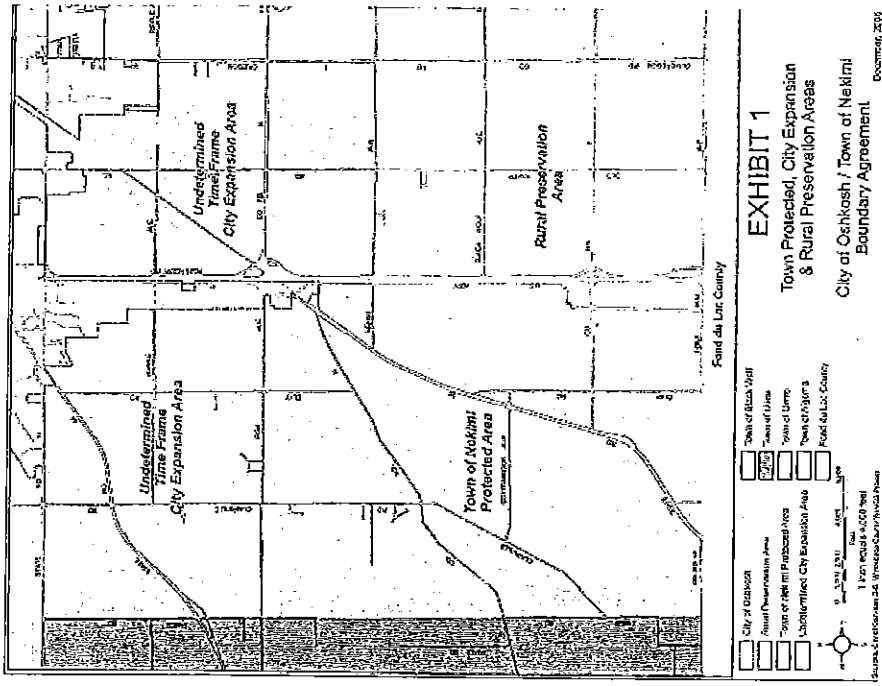
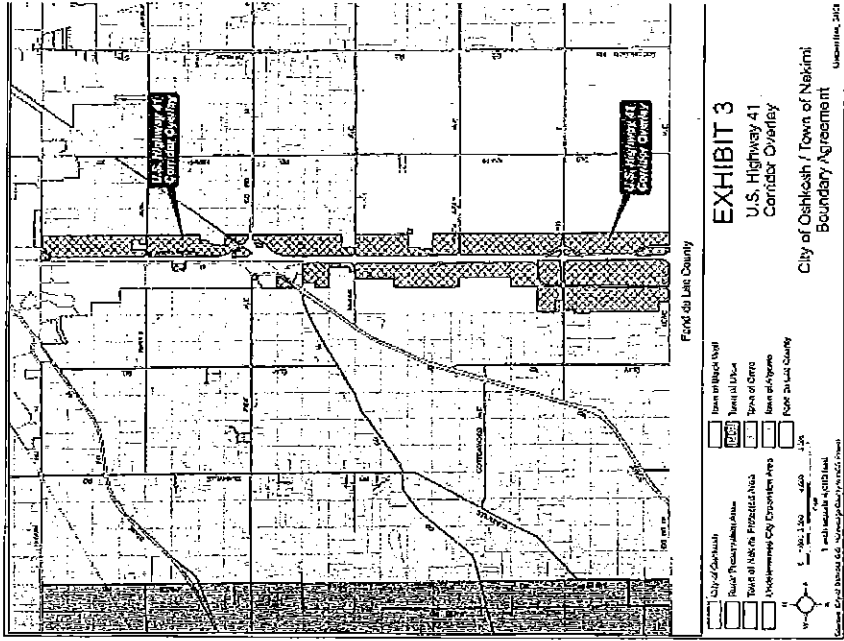
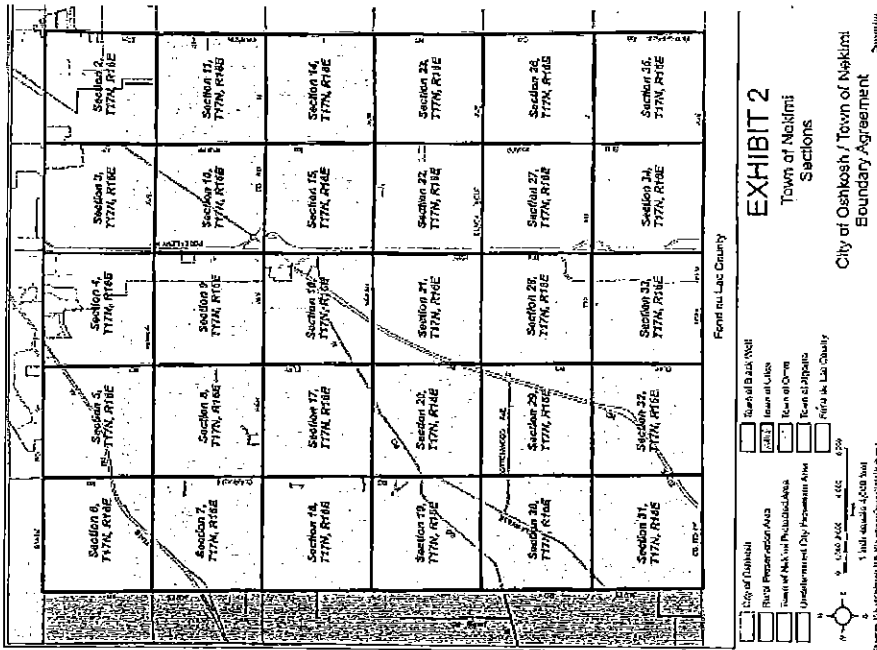
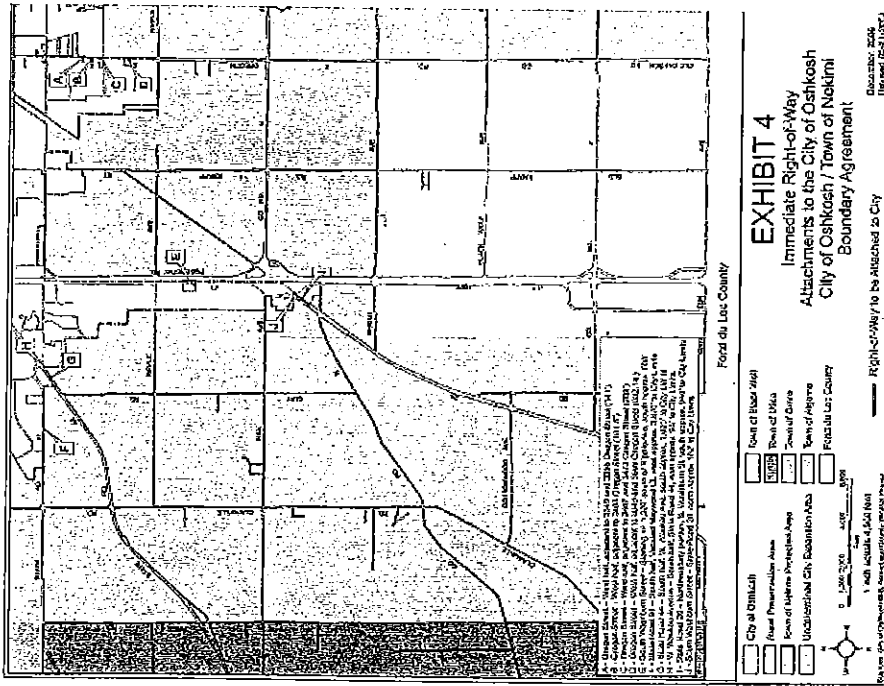


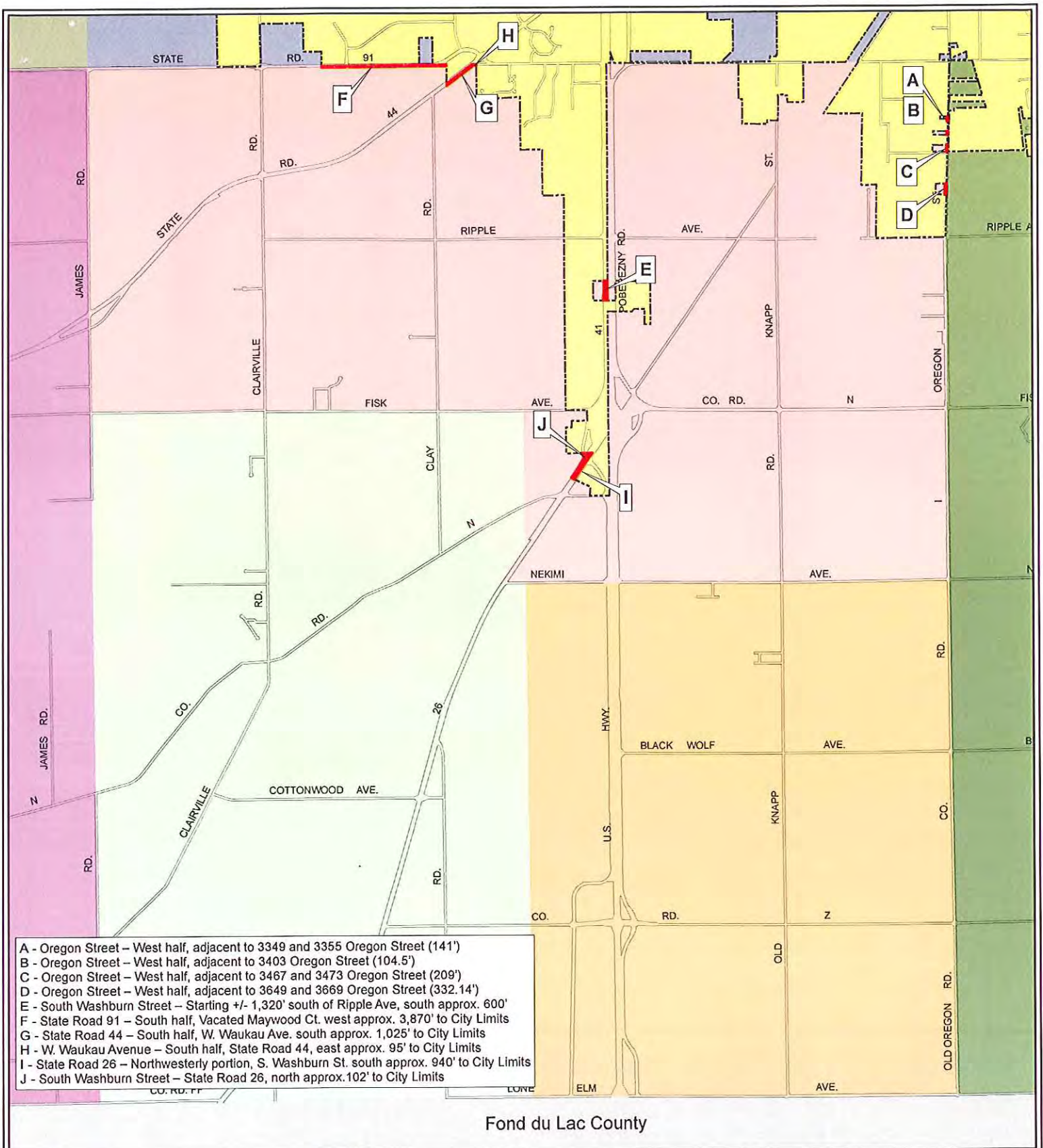
EXHIBIT 1  
Town Protected, City Expansion  
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City of Oshkosh / Town of Nokimi  
Boundary Agreement





## **Exhibit K**

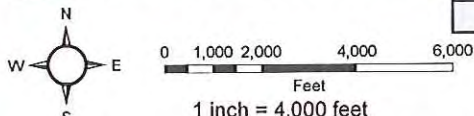
### **Immediate Attachments**



- A - Oregon Street – West half, adjacent to 3349 and 3355 Oregon Street (141')
- B - Oregon Street – West half, adjacent to 3403 Oregon Street (104.5')
- C - Oregon Street – West half, adjacent to 3467 and 3473 Oregon Street (209')
- D - Oregon Street – West half, adjacent to 3649 and 3669 Oregon Street (332.14')
- E - South Washburn Street – Starting +/- 1,320' south of Ripple Ave, south approx. 600'
- F - State Road 91 – South half, Vacated Maywood Ct. west approx. 3,870' to City Limits
- G - State Road 44 – South half, W. Waukau Ave. south approx. 1,025' to City Limits
- H - W. Waukau Avenue – South half, State Road 44, east approx. 95' to City Limits
- I - State Road 26 – Northwestern portion, S. Washburn St. south approx. 940' to City Limits
- J - South Washburn Street – State Road 26, north approx. 102' to City Limits

Fond du Lac County

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|  | City of Oshkosh                  |  | Town of Black Wolf |
|  | Rural Preservation Area          |  | Town of Utica      |
|  | Town of Nekimi Protected Area    |  | Town of Omro       |
|  | Undetermined City Expansion Area |  | Town of Algoma     |
|  | Fond du Lac County               |  |                    |



# EXHIBIT K

## Immediate Right-of-Way Attachments to the City of Oshkosh City of Oshkosh / Town of Nekimi Boundary Agreement

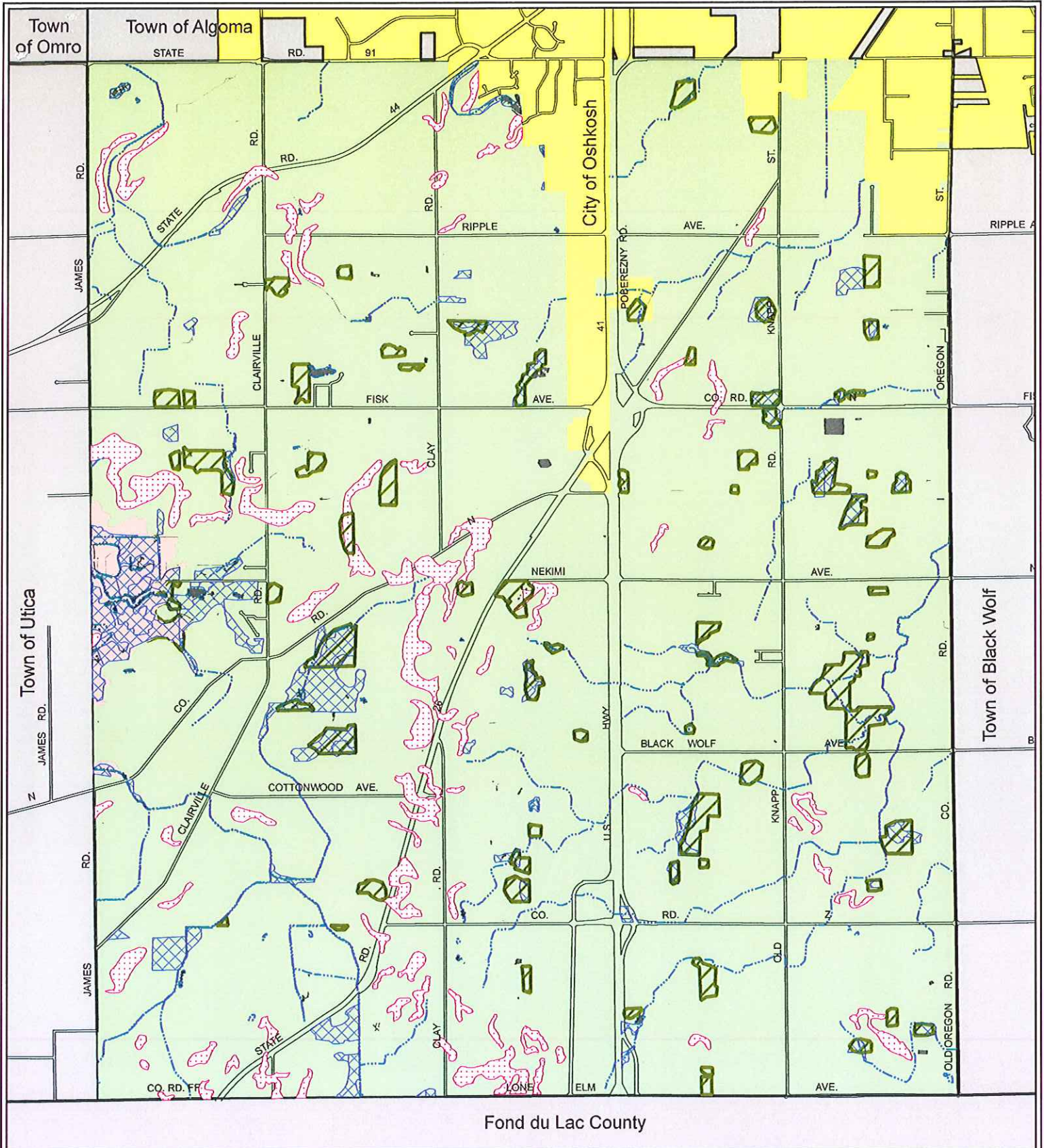
Right-of-Way to be Attached to City

Sources: City of Oshkosh GIS, Winnebago County WINGS Project






**Exhibit L**

**Environmentally Sensitive Lands**



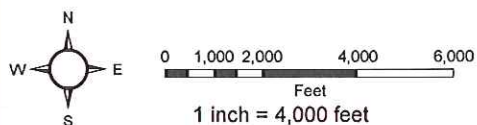


Fond du Lac County

-  Approximate Floodplain
-  Open Water, Navigable Stream
-  Woodland Areas
-  Slopes >6%
-  Wetlands

# EXHIBIT L

## Environmentally Sensitive Lands\* City of Oshkosh / Town of Nekimi Cooperative Plan



\*Sensitive Areas include wetlands, open water, navigable streams, floodplains and steep slopes. Natural areas, parks and open spaces and stormwater drainage corridors are not present or depicted on the map.



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February 9, 2012

Erich Schmidtke  
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Re: Cooperative Plan between City of Oshkosh and Town of Nekimi.

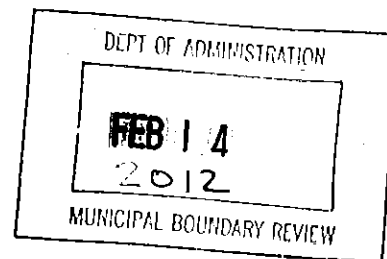
Dear Erich,

After many years of discussions, I am happy to send to you the Cooperative Plan between the City of Oshkosh and Town of Nekimi that will maintain good intergovernmental relations between the City and Town for the next 40 years and allow each community the ability to plan their futures accordingly. Enclosed is the Cooperative Plan and any relevant attachments.

Thanks and let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely

Darryn Burich  
Director of Planning Services



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**From:** Eric Fowle [mailto:EFowle@eastcentralrpc.org]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2011 11:33 AM  
**To:** Burich, Darryn  
**Cc:** Joe Huffman  
**Subject:** RE: Cooperative Plans

Darryn,

I and Joe Huffman scanned the agreements and did not find any of its content to be in direct conflict with EC programs or plans.

Actually, it appears that the growth area boundaries coincide very well with our existing SSA and Planning Area boundaries.

During our next update of the Oshkosh SSA Plan, we can consider some minor adjustments to the Planning Area Boundary so that it better conforms with the outcomes of the local agreements.

Once the agreements are approved, could you ensure that we get final copies of them (.pdf is fine) for our records?

Thanks and best of luck in getting this project off your list – it should certainly be beneficial to the City as well as your neighbors.

- Eric

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June 30, 2012

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**Re: City of Oshkosh -- Town of Nekimi, Winnebago County Cooperative Plan**

Dear Messrs. Burich and St. Peter,

On behalf of the Department of Administration, I am pleased to provide your communities with our approval of your Cooperative Plan.

Congratulations on your success in reaching agreement on prospective development, municipal boundaries and services in your communities. Your collaboration establishes a solid foundation for decades of future cooperation between your communities, as well as a useful example for other jurisdictions throughout Wisconsin.

Should you have any questions concerning our approval, or subsequent cooperative plan implementation issues, please do not hesitate to contact Erich Schmidtke at (608) 264-6102.

Sincerely,

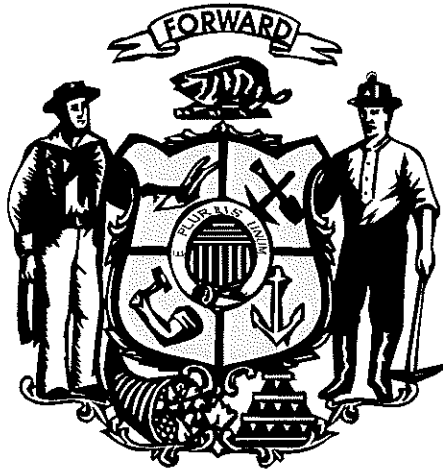
Ed Eberle, Administrator  
Division of Intergovernmental Relations

cc: Darryn Burich, Oshkosh Planning Director  
John St. Peter, Town of Nekimi attorney

(the following communities and jurisdictions may access the Department's approval and the Cooperative Plan document at [www.doa.state.wi.us/municipalboundaryreview/](http://www.doa.state.wi.us/municipalboundaryreview/).)

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Richard Zimman, Ripon School District  
Gary Hanson, Rosendale-Brandon School District  
Aason Sadoff, North Fond du Lac School District  
Richard Wells, University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh  
Jim Perry, University of Wisconsin – Fox Valley  
John Short, University of Wisconsin- Fond du Lac  
David Joyce, Ripon College

Steven Disalvo, Marian College  
Jill Beck, Lawrence University  
Yvonne Zobel, Town of Winneconne  
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Don Verbrick, Town of Neenah SD #2  
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Owen Russell, Butte Des Morts Consolidated SD #1  
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**WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

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**APPROVAL OF THE  
CITY OF OSHKOSH AND TOWN OF NEKIMI,  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY  
COOPERATIVE PLAN  
UNDER SECTION 66.0307, WISCONSIN STATUTES**

**June 30, 2012**

## Introduction

In accordance with s. 66.0307(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Department of Administration (Department) approves the cooperative plan between the City of Oshkosh and the Town of Nekimi.

On February 14, 2012, the Department received the *Cooperative Plan between the City of Oshkosh and Town of Nekimi* (hereinafter called the Cooperative Plan). The City and Town developed this Cooperative Plan for the following reasons:

- Establish a long-term boundary between the City and Town that is compact and logical. Current boundaries between the communities are irregular and fragmented, which creates service inefficiencies and challenges;
- Limit the City's extraterritorial authority within the Nekimi Protected Area;
- Assure coordinated and orderly growth and development at the periphery of the City and in Town areas further to the south;
- Protect Town owners from annexations;
- Facilitate attachment of lands in the City Expansion Area at the owners request, and provide land owners the ability to receive city services while remaining in the Town for a period of time;
- Avoid costly annexation disputes, which in the past have absorbed City and Town fiscal resources;
- Implement the *Intergovernmental Agreement*, entered into by the City and Town in 2007, and whose provisions are identical to this Cooperative Plan.

Growth in the City is constricted on its east by Lake Winnebago, and on the northwest and west due to a boundary agreement with the Town of Algoma. As a result, the City's primary growth corridor is to the south into the Town of Nekimi, as well as the Town of Black Wolf which has also developed a Cooperative Plan with the City that is currently being reviewed by the Department of Administration.

Nekimi consists primarily of agricultural and natural areas - fully 83% of the Town is devoted to these land uses. Farming operations are corporate farms, family farms, and rented cropland. Large portions of Town lands are considered to be prime agricultural lands. This Cooperative Plan protects this resource by providing for the City's expansion in a planned fashion.

## **Public Hearing, Resolutions, Referenda and other Procedural Matters**

Before a cooperative plan is submitted to the Department, a number of procedural steps must occur. These are:

- Joint initiating resolutions passed by each participating municipality authorizing its governing body to work to negotiate and develop the plan;
- A joint public hearing to receive comments from the public and other governmental bodies, and
- Resolutions adopted by each municipality resolutions to approve a final version of the cooperative plan and forward it to the Department for review.

The following procedural steps may occur:

- An advisory referendum; and
- A public hearing held by the Department.

No area residents requested that an advisory referendum on the Cooperative Plan be held, and no area residents requested that the Department hold a public hearing.

Authorizing resolutions were passed by the City of Oshkosh on May 24, 2011 and by the Town of Nekimi on May 11, 2011, and are provided as Exhibits G and H in the plan. As required by s. 66.0307(4)(a) Wis. Stats., these resolutions were distributed to neighboring municipalities, Winnebago County, East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, area school districts, universities, and vocational and technical colleges, sanitary and utility districts, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WDATCP), as well as to this Department.

The required joint public hearing was held on August 17, 2011. Appendix I of the plan contains a summary of the testimony gather from this hearing. Several residents questioned the need and location of a proposed West Side Arterial road, which is referenced in this Cooperative Plan. One resident questioned if the Cooperative Plan is in the best interest of the Town, and one resident voiced his strong support for it.

The City adopted a resolution approving the Cooperative Plan on January 10, 2012, and the Town adopted its approval resolution on December 19, 2011.

### **Approval Criteria Applicable to the Department**

A cooperative plan shall be approved by the Department if the Department determines that each of the review criteria in s. 66.0307(5)(c), Wis. Stats., is met. The following paragraphs describe how the Plan relates to these review criteria. It is important to understand that this approval document is not a complete restatement of the Plan. Those wanting to learn specific details, provisions, nuances, and conditions should look to the text of the Plan itself, which is available from the City of Oshkosh and Town of Nekimi and also at the Department of Administration's website at: <http://doa.wi.gov/municipalboundaryreview>.



*(1) The content of the plan under sub. S. 66.0307(3)(c) to (e) is sufficient to enable the Department to make the determinations under subs. 2 to 5m. s. 66.0307(5)(c)1, Wis. Stats.*

Information required by statute, and provided in a clear manner by the parties, includes the following fundamental details:

- Territory subject to the Plan – the territory subject to the Cooperative Plan is the entire Town.
- Transfer of certain territory – As previously mentioned, this Cooperative Plan will result in territory transfers between the two communities.
  - City Expansion Area – shown on the map in Exhibit B of the plan, this area is immediately adjacent to the City and will be developed as urban land uses, served with City services, and attaching to the City during the term of this Cooperative Plan. Attachment of lands within this area need not be contiguous to the City, and may also create Town islands. The Town agrees not to rezone lands within the City Expansion Area without the City’s consent, nor will it oppose City efforts to extend its services. Landowners within the area may develop their property subject to certain conditions, such as executing an attachment agreement with the City that requires attachment once the parcel becomes contiguous to the City.
  - Nekimi Protected Area – shown on the map in Exhibit B of the plan, and located immediately south of the City Expansion Area, the City agrees not to annex or attach lands from this area during the term of the Cooperative Plan. Landowners within this area may develop their property without sewer and other urban services so long as the development is consistent with the Town’s comprehensive plan. The City further agrees not to adopt or exercise extraterritorial zoning, official mapping, and plat approval jurisdiction in the Nekimi Protected Area. The Town is better able to plan for this area’s future, knowing that it will remain in the Town.
  - Rural Preservation Area – shown on the map in Exhibit B of the plan, and located immediately south of the City Expansion Area and east of the Nekimi Protected Area, both the City and Town anticipate that this area will remain primarily rural. However, property owners may still attach to the City if they desire, and receive City services. Attachment need not be contiguous to the City, and may also create Town islands. If functional town islands are created, they will be subject to ‘Functional Town Island Attachments’ process described below. Property owners within the Rural Preservation Area may also develop without attaching, subject to certain conditions.

The Cooperative Plan provides for several different mechanisms for attaching territory:

- 1) Voluntary Attachment – the property owner files a written petition for attachment with the City, the City provides 10 days advance written notice to the Town, and then adopts an attachment ordinance by majority vote of the City Council;

- 2) Functional Town Island Attachment – upon a determination from City planning staff that an area has become a Functional Town Island, and a resolution from the City Council approving of that finding, the City may adopt an attachment ordinance by majority vote. However, the effective date of the attachment is delayed for 5 years following this approval. In order to avoid confusion, the City Clerk is instructed to NOT file and record the attachment ordinance with the County Register of Deeds, Wisconsin Secretary of State’s Office, or other jurisdictions until after the effective date, which again is 5 years from the date of the attachment ordinance is passed. The property owner must connect to the City’s sewer system within one year after this effective date.
  
  - 3) Town Section Attachment – Upon a determination from City planning staff that a Town section has achieved 70% or more of City incorporation, and a resolution from the City Council approving that finding, the City may adopt an attachment ordinance by majority vote. As with Functional Town Island Attachments, the effective date of Town Section Attachments is also delayed for 5 years following the approval. Again, in order to avoid confusing misconception that the territory has already been transferred into the City, the City clerk is clearly instructed to NOT file and record the attachment ordinance until after the effective date. Also as with Functional Town Island Attachments, property owners coming into the City under Town Section Attachments have 1-year within which they must to connect to City sewer service.
  
  - 4) Immediate Attachment of Right-of-way – effective on the January 1<sup>st</sup> following approval of the Cooperative Plan by the Department of Administration, the road right-of-way shown on Exhibit K of the plan will transfer to the City.
- 2007 Intergovernmental Agreement – this Cooperative Plan implements the s. 66.0301 general agreement, entered into by the City and Town in 2007, and whose provisions are consistent to this Cooperative Plan.
  
  - Cooperate with future road planning – Winnebago County is studying a new west side arterial around the City, and the City and Town agree to coordinate on this project.
  
  - Highway 41 Corridor Overlay District – this Cooperative Plan implements the City’s overlay district for this important gateway entrance into the City. Town property owners within this district may be permitted to develop their property in commercial and industrial land uses subject to specified conditions.
  
  - Services – As mentioned, this Cooperative Plan enables Town residents to receive sewer and water services without attaching to the City for a period of time.
  
  - Term – this Cooperative Plan commences upon the date of its approval by the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and terminates 40 years later at 11:59 pm.

The above information, along with other information included in the Cooperative Plan, provides sufficient detail to enable the Department to find that the standards in s. 66.0307(3)(c)1. Wis. Stats. have been met.

**(2) *Is the cooperative plan consistent with each participating municipality's comprehensive plan and with current state laws, municipal ordinances and rules that apply to the territory affected by the plan? s. 66.0307(5)(c)2 Wis. Stats.***

According to the City and Town, this Cooperative Plan is consistent with both communities' comprehensive plans and the various goals, objectives, and policies regarding future land use, transportation, community facilities, agriculture, intergovernmental cooperation, among other things, that are contained in those comprehensive plans.

Specific areas of consistency include:

- Both the City and Town's *Intergovernmental Cooperation* element of their comprehensive plans identifies the need to establish boundary/intergovernmental agreements with each other, as does the Town's *Land Use and Implementation* elements. Adopting this Cooperative Plan meets this need.
- The City's *Housing* element identifies a need for additional acreage for future housing needs, especially considering that the fact that household sizes are shrinking which means that a greater number of housing units will be needed. This Cooperative Plan's designated City Expansion Area will provide the City ample acreage in which to provide future housing units. The Rural Preservation Area also represents potential additional acreage.
- Implements the Town's *Housing* element, which refers to a Town subdivision ordinance overlay zone for urban residential development located adjacent to the City. This Cooperative Plan will facilitate this type of urban residential development where the Town and City's boundaries meet.
- The City's *Land Use* element identifies a need for additional acreage for future residential, commercial, and industrial land use needs. The City Expansion Area and Rural Preservation Areas will provide the City ample acreage in which to provide for these future land use needs.
- The City's *Land Use and Agricultural, Natural & Cultural Resources* elements recommend that agricultural land remain in town jurisdiction and be preserved until the demand for development necessitates annexation or attachment to the City. This Cooperative Plan facilitates the City's goal of avoiding premature development of agricultural lands via its plan, mechanisms, and schedule for transferring territory into the City.

The City's *Land Use* element provides both 10-year and 20-year future land use maps, and both of these maps recommend exactly what this Cooperative Plan is proposing: future urban development and City expansion into those lands constituting the City Expansion Area and also preservation of agricultural land uses in those lands constituting the Nekimi Protection Area and Rural Preservation Area. Meanwhile, the

Town's *Land Use* element also provides for the same land uses as will be implemented by this Cooperative Plan.

- This Cooperative Plan helps implement the City's US Highway 41 Corridor Overlay District, which is identified and recommended in both the City's *Land Use* and *Economic Development* elements.
- The Town's Comprehensive plan lists annexation from the City of Oshkosh, and poor intergovernmental cooperation with the City, as threats to the Town in its *Issues & Opportunities* element. This Cooperative Plan resolves these problems.

The City and Town believe that the Cooperative Plan is compliant with all federal, state, and local regulations, statutes, and ordinances. Also, the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECRPC) indicates its strong support for the Cooperative Plan, finding that it is consistent with all ECWRPC programs and plans, and the plan also coincides well with current Sewer Service Area boundaries and plans.

It is significant to note that none of the other communities or jurisdictional entities that were provided notice of this Cooperative Plan has voiced any comments or issues of concern.

For the foregoing reasons, the Department finds that the Cooperative Plan is consistent with each community's comprehensive plan and with all current state laws, municipal regulations and administrative rules and that the standard in s. 66.0307(5)(c)(2) Wis. Stats. is therefore met.

**(3) *Adequate provision is made in the cooperative plan for delivery of necessary municipal services to the territory covered by the plan. s. 66.0307(5)(c)(3), Wis. Stats.***

Service provision is a key component of this Cooperative Plan because this plan enables Town property owners to acquire City sewer and water while still remaining in the Town for a period of time. Specifically, Town property owners within the City Expansion Area and the Rural Preservation Area may petition for attachment to the City and receive sewer and water service and some other City services immediately, while not actually becoming part of the City or paying City taxes for a period of up to 5-years.

In the Nekimi Protected Area, residents will continue to receive Town services as usual, such as fire and EMS services from the Nekimi Volunteer Fire Department, and police protection from the Winnebago County Sheriff. Residents will continue to utilize individual onsite sanitary sewer systems and individual wells. Stormwater will continue to be managed via grassy ditches and swales rather than with curb and gutter as in the City.

This Cooperative Plan will eventually improve the ability of the City and Town to serve residents in the area because it will lead to more compact and rational municipal boundaries, and a predictable schedule for future service provision. For all of the foregoing reasons, the Department finds that adequate provision has been made for the delivery of necessary municipal services to the agreement territory, and that the standard in s. 66.0307(5)(c)3, Wis. Stats., is met.

*(4) The shape of any boundary maintained or any boundary change under the cooperative plan is not the result of arbitrariness and reflects due consideration for compactness of area. Considerations relevant to the criteria under this subdivision include quantity of land affected by the boundary maintenance or boundary change and compatibility of the proposed boundary maintenance or boundary change with natural terrain including general topography, major watersheds, soil conditions and such features as rivers, lakes and major bluffs. s. 66.0307(5)(c)(5), Wis. Stats.*

This Cooperative Plan establishes an orderly and predictable process for transferring certain designated territory from the Town to the City. The City Expansion Area and Rural Preservation Area provide areas for the City to gradually expand into, subject to certain conditions. The provisions regarding isolated road segments, functional town islands, and Town section attachments, will ultimately create a compact and uniform boundary between the City and Town and allow for efficient planning and staging of infrastructure and other service needs. Furthermore, via the Nekimi Protected Area, this Cooperative Plan will eventually result in a compact and viable area that will remain in the Town and that the Town can plan for with certainty.

Without this Cooperative Plan, residential development could still occur, however it would be sprawling, unplanned, and inefficient.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Department finds that this Cooperative Plan is compatible with the surrounding community, will result in compact municipal boundaries, and that the standard in s. 66.0307(5)(c)5, Wis. Stats., is met.

*(6) Any proposed planning period exceeding 10 years is consistent with the plan. s. 66.0307(c)6 Wis. Stats.*

The planning term for the Cooperative Plan commences upon Department of Administration approval and terminates at 11:59 p.m., 40 years after the date of this approval. The basis for the 40-year planning term is that the term represents the amount of time necessary to protect existing Town land owners from annexation against their will and for the city to fully assimilate the territory in the City Expansion Area and Rural Preservation Area in an orderly and cost effective manner.

Because of the scope of this Cooperative Plan, including the detailed service provisions, land transfers, and area protected from annexation, a term exceeding 10 years is appropriate. The Department therefore finds that the standard in s. 66.0307(5)(c)6, Wis. Stats., is met.

## Approval

This Cooperative Plan meets the statutory criteria of s. 66.0307, Wis. Stats. Pursuant to authority found in s. 66.0307(5), Wis. Stats., the Wisconsin Department of Administration hereby approves the City of Oshkosh and Town of Nekimi Cooperative Plan.

Henceforth, amendments or revisions to this Cooperative Plan can only occur with the approval of City of Oshkosh and Town of Nekimi, and with the concurrence of the Wisconsin Department of Administration or any successor agency granted the authority to administer the provisions of s. 66.0307(8), Wis. Stats. This Cooperative Plan is effective from today's date, and remains in effect pursuant to the language and terms contained therein.

Dated this 30 day of June, 2012, by the Wisconsin Department of Administration:



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Ed Eberle, Administrator  
Division of Intergovernmental Relations  
Wisconsin Department of Administration