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20-Year Comprehensive Plan

TOWN OF RUSSELL



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“We envision the Town of Russell as a community with a blend of agriculture, open/green space, and single-family residences in harmony with a quality natural resource base. We value a quiet, rural country atmosphere. Town of Russell residents consider the natural environment comprised of glacial terrain and lakes to be a great asset and encourage careful planning to ensure it is used wisely. Intergovernmental cooperation will be important in this planning.”

TOWN OF RUSSELL 20-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

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**TOWN OF RUSSELL
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY
STATE OF WISCONSIN**

TOWN OF RUSSELL

ORDINANCE # 2-2008

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE 20-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE TOWN OF RUSSELL, COUNTY OF SHEBOYGAN, STATE OF WISCONSIN WITH THE ADDITION OF APPENDIX E: TOWN OF RUSSELL PUBLIC REVIEW COMMENTS.

The Town Board of the Town of Russell, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to sections 62.23(2) and (3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Town of Russell, is authorized to prepare and adopt a comprehensive plan as defined in sections 66.1001(1)(a) and 66.1001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

SECTION 2. The Town Board of the Town of Russell, Wisconsin, has adopted written procedures designed to foster public participation in every stage of the preparation of a comprehensive plan as required by section 66.1001(4)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

SECTION 3. The plan commission of the Town of Greenbush, by a majority vote of the entire commission recorded in its official minutes, has adopted a resolution recommending to the Town Board the adoption of the document entitled "TOWN OF RUSSELL 20-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN," containing all of the elements specified in section 66.1001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

SECTION 4. The Town has held at least one public hearing on this ordinance, in compliance with the requirements of section 66.1001(4)(d) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

SECTION 5. The Town Board of the Town of Russell, Wisconsin, does, by the enactment of this ordinance formally adopt the document entitled, "TOWN OF RUSSELL 20-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN," pursuant to section 66.1001(4)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

SECTION 6. Should a court of competent jurisdiction declare any portion of this ordinance unconstitutional or invalid, the remainder shall not be affected.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by a majority vote of the members-elect of the Town Board and posting as required by law.

ADOPTED this 23 day of July, 2008.

Herbert Dickman
Herbert Dickman, Chair

Lawrence Kempf
Lawrence Kempf, Clerk

**TOWN OF RUSSELL
PLAN COMMISSION
RESOLUTION # 1-2008**

**ADOPTING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE TOWN OF RUSSELL,
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY, WISCONSIN, AND RECOMMENDING ITS APPROVAL TO
THE TOWN BOARD.**

WHEREAS, § 66.1001(4), Wisconsin Statutes, establishes the required procedure for a local government to adopt a comprehensive plan, and § 66.1001(2) identifies the required elements of a comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission of the Town of Russell has the authority to recommend that the Town Board adopt a "comprehensive plan" under § 66.1001(4)(b); and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission has prepared the attached document (named Town of Russell 20-Year Comprehensive Plan), containing all maps and other descriptive materials, to be the Comprehensive Plan for the Town under § 66.1001, Wisconsin Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission of the Town of Russell did enter into a joint comprehensive planning process with the Villages of Elkhart Lake and Glenbeulah and the Towns of Greenbush and Rhine in accordance with the provisions of the Wisconsin Statutes § 66.1001, and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Russell Plan Commission hereby recommends for adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Russell the attached Town of Russell 20-Year Comprehensive Plan.

Adopted this 23 day of July, 2008

Motion for adoption moved by Jon

Motion for adoption seconded by Bill

Voting Aye: 3 Nay:

Approved:

Stan Mennert
(Plan Commission Chair)

Attest:

Lawrence Kempf
(Town Clerk)

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RE: Comprehensive Plan Review for the Town of Russell

Dear Ms. Potter,

The Calumet County Planning Department has received and reviewed the Town of Russell Comprehensive Plan. According to the Town of Russell Future Land Use Map, it appears that lands around St. Anna have been identified as potential Residential and Mixed Residential-Commercial. This does differ from the Calumet County Year 2025 Smart Growth Plan/Town of New Holstein Land Use Element.

The Town of New Holstein's Land Use Element states, "The town does not want to see much development in the St. Anna area (due to the lack of public sewer and water), there is an opportunity to infill existing vacant lots with housing." Currently, there is a water quality issue in the northern portion of St. Anna in Calumet County so the town would prefer to direct its growth to areas where sewer and water are provided (New Holstein, Kiel).

I have spoken with Gerald Lorenz, New Holstein Town Chair, regarding the potential future land use of St. Anna in the Town of Russell. While there is a difference in policies, planning for development in the southern portion of St. Anna is logical for the Town of Russell. The Town of Russell is unable to direct growth elsewhere because of the amount of conservation lands and lack of urbanized areas. It is also my understanding that water testing has been done by Sheboygan County in St. Anna and it has been found to be safe. Therefore, based on the above, Calumet County is not opposed to the plan. However, I recommend that the Town of Russell, Sheboygan County, include in its comprehensive plan the continued monitoring of drinking water in St. Anna and consider the installation of public sewer and water infrastructure when new development is proposed in the identified growth area around St. Anna.

Sincerely,

Dena Mleziva
County Planner

Attachment – Town of New Holstein, Expanded Land Use Element

c: Gerald Lorenz - New Holstein Town Chair