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Plan Recommendations

The city and sanitary districts, as the designated management agencies for the wastewater treatment and collection systems, and the city, towns and county, as the agencies responsible for development policies and regulations, should do the following:

1. Adopt the Omro 2030 Sewer Service Area Plan update;
2. Review and update development policies and regulations to reflect sewer service plan boundaries and recommendations;
3. Submit preliminary land subdivision plats to East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for review for consistency with sewer service area plans for the area;
4. Submit sanitary sewer extension requests to the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for review for consistency with sewer service area plans prior to being submitted to the WDNR for approval;
5. Submit wastewater facilities plans and amended plans to the East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for review for consistency with sewer service area plans prior to submittal to the WDNR for approval; and
6. Carry out management responsibilities for treatment facilities and collection systems as specified by state and federal requirements.

In addition to implementing sewer service area plans, local governments may exercise other authority conferred upon them by state statute to preserve and protect water quality. Local governments may use this authority to plan and manage landuse and development through subdivision, zoning and other development ordinances. Criteria can be written into existing ordinances or new ordinances can be adopted which promote orderly development and address water quality concerns. Additional actions by local units of government which are recommended for water quality protection include the adoption of construction site erosion and stormwater management ordinances and the preservation of greenways along existing drainage corridors.

1. All communities should review and address issues and recommendations identified in the Upper Fox River Basin Integrated Management Plan.
2. The City should establish an extraterritorial zoning committee with the Town of Omro, so that landuse outside of the City's Corporate limits, but within the 2050 Planning Area and/or the extraterritorial area, can be regulated.

3. Intergovernmental cooperation should continue between the City, the Town of Omro, the Town of Omro S.D., and the Rivermoor S.D. for:
 - Growth agreements;
 - Annexation agreements;
 - Wellhead protection ordinance;
 - Sanitary sewer service agreements (i.e. total number of hook-ups per year).
4. The Rivermoor S.D. should determine which route the interceptor will be developed (ie: along Rivermoor Road or under the channel). Once the route is determined the S.D. will need to develop service agreements with the City of Omro and the Town of Omro S.D.
5. Continue to address issues and regulatory methods for the management of on-site system development within the 2050 Planning Area to better recognize the existing investment in sewer infrastructure.
6. Complete and/or update as necessary, local and county comprehensive plans and incorporate information as necessary from the 2030 SSA Plan.
7. Consider the utilization of various regulatory tools to ensure the timely planning, financing, and extension of public utilities for new development:
 - Subdivision Ordinance – particularly with respect to interim development serviced by on-site systems within the 2050 Planning Area in order to ensure the logical extension of future sanitary sewer mains. Things to consider, from a design perspective include:
 - Lot size;
 - Lot frontage;
 - Potential for future lot splits;
 - Allowance of 'cluster developments' with a single community well and treatment systems (conservation subdivisions);
 - Reservation of easements for future sewer extensions;
 - Road patterns which allow for effective extension of sewer in the future.

