

## ELEMENT VII – INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION

*A compilation of objectives, policies, goals, maps, and programs for joint planning and decision making with other jurisdictions, including school districts, drainage districts, and adjacent local governmental units, for siting and building public facilities and sharing public services. The element shall analyze the relationship of the local governmental unit to school districts, drainage districts, and adjacent local governmental units, and to the region, the state and other governmental units. The element shall consider, to the greatest extent possible, the maps and plans of any military base or installation, with at least 200 assigned military personnel or that contains at least 2,000 acres, with which the local governmental unit shares common territory. The element shall incorporate any plans or agreements to which the local governmental unit is a party under s. 66.0301, 66.0307 or 66.0309. The element shall identify existing or potential conflicts between the local governmental unit and other governmental units that are specified in this paragraph and describe processes to resolve such conflicts.*

### Introduction

Intergovernmental cooperation involves coordination, joint decision-making and planning with neighboring communities, agencies and regulatory authorities. The Village of Prentice does not exist in a vacuum, or on its own, but within a much broader regional framework of governmental units and jurisdictions. Decisions made by the Village of Prentice affect its neighbors, and vice versa. The Village of Prentice recognizes the importance of intergovernmental cooperation in reducing conflict, promoting efficiency and reducing costs.



Wisconsin’s comprehensive planning law requires that the Village of Prentice coordinate with the following governmental units and jurisdictions.

- ↯ Town of Prentice
- ↯ Town of Ogema
- ↯ Town of Hackett
- ↯ Price County
- ↯ Prentice School District
- ↯ Northwest Regional Planning Commission
- ↯ State of Wisconsin

#### Relationship to the Town of Prentice, Town of Hackett & Ogema

The Village of Prentice shares a common border with the towns of Hackett, Ogema and Prentice. The village has extraterritorial authority which extends 1 ½ miles beyond its municipal boundary, into the unincorporated towns. Under state law (Wis. Stat. § 62.23(7a)) the Village of Prentice may enact an extraterritorial zoning ordinance and map for adjoining unincorporated areas lying within its extraterritorial plat review area. The Village must follow a procedure that involves the adjoining town before enacting a permanent extraterritorial zoning ordinance. To date, the Village has not enacted an extraterritorial zoning ordinance and map.

Cities and villages have the power to annex lands within their extraterritorial boundaries (Wis. Stat. § 66.021). The power to extend municipal boundaries into adjacent unincorporated land allows a community to control development on its periphery, therefore, minimizing land use conflicts. The Village of Prentice has rarely exercised its annexation authority. The Village of Prentice maintains a good working relationship with all adjoining towns on land uses issues.

#### Relationship to Price County

The Village of Prentice is one of 22 governmental jurisdictions within Price County. The village is a co-participant with several Price County projects including a multi-jurisdictional all hazard mitigation planning project along with the planning and maintenance of County Highways A, C and X.

The village is responsible for administration and enforcement of its own ordinances, including zoning, subdivisions, and other land use regulations. Like Price County, the village levies taxes on property owners to pay for administration, public services, and infrastructure. The Price County Sheriff's Department is the primary provider of protection services within the Village of Prentice.

#### Relationship to the Prentice School District

The Village of Prentice lies within the Prentice School District. The village maintains a cooperative relationship with the district but does not directly participate in administration, facility siting, or improvement issues. Residents living within the school district pay property taxes which partially fund the district's operational expenses. A potential opportunity for improved intergovernmental cooperation between the village and district is to strengthen communication and information distribution.

#### Relationship to the Northwest Regional Planning Commission

Price County is one of 10 counties in northwestern Wisconsin which are members of the Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC), based in Spooner. Regional Planning Commissions are formed under Section 60.0309 of Wisconsin State Statutes to provide a range of services to local units of government within the RPC boundaries. RPC's provide planning assistance, assist local interests in responding to state and federal programs, serve as a coordinating agency for programs, and provide other technical and advisory assistance to local government. NWRPC, like all regional planning entities in Wisconsin, has authority to adopt advisory regional plans.

**Relationship to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources**

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) is responsible for implementing the laws of the state and applicable federal laws to ensure protection of the state’s natural resources. WDNR does have regulatory and enforcement authority within the Village of Prentice. The village maintains a cooperative working relationship with the WDNR – especially when it comes to laws and regulations concerning the wastewater treatment plant. It is important that the village be informed of any changes in WDNR rules, policy, management, or planning.

**Relationship to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation**

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is responsible for planning, building, and maintaining Wisconsin's network of state highways and interstate highway system. The Village of Prentice maintains a cooperative relationship with WisDOT regarding State Highway 13.

**Relationship to Other State Agencies**

The Safety and Buildings Division of the Department of Commerce administers and enforces state laws relating to building construction and safety and health. Plan review and site inspection is part of the division’s role in protecting the health and welfare of people in constructed environments. The Department of Revenue (DOR) has assessment responsibilities. The Village of Prentice has a cooperative relationship with these agencies.

**Inventory of Existing Plans and Agreements**

**Existing Plans**

Following completion of this planning process, the Village of Prentice will have a Chapter 66-compliant comprehensive plan in place. No comprehensive or land use plan was in place prior to this effort. The Village of Prentice may be affected by preexisting plans developed by Price County and the State of Wisconsin. These plans were reviewed during the comprehensive planning process to ensure consistency and avoid potential conflict.

**Table 6.1: Existing Plan Review, Village of Prentice**

State of Wisconsin	Author(s)
State Airport System Plan	WisDOT
Bicycle Transportation Plan	WisDOT
State Freight Plan	WisDOT
Connect 2050	WisDOT
Wisconsin Pedestrian Plan	WisDOT
Wisconsin Rail Plan	WisDOT
Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan	WDNR
State of Wisconsin Hazard Mitigation Plan	WEM
Wisconsin Historic Preservation Plan	WHS
Price County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan	County

Price County Hazard Mitigation Plan	County
Price County Outdoor Recreation Plan	County
Price County Land & Water Resource Management Plan	County
Northwest Wisconsin Regional Comprehensive Plan	NWRPC

### Potential Intergovernmental Agreements

There are several different types of agreements which the Village of Prentice already undertakes or may wish to consider in the future. It may be possible for the Village to **trade services** with adjoining municipalities. The Village of Prentice and one or more of adjoining jurisdictions could exchange snowplowing services for equipment, labor, or other services. The village could also seek to **rent equipment** from other municipalities, rather than buying equipment. Renting could potentially the village money and provides the renter community with income from otherwise idle equipment. The village could also **share municipal staff** to include contracted staff (i.e. engineering, planning, property assessment, etc.). The Village of Prentice could consider additional **consolidation of services** with adjoining municipalities.

Not an intergovernmental agreement, but similar are the **financial contributions** communities make to community or charitable organizations. Currently the Village of Prentice contributes yearly for.....

### Existing & Potential Conflicts

Land use conflicts may arise through sights, sounds, smells, or other activities on the landscape. This type of conflict is relatively common in cases where residential land use infringes upon areas of agricultural or industrial use. There are no known or potential conflicts with the Village of Prentice and any adjacent or overlapping governmental units currently.

### Land Use Conflicts

The potential for intergovernmental conflicts were evaluated during the examination of plans of adjacent and overlapping jurisdictions, relationships with adjacent communities, and as part of overall plan development. No major points of conflict have been identified; however, it is possible that conflict may arise in the future.

### Intergovernmental Cooperation

**GOAL: The Village of Prentice will maintain and enhance involvement with surrounding and overlapping jurisdictions.**

OBJECTIVE 1: Determine the efficiencies and cost savings that can be secured by coordinating services and facilities with the Town of Prentice.

OBJECTIVE 2: Work with Price County Tourism to promote the Prentice area.

OBJECTIVE 3: Encourage more public participation from community members and organizations.

ACTIONS:

- Continue to maintain an up-to-date website.
- Invite appropriate people to Village Board meetings quarterly to update each other on significant issues.
- Continue to promote and enhance mutual aid agreements that are already in place.
- Develop strategies where more intergovernmental cooperation can lead to cost savings.