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Mr. Andrew Struck
Ozaukee County
121 W. Main Street
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Cc: Dave Valentine, Town Chairman; Nancy Anderson, SEWRPC; Ed Beimborn, Park Committee Chair

Dear Andrew,

While reviewing the Land Use element of the multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan, we came across a paragraph that we as a Town do not entirely agree with. The specific sentence is on page five of the preliminary draft and reads, "Conflicts arise as towns allow or plan for residential development near city and village borders at densities that are not cost efficient for cities and villages to provide with urban services, at such time as the city or village might annex that part of the town."

This sentence gives the impression that the multi-jurisdictional plan, and those involved in crafting it, are advocating the annexation of town lands to incorporated municipalities in order to service residential properties with sewer and water. The Town disagrees with this notion and believes that land could stay within townships and develop at a density fitting to the applicable town while being efficiently and economically serviced by POWTS. Further, it is our belief that a township can work to accommodate a landowner and/or developer that would like to develop a parcel in a fashion denser than typically associated with township zoning. In the case of the Town of Cedarburg, the Town could consider a denser development under Transitional Residential or PUD zoning. The developments could be built on the land abutting the City, meet the density goals of the developer and property owner, yet remain in the Town and be serviced by combined POWTS.

We do not disagree with everything in this section of the plan. In fact, we could not agree more with the statement that a border agreement is a way to avoid these types of conflicts. It is our intention to continue to work with the City of Cedarburg to reach a border agreement.

The intent of this letter is to ask the County to consider rewriting the aforementioned paragraph containing the comment addressing density and annexation at town/village/city borders. The Town would be more than willing to assist in this effort. We are trying to ensure this multi-jurisdictional effort is completed in a manner that is befitting to all communities involved in the process. We believe this alteration fits that goal. Please contact me to inform me of your intentions in addressing this issue. I can be reached at 377-4509. Thank you.

Regards,

Jim Culotta
Town Administrator