

Request for Annexation Review

WI Dept. of Administration
Municipal Boundary Review
101 E. Wilson Street, 9th Floor
Madison WI 53703
608-264-6102 Fax: 608-264-6104

Wisconsin Department of Administration

Petitioner Information

Name: Lyon Evans, Jr.
Address: 4224 Meadowlark Lane
La Crosse WI 54601
Email: LDEvans@Viterbo.edu

Office use only:

RECEIVED

October 10, 2024

Municipal Boundary Review
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1. Town where property is located: Medary
2. Petitioned City or Village: La Crosse
3. County where property is located: La Crosse
4. Population of the territory to be annexed: 0
5. Area (in acres) of the territory to be annexed: .038%
6. Tax parcel number(s) of territory to be annexed
(if the territory is part or all of an existing parcel):
17-10407-200

Petitioners phone:

608-785-7049

Town clerk's phone:

608-781-2275

City/Village clerk's phone:

608-789-7510

Contact Information if different than petitioner:

Representative's Name and Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Surveyor or Engineering Firm's Name & Address:

Goulee Region Land Surveyors
917 S. 4th St. P.O. Box 1954
La Crosse WI 54601

Phone: 608-784-1614

E-mail:

Required Items to be provided with submission (to be completed by petitioner):

- Legal Description meeting the requirements of _____ [see attached annexation guide]
- Map meeting the requirements of _____ [see attached annexation guide]
- Signed Petition or Notice of Intent to Circulate is included
- Indicate Statutory annexation method used:
 - Unanimous per _____, or
 - OR
 - Direct by one-half approval per _____
- Check or money order covering review fee [see next page for fee calculation]

Annexation Review Fee Schedule

A Guide for Calculating the Fee Required by ss.16.53 (4) and 66.0217, Wis. Stats.

Required Fees

There is an initial filing fee and a variable review fee

\$ 200 **Initial Filing Fee** (required with the first submittal of all petitions)
\$200 – 2 acres or less
\$350 – 2.01 acres or more

\$ 200 **Review Fee** (required with all annexation submittals except those that consist ONLY of road right-of-way)
\$200 – 2 acres or less
\$600 – 2.01 to 10 acres
\$800 – 10.01 to 50 acres
\$1,000 – 50.01 to 100 acres
\$1,400 – 100.01 to 200 acres
\$2,000 – 200.01 to 500 acres
\$4,000 – Over 500 acres

\$ 400 **TOTAL FEE DUE** (Add the Filing Fee to the Review Fee)

Attach check or money order here, payable to: **Department of Administration**

**THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT PROCESS
AN ANNEXATION PETITION THAT IS NOT ACCOMPANIED
BY THE REQUIRED FEE.**

**THE DEPARTMENT'S 20-DAY STATUTORY REVIEW PERIOD
COMMENCES UPON RECEIPT OF THE PETITION AND REVIEW FEE**

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Date fee received: 10-10-24

Payee: LYON EVANS JR

Check Number: 247
Check Date: 8-30-24
Amount: \$400

ANNEXATION SUBMITTAL GUIDE

THE PETITION

- State the purpose of the petition: -Direct annexation by unanimous approval; OR
-Direct annexation by one-half approval; OR
-Annexation by referendum.
- Petition must be signed by: The
-All owners and electors, if by unanimous approval.
-See _____, if by one-half approval.
-See _____, if by referendum.
- State the population of the land to be annexed. 0

[It is beneficial to include Parcel ID or Tax numbers, the parcel area, and identify the annexee (Town) and annexor (Village or City) in the petition.]

THE DESCRIPTION

The annexation petition must include a legal description of the land to be annexed. The land must be described by reference to the government lot, private claim, quarter-section, section, town and range in which the land lies. The land must be further described by metes and bounds commencing from a monumented corner of the section or quarter-section, or the monumented end of a private claim or federal reservation, in which the land lies; OR

If the land is wholly and entirely within a lot or lots, or all of a block or blocks of a recorded subdivision plat or certified survey map, it must be described by reference to the lot (s) and/or block (s) therein, along with the name of the plat or the number, volume, page, and County of the certified survey map.

The land may NOT be described by: -Aliquot part;
-Reference to any other document (plat of survey, deed, etc.);
-Exception or Inclusion;
-Parcel ID or tax number.

THE MAP

The map shall be an **accurate reflection** of the legal description of the parcel being annexed. As such, it must show:
-A tie line from the parcel to the monumented corner of the section or quarter-section, or the monumented end of a private claim or federal reservation, in which the parcel lies. The corner and monument must be identified.
-Bearings and distances along all parcel boundaries as described.
-All adjoining as referenced in the description.

The map must include a **graphic scale**.

The map must show and identify the existing municipal boundary, in relation to the parcel being annexed.

[It is beneficial to include a North arrow, and identify adjacent streets and parcels on the map.]

FILING

The petition must be filed with the Clerk of the annexing City or Village and with the Clerk of the Town in which the land is located.

If the annexation is by one-half approval, or by referendum, the petitioner must post notice of the proposed annexation as required by _____.

If the lands being annexed are within a County of 50,000 or greater population, the petition must also be filed with the Department of Administration for review

[Note that no municipality within a County of 50,000 or greater population may enact an annexation ordinance prior to receiving a review determination from the Department of Administration.]



LEGAL DEPARTMENT

City of La Crosse, Sixth Floor City Hall
400 La Crosse Street, La Crosse, WI 54601
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September 24, 2024

Wisconsin Department of Administration
Municipal Boundary Review
101 E Wilson St - 9th Fl
Madison, WI 53703


RE: Petition for Direct Annexation by Unanimous Approval pursuant to Sec.
66.0217(2), Wis. Stats. of land from the Town of Medary to the City of La
Crosse (land adjacent to 4224 Meadowlark Lane - Evans)

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed herewith for filing you will find a copy of a Petition for Direct Annexation from the Town of Medary to the City of La Crosse property located adjacent to 4224 Meadowlark Lane, along with the Review form and a check in the amount of \$400 payable to the Department of Administration for the review fee and acreage fee.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

- Very truly yours,

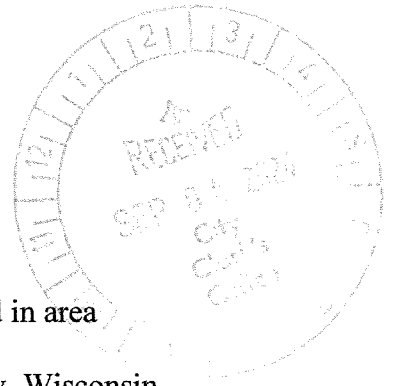

Stephen F. Matty
City Attorney

SFM:blb

Enclosures

CC: Lyon Evans, Jr.
Nikki Elsen - City Clerk
Diane Elsen - Town Clerk

PETITION FOR DIRECT ANNEXATION
BY ONE-HALF APPROVAL
PURSUANT TO SEC. 66.0217(3)(a), WIS. STATS.



We, the undersigned, constituting the owners of one-half of the land in area within the following territory of the Town of Medary La Crosse County, Wisconsin, lying contiguous to the City of La Crosse, and in which no electors reside, petition the Common Council of the City of La Crosse to annex the territory described below and shown on the attached scale map to the City of La Crosse, La Crosse County, Wisconsin.

Legal description of the territory annexed is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

We state the said territory has a population of 0.

We, the undersigned, elect that this annexation shall take effect to the full extent consistent with outstanding priorities of other annexation, incorporation or consolidation proceedings, if any.

Signature of Petitioner Date of Signing Owner

Lyon Evans, Jr. 8-30-24 Lyon Evans, Jr.

Address or Description of Property:

4224 Meadowlark Lane
La Crosse WI 54601

Addendum A

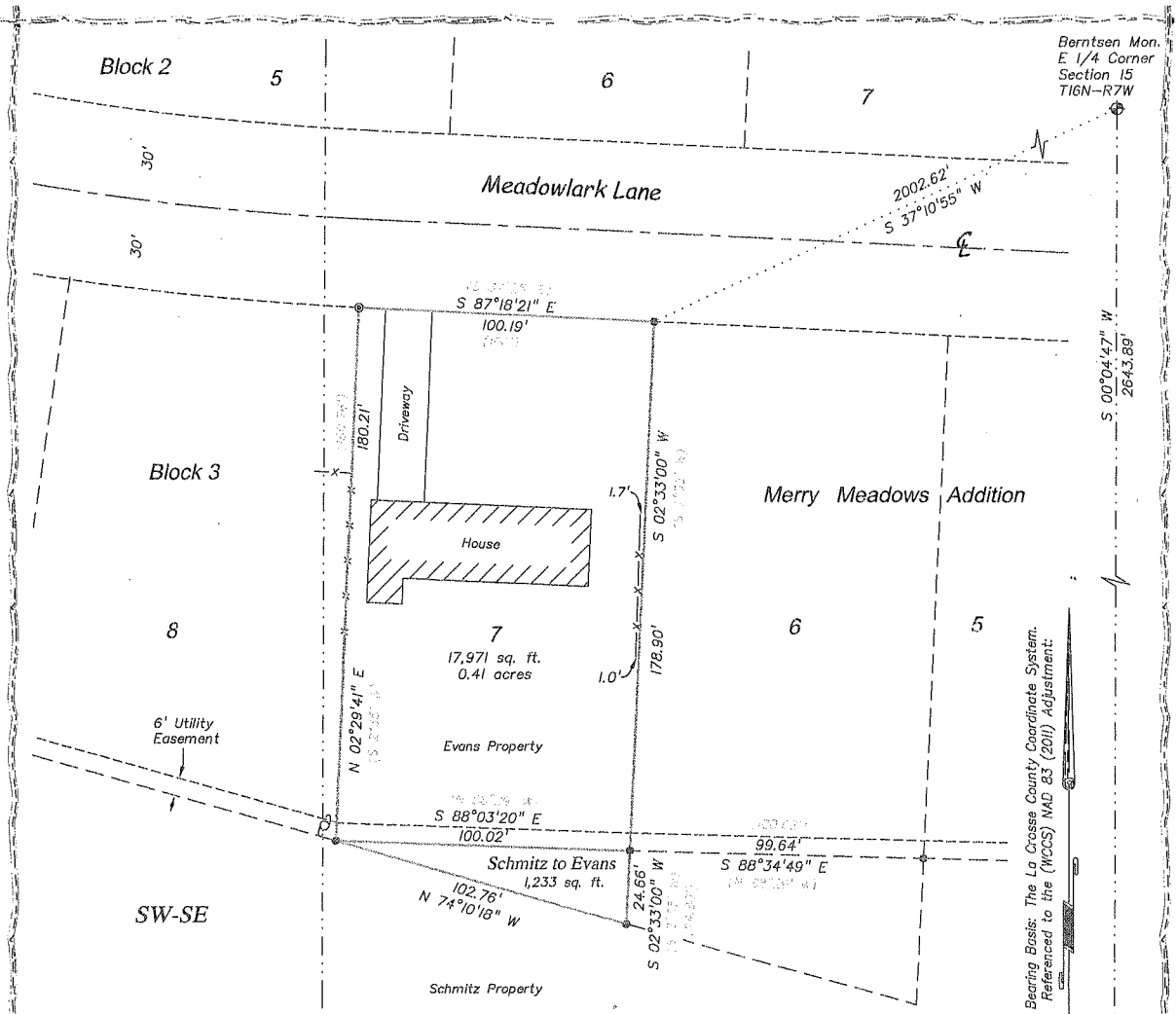
Schmitz to Evans

Part of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Section 15, T16N-R7W, Town of Medary, La Crosse County, Wisconsin described as follows:

Commencing at the East 1/4 corner Section 15, thence S 37°10'55" W 2002.62 feet to the northeast corner of Lot 7, Block 3, Merry Meadows Addition, thence S 02°33'00" W 178.90 feet to the southeast corner of said Lot 7 and the point of beginning of this description:

*thence, along the southerly extension of the East line of said Lot 7, S 02°33'00" W 24.66 feet;
thence N 74°10'18" W 102.76 feet to the southwest corner of said Lot 7;
thence S 88°03'20" E 100.02 feet to the point of beginning of this description.*

Subject to any easements, covenants, and restrictions of record.



Berntsen Mon.
E 1/4 Corner
Section 15
T16N-R7W

Lunde Mon.
SE Corner
Section 15
T16N-R7W

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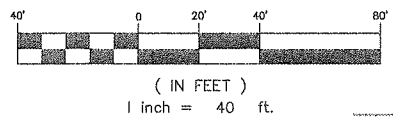


SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

I, Christopher W. Fechner, Professional Land Surveyor, hereby certify that the survey shown and represented above is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge and belief and that there are no visible encroachments other than those shown.

Christopher W. Fechner PLS 2448

Graphic Scale



LEGEND

- = Found 1" Iron Pipe (unless stated otherwise)
- = Set 3/4" x 20" Rebar (150 lb./lin. ft.)
- () = Recorded dimensions
- ⊙ = Found 3/4" Iron Bar
- ⊕ = Found County marker
- = Boundary of this survey
- — — = Centerline
- x — = Fence line
- ⊙ = Utility Pole

**SURVEY FOR
Lyon Evans Jr.**

All of Lot 7, Block 3, Merry Meadows Addition;
Also part of SE 1/4 - SE 1/4, Section 15, T16N-R7W;
Town of Medary, La Crosse County, WI
4224 Meadowlark Lane

DRAWN BY:	DATE:
CF TS	7/14/2024
REVISED BY:	DATE:
SCALE:	1" = 40'
PROJECT NO.:	FIELD CREW:
S-4831A	RC BW

SHEET 1 OF 1

**CR Coulee Region
LS Land Surveyors**

917 SOUTH 4TH STREET - P.O. BOX 1954
LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN 54601
PHONE (608) 784-1614 FAX (608) 784-1408
www.couleeregionlandsurveyors.com

10. Is the city/village or town capable of providing needed utility services?

City/Village Yes No Town Yes No

N/A

If yes, approximate timetable for providing service:

Sanitary Sewers immediately
or, write in number of years.

City/Village Town

____ ____

Water Supply immediately
or, write in number of years.

____ ____

No utilities will be added to annexed property

Will provision of sanitary sewers and/or water supply to the territory proposed for annexation require capital expenditures (i.e. treatment plant expansion, new lift stations, interceptor sewers, wells, water storage facilities)?

Yes No

If yes, identify the nature of the anticipated improvements and their probable costs: _____

11. Planning & Zoning:

a. Do you have a comprehensive plan for the City/Village/Town? Yes No

Is this annexation consistent with your comprehensive plan? Yes No

b. How is the annexation territory now zoned? Probably "undeveloped" (not sure)

c. How will the land be zoned and used if annexed? "Residential"

12. Elections: New ward or Existing ward? Will the annexation create a new ward or join an existing ward? For more information, please contact the Wisconsin Election Commission at (608) 266-8005, elections@wi.gov or see their annexation checklist here: <http://elections.wi.gov/forms/el-100>

13. Other relevant information and comments bearing upon the public interest in the annexation:

See letter to Erich Schmidtke (dated 10/21/24); attached

Prepared by: Town City Village

Name: Lyon Evans, Jr.

Email: LDEvans@Viterbo.edu

Phone: 608-785-7049

Date: Oct 21, 2024

Please RETURN PROMPTLY to:

wimunicipalboundaryreview@wi.gov

Municipal Boundary Review

PO Box 1645, Madison WI 53701

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(March 2018)

Annexation Review Questionnaire

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Petitioner: Evans, Lyon Jr

Petition Number: 14709

1. Territory to be annexed: From TOWN OF MEDARY

To CITY OF LA CROSSE

2. Area (Acres): 0.028 acre (1233 square feet)

3. Pick one: Property Tax Payments

OR

Boundary Agreement

a. Annual town property tax on territory to be annexed:

\$ NOT KNOWN

a. Title of boundary agreement _____

b. Year adopted _____

b. Total that will be paid to Town

(annual tax multiplied by 5 years): NOT KNOWN

c. Participating jurisdictions _____

d. Statutory authority (pick one)

c. Paid by: Petitioner City Village

s.66.0307 s.66.0225 s.66.0301

Other: _____

4. Resident Population: Electors: one Total: one

5. Approximate **present land use** of territory:

Residential: 100 % Recreational: _____ % Commercial: _____ % Industrial: _____ %

Undeveloped: _____ %

6. If territory is undeveloped, what is the **anticipated use**?

Residential: _____ % Recreational: _____ % Commercial: _____ % Industrial: _____ %

Other: _____ %

Comments: _____

7. Has a preliminary or final plat been submitted to the Plan Commission: Yes No

Plat Name: Land Survey Map (dated 7/14/24) has been submitted

8. What is the **nature of land use** adjacent to this territory in the city or village?

"Residential"

In the town?: "Undeveloped"

9. What are the **basic service needs** that precipitated the request for annexation?

Sanitary sewer Water supply Storm sewers

Police/Fire protection EMS Zoning

Other NONE

10. Is the city/village or town capable of providing needed utility services?

City/Village Yes No Town Yes No

N/A

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(March 2018)

Oct. 21, 2024

Erich Schmidtke
Municipal Boundary Review
PO Box 1645
Madison WI 53701

Dear Mr. Schmidtke:

This letter is intended to explain the “backstory” and rationale behind my land annexation request. May I suggest that you have the Land Survey map for Parcel 7 on Meadowlark Lane, Merry Meadows Addition, in front of you as you read this.

I purchased my home, at 4224 Meadowlark Lane (Parcel 7 on the map), in May 2003. Parcel 7 adjoins undeveloped woodland, not owned by me, up the hill in my backyard. (The latter is labeled as “Schmitz property” on the Land Survey map.)

When I bought my home in 2003, I assumed my (southern) property line ended at the 100-foot-wide “woodline”—where my grassy lawn ends and the woods begin. When I had a land survey done prior to installing privacy fences on the east and wide sides of my home, however, I learned, to my surprise and dismay, that my southern property line was the Xcel (formerly NSP) power line, specified as “6’ utility easement” on the Land Survey map.

Thus, a small, wedge-shaped parcel (“Schmitz to Evans” on the Land Survey map)—a grassy lawn, cleared of trees, mown by me (and, I assume, by previous owners of 4224 Meadowlark Lane)—was in fact owned by whoever owned the undeveloped land behind my house! Let me emphasize that while the larger tract was (and still is) “undeveloped” woodland, the small wedge-shaped parcel was *already* grassy, cleared of trees (by whom, and for what reason, I don’t know) in 2003.

(Note: Over the years, the wedge-shaped parcel has been partially “naturalized” as I allowed wild ferns to spread north from the woods, into the wedge area and onto my lawn. What has not been naturalized by the ferns, or planted with shrubs by previous owners of Parcel 7 and perennials by me, I continue to mow.)

In August of this year, I contacted the owner of the land behind my house, Glen P. Schmitz, and expressed interest in purchasing the wedge-shaped parcel. If I’m mowing it and tending it, I told Glen, I might as well own this small piece of land.

After stopping by my house and walking along the property line with me, Glen agreed to sell. The land sale was completed in August of this year. The 1233-square foot wedged-shaped parcel is now part of 4224 Meadowlark Lane, Parcel 7.

This newly acquired parcel, however, is part of the Town of Medary. As my property tax bill for this land acquisition will be taxed by Medary, each year I’ll receive two property tax bills—one from the City of La Crosse, the other from the Town of Medary.

I am petitioning to have this small parcel annexed into the City of La Crosse so I (and future owners of 4224 Meadowlark Lane) will receive *one* property tax bill annually, from the City of La Crosse.

If you have additional questions regarding my annexation request, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lyon Evans, Jr." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Cordially,".

Lyon Evans, Jr.
Enc. (Annexation Review Questionnaire)

Real Property Listers Annexation Review

<u>1. Territory to be Annexed:</u>	<u>From Town of:</u>	<u>To City/Village of:</u>
9-724-2 to 17-10407-200*	Town of Medary	City of La Crosse

2. Checklist: (Y) Yes; (N) No; (NA) Not applicable; (NC) Not checked

Location and Position

- Y** (1) Location description by government lot, recorded private claim, 1/4-1/4 section, section, township, range, and county.
- Y (2) Contiguous with existing village/city boundaries.
- N (3) Creates an island area in Township (*completely surrounded by town*)
- N (4) Creates an island area in City (*completely surrounded by town*)

Petition and Map Information

- Y (1) Identify owners of annexed land
- Y (2) Identify Parcel ID Numbers included in annexation
- NA (3) Identify parcel ID numbers being split by annexation
- Y (4) North Arrow
- Y (5) Graphic Scale
- Y (6) Streets and highways shown and identified
- Y (7) Legend
- Y*** (8) Total area/acreage of annexation

3. Other Relevant Information and Comments:

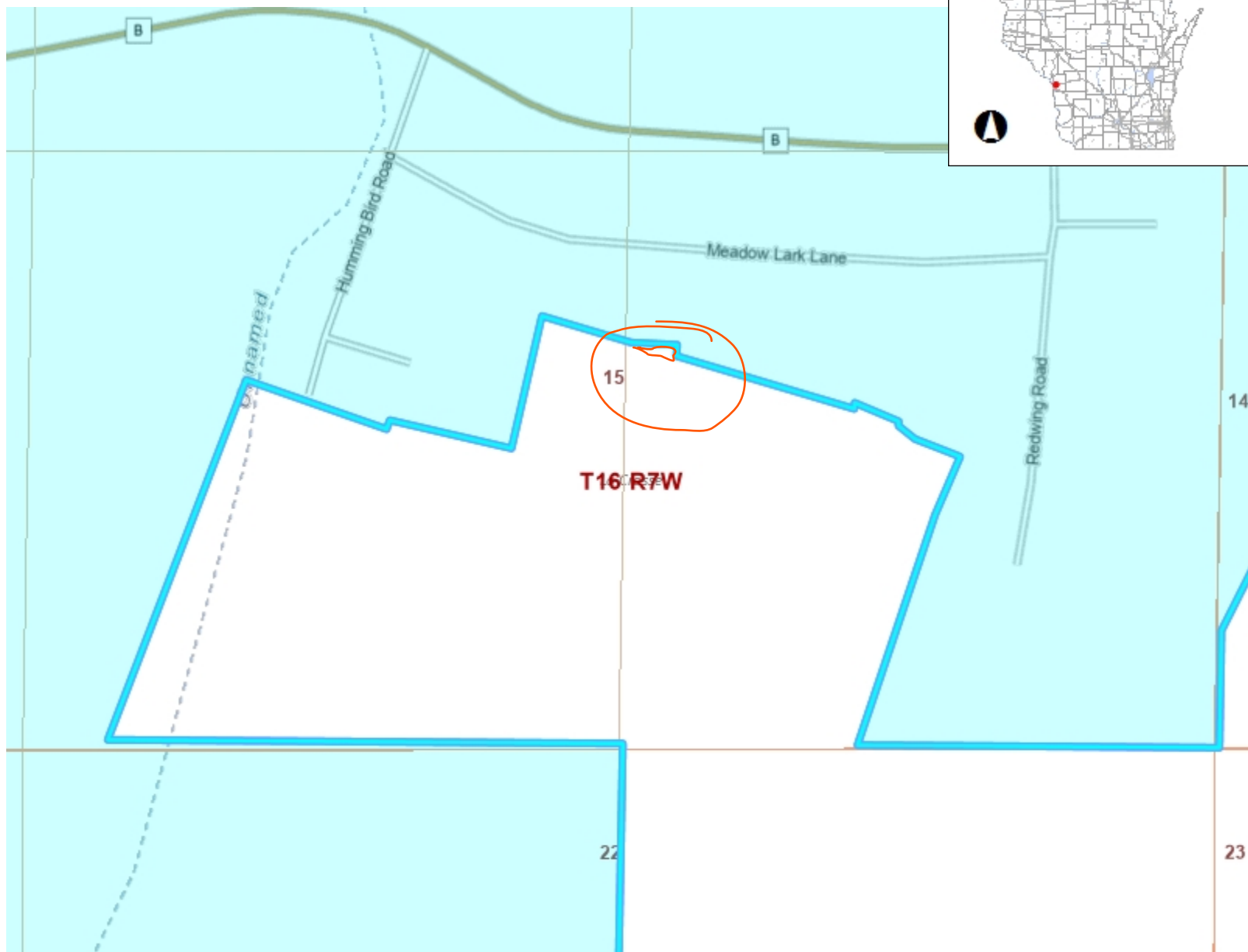
*Per WD in Doc No. 1823754 (G.P. & M. Schmitz to L. D. Evans Jr) -see notes on doc. Parcel numbers are 9-724-2 (to merge w/) 17-10407-200. **Description is given by metes & bounds from 1/4-1/4 S,T,R via survey from Coulee Region Land Surveyors. ***Total area measures 1233 sq ft. (~0.028ac).

<p>Prepared by: <u>Kyle Willoughby</u></p> <p>Title: <u>GIS & Real Property Spec.</u></p> <p>Phone: <u>(608) 785-9637</u></p> <p>Date: <u>October 16, 2024</u></p>	<p>Please RETURN PROMPTLY to:</p> <p>Municipal Boundary Review PO Box 1645 Madison WI 53701 (608) 264-6102 FAX (608) 264-6104 wimunicipalboundaryreview@wi.gov</p>
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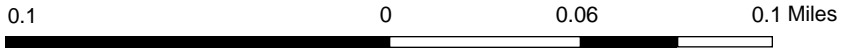
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Surface Water Data Viewer Map



- Legend**
- Township
 - Section
 - Quarter-Quarter
 - County Boundary
 - Cities, Towns & Villages
 - City
 - Village
 - Civil Town
 - Municipality
 - State Boundaries
 - County Boundaries
 - Major Roads**
 - Interstate Highway
 - State Highway
 - US Highway
 - County and Local Roads**
 - County HWY
 - Local Road
 - Railroads
 - Tribal Lands
 - Railroads
 - Rivers and Streams
 - Intermittent Streams
 - Lakes and Open water



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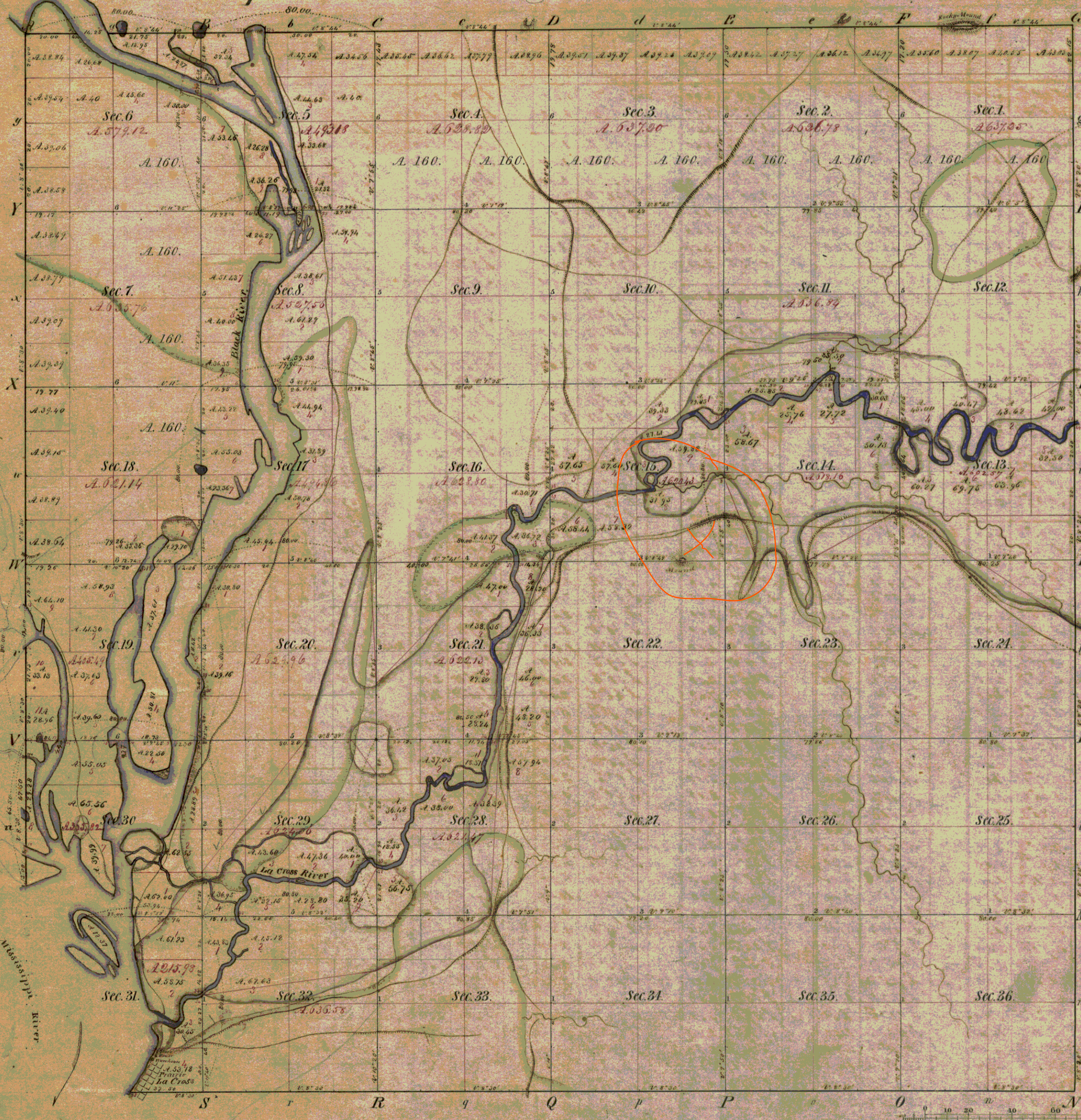
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Notes

Township N. 16 N, Range N. 7 West, 4th Mer.

File 139 A. L. Brown



Meanders of Black La Cross Mississippi river, & Slough Baynes Island								
Posts	Courses	Ch. Lk.	Posts	Courses	Ch. Lk.	Posts	Courses	Ch. Lk.
Black River, R. Bank down stream			1	S 22° N. 11.00			S 23° N. 7.00	
	S 62° E 2.00			S 21° E 2.50			S 17° E 5.00	
	S 59° E 9.50	9	S 15° E 12.25				S 17° E 4.00	
	S 72° E 18.00			S 15° E 4.50			S 19° E 3.00	
	S 67° E 7.00			S 15° E 6.50			S 21° E 5.00	
	S 65° E 8.00			S 16° N. 2.00			S 17° E 2.00	
	S 73° E 9.68			S 16° N. 6.50			S 17° E 2.50	
				S 16° N. 9.00			S 18° E 2.50	
				S 16° N. 3.00			S 18° E 3.00	
				S 16° N. 10.00	10	S 15° N. 8.42	S 28° E 13.50	
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				S 19° E 9.00			S 14° E 19.50	
				S 20° E 4.00			S 10° N. 14.00	
				S 27° E 5.50			S 26° N. 9.00	
				S 17° E 3.75			S 39° N. 6.50	
				S 5° E 2.50			S 19° E 5.50	
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				S 33° N. 2.00			S 27° E 18.00	
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				S 7° E 5.00			S 26° N. 6.50	
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				S 15° N. 3.15			S 25° N. 3.95	
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				S 15° N. 12.55				
				S 18° N. 3.50				
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				S 35° N. 10.00			S 15° E 5.50	
				S 17° N. 1.00			S 25° E 11.00	
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				S 33° E 2.50			S 27° E 2.00	
				S 19° E 5.50			S 15° N. 10.00	
				S 1° N. 8.00			S 25° E 2.50	
				S 8° N. 11.00			S 20° N. 3.75	
				S 32° N. 6.50			S 16° N. 4.00	
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				S 26° N. 9.50			S 20° E 3.50	
				S 55° N. 4.50			S 4° E 21.50	
				S 50° N. 11.00			S 10° N. 2.50	
				S 24° N. 14.10	14	S 45° E 1.70	S 45° E 1.70	
				S 30° N. 13.00			S 47° E 4.00	
				S 13° N. 3.50			S 10° N. 3.00	
				S 68° N. 4.00			S 40° N. 5.50	
				S 70° N. 2.50			S 64° E 3.00	
				S 2° E 4.50			S 85° E 8.50	
				S 0° E 8.50			S 68° E 30.50	
				S 08° N. 1.00				
				S 15° N. 7.50				

Total number of Acres. 11129.75

Surveys Designated	By Whom Surveyed	Date of Contract	Amount of Surveys	When Surveyed	When put for and ch'd in the Sur. Gen.'s office
Township lines	Urian Biggs	August 16 th 1845	M. Ch's Lks. 22 20 15	September 1845	
Subdivisions	A. L. Brown	October 7 th 1846	105 48 62	November 1846	

The above Map of Township N. 16 North of Range N. 7 West of the 4th Principal Meridian, Wisconsin Territory, is strictly conformable to the field notes of the survey thereof on file in this Office, which have been examined and approved.

Surveyor General's Office,
 Dubuque April 5th 1847

Lionel Jones Sur. Gen.



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October 31, 2024

PETITION FILE NO. 14709

NIKKI ELSER, CLERK
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LA CROSSE, WI 54601-3396

DIANE ELSER, CLERK
TOWN OF MEDARY
N3393 SMITH VALLEY RD
LA CROSSE, WI 54601-2988

Subject: EVANS ANNEXATION

The proposed annexation submitted to our office on October 10, 2024, has been reviewed and found to be in the public interest. In determining whether an annexation is in the public interest, s. 66.0217 (6), Wis. Stats. requires the Department to examine "[t]he shape of the proposed annexation and the homogeneity of the territory with the annexing village or city..." so as, to ensure the resulting boundaries are rational and compact. The statute also requires the Department to consider whether the annexing city or village can provide needed municipal services to the territory. The subject petition is for territory that is reasonably shaped and contiguous to the City of La Crosse, which is able to provide needed municipal services.

Note: The scale map of the territory to be annexed must clearly show and identify the existing City of La Crosse municipal boundary. (ref: s. 66.0217 (1) (g), Wis. Stats.).

The Department reminds clerks of annexing municipalities of the requirements of s. 66.0217 (9)(a), Wis. Stats., which states:

"The clerk of a city or village which has annexed shall file immediately with the secretary of administration a certified copy of the ordinance, certificate and plat, and shall send one copy to each company that provides any utility service in the area that is annexed. The clerk shall record the ordinance with the register of deeds and file a signed copy of the ordinance with the clerk of any affected school district..."

State and federal aids based on population and equalized value may be significantly affected through failure to file with the Department of Administration. Please file a copy of your annexing ordinance, including a statement certifying the population of the annexed territory. **Please include your MBR number 14709 with your ordinance.** Ordinance filing checklist available at <http://mds.wi.gov/>, click on "Help on How to Submit Municipal Records". Email scanned copy of required materials (color scan maps with color) to mds@wi.gov or mail to: Wisconsin Department of Administration, Municipal Boundary Review, PO Box 1645, Madison WI 53701-1645.

The petition file is available for viewing at: <http://mds.wi.gov/View/Petition?ID=2783>
Please call me at (608) 264-6102, should you have any questions concerning this annexation review.

Sincerely,

Erich Schmidtke, Municipal Boundary Review

cc: petitioner