

IX. Intergovernmental Cooperation

Per Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1001(2)(g), the intergovernmental cooperation element of a comprehensive plan is “a compilation of objectives, policies, goals, maps and programs for joint planning and decision making with other jurisdictions, including school districts and adjacent local governmental units, for siting and building public facilities and sharing public services. The element shall analyze the relationship of the local governmental unit to school districts and adjacent local governmental units, and to the region, the state and other governmental units. The element shall incorporate any plans or agreements to which the local governmental unit is a party under s. 66.0301, s. 66.0307, or s.66.0309. The element shall identify existing or potential conflicts between the local governmental unit and other governmental units that are specified in this paragraph and describe processes to resolve such conflicts.”

Intergovernmental Cooperation: Summary of Existing Conditions

Please see Appendix 9 for further background research for the intergovernmental cooperation element of the plan. Also see the map entitled Door County Municipalities following Chapter X that shows the location of all 14 towns in the county and provides a key to the location of the county’s four villages and one city.

Note: The Town of Baileys Harbor is not a party to any plans or agreements under s.66.0301, s.66.0307, or s.66.0309, Wisconsin Statutes.

Adjacent Governmental Units

The Town of Baileys Harbor shares borders with four other municipalities: the Towns of Jacksonport, Gibraltar, Liberty Grove, and Egg Harbor.

Relationship

The Town of Baileys Harbor has good working relationships with surrounding towns. Since towns are not incorporated, they cannot annex land; therefore, the borders between the Town of Baileys Harbor and adjacent towns are fixed and boundary disputes are nonexistent.

There is existing cooperation with several adjacent and nearby communities regarding the provision of public services such as emergency services (fire, ambulance, etc.).

Baileys Harbor officials already meet on an as-needed basis with officials from adjacent and nearby northern Door County municipalities to discuss issues such as municipal planning, land use, and fire protection, and intend to continue such periodic meetings. There are no on-going or foreseeable conflicts in these areas.

Siting of Public Facilities

Ambulance and emergency medical services are provided by a Door County rescue squad, headquartered at the Sister Bay fire station.

The Baileys Harbor fire station is located in the middle of downtown Baileys Harbor. A formal mutual aid agreement is maintained with Gibraltar, Ephraim, Jacksonport, Egg Harbor, Sister Bay, and Liberty Grove to receive large amounts of water tankers on a primary call basis for all structure fires.

The library in Baileys Harbor is one of seven branches of the Door County Library System and a member of the Nicolet Federated Library System.

Sharing Public Services

Currently the Town of Baileys Harbor has several intergovernmental agreements with neighboring communities regarding public services. The Baileys Harbor fire department has a Mid-Door Enhanced Fire Response Agreement with neighboring departments. Baileys Harbor's ambulance services are provided by Emergency Services of Door County and are shared with the Village of Sister Bay and the Towns of Liberty Grove, Gibraltar, and portions of Jacksonport and Egg Harbor. Law enforcement is provided by the Door County Sheriff's Department and the Baileys Harbor Town Constables.

School District

The Town of Baileys Harbor is located within the Gibraltar Area School District, although some residents in the town may choose to send their children to Sevastopol Schools.

Relationship

The Town of Baileys Harbor's relationship with the Gibraltar School District is good. The School District operates independently of the municipalities it serves, although the School District is among the taxing jurisdictions that directly affect Town of Baileys Harbor property owners. The Baileys Harbor Town Hall has been used by the School District for some planning and information meetings.

Sharing School Facilities

The town has no formal agreement with the School District for shared use of the school's facilities and foresees no need for one.

County

The Town of Baileys Harbor is located in Door County; therefore, the county has jurisdiction within the town in some matters. In particular, the county has jurisdiction in the town over zoning, land divisions, on-site sanitary systems, police protection, county-owned parks, and public health issues. Town officials are currently satisfied with these working relationships.

State

The town has good working relationships with the State of Wisconsin agencies with which it interacts. Primarily, the town deals with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, which is one of the largest landowners in the town and is also responsible for overseeing various environmental and water quality issues in the town, and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, which provides funding for various local road projects.

Existing Intergovernmental Agreements

The Town of Baileys Harbor currently maintains a number of intergovernmental agreements with surrounding communities. These include:

- Town of Jacksonport - An agreement detailing maintenance and upkeep of O'Brien Road and Honold Road.

- Town of Gibraltar - An agreement detailing maintenance and upkeep of West Meadow Road.
- Town of Liberty Grove - An agreement detailing maintenance and upkeep of Grove Road.
- County of Door - An agreement for snow/ice removal on certain Town roads.
- Door County Tourism Zone Commission - An agreement detailing the collection and distribution of room tax funds.
- Door County Coastal Byways Council - An agreement detailing the activities of members of the WisDOT Scenic Byways Program

2010 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Process – Intergovernmental Notifications

At the onset of the 2010 Comprehensive Plan Amendment process notifications were sent to the following municipalities and organizations informing them that the Town Of Baileys Harbor would be updating its Comprehensive Plan and inviting them to participate:

- Towns of Egg Harbor, Gibraltar, Jacksonport, and Liberty Grove
- Door County Planning Department
- Bay Lake Regional Plan Commission
- Gibraltar and Sevastopol School Districts
- Wisconsin Departments of Administration, Natural Resources, and Transportation

Each of these municipalities and organizations were invited to attend the 2010 Comprehensive Plan Amendment process Intergovernmental Meeting and were directed to the Town of Baileys Harbor website to review draft chapters and maps.

Intergovernmental Cooperation: Vision Statement

To promote cooperation between the town and other governmental agencies, Baileys Harbor shall create a framework providing for the uniform adoption, periodic review, and control of intergovernmental agreements to which the town is a party.

Intergovernmental Cooperation: Goals, Objectives, and Policies

The goals, objectives, and policies related to Intergovernmental Cooperation in the Town of Baileys Harbor can be found in *Chapter X: Implementation*.