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Mary Desserea
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Re: Williamstown

Dear Ms. Desserea:

The city of Mayville objects to the proposed consolidation of The Village of Kekoskee and Town of Williamstown, and, by this letter, the reasons for that objection is set forth for your consideration.

The proposed consolidation does not meet the statutory requirements set for in Section 66.0307 in a number of respects, including the following.

First, as both the Town Board and Village Board are aware, the City of Mayville has expended millions of dollars during the past decade for the purpose of constructing a sanitary sewer treatment facility and water utility which can provide both sanitary sewer services and water service to the town properties as they annex to the City and are developed the following annexation. If the consolidation is approved, those areas currently located in the Town will not be eligible to obtain sanitary sewer or water service as an annexation to the City as a condition precedent to the extension to those services.

Although the cooperative plan notes that it is possible for a detachment of territory from the newly created Village, and the subsequent attachment of that territory to the City, that procedure will not adequately address these issues. Furthermore, the right to annex is a right belonging to the property owner when that right will be taken from the property owner if the proposed consolidation is approved.

Second, the proposed consolidation would adversely affect the City of Mayville in that the boundaries of the City will be forever fixed at the current boundary locations. It is often said that Towns are intended to be absorbed by adjoining or adjacent incorporated municipalities. The

legislature has established this process in order to provide for the orderly development of lands. By fixing the boundaries of the City of Mayville, the consolidation will result in the City of Mayville becoming an island, completely surrounded by the newly created Village. Furthermore, several isolated islands will also be created but should the consolidation be approved.

Third, the comprehensive plan which has been drafted does not adequately address the requirement that necessary municipal services be provided to a residence of the proposed Village of Williamstown. Although the City of Mayville does provide EMS services under an annual contract. In the absence of some agreement between the City and the Town of Williamstown/Village of Kekoskee which addresses the concerns outlined in this letter, the City cannot commit to an extension of those contracts if the Town and Village proceed with the consolidation or the terms of the proposed "cooperative plan." However, the City would commit to discuss the extension of the old municipal services, by separate contract, if the cooperative plan can be modified to address the concerns of the City. Those matters need to be addressed by a separate contract with the City of Mayville.

In summary, it is apparent that the effort to consolidate the Village of Kekoskee and Town of Williamstown is nothing more than an effort to forever freeze the boundaries between the City of Mayville and the Town of Williamstown. There are two possible solutions to this problem, the first being the dissolution of the Village of Kekoskee which would result in the Village becoming part of the Town of Williamstown.

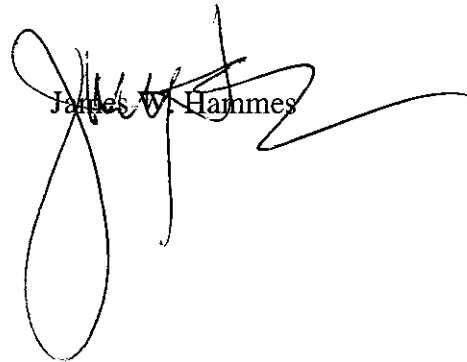
The second alternative would be to enter into a cooperative Boundary Agreement between the three municipalities that are directly affected and impacted by the proposed consolidation. Such a cooperative Agreement would establish the future boundaries of the City of Mayville, the area to be determined but to include but not be limited to those lands depicted on the 2030 future land use plan which appended to this letter. As a part of that Agreement, the parties would address the provision of fire, police, and EMS services, as well as the extension of sanitary sewer and water services within those areas that are to become a part of the City of Mayville.

By this letter, then, the City of Mayville requests that the Village of Kekoskee and Town of Williamstown agree to sit down and discuss a cooperative Agreement that would address these matters. The alternative, should there be a decision not to discuss these matters, will be a costly and long dispute that will be the subject of a Department of Administration proceeding, and following that determination become a Court review of any determination issued by the department.

Simply put, it is in the best interest of all parties to sit down and discuss the concerns of the City of Mayville outlined in this correspondence. Assuming both the Village of Kekoskee and Town of Williamstown concur with this request, we can schedule meetings to addressing these issues in the near future.

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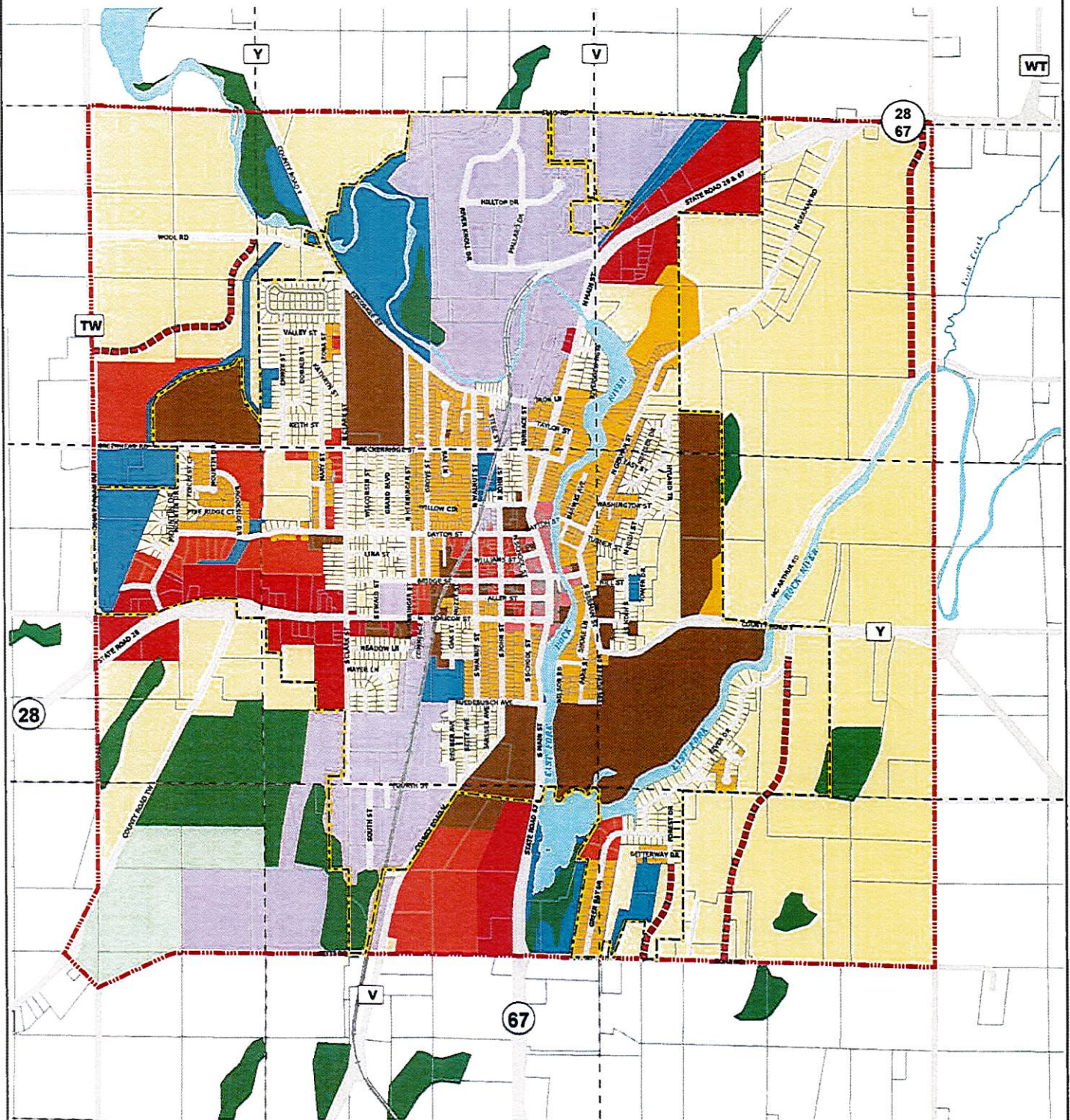
Very truly yours,


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Enclosure

cc: Matthew Parmentier, Esq.

Map 8-2, Year 2030 Future Land Use City of Mayville, Dodge County, Wisconsin



| Symbols | | Future Land Use | |
|---------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| | Town Boundary | | Single Family Residential |
| | City Boundary | | Two Family Residential |
| | Railroad | | Multi-Family Residential |
| | Section Line | | Central Business Commercial |
| | Tax Parcel Boundary | | General Commercial |
| | Extraterritorial Jurisdiction | | Industrial |
| | U.S. Highway | | Public & Quasi-Public |
| | State Highway | | Parks & Recreation |
| | County Highway | | Agricultural |
| | | | Conservancy |
| | | | Road & Railroad Right-of-Way |
| | | | Waterbody |
| | | | River and Stream |
| | | | Proposed Roads |

Dodge County
Planning and Development
Department

Dodge County, Wisconsin

City of Mayville, Town of Williamstown

Source: Dodge County Planning and Development Department, December 2005

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