

BECOMING
the
Village of Williamstown

“The Best Way to Predict the
Future is to Create It”

Tonight's Agenda

- * Introductions
 - * Town Officials
 - * Village Officials
 - * Town Counsel
 - * Town Planner/Consultant
- * Presentation on Cooperative Plan and other Details
- * Comments and clarifying questions should be saved until the end of the Presentation
- * Speaking protocol will be covered after presentation but you must register to speak

Reasons for Developing a Cooperative Plan to Expand the Village

- * No Village of Kekoskee residents would step forward to run for the Board and therefore the existing Kekoskee Board was considering dissolving the Village. Discussions between the Town and Village ensued.
- * Between 2015 and the present, both Boards met several times to explore various options.
- * Town and Village Leaders determined that the appropriate approach was to enter into a Cooperative Plan that would serve the purpose described under Wis. Stats. 66.0307(3)(b) - coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development.

Reasons for Developing a Cooperative Plan (cont.)

- * Wis. Stats 66.0307(2)(a-d) requires that a Cooperative Plan be organized around the “options” for future boundary changes. Specifically, how boundary changes will occur under the Cooperative Plan.
- * Current Village Board agreed to continue for as long as it takes to accomplish an orderly merger of the two entities into one village.

Result of the Cooperative Plan

* **Allows Boundary Change**

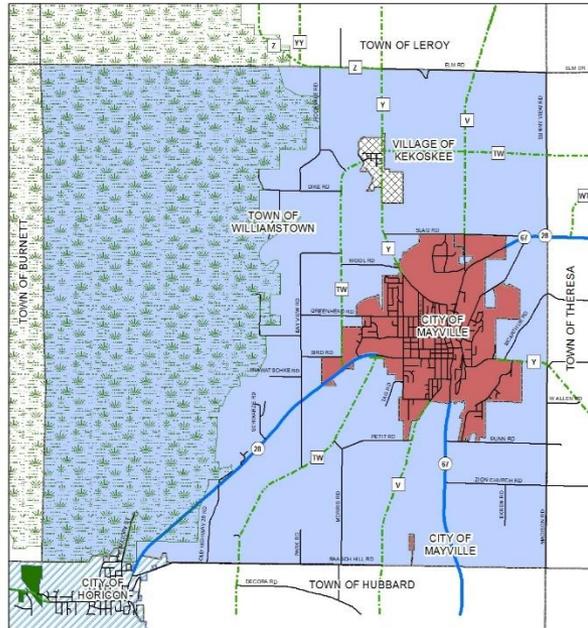


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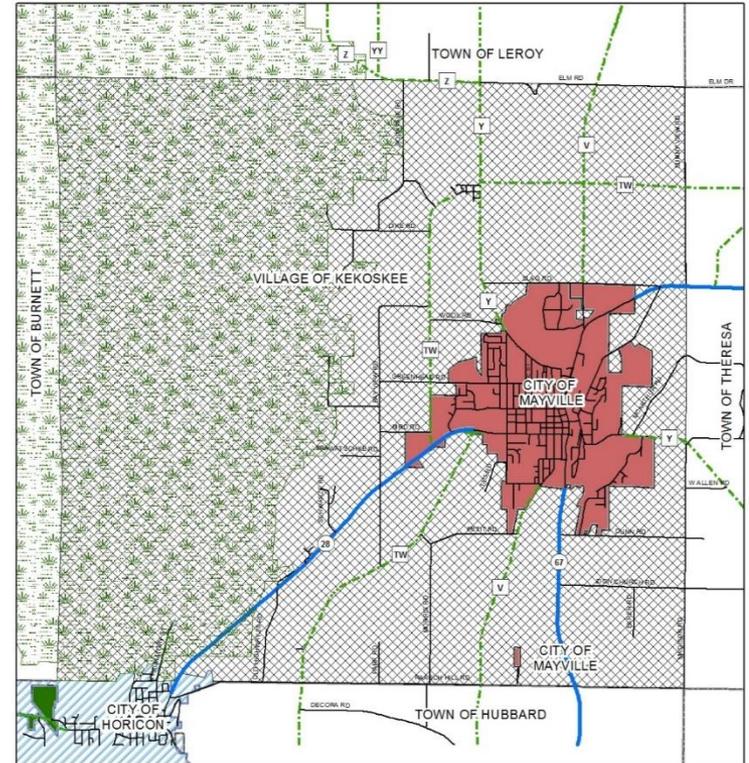


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What are the Advantages of becoming a Village?

- * By pursuing a Cooperative Plan under Wis. Stats 66.0307(2)(a-d), a larger area would become a Village which empowers the expanded local government (The Village of Williamstown) in representing it's residents. The Cooperative Plan engages a unique opportunity to achieve this result.
- * Cities and villages have more authority to govern themselves (Home rule).
- * The Village would have "home rule" authority and all the powers of a municipal corporation under law. Opportunity through empowerment.

Advantages (cont.)

- * Establish permanent boundaries: no more annexations. The Town would no longer be a “land bank” for annexations.
- * Protect our residents from Extraterritorial interference during land divisions without litigation.
- * Consolidating both governments achieves efficiency and economy in the performance of government functions. This is a trend that is recognized in both private and public management as a means to reduce administrative and operational costs.

Advantages (cont.)

- * Protect and control our rural identity
- * Retain our Tax Base
- * Level the playing field when negotiating with other incorporated units of government for services, borders or shared taxes.