

# Utilities and Community Facilities

## Major Findings

- ❑ The City of Sheboygan Falls provides a full range of services and utilities to its residents.
- ❑ The condition of streets and utilities has been upgraded over the years, and they are considered adequate.
- ❑ Some trails exist through parkland.
- ❑ The City has a grant to study and locate appropriate locations for bicycle and pedestrian trails.
- ❑ City residents are within a short distance of quality medical services and other higher educational opportunities.

## Recommendation

- ❑ In conjunction with the trail location study, the City should conduct a Community Facilities Needs Assessment that would justify an impact fee to assist in the cost of constructing trails or developing new parks.

## Goal and Objectives

### Goal

- ❑ To provide utilities and community facilities in the most economical and efficient way possible while maintaining a high quality of life for residents and the profitable operation of businesses.

### Objectives

1. **Sewer and Water Service:** Continue the City's contractual relationship with the City of Sheboygan that provides wholesale public water and sewage treatment service.
2. **Efficient public services:** Provide utilities and community facilities and services in a manner that will promote efficient and orderly growth, and make Sheboygan Falls a more attractive community in which to live, work, recreate, and visit.
3. **River Access:** Create new ways to access the Sheboygan River.
4. **Trail Development:** Take full advantage of a 2.7 million dollar grant to fund and address gaps in bike/pedestrian trails, encouragement of non-motorized transportation, and safe passage of students to their schools.
5. **Park Development:** Work with organizations to develop more parkland in the city.
6. **Expansion of Rochester Park:** Once site remediation has been completed, the City should negotiate with the owner of the Tecumseh property to add land to Rochester Park and construct a trail and pedestrian bridge to avoid the heavy traffic in the downtown area and the Monroe Street Bridge.

7. **Snow Removal:** Prioritize snow removal on critical roadways prior to morning peak traffic periods.
8. **North Side Utility Extension:** Capitalize on the extension of public water and sewer lines by encouraging growth on the city’s northwest side.
9. **Fire Department Services:** If sufficient volunteers become an issue, look at consolidation with adjoining volunteer fire departments.
10. **Sidewalks:** The City Council needs to develop and implement a city-wide sidewalk policy.
11. **Wind Turbines:** Amend the Subdivision Ordinance to require minimum standards for the location of Wind Energy Systems.

## Background Information

See Map 8, *Utilities and Community Facilities*

**Table 9  
City of Sheboygan Falls Utilities and Community Facilities**

Utility	Provider	Analysis
<b>Water</b>	Sheboygan Falls Utilities, with water supplied by contract with the City of Sheboygan	Sheboygan Falls has had a contract to purchase wholesale water from the City of Sheboygan Falls since the 1950s. This arrangement is anticipated to continue for many years. Over the planning period, system maintenance and improvements and increasing demand will likely cause rate hikes.
<b>Wastewater</b>	Sheboygan Falls Utilities, with a contract with the City of Sheboygan to accept affluent	Sheboygan Falls contracts to send sewage to the City of Sheboygan. This arrangement, established in 1975 when the regional plant was built, is anticipated to continue indefinitely.
Collection System	City of Sheboygan Falls	Sewage conduit system is maintained by the City of Sheboygan Falls.
Treatment Plant	Sheboygan Regional Treatment Plant in the City of Sheboygan	As demand grows, the Regional Treatment Plant will be upgraded.
<b>On-Site Stormwater</b>	City of Sheboygan Falls	The City requires all land development to provide on-site detention according to the City’s Stormwater Management Ordinance. In some cases, maintenance of detention ponds is left up to the property owner. In other cases it will be enforced by the City. Consistency of maintenance needs to be addressed.
<b>Regional Storm Sewer</b>	None at this time	On-site detention ponds are typically required if hard surface areas create runoff. Long term maintenance may require the City to dredge regional ponds and assess costs back to the property owner if maintenance does not address this.
<b>Waste Disposal</b>	Contracted service with Veolia ES Solid Waste Midwest, Inc.	Once every week. Equipment and staff will be adjusted as the community grows
<b>Recycling</b>	Contracted service with Veolia ES Solid Waste Midwest, Inc.	Once every week. Equipment and staff will be adjusted as the community grows
<b>Recycling Center</b>	City of Sheboygan Falls	“Single stream” recycling program.

<b>Landfill</b>	"Hickory Meadows" managed by Veolia, located in the Town of Chilton, Calumet County	Hickory Meadows opened in 1999, and is half way through a 15-year permit with the WDNR to operate a landfill. Veolia is studying the expansion of their facilities for a new 15-year permit on company-owned land that will meet refuse disposal needs through the planning period.
<b>Electricity</b>		
Generation	Alliant Energy	Capacity will be added as needed
Transmission	American Transmission Company	Capacity will be added as needed
Distribution	Sheboygan Falls Utilities	Capacity will be added as needed
<b>Natural Gas</b>	Wisconsin Public Service	Capacity will be added as needed
<b>Telecommunications</b>		
Land Line	A T & T , Charter, Excel.net, Powercom, Milwaukee PC	Telecommunication deregulation created strong competition
Wireless	U.S. Cellular, AT&T, Cellcom, Verizon	Telecommunication deregulation created strong competition
Internet	Charter, AT&T, Excel.net, Powercom, Milwaukee PC	Availability of high-speed Internet service is limited to a few areas.
Cable	Charter	Long term cable service is uncertain in sparsely populated areas. Satellite reception available to all.
Fiber Optics	None	NA
<b>Emergency Services</b>		
Police	Sheboygan Falls Police Department	14 full-time Sworn Officers and 1 part-time desk officer, 1 Sheboygan County canine unit, and 2 civilian support. Staff is adequate now. Future needs will depend on community growth.
Fire Department	Sheboygan Falls Fire Department	ISO rating is 4. Volunteer Fire Department and first responder unit that is administratively overseen by The Director of Public Safety/Police chief. Six vehicles, including two engines, first responder vehicle, a rehab unit, utility truck and ladder truck. The future of fire service, possibly consolidating with adjoining volunteer fire departments, may change over the planning period if sufficient volunteers are not available.
First Responder	City EMS Personnel	14 first responders that are also fire fighters
Ambulance	Orange Cross Ambulance Service <a href="http://www.orangecross.org/">http://www.orangecross.org/</a>	Located in the Sheboygan Falls Municipal Building. Ambulance service is anticipated to remain unchanged.
<b>Judicial Services</b>		
Courts	Sheboygan Falls Municipal Court	If issued a citation, cases are heard at the Sheboygan Falls Municipal Court, which is located at the City of Sheboygan Falls City Municipal Building
Jail	Sheboygan County	Situations involving incarceration are handled at the Sheboygan County Sheriffs Department. Correctional Facilities are located at several locations, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Sheboygan County Jail, located at the Sheboygan County Law Enforcement Building on North 6th Street in Sheboygan. This is a 40-bed facility primarily housing adult female inmates.</li> <li>• The Sheboygan County Detention Center, located on South 31st Street in Sheboygan. This is a 286-bed facility that houses adult male inmates.</li> <li>• The Juvenile Detention Center, located at the Sheboygan County Law Enforcement Building. This is a 27-bed facility that houses both male</li> </ul>

		and female juvenile inmates.
<b>Education</b>		
Public Schools	School District of Sheboygan Falls <a href="http://www.sheboyganfalls.k12.wi.us/">www.sheboyganfalls.k12.wi.us/</a>	Sheboygan Falls Elementary School enrollment is experiencing a slight increase, with long term projections being relatively stable enrollments. The District has three facilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sheboygan Falls Elementary School at 1 Alfred W. Miley Avenue. This school is relatively new (2000,) and seven classrooms were added in 2007.</li> <li>• Sheboygan Falls Middle School at 101 School Street. The oldest school, but substantial renovation was done in recent years.</li> <li>• Sheboygan Falls High School at 220 Amherst Avenue, a 40-year-old building that has also been renovated in recent years.</li> </ul> <p>School facilities in general should be adequate over the planning period unless substantial growth occurs. Four-year-old program may require more space.</p>
Private Schools	St. Mary School <a href="http://www.blessedtrinityparish.org/St%20Mary/stmaryschool.htm">http://www.blessedtrinityparish.org/St%20Mary/stmaryschool.htm</a>	Space in parochial schools should remain adequate in the future if private funding continues to be available.
Technical Colleges	Lakeshore Technical College located in the Village of Cleveland just north of the boundary between Sheboygan and Manitowoc Counties. <a href="http://gotoltc.edu/index.shtml">http://gotoltc.edu/index.shtml</a>	Offers 89 career programs, including associate degrees, technical diplomas, technical certificates, and apprenticeship programs. LTC also offers distance learning, customized training to business and industry, and continuing education opportunities. This school will be providing educational opportunities for years to come.
Colleges/ Universities	University of Wisconsin-Sheboygan 1 University Drive, City of Sheboygan <a href="http://www.sheboygan.uwc.edu/">http://www.sheboygan.uwc.edu/</a>  Lakeland College The primary campus is located at W3718 South Drive in the Town of Herman <a href="http://www.lakeland.edu">www.lakeland.edu</a>	A freshman and sophomore campus with the UW Colleges. Associate degree can be earned or credits transferred to a four-year school, or bachelor degree at UW-S through a collaborative degree program.  Fully accredited four-year liberal arts institution offering over thirty undergraduate degree majors
<b>Public Library</b>	Sheboygan Falls Memorial Library <a href="http://www.sheboyganfalls.lib.wi.us/sheboyganfalls.html">http://www.sheboyganfalls.lib.wi.us/sheboyganfalls.html</a>	Located at 330 Buffalo Street, the library was doubled in size in 2000. It should have adequate size to meet the needs of the residents during the planning period.
<b>Trails</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jaycees River Walk (6 ac)</li> <li>• Old Plank Road Trail</li> </ul>	<p>Scenic view of Sheboygan River</p> <p>Follows original Plank Road between Sheboygan and Fond du Lac, within STH 23 right of way (abutting the City limits, but not in the corporate limit line)</p> <p>The City will utilize a 2.7 million dollar grant to fund and develop a safer bicycle/pedestrian trail system and encourage non-motorized transportation.</p>
<b>Parks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rochester Park: 10 acres</li> <li>• River Park: 10 acres</li> <li>• Woodview Mini-Park: 0.5 acres</li> <li>• K-Meadows Park: 3.14 acres</li> <li>• Settlers Park: 2 acres</li> <li>• Shelly Dr. Mini-Park: .25 acres</li> </ul>	Park area totals 50 acres. A national park standard is 10 acres per every 1,000 people. Based on Sheboygan Falls population of 7,500 people, the City should have 75 acres of parkland. The City is showing the "Tecumseh site" along the Sheboygan River as a possible park site as well as approximately 70 acres of future parkland in new growth areas. Land

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Falls View Park: .68 acres</li> <li>West Wind Bluff Conservancy: 23.4 acres</li> </ul>	immediately adjacent to the Sheboygan River, presently in the Town of Sheboygan Falls but potentially in the City's growth pattern, is shown as a conservancy area.
<b>Golf Course</b>	The Bull at Pinehurst Farms	This 18-hole course features 7,338 yards for a par of 72. The course rating is 76.4 and it has a slope rating of 146 on bentgrass. Designed by Jack Nicklaus, the "Bull" opened in 2003
<b>Harbors</b>	Port of Milwaukee <a href="http://www.port.mil.wi.us/">http://www.port.mil.wi.us/</a>	The Port of Milwaukee is located in Southeastern Wisconsin on Lake Michigan. The St. Lawrence Seaway connects into the Great Lakes with a 4-1/2 day transit from Milwaukee to Montreal.
<b>City Municipal Building</b>	Sheboygan Falls City Municipal Building	Located at 375 Buffalo Street, the City Municipal Building contains offices for the Mayor, Judge/Court Clerk, City Clerk/Treasurer, and Assessor; Council Chambers/meeting rooms, Police Department, Fire Department, and Community Gymnasium/Auditorium. Community growth and the age of the structure may require the City to look at major renovation or rebuilding at another location. A study will need to be done in the next five years to determine options.
<b>Public Works</b>	Municipal Garage at 111 Hamman Drive	The municipal garage contains a large vehicle work/storage area and office for the public works staff. The City has a preventative maintenance program.
<b>Civic Clubs</b>	Boys & Girls Clubs of Sheboygan County  Sheboygan Falls American Legion Post 149  Sheboygan Falls Jaycees  Sheboygan Falls Kiwanis  Sheboygan Falls Lions  Sheboygan Falls Senior Center	Located at 107 Cedar Street and Teen Center at 318 Cedar Street  Meets at the Legion Building, 521 Madison Street  <a href="http://www.sheboyganfallsjaycees.com">www.sheboyganfallsjaycees.com</a>  Meets at 650 Forest Avenue
<b>Cemetery</b>	Sheboygan Falls Cemetery	This cemetery is located immediately east of the City Limits in the Village of Kohler. Fifteen of the cemetery's twenty acres are occupied. No expansion is being planned.
<b>Child Care and other family programs</b>	YMCA 305 Buffalo St, PO Box 111 Sheboygan Falls, 53085 Phone: 920-467-2464 <a href="http://www.sheboygancountyymca.org">http://www.sheboygancountyymca.org</a>	<b>Programs:</b> Health and Fitness, Family, Childcare, Community Development, Sports, Teens <b>Facilities:</b> Gym, fitness center, free weight room, aerobics/dance studio, youth gym, sauna/steam room, teen/youth center, general purpose room, child care/preschool room, drop-in babysitting room, computer room
<b>Community Assistance</b>	Meals On Wheels of Sheboygan County	For qualified residents, daily deliveries are made to certain Sheboygan Falls residents. Meals are day-specific and designed by a registered dietitian.
<b>Post Office</b>	Sheboygan Falls Post office	Located Downtown

<p><b>Health Care</b></p>	<p>St. Nicholas Hospital  <a href="http://www.stnicholashospital.org">www.stnicholashospital.org</a></p> <p>Aurora Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center  <a href="http://www.aurorahealthcare.org">www.aurorahealthcare.org</a></p>	<p>A 185 licensed bed Catholic hospital, located at 3100 Superior Avenue in Sheboygan. Specialties include cancer, cardiac, and diabetes care; emergency services; home health; maternity; medical/surgical services; orthopedics and sports medicine; pain management; rehabilitation; and renal dialysis.</p> <p>A 185 licensed bed facility at 2629 N. 7th Street in Sheboygan. Specialties include: pain management and rehabilitation center, obstetrics, pediatrics, orthopedics, surgical services, emergency services, rehabilitation medicine, cancer treatment, cardiac care, rehabilitation and catheterization through the K.W. Muth Heart Center, behavioral health and chemical dependency treatment, acupuncture, and massage therapy.</p>
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Source: City of Sheboygan Falls and Martenson & Eisele, Inc.