

# Town of West Sweden Comprehensive Plan 2009-2029



Adopted September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009



**ORDINANCE # 32-2009**  
**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE TOWN OF WEST SWEDEN, WISCONSIN.**

The West Sweden Town Board, Township of West Sweden, Polk County does ordain as follows:

**Section 1.** Pursuant to section 59.69(2) and (3) of the Wisconsin Statutes, the Town of West Sweden, is authorized to prepare and adopt a comprehensive plan as defined in section 66.1001(1)(a) and 66.1001(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**Section 2.** The Town Board of the Town of West Sweden, 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 West Sweden, by a majority vote of the entire commission recorded in its official minutes, has adopted a resolution recommending to Town Board the adoption of the document entitled "Town of West Sweden Comprehensive Plan 2009-2029" 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 West Sweden, Wisconsin, does, by enactment of this ordinance, formally adopt the document entitled, "Town of West Sweden Comprehensive Plan 2009-2029" pursuant to section 66.1001(4)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

**Section 6.** This ordinance shall take effect upon passage by a majority vote of the members-elect of the Town Board and published as required by law.

Adopted by the West Sweden Town Board of the Township of West Sweden, Polk County, Wisconsin, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.

  
Dennis O'Donnell, Town Chairman

Attest:

  
Andrea Lundquist, Town Clerk

Date Published: 9/23/2009

**TOWN OF WEST SWEDEN**

**PLAN COMMISSION RESOLUTION #:** 01-2009

**RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE  
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2009-2029  
OF THE TOWN OF WEST SWEDEN, WISCONSIN**

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

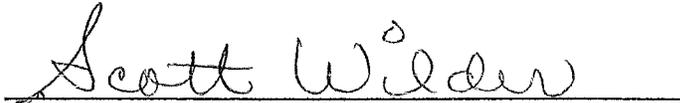
**WHEREAS**, the Town of West Sweden Planning Commission has the authority to recommend that the Town Board adopt a "comprehensive plan" under §66.1001(4)(b); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has prepared the attached document (named *Town of West Sweden Comprehensive Plan 2009-2029*), containing all maps and other descriptive materials, to be the comprehensive plan for the Town under §66.1001, Wisconsin Statutes; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Planning Commission of the Town of West Sweden hereby adopts the *Town of West Sweden Comprehensive Plan 2009-2029* as the Town's comprehensive plan under §66.1001(4); and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Town Board adopt an ordinance, which will constitute its adoption of the *Town of West Sweden Comprehensive Plan 2009-2029* as the Town's comprehensive plan under §66.1001.

Resolution adopted: August 3, 2009



Scott Wilder, Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:



Dennis O'Donnell, Town Board Chair

# Town of West Sweden, Polk County Wisconsin

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## Comprehensive Plan 2009-2029

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Prepared by Town of West Sweden Plan Commission  
With Assistance from Polk County Planning Division



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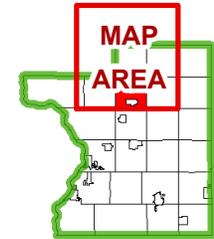
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# MAP 1-1 LOCATION MAP

Town of West Sweden  
Polk County  
Wisconsin



Polk County

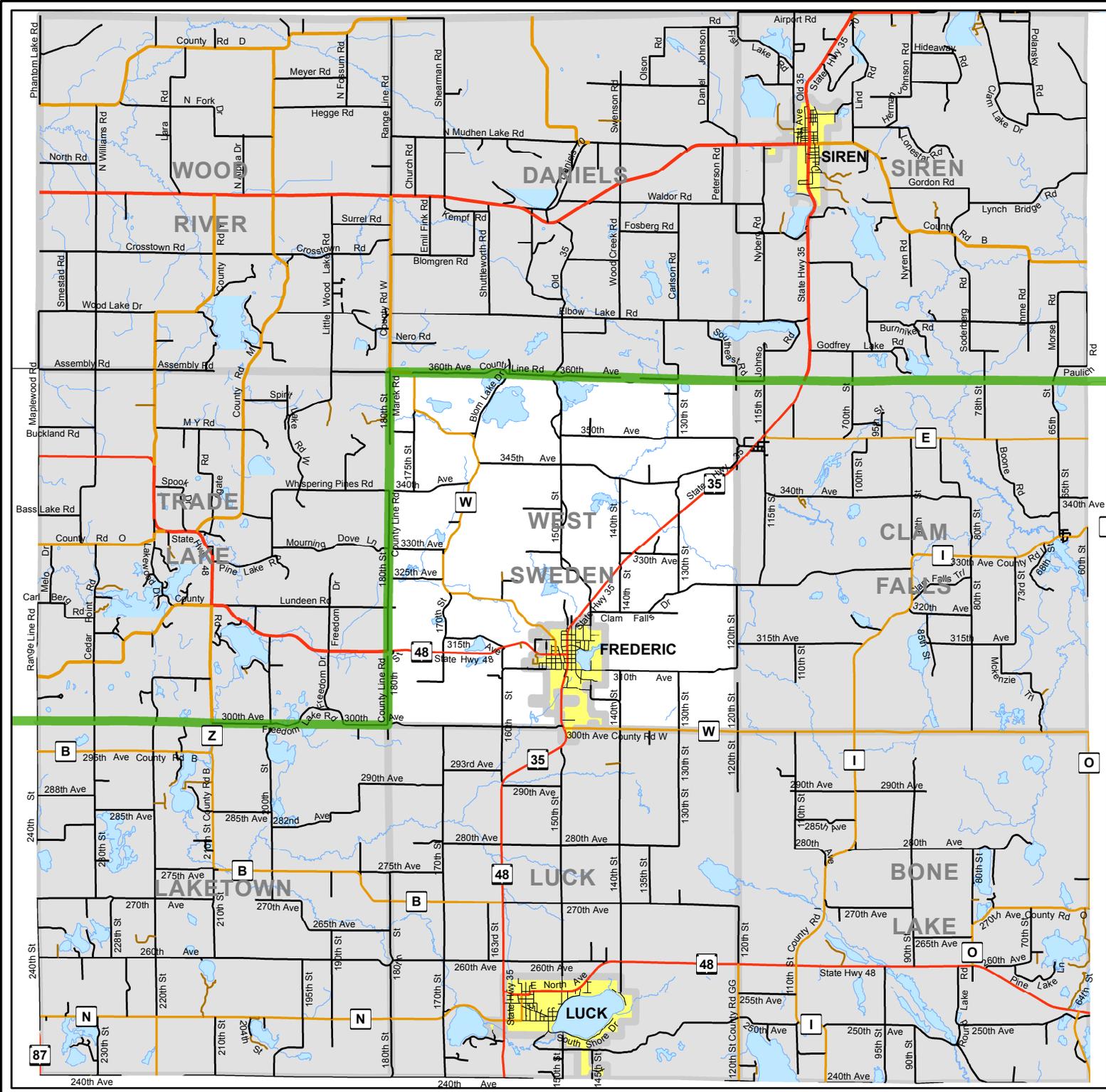
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-  TOWN ROAD
-  CITY/VILLAGE ROAD
-  PRIVATE ROAD
-  HYDRO STREAM
-  HYDRO BODY



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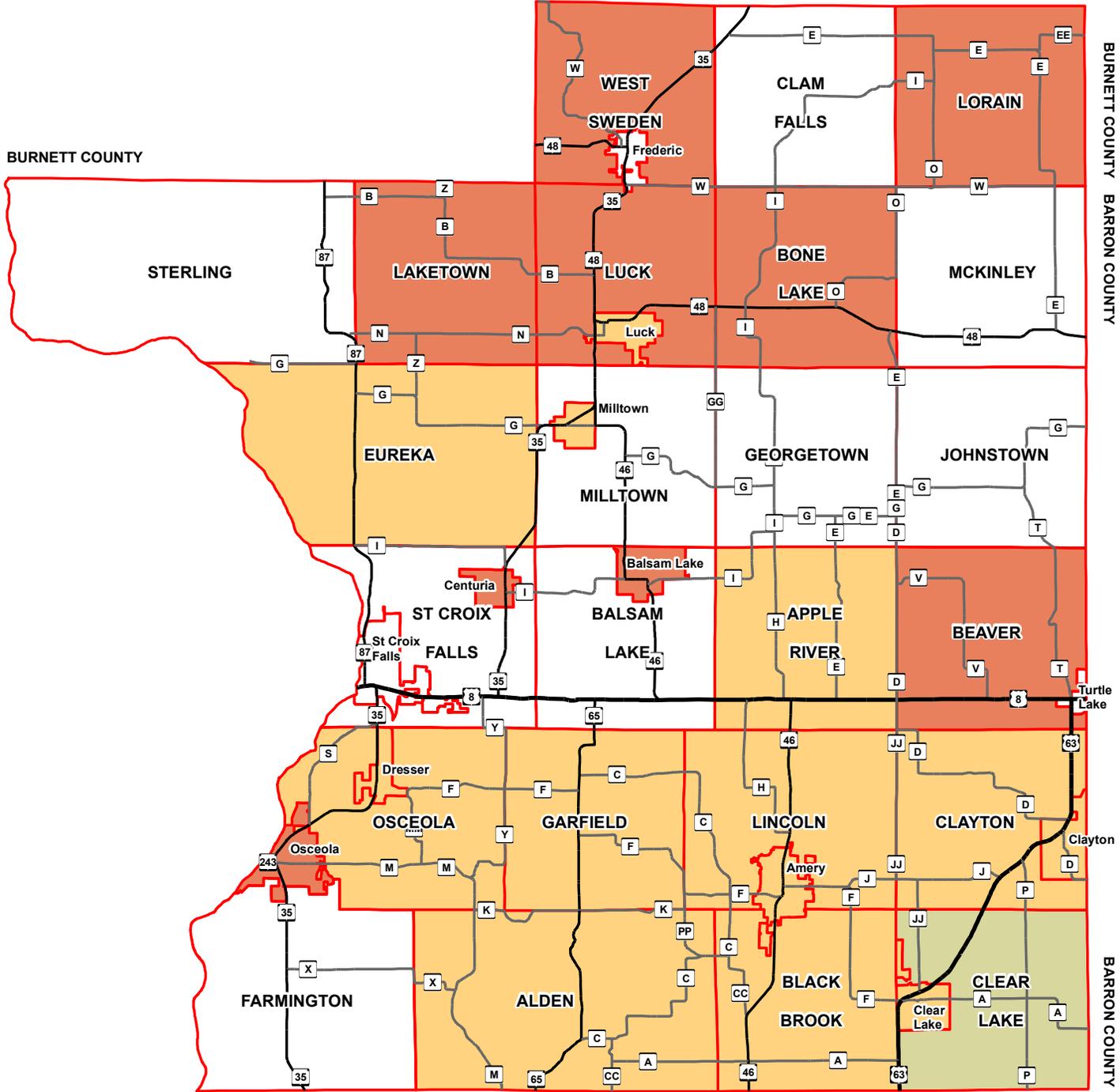


# MAP 1-2 COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING GRANT PARTICIPANTS

## Polk County Wisconsin



State of Wisconsin



- US HIGHWAY SHIELD
- STATE HIGHWAY SHIELD
- COUNTY ROAD SHIELD
- Consultant: County
- Consultant: Other
- Planning Commission
- Not Participating
- US HIGHWAY
- STATE HIGHWAY
- COUNTY ROAD



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## **ELEMENT 1: ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

In 1999, the State of Wisconsin enacted the comprehensive planning law S66.01. West Sweden is part of a multi-jurisdictional grant awarded to Polk County and 25 other units of government within Polk County in 2007. Map 1-2 shows the participating communities in the grant and their location. As part of the comprehensive planning process, the plan commission met many times and developed and followed its own public participation plan, located at Appendix A-1. The issues and opportunities that face the Town of West Sweden are covered on the following pages in this manner.

### **1.1 BACKGROUND**

### **1.2 DEMOGRAPHICS**

### **1.3 SWOT ANALYSIS**

### **1.4 OVERALL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

#### **1.1 BACKGROUND**

The Town of West Sweden is located in north-central Polk County. The location of West Sweden and surrounding townships can be found in Map 1-1. The Town of West Sweden was formed for many of the same reasons that other communities were formed in northwestern Wisconsin, lumber and waterways to transport the lumber. The area was settled mostly by people of Scandinavian descent and most were men who worked in the area without their families. In 1873, a community was developed at the intersection of the roads from West Denmark to Grantsburg and from Clam Falls to Trade Lake. Shortly thereafter, the Town of West Sweden was formed from the Town of Luck in 1874. The area was known as the Pinery because of its expansive forests of pines. These logs were floated down any of the waterways in the area to the St. Croix River down to Stillwater Minnesota processing. After the pines were logged off, the hardwoods were left, but they didn't float, so another means for transporting these logs to their destination needed to be provided. So, in 1901, the railroad the end of the line was extended to what is now Frederic. The area was still a vast, thick forest with several lumber camps as well as business centers in West Sweden, Clam Falls, Trade River, and Alabama that were 30-40 years old. At the height of West Sweden, there were 2 stores, a church, a dancehall, a bar, a blacksmith shop, and a post office. The population of the area continued to increase and there was growing sentiment that there was need for the community to incorporate itself, so on March 25<sup>th</sup>, 1903, the Village of Frederic was carved out of the Town of West Sweden. Because of the growth of the area and wildness of the residents in the settlement area, the Town Board of West Sweden was happy to hear of a petition to incorporate as the Village of Frederic. Due to the growth, several schoolhouses were built in the Town of West Sweden, Frederic School, West Sweden School District, Wood River School

District, and Young Lake School District. Once the Soo-Line Railroad extended service to Frederic, the hamlet of West Sweden dwindled due most of the commercial ventures moving into Frederic because it was a hub. Slowly over the years, the Town gained more and more agricultural acres. The Town has always been and continues to be a rural area. Through the years since, many amazing new creations left their mark on the village, not the least of which is the automobile. The automobile and better roads allowed for people and goods to be moved more efficiently. This made it easier to live out in the country and still be able to get some good and services from the Village of Frederic. In the later half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, a push came to waterfront living. While West Sweden does not have the most water of any town in Polk County, it has its share and development along the water's edge has been part of West Sweden for 40 years. Agriculture, forests, and tourism are the main businesses in the Town now.

**1.2 DEMOGRAPHICS**

According to the US Census, the population of West Sweden is expected to increase by 127 or about 14.8% from 2000 to 2030, see Table 1.1. Polk County is in the top ten counties in Wisconsin for fastest population increase currently and this trend is expected to continue. While much of the growth that is expected in Polk County is likely to occur in the southwestern portions, West Sweden will see its share of increase and should prepare accordingly.

**Table 1.1**

**POPULATION PROJECTIONS**

| <b>YEAR</b> | <b>WI</b> | <b>POLK</b> | <b>WEST SWEDEN</b> |
|-------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|
| 1980        | 4,705,642 | 32,351      | 718                |
| 1990        | 4,891,769 | 34,773      | 682                |
| 2000        | 5,363,675 | 41,319      | 731                |
| 2005        | 5,563,896 | 44,744      | 763                |
| 2010        | 5,751,470 | 47,415      | 779                |
| 2015        | 5,931,386 | 50,576      | 803                |
| 2020        | 6,110,878 | 53,724      | 827                |
| 2025        | 6,274,867 | 56,547      | 846                |
| 2030        | 6,541,180 | 58,866      | 858                |

Source: Wisconsin Dept of Administration

**Table 1.2**

**PROJECTED POPULATION CHANGES**

| <b>% CHANGE</b> | <b>WI</b> | <b>POLK</b> | <b>WEST SWEDEN</b> |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------|--------------------|
| 2000-2010       | 6.74%     | 12.86%      | 6.16%              |
| 2010-2020       | 5.88%     | 11.74%      | 5.80%              |
| 2020-2030       | 4.72%     | 8.74%       | 3.61%              |

Source: Wisconsin Dept of Administration

**Table 1.3**

| <b>Total Household Projections</b> | <b>2000</b> | <b>2005</b> | <b>2010</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2020</b> | <b>2025</b> | <b>2030</b> | <b>% Change</b> |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
| <b>Town of West Sweden</b>         | 285         | 303         | 319         | 336         | 352         | 363         | 372         | 30.5            |

Source: 1990-2000 figures from U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-2020 based on percent annual change from 1990-2000.

**Table 1.4**

| <b>Housing Unit Projections</b> | <b>1990</b> | <b>2000</b> | <b>2005</b> | <b>2010</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2020</b> | <b>2025</b> | <b>2030</b> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Town of West Sweden</b>      | 302         | 327         | 341         | 359         | 379         | 396         | 407         | 418         |

Source: Wisconsin Dept of Administration

Table 1.5 details the age distribution for the Town of West Sweden. As of the 2000 census, there are 731 residents of West Sweden. A few notes about the changing demographics would be that between 1990 and 2000, the population of those between 70 and 79 grew by nearly 30%. This could mean additional need for retirement centers, home healthcare, or other senior services in the Town of West Sweden. At plan commission meetings it was mentioned that working with surrounding Villages, like Luck and Frederic, would be the best solution, as they have the infrastructure to support these facilities.

**Table 1.5 Population by Age and Gender by Municipality**

|                   | Laketown (T) | Lincoln (T) | Loran (T) | Luck (T) | McKinley (T) | Milltown (T) | Osceola (T) | St. Croix Falls (T) | Sterling (T) | West Sweden (T) | Balsam Lake (V) | Centuria (V) | Clayton (V) |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|----------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|
| <b>Total</b>      | 918          | 2304        | 328       | 881      | 328          | 1146         | 2085        | 1119                | 724          | 731             | 950             | 865          | 507         |
| <b>Median Age</b> | 40.9         | 40.3        | 38.4      | 39.8     | 44           | 40.4         | 35.5        | 39.2                | 37.2         | 41.1            | 45.5            | 34.6         | 30.1        |
| <b>Male</b>       | 456          | 1169        | 171       | 464      | 182          | 600          | 1074        | 600                 | 380          | 369             | 488             | 416          | 245         |
| <b>Female</b>     | 462          | 1135        | 157       | 417      | 146          | 546          | 1011        | 519                 | 344          | 362             | 462             | 449          | 262         |
| Male              |              |             |           |          |              |              |             |                     |              |                 |                 |              |             |
| Under 5 years     | 20           | 61          | 7         | 28       | 9            | 31           | 80          | 33                  | 18           | 14              | 24              | 29           | 22          |
| 5 to 9 years      | 29           | 77          | 11        | 36       | 17           | 50           | 89          | 37                  | 26           | 25              | 20              | 39           | 22          |
| 10 to 14 years    | 40           | 101         | 19        | 38       | 10           | 48           | 97          | 61                  | 31           | 39              | 27              | 23           | 20          |
| 15 to 17 years    | 23           | 64          | 11        | 27       | 13           | 27           | 67          | 33                  | 21           | 17              | 20              | 24           | 13          |
| 18 and 19 years   | 10           | 32          | 5         | 12       | 4            | 20           | 32          | 20                  | 7            | 14              | 7               | 16           | 7           |
| 20 years          | 5            | 10          | 1         | 6        | 0            | 4            | 12          | 8                   | 1            | 2               | 9               | 7            | 2           |
| 21 years          | 0            | 12          | 1         | 3        | 2            | 1            | 5           | 4                   | 1            | 5               | 13              | 6            | 6           |
| 22 to 24 years    | 10           | 19          | 7         | 15       | 3            | 12           | 19          | 10                  | 12           | 6               | 14              | 9            | 8           |
| 25 to 29 years    | 27           | 53          | 9         | 18       | 8            | 23           | 46          | 30                  | 19           | 11              | 29              | 34           | 22          |
| 30 to 34 years    | 16           | 62          | 9         | 12       | 9            | 34           | 89          | 34                  | 30           | 19              | 37              | 31           | 20          |
| 35 to 39 years    | 30           | 75          | 10        | 39       | 5            | 47           | 111         | 40                  | 33           | 24              | 36              | 35           | 23          |
| 40 to 44 years    | 50           | 122         | 12        | 43       | 17           | 46           | 98          | 60                  | 44           | 33              | 26              | 21           | 22          |
| 45 to 49 years    | 41           | 96          | 13        | 50       | 20           | 56           | 95          | 61                  | 32           | 44              | 39              | 37           | 16          |
| 50 to 54 years    | 43           | 76          | 10        | 34       | 17           | 56           | 74          | 41                  | 27           | 25              | 33              | 24           | 10          |
| 55 to 59 years    | 31           | 76          | 10        | 30       | 11           | 35           | 45          | 24                  | 17           | 16              | 24              | 16           | 9           |
| 60 and 61 years   | 5            | 29          | 2         | 7        | 4            | 12           | 13          | 14                  | 11           | 11              | 8               | 5            | 0           |
| 62 to 64 years    | 20           | 47          | 9         | 9        | 5            | 20           | 20          | 16                  | 11           | 10              | 17              | 7            | 6           |
| 65 to 69 years    | 15           | 60          | 4         | 21       | 9            | 21           | 33          | 14                  | 19           | 11              | 27              | 12           | 6           |
| 70 to 74 years    | 13           | 49          | 8         | 12       | 11           | 26           | 25          | 28                  | 9            | 17              | 28              | 10           | 4           |
| 75 to 79 years    | 15           | 30          | 5         | 15       | 7            | 19           | 16          | 16                  | 4            | 21              | 24              | 11           | 4           |
| 80 to 84 years    | 8            | 10          | 7         | 5        | 1            | 7            | 6           | 10                  | 5            | 4               | 10              | 10           | 2           |
| 85 years and over | 5            | 8           | 1         | 4        | 0            | 5            | 2           | 6                   | 2            | 1               | 16              | 10           | 1           |
| Female            |              |             |           |          |              |              |             |                     |              |                 |                 |              |             |
| Under 5 years     | 25           | 50          | 7         | 32       | 7            | 27           | 83          | 35                  | 22           | 24              | 26              | 30           | 21          |
| 5 to 9 years      | 30           | 72          | 12        | 25       | 9            | 38           | 98          | 25                  | 34           | 22              | 24              | 31           | 20          |
| 10 to 14 years    | 37           | 98          | 16        | 31       | 6            | 49           | 80          | 40                  | 34           | 26              | 19              | 40           | 30          |
| 15 to 17 years    | 31           | 73          | 13        | 27       | 8            | 31           | 38          | 32                  | 16           | 24              | 13              | 25           | 14          |
| 18 and 19 years   | 11           | 29          | 5         | 7        | 2            | 14           | 17          | 9                   | 8            | 11              | 7               | 5            | 4           |
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| 22 to 24 years    | 13           | 18          | 3         | 10       | 2            | 9            | 15          | 16                  | 13           | 4               | 10              | 10           | 13          |
| 25 to 29 years    | 16           | 47          | 4         | 13       | 8            | 23           | 58          | 23                  | 19           | 13              | 15              | 39           | 24          |
| 30 to 34 years    | 30           | 68          | 8         | 19       | 3            | 34           | 86          | 30                  | 19           | 17              | 19              | 27           | 17          |
| 35 to 39 years    | 37           | 94          | 15        | 39       | 10           | 40           | 115         | 53                  | 38           | 33              | 24              | 33           | 21          |
| 40 to 44 years    | 33           | 92          | 13        | 37       | 19           | 48           | 99          | 56                  | 28           | 38              | 34              | 40           | 18          |
| 45 to 49 years    | 58           | 109         | 10        | 32       | 11           | 52           | 87          | 47                  | 20           | 32              | 31              | 31           | 11          |
| 50 to 54 years    | 35           | 75          | 9         | 38       | 15           | 42           | 57          | 30                  | 14           | 20              | 38              | 17           | 10          |
| 55 to 59 years    | 24           | 70          | 11        | 23       | 6            | 36           | 41          | 33                  | 30           | 16              | 30              | 17           | 6           |
| 60 and 61 years   | 7            | 32          | 3         | 10       | 5            | 7            | 11          | 7                   | 3            | 6               | 9               | 3            | 3           |
| 62 to 64 years    | 9            | 35          | 3         | 15       | 7            | 20           | 21          | 12                  | 8            | 12              | 19              | 9            | 9           |
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| 80 to 84 years    | 6            | 14          | 1         | 4        | 2            | 6            | 10          | 7                   | 4            | 3               | 18              | 12           | 5           |
| 85 years and over | 7            | 14          | 1         | 7        | 1            | 7            | 6           | 8                   | 3            | 7               | 22              | 19           | 4           |

Source: US Census

**Table 1.6**  
**WEST CENTRAL WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA**  
**OCCUPATION PROJECTIONS: 2010**

|                       | <b>Top 10 Occupations</b>               | <b>Typically Required Education/Training*</b> | <b>Average Wage**</b> |
|-----------------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| <b>Fastest Growth</b> | Computer Support Specialists            | Associate degree                              | \$17.37               |
|                       | Network/Computer Systems Admin          | Bachelor's degree                             | \$15.59               |
|                       | Computer Software Engnr's Apps          | Bachelor's degree                             | \$30.52               |
|                       | Medical Assistants                      | 1-20. on-the-job training                     | \$11.45               |
|                       | Social/Human Service Assistants         | 1-12 mo. On-the-job training                  | \$11.96               |
|                       | Medical Records/Health Info Technicians | Associate degree                              | \$11.38               |
|                       | Computer/Information Systems Managers   | Work experience & degree                      | \$25.56               |
|                       | Hotel/Motel/Resort Desk Clerks          | 1-month or less training                      | \$8.19                |
|                       | Child Care Workers                      | 1-month or less training                      | \$7.91                |
|                       | Pharmacy Technicians                    | 1-12 mo. On-the-job training                  | \$9.90                |
| <b>Most Openings</b>  | Retail Salespersons                     | 1-month or less training                      | \$9.70                |
|                       | Cashiers                                | 1-month or less training                      | \$7.25                |
|                       | Comb Food Prep/Serv Wrk/Incl Fast       | 1-month or less training                      | \$7.10                |
|                       | Waiters/Waitresses                      | 1-month or less training                      | \$7.27                |
|                       | Registered Nurses                       | Bachelor's degree                             | \$21.57               |
|                       | Nursing Aides/Orderlies/Attendants      | 1-month or less training                      | \$9.71                |
|                       | Stock Clerks/Order Fillers              | 1-month or less training                      | \$8.84                |
|                       | Truck Drivers/Heavy/Tractor-Trailer     | 1-12 mo. On-the-job training                  | \$15.03               |
|                       | Bartenders                              | 1-month or less training                      | \$7.98                |
|                       | Labrs/Frght/Stock/Matrl Movers/Handlers | 1-month or less training                      | \$10.11               |

Source: Wisconsin Dept of Workforce Development

Table 1.6 details occupation information in the region. Many of the numbers will probably will be adjusted downward in light of the recent economic downturn. A few of the positions that seem to be more stable in hard economic times are those that revolve around healthcare, such as registered nurses and nursing aides. On the brighter side, many of the positions listed above as most plentiful and fastest growing, training to become qualified for these positions is offered at local educational facilities, such as the technical colleges and 4-year universities.

**Table 1.7****INDUSTRY PROJECTIONS FOR WEST CENTRAL WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT AREA: 2002-2012**

| Industry Title   | Employment       |                   | Ten-year change |         |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------|
|  | 2002<br>Estimate | 2012<br>Projected | Numeric         | Percent |
| Total Non-farm Employment  | 171,420          | 195,270           | 23,850          | 13.90%  |
| Construction/Mining/Natural Resources                                  | 8,160            | 9,920             | 1,760           | 21.60%  |
| Manufacturing  | 33,710           | 34,610            | 900             | 2.70%   |
| Paper Manufacturing  | 1,490            | 1,460             | -30             | -2.00%  |
| Plastics and Rubber Products Manufacturing                             | 3,880            | 4,700             | 820             | 21.10%  |
| Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing                          | 3,500            | 3,060             | -440            | -12.60% |
| Trade  | 28,590           | 32,080            | 3,490           | 12.20%  |
| Food and Beverage Stores   | 5,080            | 5,960             | 880             | 17.30%  |
| Transportation and Utilities (Including US Postal Service)             | 8,090            | 9,740             | 1,650           | 20.40%  |
| Financial Activities   | 6,480            | 7,300             | 820             | 12.70%  |
| Education and Health Services (Inclgd state & local govt. ed. & hosp.) | 36,110           | 44,930            | 8,820           | 24.40%  |
| Ambulatory Health Care Services  | 5,270            | 7,420             | 2,150           | 40.80%  |
| Hospitals (Including state & local govt.)                              | 6,840            | 8,340             | 1,500           | 21.90%  |
| Leisure and Hospitality  | 17,140           | 19,410            | 2,270           | 13.20%  |
| Information/Prof Services/Other Services                               | 20,050           | 23,720            | 3,670           | 18.30%  |
| Government (Excluding USPS, state & local govt. ed. and hosp.)         | 13,080           | 13,560            | 480             | 3.70%   |

Source: Wisconsin Dept. of Workforce Development

**Table 1.8****OCCUPATIONAL GROUP SUMMARY FOR WEST CENTRAL  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AREA 2002-2012**

| Occupational Groups                               | Est./Projected Employment |         | 2002 – 2012 Change |         | Annual Average |              |                | Average Wage |          |
|---|---------------------------|---------|--------------------|---------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------|
|   | 2002                      | 2012    | Numeric            | Percent | New Jobs       | Replacements | Total Openings | Hourly       | Yearly   |
| Total, All Occupations                            | 171,420                   | 195,270 | 23,850             | 13.90%  | 2,390          | 4,250        | 6,640          | \$14.56      | \$30,278 |
| Management, Business & Financial Operations       | 11,270                    | 13,260  | 1,990              | 17.70%  | 200            | 210          | 410            | \$25.78      | \$53,619 |
| Computer, Math, Architecture & Engineering        | 4,870                     | 5,600   | 730                | 15.00%  | 70             | 100          | 170            | \$26.84      | \$55,834 |
| Life & Social Sciences, Legal, Art & Entertaining | 6,710                     | 7,930   | 1,220              | 18.20%  | 120            | 130          | 250            | \$18.71      | \$38,913 |
| Education, Training, & Library                    | 10,780                    | 12,800  | 2,020              | 18.70%  | 200            | 230          | 430            | \$18.46      | \$38,406 |
| Healthcare Practitioners, Technicians & Support   | 13,670                    | 17,900  | 4,230              | 30.90%  | 430            | 240          | 670            | \$17.43      | \$36,258 |
| Food Preparation & Serving                        | 16,360                    | 18,440  | 2,080              | 12.70%  | 210            | 650          | 860            | \$8.03       | \$16,702 |
| Protective, Maintenance & Personal Care Service   | 12,740                    | 15,060  | 2,320              | 18.20%  | 240            | 300          | 540            | \$10.80      | \$22,461 |
| Sales and Related                                 | 17,560                    | 20,020  | 2,460              | 14.00%  | 250            | 630          | 880            | \$12.19      | \$25,356 |
| Office/Administrative Support                     | 26,410                    | 27,970  | 1,560              | 5.90%   | 160            | 620          | 780            | \$12.24      | \$25,451 |
| Natural Resources, Mining & Construction          | 7,800                     | 9,450   | 1,650              | 21.20%  | 160            | 160          | 320            | \$16.73      | \$34,801 |
| Installation, Maintenance, Repair & Production    | 29,270                    | 31,040  | 1,770              | 6.00%   | 180            | 700          | 880            | \$13.90      | \$28,910 |
| Transportation/Material Moving                    | 14,010                    | 15,790  | 1,780              | 12.70%  | 180            | 300          | 480            | \$12.70      | \$26,419 |

Source: Wisconsin Dept. of Workforce Development

Table 1.9 details the educational attainment of the residents of the Town of West Sweden. In nearly all of the categories, West Sweden is near the same percentages as the State of Wisconsin and Polk County. The few exceptions are that about 45% of residents have high school diplomas, which is nearly 10% higher than the percentage at the state level. The other major exception is that about 10% of the population in West Sweden has Associates Degrees, where the state and county averages are only about 7%.

**Table 1.9**

**EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT FOR THE POPULATION 25 YEARS AND OVER**

|   | WI        | % OF TOTAL | POLK   | % OF TOTAL | WEST SWEDEN | % OF TOTAL |
|---|-----------|------------|--------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Total:                                      | 3,475,878 |            | 27,725 |            | 483         |            |
| No schooling completed                      | 22,861    | 0.66%      | 54     | 0.19%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| Nursery to 4th grade                        | 8,253     | 0.24%      | 27     | 0.10%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| 5th and 6th grade                           | 22,882    | 0.66%      | 67     | 0.24%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| 7th and 8th grade                           | 132,129   | 3.80%      | 1,175  | 4.24%      | 24          | 4.97%      |
| 9th grade                                   | 56,538    | 1.63%      | 396    | 1.43%      | 8           | 1.66%      |
| 10th grade                                  | 87,059    | 2.50%      | 694    | 2.50%      | 5           | 1.04%      |
| 11th grade                                  | 88,558    | 2.55%      | 735    | 2.65%      | 11          | 2.28%      |
| 12th grade, no diploma                      | 100,137   | 2.88%      | 763    | 2.75%      | 12          | 2.48%      |
| High school graduate (includes equivalency) | 1,201,813 | 34.58%     | 11,395 | 41.10%     | 217         | 44.93%     |
| Some college, less than 1 year              | 252,132   | 7.25%      | 2,259  | 8.15%      | 47          | 9.73%      |
| Some college, 1 or more years, no degree    | 463,532   | 13.34%     | 3,822  | 13.79%     | 46          | 9.52%      |
| Associate degree                            | 260,711   | 7.50%      | 2,022  | 7.29%      | 49          | 10.14%     |
| Bachelor's degree                           | 530,268   | 15.26%     | 2,965  | 10.69%     | 47          | 9.73%      |
| Master's degree                             | 168,563   | 4.85%      | 886    | 3.20%      | 15          | 3.11%      |
| Professional school degree                  | 54,005    | 1.55%      | 407    | 1.47%      | 2           | 0.41%      |
| Doctorate degree                            | 26,437    | 0.76%      | 58     | 0.21%      | 0           | 0.00%      |

Source: Wisconsin Dept. of Workforce Development

**Table 1.10****HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 1999**

|                                    | <b>WI</b>        | <b>% OF<br/>TOTAL</b> | <b>POLK</b>     | <b>% OF<br/>TOTAL</b> | <b>WEST<br/>SWEDEN</b> | <b>% OF<br/>TOTAL</b> |
|------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Median Household<br/>Income</b> | <b>\$43,791</b>  |                       | <b>\$41,183</b> |                       | <b>\$41,250</b>        |                       |
| <b>Total Households:</b>           | <b>2,086,304</b> |                       | <b>16,305</b>   |                       | <b>275</b>             |                       |
| Less than \$10,000                 | 148,964          | 7.14%                 | 1,291           | 7.92%                 | 28                     | 10.18%                |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999               | 121,366          | 5.82%                 | 1,017           | 6.24%                 | 22                     | 8.00%                 |
| \$15,000 to \$19,999               | 127,169          | 6.10%                 | 1,037           | 6.36%                 | 12                     | 4.36%                 |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999               | 137,728          | 6.60%                 | 1,132           | 6.94%                 | 4                      | 1.45%                 |
| \$25,000 to \$29,999               | 136,502          | 6.54%                 | 1,098           | 6.73%                 | 29                     | 10.55%                |
| \$30,000 to \$34,999               | 139,531          | 6.69%                 | 1,208           | 7.41%                 | 21                     | 7.64%                 |
| \$35,000 to \$39,999               | 129,719          | 6.22%                 | 1,054           | 6.46%                 | 18                     | 6.55%                 |
| \$40,000 to \$44,999               | 129,319          | 6.20%                 | 1,150           | 7.05%                 | 15                     | 5.45%                 |
| \$45,000 to \$49,999               | 118,711          | 5.69%                 | 922             | 5.65%                 | 17                     | 6.18%                 |
| \$50,000 to \$59,999               | 220,781          | 10.58%                | 1,725           | 10.58%                | 33                     | 12.00%                |
| \$60,000 to \$74,999               | 253,518          | 12.15%                | 1,978           | 12.13%                | 33                     | 12.00%                |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999               | 226,374          | 10.85%                | 1,631           | 10.00%                | 30                     | 10.91%                |
| \$100,000 to \$124,999             | 94,628           | 4.54%                 | 615             | 3.77%                 | 8                      | 2.91%                 |
| \$125,000 to \$149,999             | 39,091           | 1.87%                 | 179             | 1.10%                 | 2                      | 0.73%                 |
| \$150,000 to \$199,999             | 30,598           | 1.47%                 | 131             | 0.80%                 | 0                      | 0.00%                 |
| \$200,000 or more                  | 32,305           | 1.55%                 | 137             | 0.84%                 | 3                      | 1.09%                 |

Source: US Census

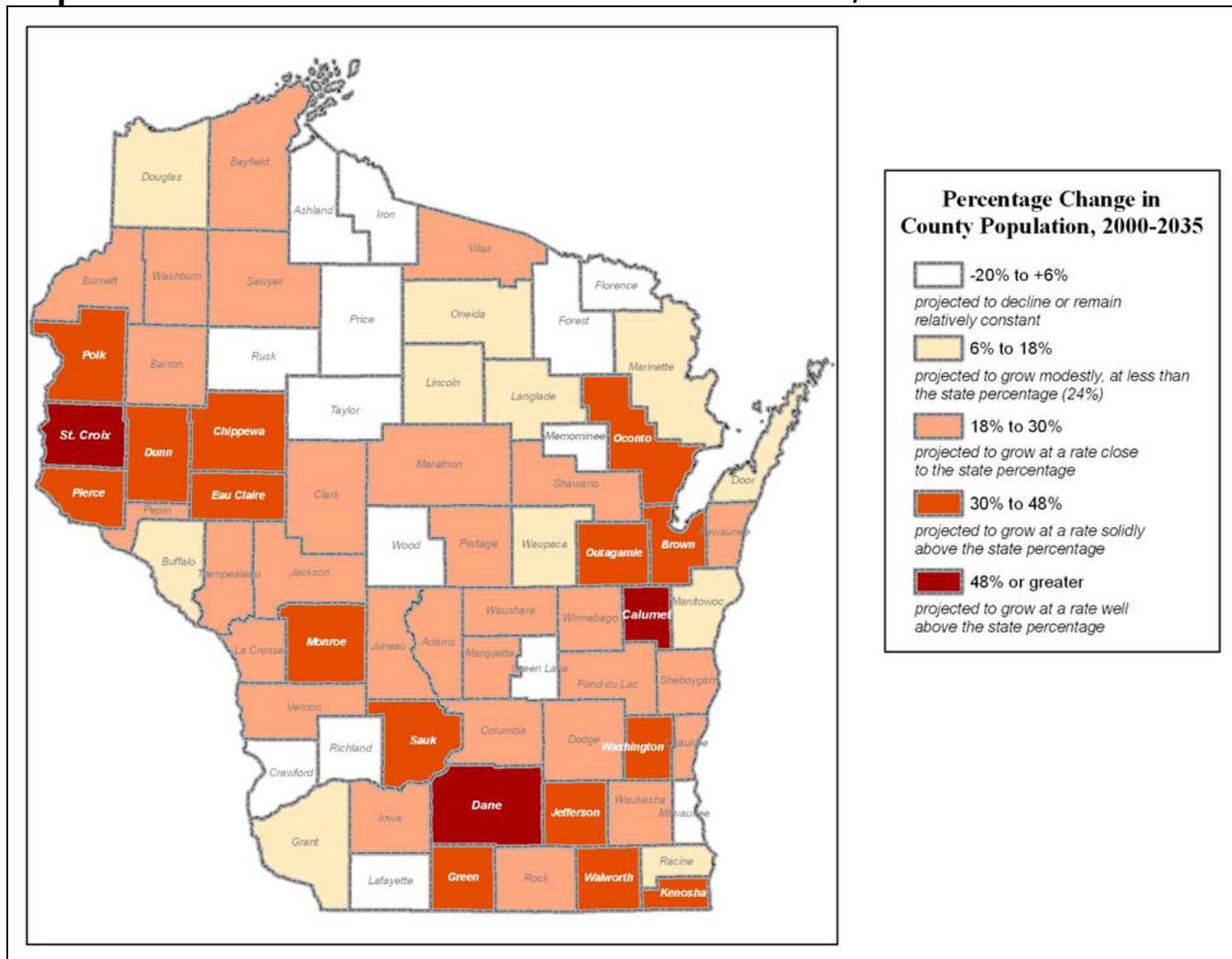
**Table 1.11**

**POVERTY STATUS IN 1989 AND 1999 BY AGE**

|                                   | 1989          |            |             |            | 1999          |            |             |            | 1989 to 1999 CHANGE |               |             |              |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
|                                   | POLK COUNTY   |            | WEST SWEDEN |            | POLK COUNTY   |            | WEST SWEDEN |            | POLK COUNTY         |               | WEST SWEDEN |              |
|                                   | #             | % of Total | #           | % of Total | #             | % of Total | #           | % of Total | #                   | % Change      | #           | % Change     |
| <b>Total:</b>                     | <b>34,105</b> |            | <b>667</b>  |            | <b>40,637</b> |            | <b>684</b>  |            | <b>6,532</b>        | <b>19.15%</b> | <b>17</b>   | <b>2.55%</b> |
| Income below poverty level:       | 4,032         | 11.82%     | 74          | 11.09%     | 2,888         | 7.11%      | 35          | 5.12%      | 1,144               | -4.72%        | 39          | -5.98%       |
| Under 5 years                     | 472           | 1.38%      | 9           | 1.35%      | 223           | 0.55%      | 0           | 0.00%      | 249                 | -0.84%        | 9           | -1.35%       |
| 5 years                           | 106           | 0.31%      | 2           | 0.30%      | 53            | 0.13%      | 0           | 0.00%      | 53                  | -0.18%        | 2           | -0.30%       |
| 6 to 11 years                     | 571           | 1.67%      | 12          | 1.80%      | 307           | 0.76%      | 2           | 0.29%      | 264                 | -0.92%        | 10          | -1.51%       |
| 12 to 17 years                    | 413           | 1.21%      | 7           | 1.05%      | 303           | 0.75%      | 6           | 0.88%      | 110                 | -0.47%        | 1           | -0.17%       |
| 18 to 64 years                    | 1,850         | 5.42%      | 36          | 5.40%      | 1,447         | 3.56%      | 16          | 2.34%      | 403                 | -1.86%        | 20          | -3.06%       |
| 65 to 74 years                    | 217           | 0.64%      | 4           | 0.60%      | 195           | 0.48%      | 2           | 0.29%      | 22                  | -0.16%        | 2           | -0.31%       |
| 75 years and over                 | 403           | 1.18%      | 4           | 0.60%      | 360           | 0.89%      | 9           | 1.32%      | 43                  | -0.30%        | -5          | 0.72%        |
| Income at or above poverty level: | 30,073        | 88.18%     | 593         | 88.91%     | 37,749        | 92.89%     | 649         | 94.88%     | 7,676               | 25.52%        | 56          | 9.44%        |
| Under 5 years                     | 2,018         | 5.92%      | 35          | 5.25%      | 2,203         | 5.42%      | 24          | 3.51%      | 185                 | -0.50%        | -11         | -1.74%       |
| 5 years                           | 521           | 1.53%      | 16          | 2.40%      | 417           | 1.03%      | 5           | 0.73%      | -104                | -0.50%        | -11         | -1.67%       |
| 6 to 11 years                     | 2,939         | 8.62%      | 74          | 11.09%     | 3,374         | 8.30%      | 57          | 8.33%      | 435                 | -0.31%        | -17         | -2.76%       |
| 12 to 17 years                    | 2,713         | 7.95%      | 37          | 5.55%      | 3,802         | 9.36%      | 73          | 10.67%     | 1,089               | 1.40%         | 36          | 5.13%        |
| 18 to 64 years                    | 17,397        | 51.01%     | 341         | 51.12%     | 22,688        | 55.83%     | 389         | 56.87%     | 5,291               | 4.82%         | 48          | 5.75%        |
| 65 to 74 years                    | 2,650         | 7.77%      | 44          | 6.60%      | 2,942         | 7.24%      | 58          | 8.48%      | 292                 | -0.53%        | 14          | 1.88%        |
| 75 years and over                 | 1,835         | 5.38%      | 46          | 6.90%      | 2,323         | 5.72%      | 43          | 6.29%      | 488                 | 0.34%         | -3          | -0.61%       |

Data Set: Census 2000, Census 1990 (Summary File 3)

**Map 1-3 WISCONSIN COUNTY GROWTH RATES, 2000-2035**



Source: Wisconsin Dept of Administration Population Projections 2000-2035

**Table 1.12 WI COUNTIES WITH GREATEST PERCENT CHANGE IN POPULATION, 2000-2035**

| County             | Census 2000 | Projection 2035 | Number Change | Percentage Change |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <b>SAINT CROIX</b> | 63,155      | 148,043         | 84,888        | 134%              |
| <b>CALUMET</b>     | 40,631      | 71,227          | 30,596        | 75%               |
| <b>DANE</b>        | 426,526     | 653,876         | 227,350       | 53%               |
| <b>PIERCE</b>      | 36,804      | 54,094          | 17,290        | 47%               |
| <b>POLK</b>        | 41,319      | 60,640          | 19,321        | 47%               |
| <b>SAUK</b>        | 55,225      | 80,563          | 25,338        | 46%               |
| <b>WALWORTH</b>    | 92,013      | 132,941         | 40,928        | 45%               |
| <b>WASHINGTON</b>  | 117,496     | 169,159         | 51,663        | 44%               |
| <b>OCONTO</b>      | 35,652      | 51,037          | 15,385        | 43%               |
| <b>KENOSHA</b>     | 149,577     | 213,077         | 63,500        | 42%               |

Source: Wisconsin Dept of Administration Population Projections 2000-2035

Figures 1.8, Table 1.9, and Figure 1.10 show the anticipated amount of population change in Polk County in the next 35 years. Figure 1.8 shows this change by county. Polk County is right on the cusp of being in the highest bracket category on the map. 48% is the cut off for the top amount and the projections have Polk County increasing by 47%, shown in Table 1.9. Map 1-11 shows that the Town of West Sweden is expected to increase in population by 17% over the next 20 years. Compared to most of the rest of Polk County, this is a modest amount of increase. One of the main goals of the Town is to maintain its rural character, so remaining informed of expected population changes is a good idea. That way the Town can be proactive in planning the Town in order to see this goal achieved.





### 1.3 **SWOT ANALYSIS**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <p><b>Strengths</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Rural Setting</li> <li>- Quiet Town</li> <li>- Hunting, Fishing, and Outdoor sports or activities</li> <li>- Change of seasons</li> <li>- Plowing and road conditions</li> <li>- Residents don't mind driving for work, entertainment, shopping, etc.</li> <li>- Adequate housing supply, enough apartments available, and elderly housing options available in area Villages.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Weaknesses</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Taxes</li> <li>- Junk in Yards</li> <li>- Lack of Jobs</li> <li>- Condition of County Road W</li> </ul>             |
| <p><b>Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Biking trails</li> <li>- Possible ATV trails</li> <li>- Possibly allow a variety of uses on town roads</li> <li>- Make trails into more multiple use trails</li> <li>- Alternative energy (windmills, solar panels, biomass, etc.)</li> <li>- Peace and quiet, wildlife</li> </ul>  | <p><b>Threats</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Major developments</li> <li>- Taxes</li> <li>- Too much government control</li> <li>- Land being divided up</li> </ul> |

## **1.4 OVERALL GOALS**

### Housing Element:

Ensure that all the housing needs of the residents of the Town of West Sweden are met.

### Transportation Element:

Maintain existing road and transportation systems in the Town of West Sweden.

### Utilities and Community Facilities Element:

Maintain and enhance the existing utilities and community facilities.

### Agricultural, Natural, and Cultural Resources Element:

Preserve the right to farm.

Ensure at least the present day quality of natural resources.

Preserve existing cultural resources

### Economic Development Element:

Encourage businesses or other economic development that fit with the character of the Town of West Sweden.

### Intergovernmental Cooperation Element:

Maintain current intergovernmental agreements.

### Land Use Element:

Preserve similar percentages of land in agriculture, residential, commercial, industrial, etc.

## **ELEMENT 2: HOUSING**

### **2.1 BACKGROUND**

### **2.2 STATISTICS**

### **2.3 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

#### **2.1 BACKGROUND**

Housing in the Town of West Sweden has generally been concentrated around the Village of Frederic and sporadic throughout the rest of the Town. The only hamlet (an unincorporated settlement area) is the Hamlet of West Sweden in the northwest corner of the Town. The other areas of housing concentration are along developable lakes within the Town of West Sweden.

#### **2.2 STATISTICS**

**Table 2.1**

#### **YEAR STRUCTURE BUILT**

|                          | <b>WI</b>      | <b>% OF TOTAL</b> | <b>POLK</b>  | <b>% OF TOTAL</b> | <b>WEST SWEDEN</b> | <b>% OF TOTAL</b> |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Structures:</b> | <b>2321144</b> |                   | <b>21129</b> |                   | <b>318</b>         |                   |
| Built 1999 to March 2000 | 50735          | 2.19%             | 806          | 3.81%             | 3                  | 0.94%             |
| Built 1995 to 1998       | 170219         | 7.33%             | 1860         | 8.80%             | 22                 | 6.92%             |
| Built 1990 to 1994       | 168838         | 7.27%             | 1804         | 8.54%             | 28                 | 8.81%             |
| Built 1980 to 1989       | 249789         | 10.76%            | 2990         | 14.15%            | 33                 | 10.38%            |
| Built 1970 to 1979       | 391349         | 16.86%            | 3870         | 18.32%            | 47                 | 14.78%            |
| Built 1960 to 1969       | 276188         | 11.90%            | 2211         | 10.46%            | 15                 | 4.72%             |
| Built 1950 to 1959       | 291948         | 12.58%            | 1862         | 8.81%             | 35                 | 11.01%            |
| Built 1940 to 1949       | 178914         | 7.71%             | 1374         | 6.50%             | 40                 | 12.58%            |
| Built 1939 or earlier    | 543164         | 23.40%            | 4352         | 20.60%            | 95                 | 29.87%            |

U.S. Census Bureau Census 2000

Table 2.1 shows the year the various homes in West Sweden were built. A notable statistic is that nearly one-third of the total houses in the Town of West Sweden were built prior to 1939. Depending on how well cared for these houses are, it could mean that a substantial portion of the homes in the Town are in need of repair or replacement. From April 2000 through July 2003, a total of 29 new houses were built in the Town of West Sweden according to building permit records.

**Table 2.2**  
**UNITS IN STRUCTURE**

|                            | WI        | % OF<br>TOTAL | POLK   | % OF<br>TOTAL | WEST<br>SWEDEN | % OF<br>TOTAL |
|----------------------------|-----------|---------------|--------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| <b>1990</b>                |           |               |        |               |                |               |
| 1 Unit, Detached           | 1,342,230 | 65.29%        | 13,979 | 75.31%        | 266            | 88.08%        |
| 1 Unit, Attached           | 50,380    | 2.45%         | 135    | 0.73%         | 2              | 0.66%         |
| 2 Units                    | 197,659   | 9.61%         | 420    | 2.26%         | 2              | 0.66%         |
| 3 or 4 Units               | 79,562    | 3.87%         | 220    | 1.19%         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| 5 to 9 Units               | 81,331    | 3.96%         | 265    | 1.43%         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| 10 to 19 Units             | 67,222    | 3.27%         | 341    | 1.84%         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| 20 to 49 Units             | 65,203    | 3.17%         | 325    | 1.75%         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| 50 or more Units           | 42,860    | 2.08%         | 0      | 0.00%         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| Mobile Home or Trailer     | 101,149   | 4.92%         | 2,497  | 13.45%        | 26             | 8.61%         |
| Boat, RV, van, etc.        | 28,178    | 1.37%         | 380    | 2.05%         | 6              | 1.99%         |
| Total Units                | 2,055,774 |               | 18,562 |               | 302            |               |
| <b>2000</b>                |           |               |        |               |                |               |
| 1 Unit, Detached           | 1,531,612 | 74.50%        | 16,485 | 88.81%        | 280            | 92.72%        |
| 1 Unit, Attached           | 77,795    | 3.78%         | 316    | 1.70%         | 2              | 0.66%         |
| 2 Units                    | 190,889   | 9.29%         | 454    | 2.45%         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| 3 or 4 Units               | 91,047    | 4.43%         | 336    | 1.81%         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| 5 to 9 Units               | 106,680   | 5.19%         | 418    | 2.25%         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| 10 to 19 Units             | 75,456    | 3.67%         | 382    | 2.06%         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| 20 to 49 Units             | 80,528    | 3.92%         | 443    | 2.39%         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| 50 or more Units           | 62,969    | 3.06%         | 7      | 0.04%         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| Mobile Home or Trailer     | 101,465   | 4.94%         | 2,068  | 11.14%        | 36             | 11.92%        |
| Boat, RV, van, etc.        | 2,703     | 0.13%         | 220    | 1.19%         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| Total Units                | 2,321,144 |               | 21,129 |               | 318            |               |
| <b>1990 to 2000 CHANGE</b> |           |               |        |               |                |               |
| 1 Unit, Detached           | 189,382   | 9.21%         | 2,506  | 13.50%        | 14             | 4.64%         |
| 1 Unit, Attached           | 27,415    | 1.33%         | 181    | 0.98%         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| 2 Units                    | -6,770    | -0.33%        | 34     | 0.18%         | -2             | -0.66%        |
| 3 or 4 Units               | 11,485    | 0.56%         | 116    | 0.62%         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| 5 to 9 Units               | 25,349    | 1.23%         | 153    | 0.82%         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| 10 to 19 Units             | 8,234     | 0.40%         | 41     | 0.22%         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| 20 to 49 Units             | 15,325    | 0.75%         | 118    | 0.64%         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| 50 or more Units           | 20,109    | 0.98%         | 7      | 0.04%         | 0              | 0.00%         |
| Mobile Home or Trailer     | 316       | 0.02%         | -429   | -2.31%        | 10             | 3.31%         |
| Boat, RV, van, etc.        | -25,475   | -1.24%        | -160   | -0.86%        | -6             | -1.99%        |
| Total Units                | 265,370   | 12.91%        | 2,567  | 13.83%        | 16             | 5.30%         |

Source: US Census

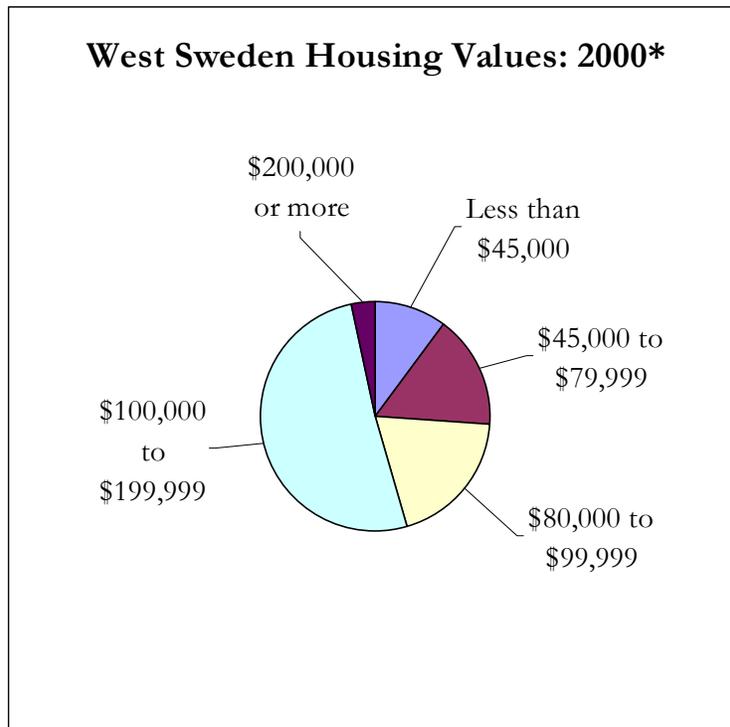
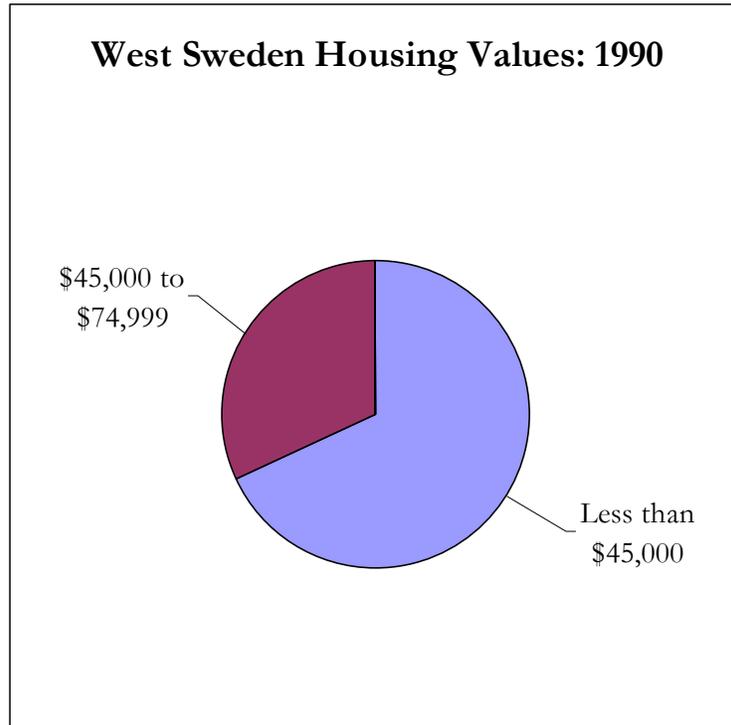
The vast majority of the homes in the Town of West Sweden are single-family units with a detached garage. There have not been significant increases in the number of homes over the 10 year period from 1990-2000. From 2000 through May of 2003, there were 29 homes built, which is a significant increase over the previous decade. The rate of home construction is something the Town should monitor as it can have a marked affect on the character of their community.

**TABLE 2.3  
VALUE FOR SPECIFIED OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS**

| 1990                     |           |            |           |            |             |            |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|
|                          | WI        | % OF TOTAL | POLK      | % OF TOTAL | WEST SWEDEN | % OF TOTAL |
| Median value             | \$62,500  |            | \$53,600  |            | \$41,500    |            |
| Total O.O. Housing Units | 916,708   |            | 5,596     |            | 77          |            |
| Less than \$15,000       | 8,501     | 0.93%      | 77        | 1.38%      | 2           | 2.60%      |
| \$15,000 to \$19,999     | 10,237    | 1.12%      | 108       | 1.93%      | 4           | 5.19%      |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999     | 18,526    | 2.02%      | 195       | 3.48%      | 2           | 2.60%      |
| \$25,000 to \$29,999     | 28,496    | 3.11%      | 328       | 5.86%      | 8           | 10.39%     |
| \$30,000 to \$34,999     | 41,877    | 4.57%      | 404       | 7.22%      | 13          | 16.88%     |
| \$35,000 to \$39,999     | 52,011    | 5.67%      | 429       | 7.67%      | 8           | 10.39%     |
| \$40,000 to \$44,999     | 61,670    | 6.73%      | 469       | 8.38%      | 5           | 6.49%      |
| \$45,000 to \$49,999     | 65,879    | 7.19%      | 463       | 8.27%      | 11          | 14.29%     |
| \$50,000 to \$59,999     | 140,021   | 15.27%     | 902       | 16.12%     | 13          | 16.88%     |
| \$60,000 to \$74,999     | 187,076   | 20.41%     | 1,068     | 19.09%     | 9           | 11.69%     |
| \$75,000 to \$99,999     | 165,066   | 18.01%     | 730       | 13.05%     | 2           | 2.60%      |
| \$100,000 to \$124,999   | 62,665    | 6.84%      | 208       | 3.72%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| \$125,000 to \$149,999   | 32,627    | 3.56%      | 109       | 1.95%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| \$150,000 to \$174,999   | 16,058    | 1.75%      | 51        | 0.91%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| \$175,000 to \$199,999   | 8,602     | 0.94%      | 29        | 0.52%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| \$200,000 to \$249,999   | 8,327     | 0.91%      | 18        | 0.32%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| \$250,000 to \$299,999   | 3,959     | 0.43%      | 2         | 0.04%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| \$300,000 to \$399,999   | 3,082     | 0.34%      | 5         | 0.09%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| \$400,000 to \$499,999   | 1,018     | 0.11%      | 0         | 0.00%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| \$500,000 or more        | 1,010     | 0.11%      | 1         | 0.02%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| 2000                     |           |            |           |            |             |            |
|                          | WI        | % OF TOTAL | POLK      | % OF TOTAL | WEST SWEDEN | % OF TOTAL |
| Median Value             | \$112,200 |            | \$100,200 |            | \$88,800    |            |
| Total O.O. Housing Units | 1,122,467 |            | 7,642     |            | 88          |            |
| Less than \$10,000       | 1,142     | 0.10%      | 6         | 0.08%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| \$10,000 to \$14,999     | 1,523     | 0.14%      | 9         | 0.12%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| \$15,000 to \$19,999     | 2,855     | 0.25%      | 24        | 0.31%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| \$20,000 to \$24,999     | 4,262     | 0.38%      | 26        | 0.34%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| \$25,000 to \$29,999     | 6,411     | 0.57%      | 52        | 0.68%      | 2           | 2.27%      |
| \$30,000 to \$34,999     | 9,683     | 0.86%      | 84        | 1.10%      | 7           | 7.95%      |
| \$35,000 to \$39,999     | 13,708    | 1.22%      | 118       | 1.54%      | 4           | 4.55%      |
| \$40,000 to \$49,999     | 33,866    | 3.02%      | 324       | 4.24%      | 2           | 2.27%      |
| \$50,000 to \$59,999     | 46,456    | 4.14%      | 364       | 4.76%      | 8           | 9.09%      |
| \$60,000 to \$69,999     | 64,280    | 5.73%      | 483       | 6.32%      | 10          | 11.36%     |
| \$70,000 to \$79,999     | 82,130    | 7.32%      | 658       | 8.61%      | 7           | 7.95%      |
| \$80,000 to \$89,999     | 102,431   | 9.13%      | 840       | 10.99%     | 10          | 11.36%     |
| \$90,000 to \$99,999     | 101,596   | 9.05%      | 825       | 10.80%     | 6           | 6.82%      |
| \$100,000 to \$124,999   | 185,960   | 16.57%     | 1,251     | 16.37%     | 19          | 21.59%     |
| \$125,000 to \$149,999   | 158,033   | 14.08%     | 936       | 12.25%     | 10          | 11.36%     |
| \$150,000 to \$174,999   | 106,516   | 9.49%      | 542       | 7.09%      | 1           | 1.14%      |
| \$175,000 to \$199,999   | 67,003    | 5.97%      | 346       | 4.53%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| \$200,000 to \$249,999   | 62,223    | 5.54%      | 345       | 4.51%      | 2           | 2.27%      |
| \$250,000 to \$299,999   | 32,940    | 2.93%      | 232       | 3.04%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| \$300,000 to \$399,999   | 22,602    | 2.01%      | 114       | 1.49%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| \$400,000 to \$499,999   | 7,905     | 0.70%      | 25        | 0.33%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| \$500,000 to \$749,999   | 5,676     | 0.51%      | 19        | 0.25%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| \$750,000 to \$999,999   | 1,677     | 0.15%      | 15        | 0.20%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| \$1,000,000 or more      | 1,589     | 0.14%      | 4         | 0.05%      | 0           | 0.00%      |

Source: US Census

**Table 2.3**



\* Adjusted to 1990 dollars. Actual ranges are as follows: 'less than \$45,000' equals less than \$46,199; '\$45,000 to \$79,999' equals \$46,200 to \$79,199; '\$80,000 to \$99,999' equals \$79,200 to \$105,599; '\$100,000 to \$199,999' equals \$105,600 to \$197,999; '\$200,000 or more' equals \$198,000 or more.

Table 2.4 showcases the numbers as they relate to occupancy of housing in Wisconsin, Polk County, and the Town of West Sweden. In 1990, there are significant differences in both Polk County and the Town of West Sweden versus the Wisconsin average of vacant housing unit, which are well above the norm. By 2000, at least as a percentage of total housing units, the Town of West Sweden is more closely aligned with State averages; however Polk County is still well above average.

**Table 2.4  
OCCUPANCY CHARACTERISTICS**

| 1990                   |           |            |        |            |             |            |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|--------|------------|-------------|------------|
|                        | WISCONSIN |            | POLK   |            | WEST SWEDEN |            |
|                        | Number    | % of Total | Number | % of Total | Number      | % of Total |
| Occupied Housing Units | 1822118   | 88.63%     | 13056  | 70.34%     | 106         | 69.28%     |
| Owner Occupied         | 1215350   | 59.12%     | 10165  | 54.76%     | 83          | 54.25%     |
| Renter Occupied        | 606768    | 29.52%     | 2891   | 15.57%     | 23          | 15.03%     |
| Vacant Housing Units   | 233656    | 11.37%     | 5506   | 29.66%     | 47          | 30.72%     |
| Total Housing Units    | 2055774   |            | 18562  |            | 153         |            |
| 2000                   |           |            |        |            |             |            |
|                        | WISCONSIN |            | POLK   |            | WEST SWEDEN |            |
|                        | Number    | % of Total | Number | % of Total | Number      | % of Total |
| Occupied Housing Units | 2,084,544 | 89.81%     | 16,254 | 76.93%     | 285         | 87.16%     |
| Owner Occupied         | 1,426,361 | 61.45%     | 13,037 | 61.70%     | 255         | 77.98%     |
| Renter Occupied        | 658,183   | 28.36%     | 3,217  | 15.23%     | 30          | 9.17%      |
| Vacant Housing Units   | 236,600   | 10.19%     | 4,875  | 23.07%     | 42          | 12.84%     |
| Total Housing Units    | 2,321,144 |            | 21,129 |            | 327         |            |
| 1990-2000 CHANGE       |           |            |        |            |             |            |
|                        | WISCONSIN |            | POLK   |            | WEST SWEDEN |            |
|                        | Number    | % Change   | Number | % Change   | Number      | % Change   |
| Occupied Housing Units | 262,426   | 12.59%     | 3,198  | 19.68%     | 179         | 62.81%     |
| Owner Occupied         | 211,011   | 14.79%     | 2,872  | 22.03%     | 172         | 67.45%     |
| Renter Occupied        | 51,415    | 7.81%      | 326    | 10.13%     | 7           | 23.33%     |
| Vacant Housing Units   | 2,944     | 1.24%      | -631   | -12.94%    | -5          | -11.90%    |
| Total Housing Units    | 265,370   | 11.43%     | 2,567  | 12.15%     | 174         | 53.21%     |

Source: US Census

**Table 2.5 Seasonal Units – 2000**

| Municipality        | Total Housing Units | Units | % of Total |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------|------------|
| Town of West Sweden | 327                 | 30    | 9.2%       |

Source: US Census

Table 2.5 shows the seasonal housing units in the Town of West Sweden and what percentage of the total units they represent. The higher the number of seasonal homes typically the more volatile the housing market is in the area. If a high number of homes are 2<sup>nd</sup> homes, then the housing stock is less stable because this type of housing is expendable, especially in tough economic times.

### **2.3 ASSESSMENT OF FUTURE NEEDS**

According to Dept of Administration projections, the Town of West Sweden will see an increase of 59 houses from 2010 through 2030. There is more than enough land to accommodate such new development. This, however, does not mean that the Town of West Sweden wishes for development to happen anywhere within its boundaries. Trends also point to an aging population. The Town of West Sweden would like to work with surrounding municipalities to ensure that the housing needs of the aging population are met.

### **2.4 HOUSING PROGRAMS**

#### **Programs for Individual Property Owners**

Wisconsin Rural Development, Rural Housing Service  
 Historic Home Owner's Tax Credits  
 Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP)  
 Wisconsin Focus on Energy  
 USDA-Rural Development  
 US Dept of Housing and Urban Development

#### **Programs for Local Governments**

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

#### **Programs for Affordable Housing**

Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME)  
 Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA)  
 Wisconsin Community Action Program Association (WISCAP)  
 WestCAP  
 Section 8 Program

#### **Programs for Elderly Housing**

Community Options Program (COP)  
 Property Tax Deferred Loan Program (PTDL)

## 2.5 **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

**Goal 1:** *Ensure that the housing needs of all residents of the Town of West Sweden are met.*

Objective:

- 1) *Work with surrounding communities to provide housing for the elderly population of West Sweden.*

**Goal 2:** *Maintain rural character of the Town of West Sweden*

Objectives:

- 1) *Research options such as changing minimum lot size, utilizing conservation subdivisions, and working land preservation tools of Purchase of Development Rights, Transfer of Development Rights, etc., that would preserve rural character.*
- 2) *Utilize tools that encourage the type of development desired by the Town of West Sweden (such as single-family residential), instead of placing additional restrictions on development.*

## **ELEMENT 3: TRANSPORTATION**

The discussion of issues in the Transportation element will be organized into the following sections:

- 3.1 BACKGROUND**
- 3.2 ROAD CLASSIFICATION**
- 3.3 PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS**
- 3.4 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

### **3.1 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

There are few things that influence land use like transportation can. Care must be taken in land use and transportation decisions.

The Town of West Sweden has a good established road network that allows for its residents and visitors to move freely, commute to work, and get to the goods and services they need. The presence of two state highways, 46 and 35, afford direct access to other key parts of the county and state. The landscape in the Town of West Sweden makes road building and maintenance a unique challenge. County Road W has been bone of contention and is in need of repair according to the residents of the Town of West Sweden.



Photo Courtesy of the Town of West Sweden Plan Commission

### **Highways**

There are several highways that meander through the Town of West Sweden.

State Highways: 48 and 35

County Trunk Highway: W

### **Transit**

The Town of West Sweden is a rural Town and therefore has no transit options.

### **Transportation Facilities for Disabled**

The Town of West Sweden does not provide transportation services for disabled or elderly residents. The town residents do, however, have access to Polk County's Care-a-Van service, the Polk County Aging Department service, volunteer drivers, and other contracted private services, such as New Richmond Transport.

### **Bicycles**

The Gandy Dancer State Trail provides a 47 mile long corridor that is open to bicycles throughout the entire length. The trail provides another option for transportation along a route from St. Croix Falls up to Danbury. All town roads are open to bicycles and the Town does not see for additional bike routes or lanes within the Town limits.

### **Walking**

The 47 mile section of the Gandy Dancer State Trail in Wisconsin is also open to walking. There has been no need identified for additional walking paths, routes or sidewalks within the Town of West Sweden.

## **Gandy Dancer State Trail**

This 98-mile interstate trail crosses into Minnesota and then back again into Wisconsin on its way from St. Croix Falls to its connection with the Saunders State Trail just south of Superior, Wisconsin.



*Photo Courtesy of the Burnett County website*

In Wisconsin the trail is maintained and managed by Polk, Burnett, and Douglas counties. The Minnesota DNR manages the section of the Gandy Dancer trail in Minnesota.

Built on a former Soo Line railroad corridor, the trail is named for the work crews who laid the railroad tracks. The crews used tools made by the Gandy Tool Company of Chicago. The crews were known to work by keeping their voices and the movement of their feet and tools in harmony. This manner of work led the crews to become known as "Gandy Dancers."

The Gandy Dancer State Trail is divided into a northern segment and a southern segment. Trail uses for the two segments are also divided. Most of the year the southern segment allows only non-motorized recreation on the trail, while the northern segment offers motorized recreation year-round.

### **Southern Segment**

This segment of the Gandy Dancer trail begins near St. Croix Falls. This segment travels for 47 miles north through the communities of Centuria, Milltown, Luck, Frederic, Lewis, Siren and Webster, ending in the town of Danbury at the Minnesota border.



Deep blue skies and brilliant colors highlight the trail in Autumn.  
DNR Photo

The southern segment is surfaced with crushed limestone. A small section of trail near the Polk County Information Center is paved with asphalt and is owned by the City of St. Croix Falls and is

known as the Interlink Trail. The trail tread is suitable for walking, biking, and hiking. Snowmobiles are allowed on this segment from December to March provided there is at least six inches of snow covering the trail. All-terrain vehicles are not permitted on the southern segment at any time.

Governor Knowles State Forest and Crex Meadows Wildlife Area are near the trail.

Camping is available at Governor Knowles State Forest and Interstate State Park, as well as at several private campgrounds along the trail. The western end of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail is also at Interstate State Park.

Historical points of interest along the southern segment include Forts Folle Avoine and a restored 1901 Soo Line railroad depot and museum in Frederic.

Forts Folle Avoine Historical Park is 2.5 miles west of the trail just off of County Highway U, about halfway between Danbury and Webster. The park is a reconstruction of a fur trading post and sits on the banks of the Yellow River at the same site of the original fort.

The southern segment of the Gandy Dancer trail ends just outside Danbury. Here a 520-foot trestle crosses the St. Croix National Scenic Riverway into Minnesota.

Courtesy of the Wisconsin DNR

### **Railroads**

There are no rail lines within the Town of West Sweden, although, the Gandy Dancer Trail does run through a portion of the town where the Right-of-Way rights for the railroad have been maintained.

### **Air Transportation**

No means of air transportation exist within the Town of West Sweden. There are several airports in the region that are utilized by the residents, such as: Burnett County Airport in Siren, Grantsburg Municipal Airport, L.O. Simenstad Municipal Airport in Osceola, Amery Municipal Airport, New Richmond Regional Airport, Shell Lake Municipal Airport, Minneapolis-St. Paul International, and Duluth International.

### **Trucking**

No trucking transportation outfits or facilities exist within the Town of West Sweden.

**Water Transportation**

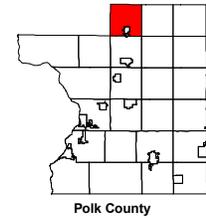
Water transportation is limited to recreational uses within West Sweden.

**Other Transportation**

Wisconsin has long winters which make it difficult for traditional forms of transportation. In normal years, snowfall is great enough to allow for travel by snowmobile. Map 3-5 shows the snowmobile trails in the Town of West Sweden.

# MAP 3-1 GENERAL ROAD MAP

Town of West Sweden  
Polk County  
Wisconsin



- STATE HIGHWAY SHIELD
- COUNTY ROAD SHIELD
- STATE HIGHWAY
- COUNTY ROAD
- TOWNSHIP ROAD
- VILLAGE ROAD
- PRIVATE ROAD
- HYDRO STREAM
- HYDRO BODY
- SECTIONS
- VILLAGE
- TOWNSHIP
- UNINCORPORATED VILLAGE

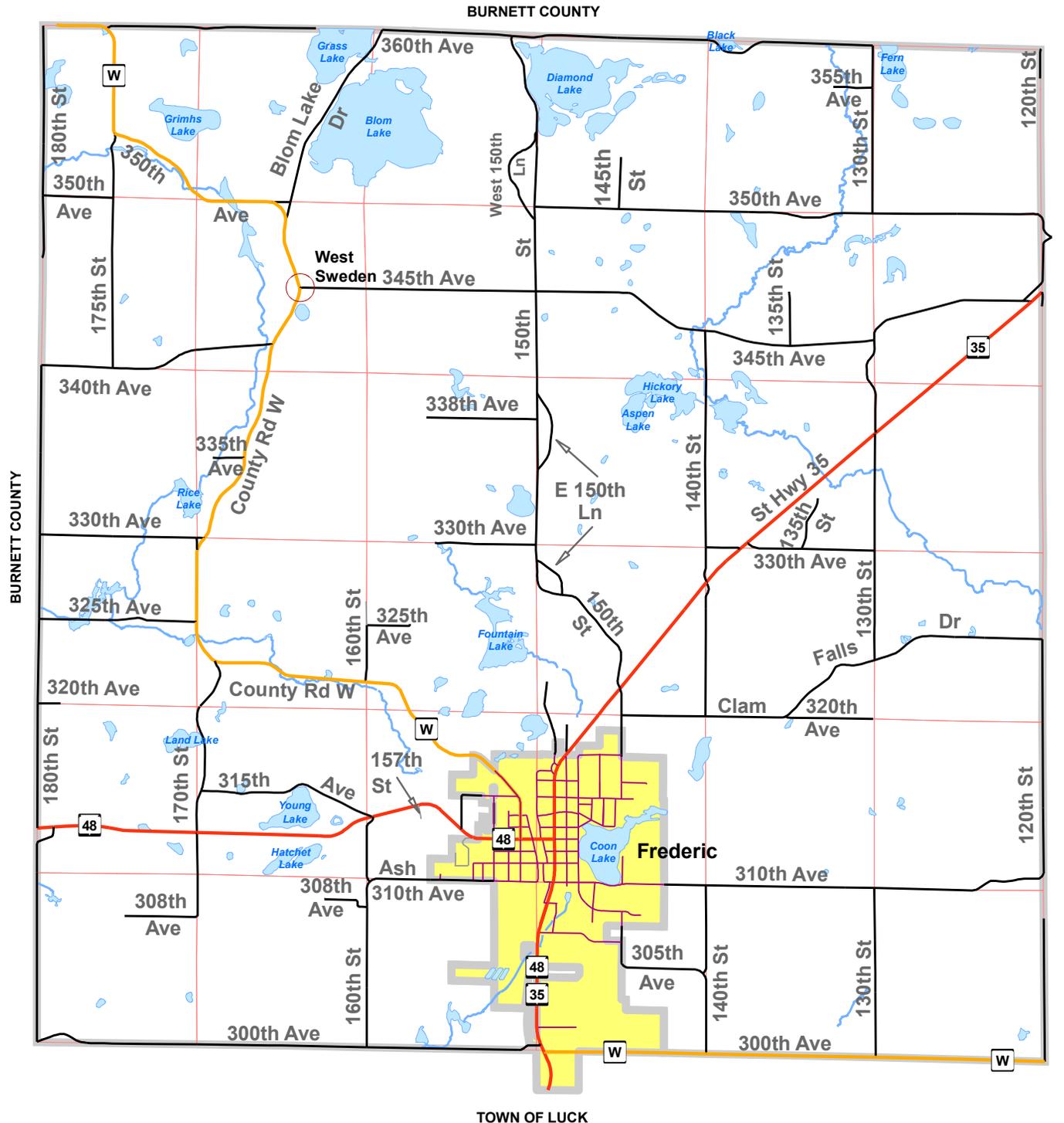
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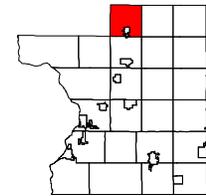


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# MAP 3-2 TRAFFIC COUNTS

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Polk County  
Wisconsin



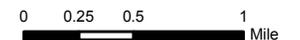
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- STATE HIGHWAY SHIELD
- COUNTY ROAD SHIELD
- STATE HIGHWAY
- COUNTY ROAD
- TOWNSHIP ROAD
- VILLAGE ROAD
- PRIVATE ROAD
- HYDRO STREAM
- HYDRO BODY
- SECTIONS
- VILLAGE
- TOWNSHIP

### Average Annual Daily Traffic Count Site

2004 9999  
2006 9999

Average Annual Daily Traffic Counts:  
Source: WDOT

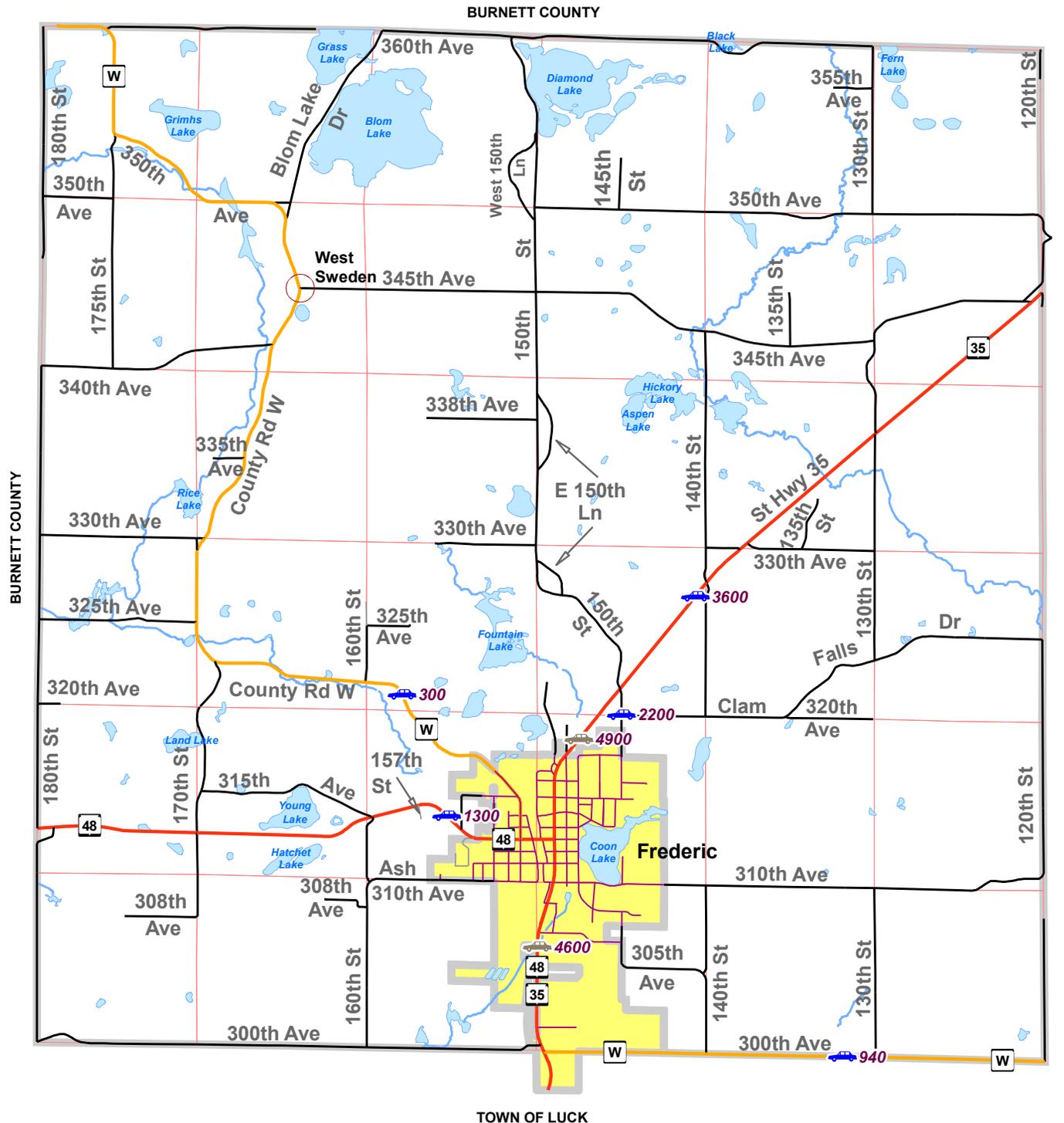


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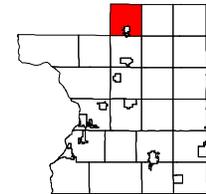


# MAP 3-3

## SHERIFF ACCIDENT REPORT

### Town of West Sweden

### Polk County Wisconsin



Polk County

#### TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS BY YEAR & TYPE

- △ 2004
- 2005
- 2006
- ◇ 2007
- ☆ 2008
- PROPERTY DAMAGE
- PERSONAL INJURY

Source:  
Polk County Sheriff's Department

- STATE HIGHWAY
- COUNTY ROAD
- TOWNSHIP ROAD
- VILLAGE ROAD
- PRIVATE ROAD
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- SECTIONS
- VILLAGE
- TOWNSHIP

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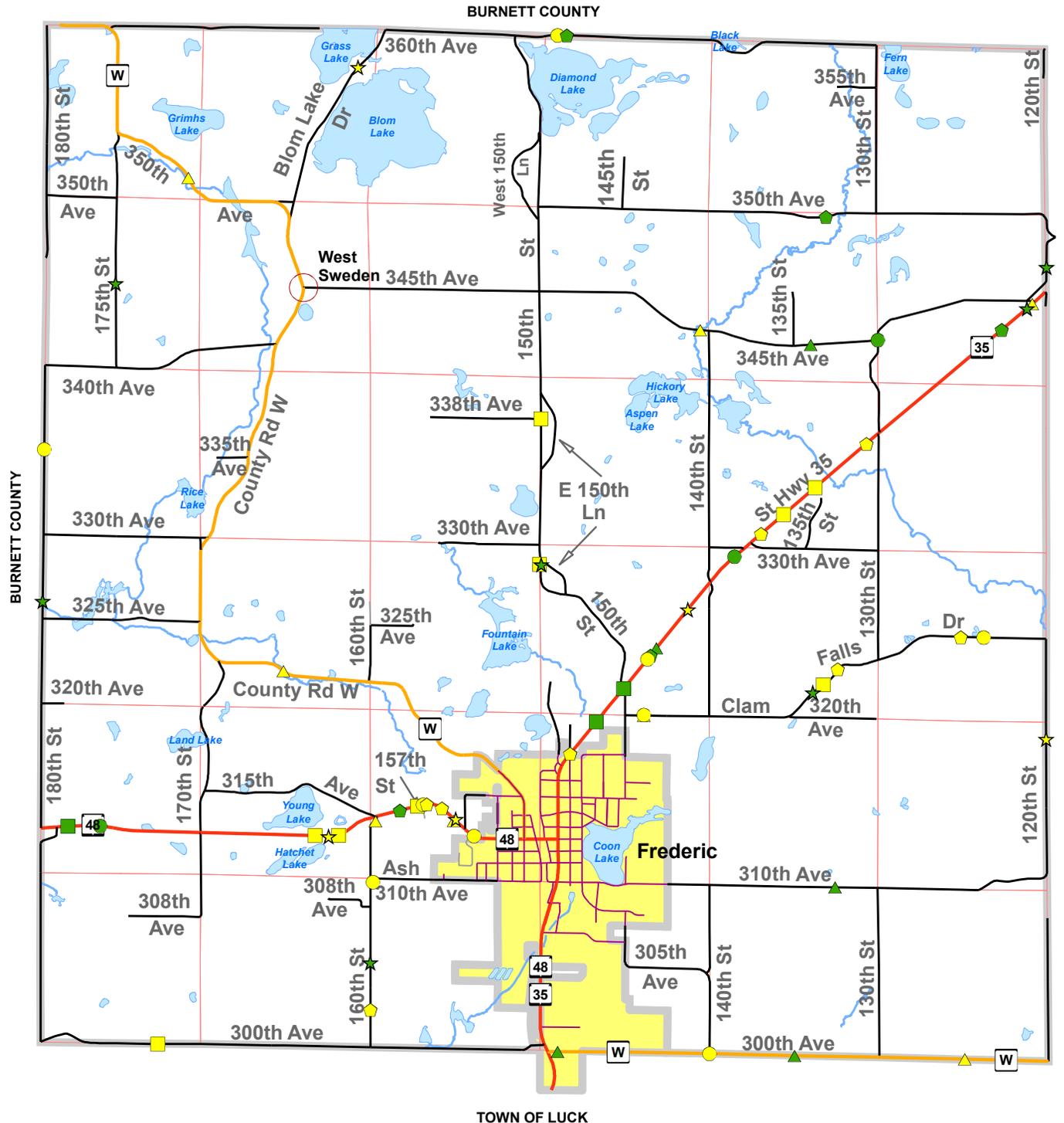


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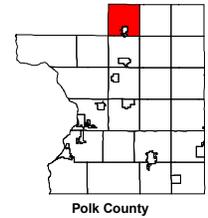
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# MAP 3-4 ROAD CLASSIFICATION

## Town of West Sweden Polk County Wisconsin



- STATE HIGHWAY SHIELD
- COUNTY ROAD SHIELD
- HYDRO STREAM
- HYDRO BODY
- SECTIONS
- VILLAGE
- TOWNSHIP
- PRINCIPAL OR MINOR ARTERIAL  
Approximate Total Miles 8.87
- MAJOR COLLECTOR  
Approximate Total Miles 7.38
- MINOR COLLECTOR - RURAL  
Approximate Total Miles 10.78
- MINOR COLLECTOR - URBAN  
Approximate Total Miles .5
- LOCAL  
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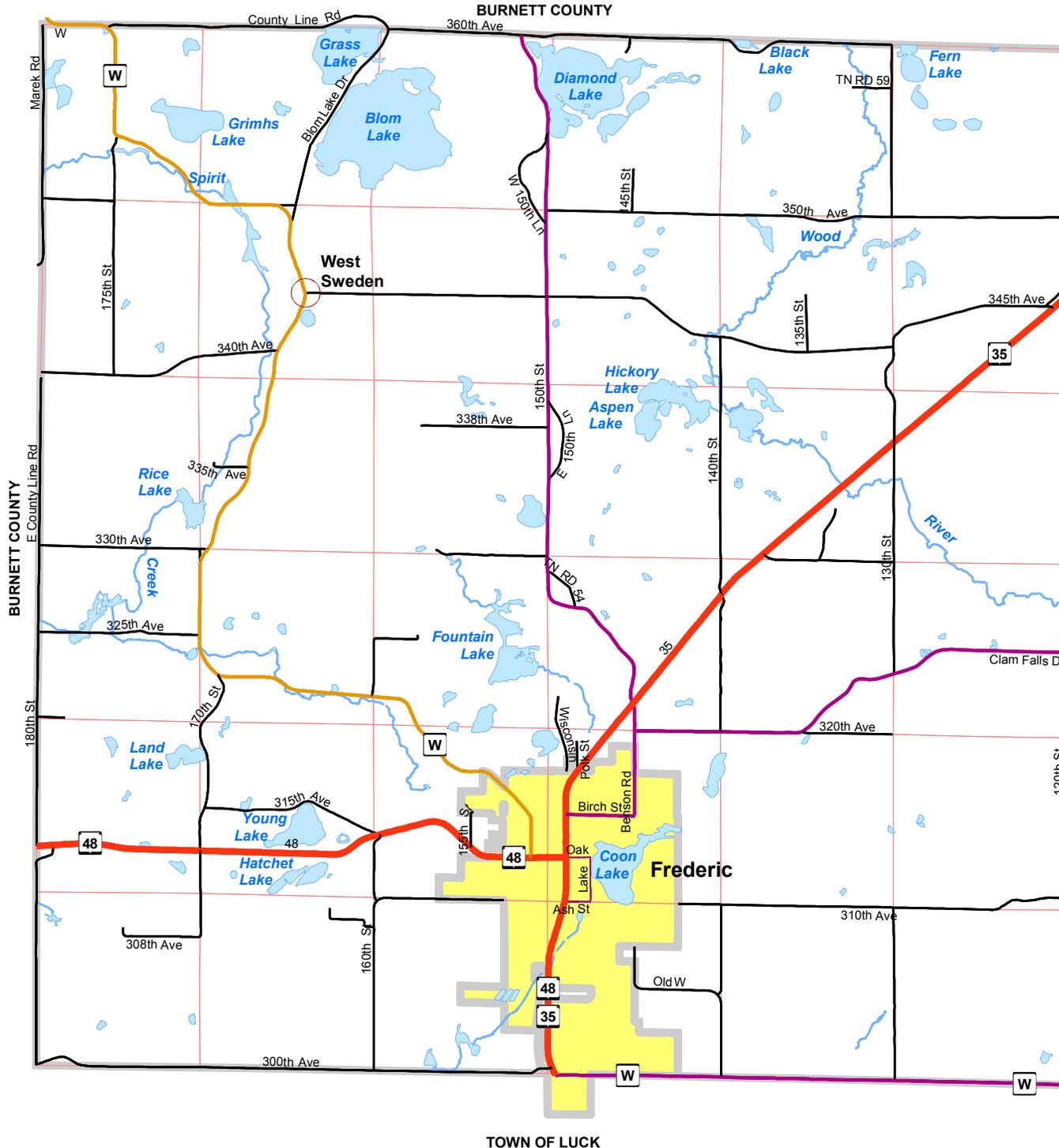
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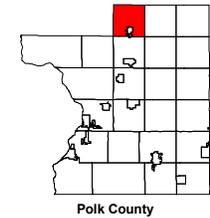


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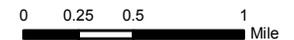


# MAP 3-5 GENERAL SNOWMOBILE TRAILS

Town of West Sweden  
Polk County  
Wisconsin



- STATE HIGHWAY SHIELD
- COUNTY ROAD SHIELD
- STATE HIGHWAY
- COUNTY ROAD
- TOWNSHIP ROAD
- VILLAGE ROAD
- PRIVATE ROAD
- COUNTY TRAILS
- HYDRO STREAM
- HYDRO BODY
- SECTIONS
- VILLAGE
- TOWNSHIP
- UNINCORPORATED VILLAGE

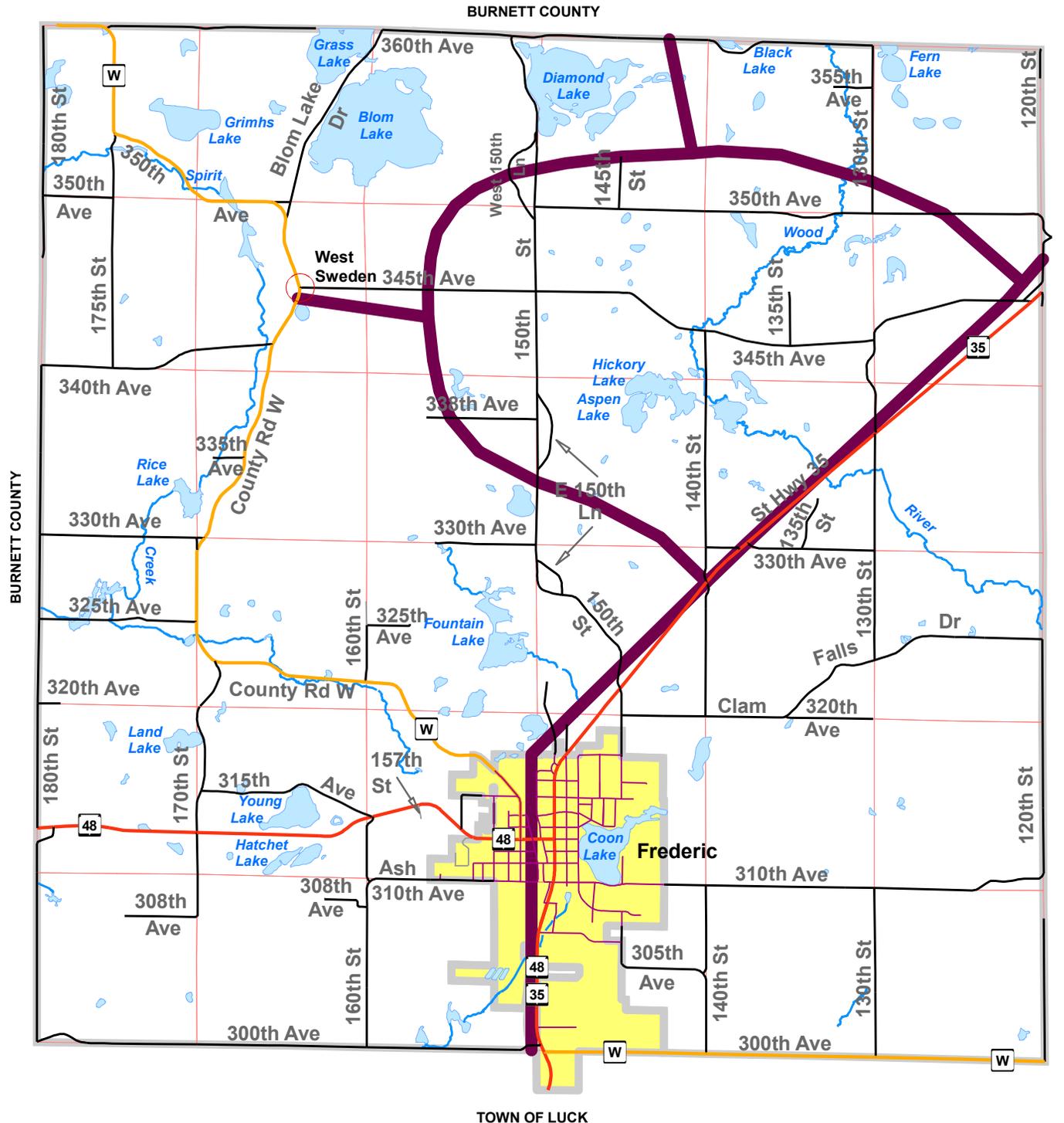


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### **3.2 ROAD CLASSIFICATION**

The Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation classifies roads based on their function. Below is a listing of the different classification types and the amount of roads in the Town of Beaver in those same classifications. Functional road classifications for rural areas include principle/minor arterials, major collectors, minor collectors-urban, and minor collectors-rural, and local roads. A map of road classifications can be found on Map 3-4 on page 39.

Principle arterials serve interstate and interregional trips. These roads generally serve urban areas greater than 5,000 in population.

Minor arterials serve cities, large communities, and other major traffic generators providing intra-regional and inter-regional traffic movements.

Major collectors provide service to moderate sized communities and links traffic to nearby larger population centers.

Minor collectors collect traffic from local roads, linking them to all remaining smaller communities. All developed areas should be within a reasonable distance of collector roads.

Local roads provide access for travel over relatively short distances. All roads not classified as arterials or collectors are classified as local roads.

| <b>Road Classification</b> | <b>Number of Miles</b> |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Principle/Minor Arterials  | 8.87 miles             |
| Major Collectors           | 7.38 miles             |
| Minor Collectors – Urban   | 0.5 miles              |
| Minor Collectors – Rural   | 10.78 miles            |
| Local                      | 52.77 miles            |

### **3.3 PLANNED IMPROVEMENTS**

The Town of West Sweden performs yearly road inspections on all town-owned roads. West Sweden typically develops two-year road plans and makes a budget for those improvements. The road budget for 2009 is \$17,750.

The following 5 pages highlight the road maintenance and improvement plans for Polk County and the State of Wisconsin that impact the Town of West Sweden.

**TABLE 3.1: PROPOSED SIX YEAR ROAD PLAN (Includes 5% Cost Increase per Year)**  
**Polk County Highway Department**

Date Developed: February 2007  
 Latest Revision Date: 9/4/07

|                         |                       |               |                                    | <b>2007 Construction Budget</b> | \$ 2,017,425.00       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Year</b>             | <b>Road / Segment</b> | <b>Miles</b>  | <b>Proposed Project</b>            | <b>Estimated Cost</b>           |                       |
| <b>2007</b>             | N1                    | 6.660         | Dirt work                          |                                 | 91,266.00             |
|                         | N1(2)                 | 1.600         | Pulverize/pave end section         |                                 | 266,000.00            |
|                         | A1 (1)                | 3.290         | Pulverize/pave (Actual Cost)       |                                 | 401,202.00            |
|                         | F5                    | 0.680         | Intersection/pave (Actual Cost)    |                                 | 165,000.00            |
|                         | K1                    | n/a           | Culvert replacement                |                                 | 60,000.00             |
|                         | F5.1                  | 0.400         | Contribution to Village of Dresser |                                 | 50,000.00             |
|                         | H1                    | n/a           | Culverts/ditching                  |                                 | 200,000.00            |
|                         | K2                    | 1.966         | Chipseal (Actual Cost)             |                                 | 29,442.00             |
|                         | K2.1                  | 1.844         | Chipseal (Actual Cost)             |                                 | 25,457.00             |
|                         | V1                    | 6.890         | Chipseal (Actual Cost)             |                                 | 80,009.00             |
|                         | D3                    | 6.080         | Chipseal (Actual Cost)             |                                 | 60,725.00             |
|                         | Y2                    | 3.770         | Wedge/Overlay (Actual Cost)        |                                 | 404,660.00            |
|                         | Z1                    | 2.080         | Ultra-thin Overlay (Actual Cost)   |                                 | 96,851.00             |
| <b>Total Road Miles</b> |                       | <b>35.260</b> | <b>Total Estimated Cost</b>        |                                 | <b>\$1,930,612.00</b> |
|                         |                       |               |                                    | <b>Budget Balance</b>           | <b>\$86,813.00</b>    |

|                         |                        |               |                                      | <b>2008 Budget Year</b>     | <b>Construction Budget - 2007</b> | \$ 2,017,425.00       |
|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                         |                        |               |                                      | <b>Budget Increase</b>      | 500,000.00                        |                       |
|                         |                        |               |                                      | <b>Proposed 2008 Budget</b> | \$ 2,517,425.00                   |                       |
| <b>Year</b>             | <b>Road / Segment</b>  | <b>Miles</b>  | <b>Proposed Project</b>              | <b>Estimated Cost</b>       |                                   |                       |
| <b>2008</b>             | A1 (2)                 | 3.030         | Pulverize & overlay                  |                             |                                   | 400,000.00            |
|                         | X1 (1) (CTH M - 230th) | 2.900         | Pulverize/Pave (CHIP = \$159,885.00) |                             |                                   | 435,000.00            |
|                         | N1                     | 6.660         | 20% STP Match + E.03 to E-1 update   |                             |                                   | 395,000.00            |
|                         | Z2                     | 0.530         | Safety enhancement project           |                             |                                   | 150,000.00            |
|                         | F5.1                   | 0.400         | Contribution to Village of Dresser   |                             |                                   | 86,000.00             |
|                         | JJ3, MM & I2           | 12.850        | Chipseal                             |                             |                                   | 167,050.00            |
|                         | H1                     | n/a           | Intersections                        |                             |                                   | 200,000.00            |
|                         | I6                     | 4.410         | Ultra-thin overlay                   |                             |                                   | 220,500.00            |
|                         | G3                     | 5.470         | Ultra-thin overlay                   |                             |                                   | 291,944.00            |
|                         | T1                     | 2.840         | Ultra-thin overlay                   |                             |                                   | 151,577.00            |
| <b>Total Road Miles</b> |                        | <b>39.090</b> | <b>Total Estimated Cost</b>          |                             |                                   | <b>\$2,497,071.00</b> |
|                         |                        |               |                                      | <b>Budget Balance</b>       |                                   | <b>\$20,354.00</b>    |

|                         |                       |               |  | <b>2009 Budget Year</b>     | <b>2008 Construction Budget</b> | \$ 2,517,425.00       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                         |                       |               |  | <b>Budget Increase</b>      | 250,000.00                      |                       |
|                         |                       |               |  | <b>Proposed 2009 Budget</b> | \$ 2,767,425.00                 |                       |
| <b>Year</b>             | <b>Road / Segment</b> | <b>Miles</b>  | <b>Proposed Project</b>                          | <b>Estimated Cost</b>       |                                 |                       |
| <b>2009</b>             | X1 (2)                | 3.214         | Pulverize/Pave (CHIP-D = \$170,668)              |                             |                                 | 506,205.00            |
|                         | P1                    | 3.000         | Pulverize/pave & culverts                        |                             |                                 | 550,000.00            |
|                         | I7                    | 2.700         | Ultra-thin overlay                               |                             |                                 | 135,000.00            |
|                         | I3                    | 1.300         | Box culvert/ultra-thin overlay (20% Grant Match) |                             |                                 | 200,000.00            |
|                         | B1/C1/C2/CC1/PP       | 20.640        | Chipseal   |                             |                                 | 303,009.00            |
|                         | I3                    | 4.390         | Ultra-thin overlay                               |                             |                                 | 219,500.00            |
|                         | H1                    | 3.100         | Pulverize/pave/ditching                          |                             |                                 | 600,383.00            |
|                         | T2                    | 2.290         | Ultra-thin overlay                               |                             |                                 | 122,222.00            |
|                         | A1.1                  | 0.290         | Mill/pave  |                             |                                 | 134,900.00            |
| <b>Total Road Miles</b> |                       | <b>40.924</b> | <b>Total Estimated Cost</b>                      |                             |                                 | <b>\$2,771,219.00</b> |
|                         |                       |               |  | <b>Budget Balance</b>       |                                 | <b>(\$3,794.00)</b>   |

| <b>2010 Budget Year</b> |                |               | <b>2009 Construction Budget</b>      | \$ 2,767,425.00        |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
|                         |                |               | <b>Budget Increase</b>               | 250,000.00             |
|                         |                |               | <b>Proposed 2010 Budget</b>          | <b>\$ 3,017,425.00</b> |
| Year                    | Road / Segment | Miles         | Proposed Project                     | Estimated Cost         |
| <b>2010</b>             | I6             | n/a           | Culvert Replacement (Straight River) | 100,000.00             |
|                         | J1             | 5.340         | Pave (3-1/2-inch Overlay)            | 725,550.00             |
|                         | CC2            | 2.470         | Pulverize/pave                       | 408,000.00             |
|                         | W1             | 3.970         | Pulverize/pave                       | 655,000.00             |
|                         | M3/M2          | 6.400         | 20% STP Match                        | 498,200.00             |
|                         | O2/E2          | 8.710         | Chipseal                             | 133,000.00             |
|                         | I5/I4          | 8.140         | Chipseal                             | 122,000.00             |
|                         | F1             | 7.020         | Ultra-thin overlay                   | 393,000.00             |
| <b>Total Road Miles</b> |                | <b>42.050</b> | <b>Total Estimated Cost</b>          | <b>3,034,750.00</b>    |
|                         |                |               | <b>Budget Balance</b>                | <b>(\$17,325.00)</b>   |

| <b>2011 Budget Year</b> |                |               | <b>2010 Construction Budget</b> | \$ 3,017,425.00        |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
|                         |                |               | <b>Budget Increase</b>          | 250,000.00             |
|                         |                |               | <b>Proposed 2011 Budget</b>     | <b>\$ 3,267,425.00</b> |
| Year                    | Road / Segment | Miles         | Proposed Project                | Estimated Cost         |
| <b>2011</b>             | I1             | 5.600         | Pulverize/pave                  | 970,000.00             |
|                         | C3             | 8.270         | Ultra-thin overlay              | 463,000.00             |
|                         | EE1            | 2.080         | Pulverize/pave                  | 384,800.00             |
|                         | Y1             | 3.970         | 20% STP Match                   | 300,000.00             |
|                         | S1             | 4.610         | Ultra-thin overlay              | 270,900.00             |
|                         | F2/F3/F4/F4.1  | 13.450        | Chipseal                        | 204,750.00             |
|                         | E4/E3/E6       | 16.890        | Chipseal                        | 257,250.00             |
|                         | E1             | 6.140         | Culverts/prep work              | 150,000.00             |
|                         | H1             | 1.730         | Pave                            | 245,000.00             |
| <b>Total Road Miles</b> |                | <b>62.740</b> | <b>Total Estimated Cost</b>     | <b>\$3,245,700.00</b>  |
|                         |                |               | <b>Budget Balance</b>           | <b>\$21,725.00</b>     |

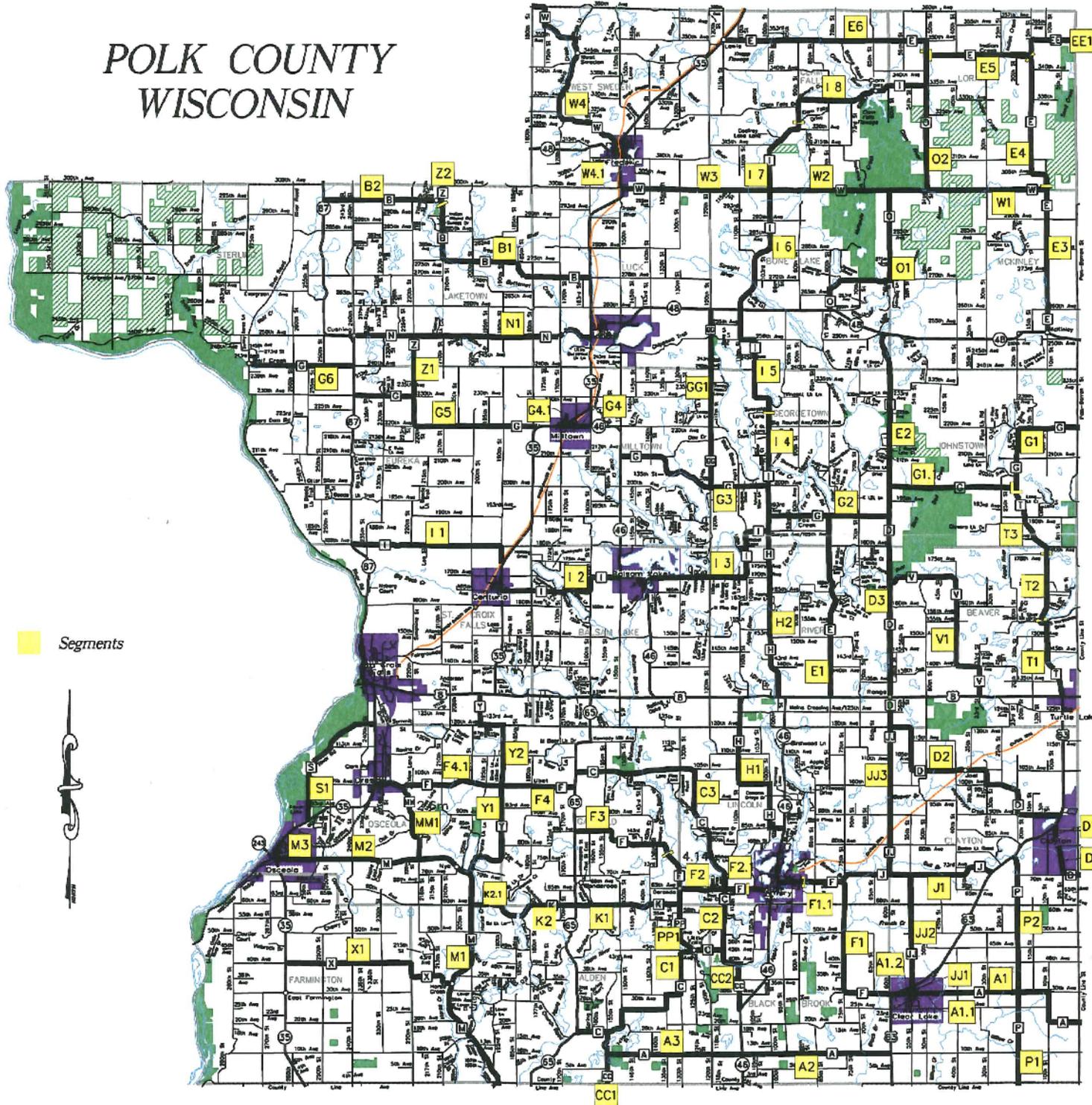
| <b>2012 Budget Year</b> |                |               | <b>2011 Construction Budget</b> | \$ 3,267,425.00        |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
|                         |                |               | <b>Budget Increase</b>          | -                      |
|                         |                |               | <b>Proposed 2012 Budget</b>     | <b>\$ 3,267,425.00</b> |
| Year                    | Road / Segment | Miles         | Proposed Project                | Estimated Cost         |
| <b>2012</b>             | O1             | 5.790         | Culverts/Ditching               | 150,000.00             |
|                         | T1/T2/T3       | 7.730         | Chipseal                        | 117,600.00             |
|                         | N1/Y2          | 11.990        | Chipseal                        | 193,000.00             |
|                         | GG1            | 5.940         | Overlay (2-1/2" cold mix)       | 950,000.00             |
|                         | W2             | 5.270         | Pulverize/Pave                  | 869,000.00             |
|                         | E1             | 6.140         | Pulverize/Pave (2.5")           | 982,400.00             |
| <b>Total Road Miles</b> |                | <b>42.860</b> | <b>Total Estimated Cost</b>     | <b>\$3,262,000.00</b>  |
|                         |                |               | <b>Budget Balance</b>           | <b>\$5,425.00</b>      |

| <b>2013 Budget Year</b> |                |               | <b>2012 Construction Budget</b> | \$ 3,267,425.00        |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
|                         |                |               | <b>Budget Increase</b>          | -                      |
|                         |                |               | <b>Proposed 2013 Budget</b>     | <b>\$ 3,267,425.00</b> |
| Year                    | Road / Segment | Miles         | Proposed Project                | Estimated Cost         |
| <b>2013</b>             | A3/A2          | 9.450         | Ultra-thin overlay              | 532,000.00             |
|                         | O1             | 5.790         | Pulverize/Pave                  | 973,000.00             |
|                         | A1             | 6.320         | Chipseal                        | 101,000.00             |
|                         | D2             | 9.160         | Ultra-thin overlay              | 542,000.00             |
|                         | W4             | 7.070         | 20% STP Match                   | 2,000,000.00           |
| <b>Total Road Miles</b> |                | <b>37.790</b> | <b>Total Estimated Cost</b>     | <b>\$4,148,000.00</b>  |
|                         |                |               | <b>Budget Balance</b>           | <b>(\$880,575.00)</b>  |

**OTHER PROJECTS**

- F2 Bridge at Wapogasset
- B2 Bridge in Atlas
- X1 Arch culvert
- K1 Bridge/safety enhancement
- H2 Bridge

# POLK COUNTY WISCONSIN



Segments

# MAP 3-6 COUNTY ROAD SEGMENTS



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 March 6, 2008 SNAPSHOT

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| HWY | COUNTY | PROJECT TITLE                     | MILES | ESTIMATE (RANGE)            | YEAR  | WORK TYPE | PROJECT DESCRIPTION   |
|-----|--------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|-----------|---|
| 063 | PIERCE | RED WING - ELLSWORTH ROAD         | 0.03  | \$1,000,000-<br>\$1,999,999 | 10-13 | BRRPL     | Replace the existing USH 63 bridge (B-47-011) and approaches over the Burlington Northern Railroad. Also, construct south abutment to convert to a pier for a possible extension of the structure by one span to allow for constr   |
| 065 | PIERCE | ELLSWORTH - RIVER FALLS           | 10.54 | \$4,000,000-<br>\$4,999,999 | 2009  | RESURF    | Pulverize and relay the existing asphalt and resurface, reshoulder, with some culvert repair and ditch cleaning and riprap on the Branch of the Goose Creek Bridge (B-47-0005).   |
| 065 | PIERCE | RIVER FALLS - ROBERTS ROAD        | 0.66  | \$500,000-<br>\$749,999     | 10-13 | PVRPLA    | Mill and relay the existing asphalt and repave with new asphalt, construct a roundabout at Cemetery Road.   |
| 065 | PIERCE | V ELLSWORTH, NORTH MAPLE STREET   | 0.20  | \$100,000-<br>\$249,999     | 10-13 | RDMTN     | Road maintenance on STH 65, in the Village of Ellsworth from Main Street to Cairns Street.  |
| 128 | PIERCE | ELMWOOD - STH 64                  | 7.14  | \$250,000-<br>\$449,999     | 2009  | RDMTN     | Roadway maintenance preservation, chip seal, crack fill and wedge roadway.  |
| 128 | PIERCE | ELMWOOD - STH 64                  | 0.00  | \$2,000,000-<br>\$2,999,999 | 10-13 | RESURF    | Bridge rehabilitation redecking the Lost Creek bridge (B-47-0020).  |
| 008 | POLK   | ST CROIX FALLS - TURTLE LAKE      | 9.27  | \$2,000,000-<br>\$2,999,999 | 10-13 | RESURF    | Resurface existing roadway.   |
| 008 | POLK   | ST CROIX FALLS - TURTLE LAKE      | 0.00  | LESS THAN<br>\$100,000      | 10-13 | BRSHRM    | Remove lead paint and repaint the steel bridge components.  |
| 008 | POLK   | ST CROIX FALLS - TURTLE LAKE ROAD | 0.03  | \$750,000-<br>\$999,999     | 10-13 | BRRHB     | Bridge rehabilitation, Concrete overlay on the existing bridge deck.  |
| 008 | POLK   | ST CROIX FALLS - TURTLE LAKE ROAD | 0.10  | \$2,000,000-<br>\$2,999,999 | 10-13 | RECST     | Reconstruct 208th Street intersection with USH 8 for installation of permanent signals with east and westbound protected left turn lanes with raised concrete medians and a dedicated right turn lane at the intersection.<br>Minor |
| 035 | POLK   | LUCK - SIREN                      | 6.83  | \$750,000-<br>\$999,999     | 2009  | RDMTN     | Roadway Maintenance, mill and relay existing pavement, and repave with an additional 2 inches of blacktop   |

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| HWY | COUNTY | PROJECT TITLE                                 | MILES | ESTIMATE (RANGE)        | YEAR  | WORK TYPE | PROJECT DESCRIPTION   |
|-----|--------|---|-------|-------------------------|-------|-----------|---|
| 046 | POLK   | AMERY - BALSAM LAKE ROAD                      | 3.53  | \$1,000,000-\$1,999,999 | 2008  | PVRPLA    | Pulverize and overlay the roadway.  |
| 046 | POLK   | C AMERY, KELLAR AVENUE                        | 0.05  | \$250,000-\$449,999     | 2008  | RECOND    | Reconditioning the Griffin Street and Kellar Avenue intersection in Amery. The STH 46 intersection will be reconfigured and signalized. |
| 063 | POLK   | CLEAR LAKE - CUMBERLAND                       | 0.05  | LESS THAN \$100,000     | 10-13 | BRRPL     | Replace the culvert on the Napodoggen Creek.  |
| 087 | POLK   | ST CROIX FALLS - GRANTSBURG                   | 13.89 | \$2,000,000-\$2,999,999 | 10-13 | RESURF    | Mill and resurface roadway, pave 3 foot of the 6 foot shoulder, Replace existing beam guard and culvert pipes.                          |
| 243 | POLK   | ST CROIX RIVER - OSCEOLA ROAD                 | 0.22  | \$100,000-\$249,999     | 10-13 | RESURF    | Resurfacing deficient pavement.   |
| 008 | RUSK   | C LADYSMITH,E 3RD ST & EDGEWOOD AVE           | 0.57  | \$1,000,000-\$1,999,999 | 10-13 | PVRPLA    | Replace deteriorating pavement.   |
| 008 | RUSK   | LADYSMITH - HAWKINS ROAD                      | 10.17 | \$750,000-\$999,999     | 2008  | RDMTN     | Maintenance preservation 12 foot driving lane rut filling.  |
| 008 | RUSK   | LADYSMITH - HAWKINS ROAD                      | 11.17 | \$1,000,000-\$1,999,999 | 2008  | RDMTN     | Preventative maintenance mill 2 inches to remove rutting and resurface with 2 inches asphaltic pavement.                                |
| 008 | RUSK   | STH 27 INTERSECTION(C OF LADYSMITH)           | 0.00  | \$100,000-\$249,999     | 10-13 | RECST     | Reconstruct the current intersection.   |
| 040 | RUSK   | ISLAND LAKE - BRUCE ROAD                      | 13.23 | \$3,000,000-\$3,999,999 | 10-13 | RESURF    | Resurface existing pavement.  |
| 073 | RUSK   | HANNIBAL - INGRAM                             | 9.46  | \$1,000,000-\$1,999,999 | 10-13 | RDMTN     | Resurface with a maintenance overlay.   |
| 073 | RUSK   | HANNIBAL - INGRAM ROAD                        | 9.46  | \$250,000-\$449,999     | 2008  | RDMTN     | Preventative maintenance, chip seal, wedge and crack filling on STH 73, from the south county line to USH 8.                            |
| 027 | SAWYER | HAYWARD - BRULE                               | 0.00  | \$250,000-\$449,999     | 2009  | BRRHB     | Bridge rehabilitataion, replace the existing bridge deck on STH 27 (B-57-0011) over the Totagatic River.                                |
| 027 | SAWYER | NW REGION: REGULATIONS & STUDIES-GENERAL-TRAF | 3.66  | \$1,000,000-\$1,999,999 | 10-13 | RDMTN     | PROGRAM DESCRIPTION NEEDED.   |

### **3.4 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

***Goal 1: Maintain and enhance the existing road system in the Town of West Sweden***

*Objectives:*

- 1) Work with other public and private entities to ensure needed transportation options for all residents of West Sweden are met*
- 2) Work with Polk County to improve the condition of CTH W in the Town of West Sweden*
- 3) Work with State, County and other agencies to provide better access to the Gandy Dancer State Trail.*

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## **ELEMENT 4: UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **4.1 EXISTING CONDITIONS**

### **4.2 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

#### **4.1 EXISTING CONDITIONS**

##### **Sanitary Sewer Service**

The Town of West Sweden does not have any sanitary sewer service available, nor is any planned for the future. The Village of Frederic offers sanitary sewer service.

##### **Storm Water Management**

No storm water management system is in place in the Town of West Sweden. There are, however, regulations from Polk County governing runoff on properties in the Shoreland Protection Districts.

##### **Solid Waste Disposal**

Individual contracts with land owners for solid waste removal

##### **On-Site Waste Water Treatment**

Individual septic and holding tanks treat household wastewater in the Town of West Sweden.

##### **Recycling Facilities**

There is a drop off site in Frederic. Curbside pickup is also available with garbage collection. There is the County recycling center on Hwy 8 by St. Croix Falls.

##### **Parks**

The Town of West Sweden has no town-owned parks. The Village of Frederic has parks and there are several state and federal recreation areas nearby, such as: Straight Lake State Park, Interstate State Park, The St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, McKenzie Creek State Wildlife Area, etc.

##### **Telecommunication Facilities**

Phone service provided by Frederic Telephone.

Internet offerings by Charter Communications, CenturyTel, Starwire, and Lakeland Communications

### **Power Plant and Transmission Lines**

The Town of West Sweden is serviced by Polk-Burnett Electrical Cooperative and Northwestern Wisconsin Electrical Company. There is an electrical power substation within the Village of Frederic.

### **Cemeteries**

Currently, there is one cemetery in the Town of West Sweden next to the Grace Lutheran Church near the Hamlet of West Sweden.

### **Healthcare Facilities**

**Table 4.3 – Clinics and Hospitals in Polk County**

| <b>Location</b> | <b>Facility Name</b>                     | <b>Approx. Capacity</b> |
|-----------------|--|-------------------------|
| Amery           | Amery Regional Medical Center            | 25 beds                 |
| Big Round Lake  | Big Round Lake Clinic (St. Croix Chipp.) |                         |
| Clear Lake      | Clear Lake Clinic                        |                         |
| Frederic        | Frederic Regional Medical Clinic         |                         |
| Luck            | Luck Medical Clinic                      |                         |
| Osceola         | Ladd Memorial Hospital                   | 23 beds                 |
| St. Croix Falls | St. Croix Regional Medical Center        | 25 beds                 |
| Balsam Lake     | Unity Clinic                             |                         |

*source: Polk County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, Wisconsin Department of Health Services*

### **Assisted Living Facilities, Nursing Homes, and Senior Programs**

Senior care facilities are becoming increasingly important regional assets to meet the changing needs of our aging population in a manner that permits residents to age with dignity. Since 1982, the State of Wisconsin has maintained a moratorium on the construction of new nursing home beds due to high vacancy rates. This has created a problem in some areas, meanwhile encouraging the use of alternative assisted-living approaches. In 2005, Polk County nursing homes were at 89.6% capacity, which is slightly above the state overall average.

The actual availability of beds at any given time in Polk County can vary.

Polk County has a variety of assisted living facilities. The higher costs of many of these facilities, combined with decreased access to related governmental support, sometimes encourage residents to choose nursing care over assisted living. As the baby boomer generation ages, demand for such facilities is expected to increase. And with advances in medicines and technology, there has been an increasing trend in the provision of "in-home care" as an alternative to group homes or nursing care, which is also less costly overall.

Table 4.9 lists the assisted living facilities and nursing homes in Polk County, along with their capacities. These facilities are organized by five types:

**Adult Day Care** provides services for part of a day, primarily on weekdays, in a group setting to adults who need assistance with activities of daily living, supervision, or protection. Adult day care centers are not licensed by the state, but may be certified.

**Adult Family Homes** provides residence and care for up to four adults of minimum age 18 who are not related to the operator, with up to seven hour per week of nursing care per resident. Counties certify one- and two-bed adult family homes, while the state licenses homes with three or four adults.

**Community-Based Residential Facilities** are a place where five or more adults reside who receive care, treatment, or services that are above the level of room and board, but includes not more than three hours of nursing care (at the intermediate level or below) per week per resident. These facilities often provide services to a particular group, such as persons with dementia, developmental disabilities, or mental health problems. CBRFs are licensed by the state.

**Residential Care Apartment Complexes** are independent-living apartments where five or more adults reside which are provided up to 28 hours per week of supportive and/or nursing services. These complexes may be a distinct part of a nursing home or community-based residential facility and are certified by the state.

**Nursing Homes** provide constant nursing care and supportive services to residents who have significant deficiencies with activities of daily living. Residents are typically the elderly, younger adults with physical disabilities, and those requiring rehabilitative therapies. Nursing homes are licensed by the state.

Communities may need to consider population and demographic trends compared to the capacity of available assisted living facilities and nursing homes in their area to help determine if needs are being met. And with Polk County's aging population, the availability of such facilities could be a potential issue for the future.

There is a large variety of additional supportive services available to the elderly and those with disabilities, ranging from in-home support to transportation to financial services to social activities. Such services are provided through a mix of governmental and non-profit institutions, often relying on volunteer support. Senior information and lunches are available at five sites in Polk County:

- Amery – Congregational Church
- Clear Lake – Ridgeview Apartments
- Dresser – Peace Lutheran Church
- Frederic – Comforts of Home Community Room
- Milltown – Milltown Community Center

For more information on aging and disability programs in Polk County, please contact the Polk County Office of Aging (715-485-8599) or visit its webpage: (<http://www.co.polk.wi.us/Aging/>).

**Table 4.4 – Assisted Living Facilities in Polk County**

| City           | Facility Type            | Facility Name                                 | Capacity or # of Beds |
|----------------|--------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| AMERY          | Nursing Home             | GOLDEN AGE MANOR                              | 114                   |
|                | Nursing Home             | WILLOW RIDGE HEALTHCARE FACILITIES LLC        | 83                    |
|                | CBRF                     | RIVERBEND                                     | 11                    |
|                | Resid. Care Apt. Complex | AMERY ASSTD LIV -RIVER BEND                   | 26                    |
|                | Resid. Care Apt. Complex | EVERGREEN VILLAGE                             | 8                     |
| BALSAM LAKE    | CBRF                     | AURORA RESIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVES INC #066      | 5                     |
| CENTURIA       | Adult Family Home        | AURORA RESIDENTIAL ALTERNATIVES INC #034      | 4                     |
|                | CBRF                     | SOPHIES MANOR ASSISTED LIVING II INC          | 20                    |
| CLEAR LAKE     | Adult Family Home        | ROSEWOOD ADULT FAMILY HOME                    | 4                     |
|                | CBRF                     | CLEAR LAKE MANOR                              | 8                     |
| FREDERIC       | Nursing Home             | FREDERIC NURSING AND REHABILITATION COMMUNITY | 50                    |
|                | Adult Family Home        | VAUGHAN/SORENSEN AFH                          | 4                     |
|                | CBRF                     | COMFORTS OF HOME - FREDERIC                   | 20                    |
| LUCK           | Adult Day Care           | PATRICIAS                                     | 6                     |
|                | Nursing Home             | UNITED PIONEER HOME                           | 75                    |
| MILLTOWN       | Adult Family Home        | ANGELS IN WAITING                             | 4                     |
| OSCEOLA        | Nursing Home             | L O SIMENSTAD NURSING CARE UNIT               | 40                    |
|                | Adult Family Home        | MORNING GLORY - COMMUNITY HOMESTEAD           | 4                     |
| ST CROIX FALLS | Nursing Home             | GOOD SAMARITAN SOCIETY-ST. CROIX VALLEY       | 91                    |
|                | CBRF                     | COMFORTS OF HOME - ST CROIX II                | 16                    |
|                | CBRF                     | COMFORTS OF HOME-ST CROIX FALLS I             | 15                    |
|                | Resid. Care Apt. Complex | ST CROIX VALLEY GOOD SAM APT COMPLEX          | 8                     |

source: Wisconsin Department of Health Services, July 2008.

### **Childcare Facilities**

Wisconsin State Law requires that anyone caring for four or more children under the age of seven years who are unrelated to the provider must obtain a license through the Department of Children and Families. Table 4.8 is a list of state licensed child care facilities in Polk County for family child care (up to 8 children) and group child care (9 or more children). Seventy-seven percent of the county's 35 child care facilities are licensed for family child care.

**Table 4.5 Licensed Childcare Facilities**

| City           | Day Care Name                       | Capacity |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| AMERY          | COZY CARE DAY CARE                  | 8        |
|                | GROWING YEARS                       | 8        |
|                | MARIANN'S LITTLE LAMBS              | 8        |
|                | SHERRY'S DAY CARE                   | 8        |
|                | TENDER TIMES CHILD CARE             | 8        |
| BALSAM LAKE    | BALSAM LAKE CESA #11 HEAD START     | 34       |
|                | KIDS QUEST                          | 8        |
|                | STACY'S LICENSED DAY CARE           | 8        |
| CENTURIA       | CUDDLE BUGS CHILD CARE              | 8        |
|                | LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY CHILD CARE        | 8        |
|                | SANDY'S FAMILY DAY CARE             | 8        |
| CLEAR LAKE     | LITTLE LAMBS CHRISTIAN DC CTR LLC   | 30       |
| CUSHING        | BECKY'S HOUSE FAMILY DAY CARE       | 8        |
|                | GENE'S JUMPSTART PROGRAM            | 8        |
|                | KID'S CORNER CHILDCARE              | 8        |
| DRESSER        | COUNTRY CARE                        | 8        |
|                | QUALLE BEAR DAYCARE                 | 42       |
| FREDERIC       | CHRISTY JENSEN'S DAYCARE            | 8        |
|                | COUNTRY WONDERLAND FAMILY DAY CARE  | 8        |
|                | LINDAS FAM CHILD CARE               | 8        |
| LUCK           | ABC EXPRESS PRESCHOOL               | 24       |
|                | BRENDA'S KIDDIE KARE                | 8        |
|                | TAMMY'S FAMILY DAY CARE             | 8        |
| MILLTOWN       | LIL' RASCALS PLAYHOUSE              | 8        |
| OSCEOLA        | ABOVE ALL BEGINNINGS CHILD CARE INC | 91       |
|                | BUSY BEE'S CHILD CARE CTR           | 29       |
|                | CORINNE'S DAY CARE                  | 8        |
|                | GRACE FOR KIDS                      | 8        |
|                | HILLTOP DAY CARE                    | 8        |
| ST CROIX FALLS | BETHIE'S BUSY BEES                  | 8        |
|                | BIG HUGS CHILD CARE CENTER          | 32       |
|                | KIDS VIEW DAY CARE                  | 44       |
|                | THE LITTLE SCHOOL                   | 8        |
| TURTLE LAKE    | DAR'S BUSY BODIES DAY CARE          | 8        |
|                | ROCHELLE'S LITTLE TYKES DAYCARE     | 8        |

Source: Wisconsin Dept of Health and Family Services

### **Libraries**

Public Libraries in the area are available in Frederic and in Luck. Map 4-1 shows the location of the library in Frederic.

### **Schools**

The entire Town of West Sweden resides within the Frederic School District and there is open enrollment for school choice. See Map 4-2 and 4-3 for school districts.

### **Police**

Frederic Police Department and Polk County Sherriff provide police service for the Town of West Sweden. A map of law enforcement service areas is shown on Map 4-4.

### **Fire**

Frederic Fire Department supplies fire protection for the citizens of West Sweden. A map of fire department service areas is shown on Map 4-5.

### **Ambulance and Rescue**

Volunteer service available from the Town and the Village of Frederic has its own rescue service. A map of First Responder Service Areas is shown on Map 4-6. Ambulance services are available from St. Croix Regional Medical Center, Siren, Grantsburg hospital, etc. A map of medical emergency service areas is shown on Map 4-7.

### **Other Governmental Facilities**

There is a Town owned boat landing on Diamond Lake. The Gandy Dancer State Trail also runs through the Town of West Sweden. The Town Hall for West Sweden is located on the west side of the Village of Frederic on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue about 1 block and a half north of State Highway 48.



Town Hall: Plan Commission Photo

## **4.2 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

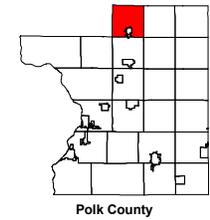
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***Objectives:***

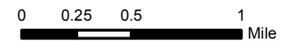
- 1) Keep demand for services low*
- 2) Partner with other units of government to share service providing*

# MAP 4-1 COMMUNITY FACILITIES

## Town of West Sweden Polk County Wisconsin



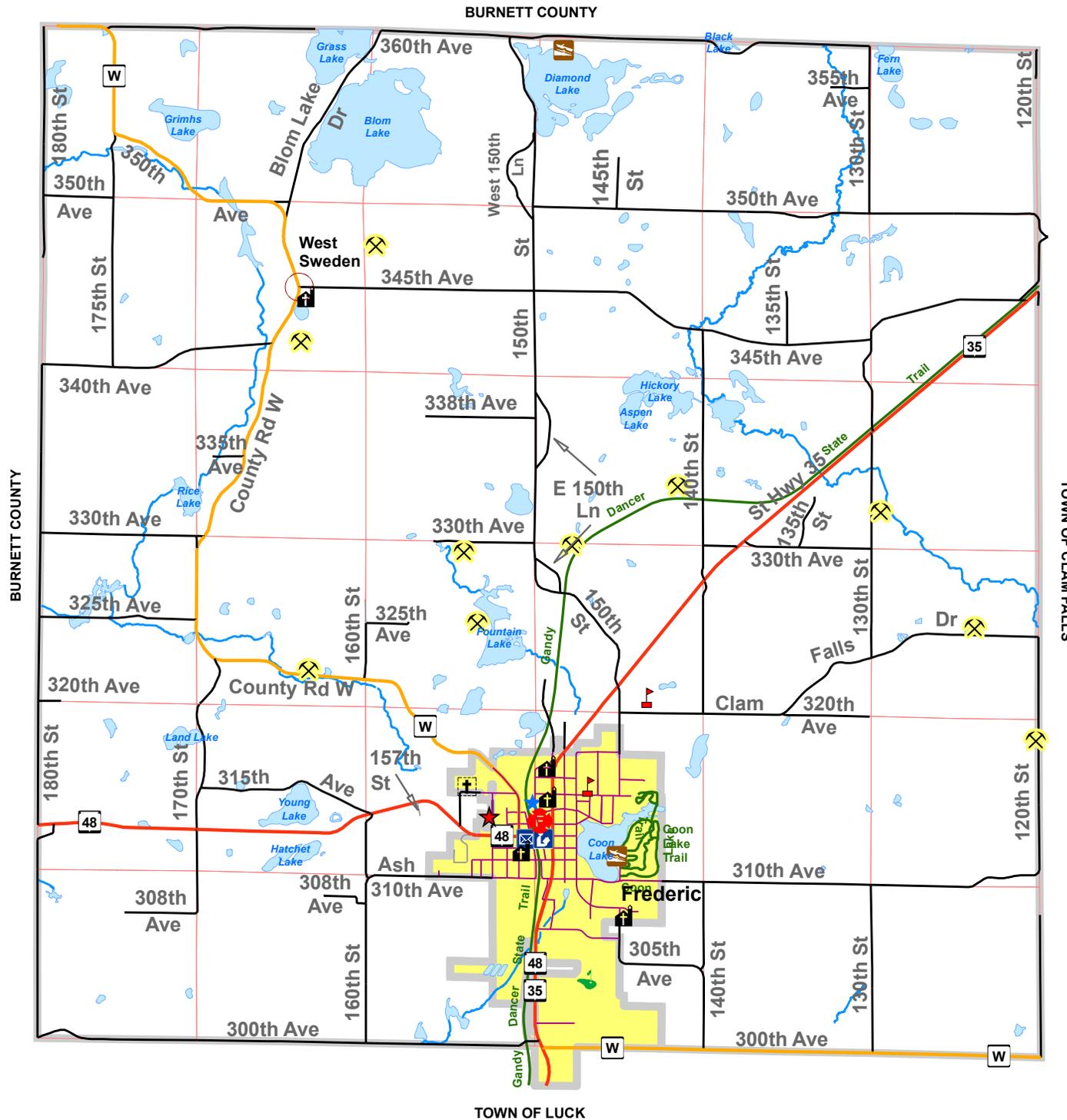
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- TOWN HALL
- VILLAGE HALL
- STATE HIGHWAY
- COUNTY ROAD
- TOWNSHIP ROAD
- VILLAGE ROAD
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- TRAILS
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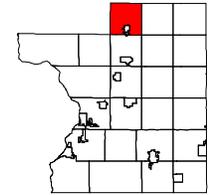


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# MAP 4-2 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

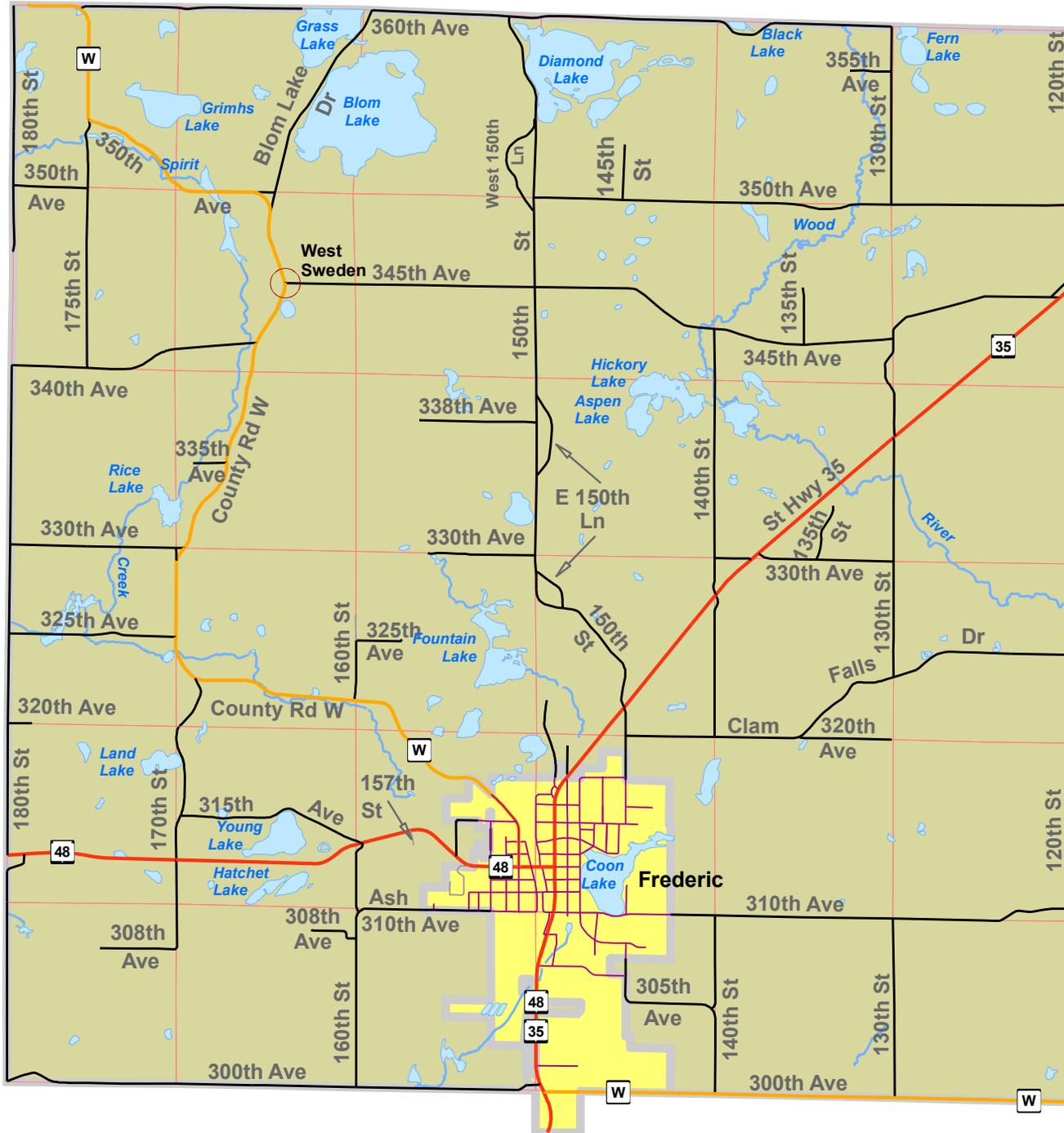
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BURNETT COUNTY

TOWN OF CLAM FALLS



TOWN OF LUCK

- FREDERIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
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- COUNTY ROAD SHIELD
- STATE HIGHWAY
- COUNTY ROAD
- TOWNSHIP ROAD
- VILLAGE ROAD
- PRIVATE ROAD
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# MAP 4-3 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Polk County  
Wisconsin



State of Wisconsin

- US HIGHWAY SHIELD
- STATE HIGHWAY SHIELD
- COUNTY ROAD SHIELD
- US HIGHWAY
- STATE HIGHWAY
- COUNTY ROAD
- HYDRO BODY

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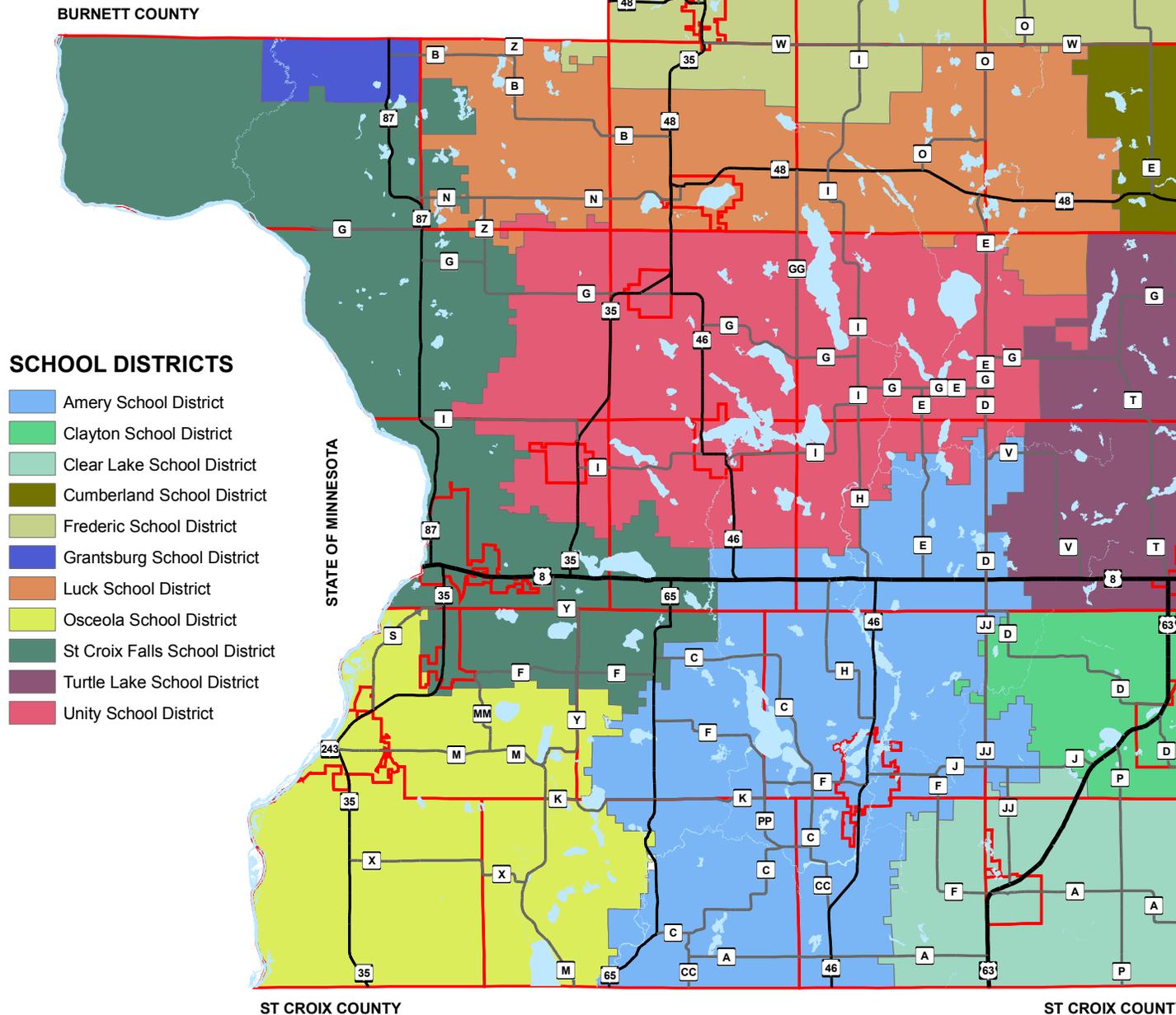


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## SCHOOL DISTRICTS

- Amery School District
- Clayton School District
- Clear Lake School District
- Cumberland School District
- Frederic School District
- Grantsburg School District
- Luck School District
- Osceola School District
- St Croix Falls School District
- Turtle Lake School District
- Unity School District

BURNETT COUNTY  
BARRON COUNTY

BARRON COUNTY

BURNETT COUNTY

STATE OF MINNESOTA

ST CROIX COUNTY

ST CROIX COUNTY

# MAP 4-4 LAW EMERGENCY SERVICE ZONES

Polk County  
Wisconsin



State of Wisconsin

- US HIGHWAY SHIELD
- STATE HIGHWAY SHIELD
- COUNTY ROAD SHIELD
- US HIGHWAY
- STATE HIGHWAY
- COUNTY ROAD
- HYDRO STREAM
- HYDRO BODY
- CITY/VILLAGE
- TOWNSHIP
- LAW ESZ

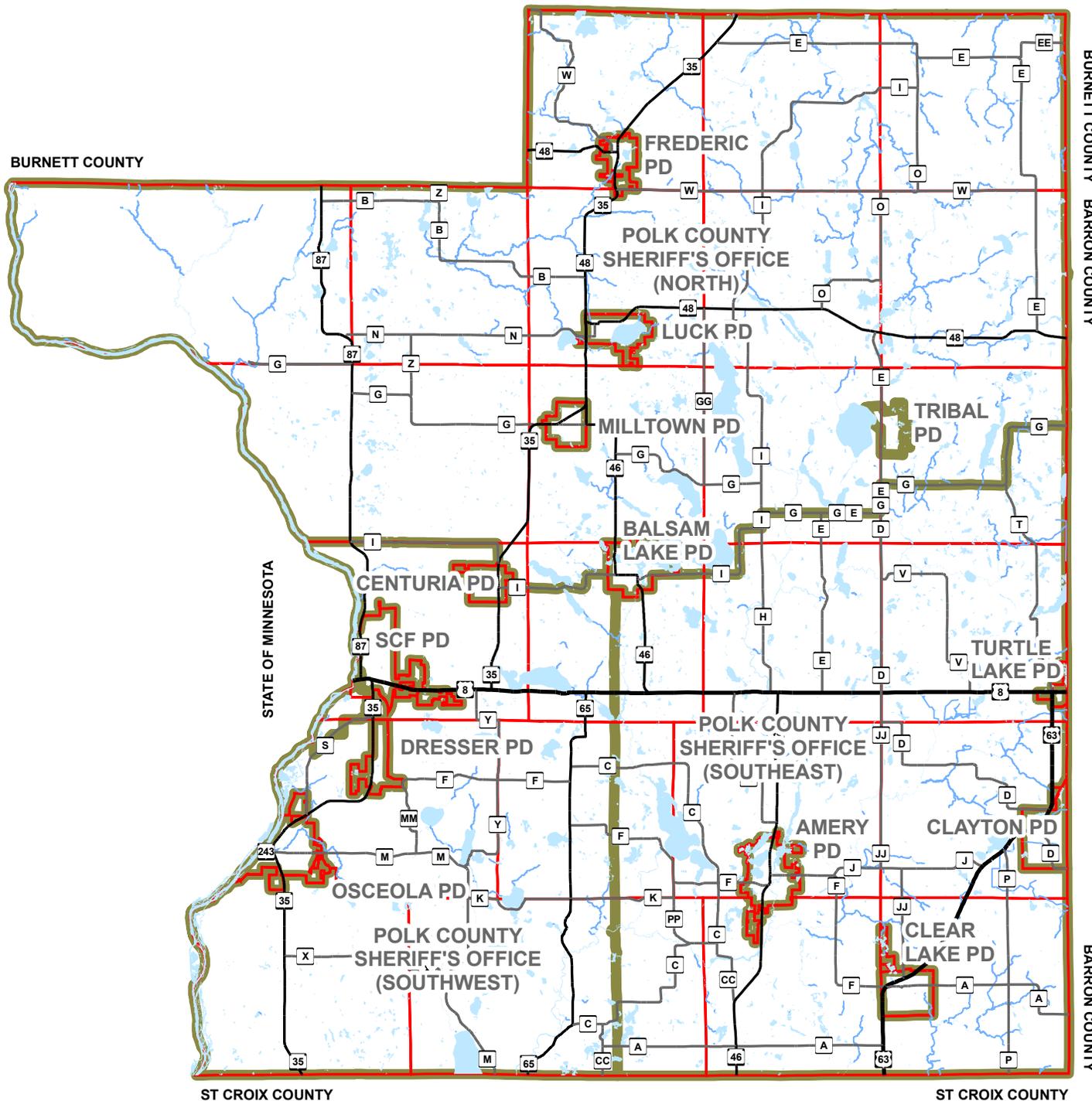
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BURNETT COUNTY

ST CROIX COUNTY

ST CROIX COUNTY

STATE OF MINNESOTA

# MAP 4-5 FIRE EMERGENCY SERVICE ZONES

Polk County  
Wisconsin



State of Wisconsin

- US HIGHWAY SHIELD
- STATE HIGHWAY SHIELD
- COUNTY ROAD SHIELD
- US HIGHWAY
- STATE HIGHWAY
- COUNTY ROAD
- HYDRO STREAM
- HYDRO BODY
- CITY/VILLAGE
- TOWNSHIP
- FIRE ESZ

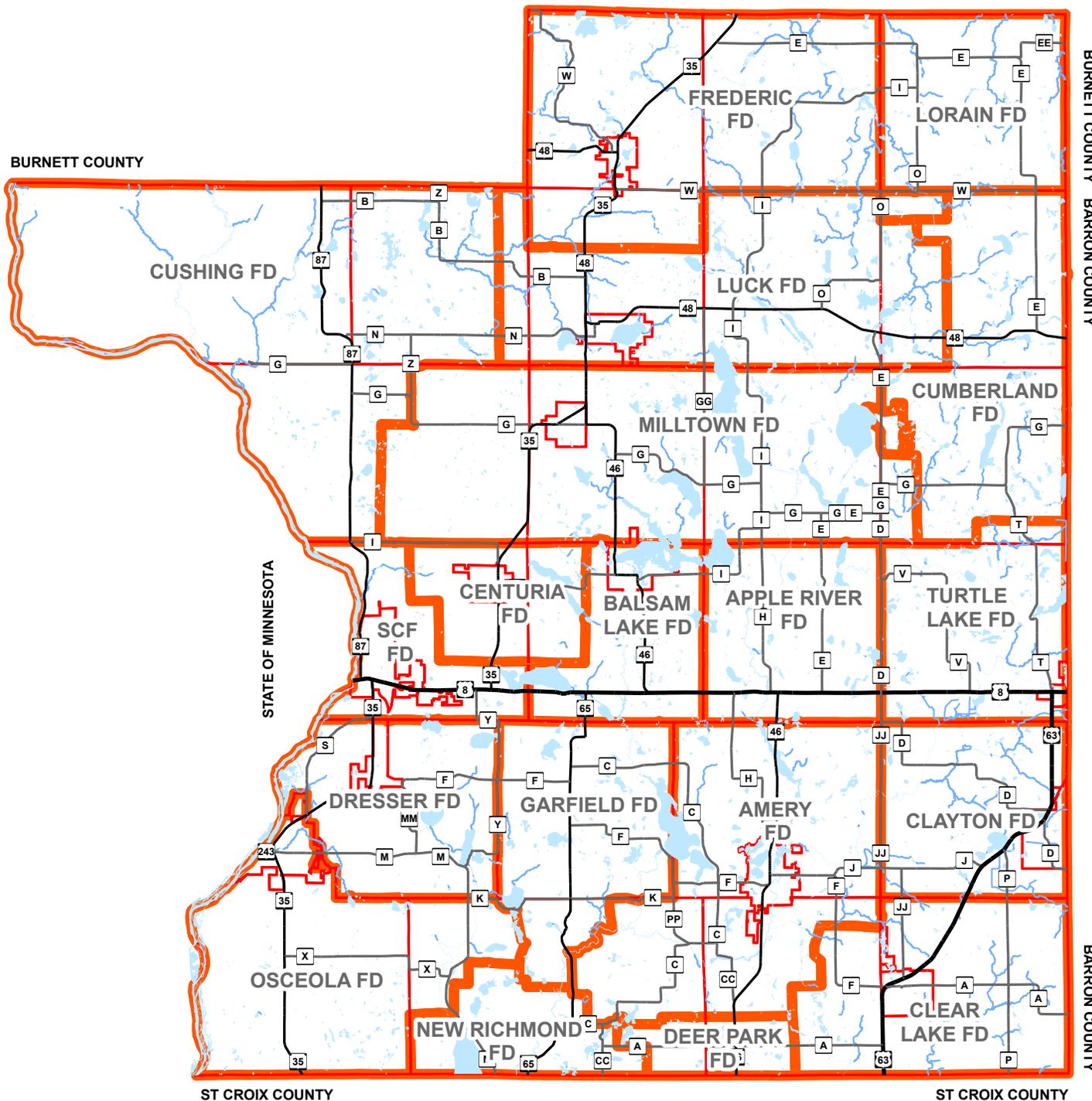
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BURNETT COUNTY BARRON COUNTY

BARRON COUNTY

ST CROIX COUNTY

ST CROIX COUNTY

# MAP 4-6

## 1ST RESPONDERS EMERGENCY SERVICE ZONES

Polk County  
Wisconsin



State of Wisconsin

- US HIGHWAY SHIELD
- STATE HIGHWAY SHIELD
- COUNTY ROAD SHIELD
- US HIGHWAY
- STATE HIGHWAY
- COUNTY ROAD
- HYDRO STREAM
- HYDRO BODY
- CITY/VILLAGE
- TOWNSHIP
- FIRST RESPONDERS ESZ

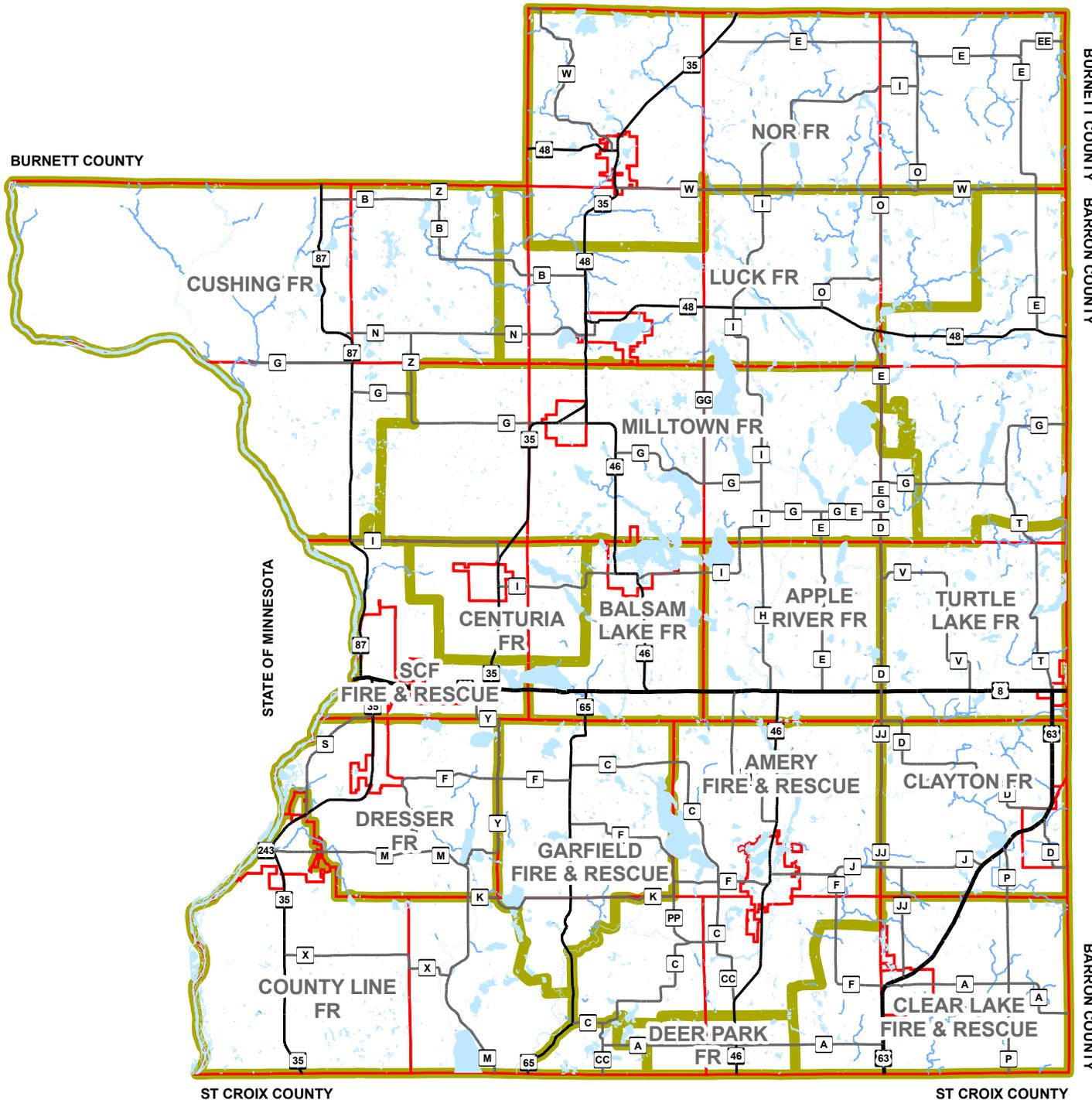
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## **ELEMENT 5: AGRICULTURAL, NATURAL, AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

To address the unique resources of the Town of West Sweden, the following will be addressed.

- 5.1 BACKGROUND**
- 5.2 AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES**
- 5.3 NATURAL RESOURCES**
- 5.4 CULTURAL RESOURCES**
- 5.5 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

### **5.1 BACKGROUND:**

The agricultural, natural, and cultural resources are what make the rural Town of West Sweden unique. The rural character of agriculture and high-quality natural resources heavily define the culture of the Town. The historic abundance of natural resources was one of the main reasons the Town was settled. The early European settlers logged the area intensely. Once the area was cleared of trees some areas developed and stayed as agriculture, such as dairy, to this day. Many of the barns from the past century are historic landmarks for the Town and help give it its "sense of place."

*Survey Questions 6 & 7: In your opinion, how important were the following reasons for you and/or your family in choosing the Town of West Sweden as a place to live/own land? And circle the 3 most important reasons.*

*Answer: The highest response rates were for rural atmosphere, natural beauty, and near family and friends.*

### **5.2 AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES**

Productive agricultural lands are vital to a community's ability to provide food for its population. In many areas, especially rural ones like West Sweden, agriculture is the primary economic driver for the Town. Ensuring that these lands are there for the future is vital to the Town of West Sweden's ability to grow its own food, maintain its quality of life, maintain its largest economic base, and have land to grow fuel in the new bio-economy. Maintaining rural character and the right to farm have been indicated as high priorities of the citizens of Laketown according to the Plan Commission and the citizen survey results.

*9. How important is it to retain the Town's rural/agricultural character in the future?*

*The vast majority feel that it is very important (85%).*

***11C. The Town of West Sweden should promote the preservation of farmland.***

*The vast majority (92%) agree in all categories [54% strongly agree and 38% somewhat agree]*

See Map 5-2 for prime agricultural soils in the Town of West Sweden. Map 8-1 will also indicate approximate areas of agricultural land uses.



Photo Courtesy of the Town of West Sweden Plan Commission

## **5.3 NATURAL RESOURCES**

### **Surface Waters**

Thanks to the last glaciation, the Town of West Sweden has an abundance of surface water resources. The lakes that reside in the town are: Diamond Lake, Blom Lake, Fern Lake, Grimhs Lake, Grass Lake, Rice Lake, Aspen Lake, Hickory Lake, Fountain Lake, Coon Lake, Young Lake, Hatchet Lake, Land Lake, and several unnamed lakes. In addition, there are several rivers and streams that flow through the town, they are: Wood River and Spirit Creek. See Map 5-3 for surface waters in the Town of West Sweden.



Photo Courtesy of the Town of West Sweden Plan Commission

### **Floodplains**

Floodplains are areas typically along surface water resources that frequently flood. The areas shown on Map 5-4 indicate the approximate 100-year floodplain according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The 100-year floodplain does not translate into a flood that only occurs once in 100 years. What it means is that statistically, there is a 1% chance of a flood of a certain magnitude occurring. Because of the likelihood and frequency of flooding in these areas, they should remain free of buildings and other permanent structures. Currently in Polk County, there is a floodplain ordinance that regulates what can and cannot be done in the floodplain areas. All areas within the Town boundaries are considered a Zone A, which means that those areas should be inundated in the occurrence of a 100 year flood, but that a flood

elevation has not been determined. At present, FEMA is recalculating the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM's) for Polk County. Once these maps are published the floodplain map should be updated if there are any changes. The primary floodplain in the Town of West Sweden is along the Wood River.

### Wetlands

Wetlands are the most productive areas of life on earth. Fully functioning wetlands provide high quality wildlife habitat, protection against flooding, and filtering of pollutants from water. There is substantial area within the Town that is classified as wetland. Map 5-5 displays the wetlands in the Town of West Sweden.



Photo Courtesy of the Town of West Sweden Plan Commission

### Groundwater

Groundwater provides the sole source of household water usage in the Town of West Sweden. Maintaining high-quality groundwater is vital to the health of the residents of the Town. Groundwater can be negatively affected by a variety of things, such as: leaking underground storage tanks, poor animal waste practices, leaking junkyards, leaking septic and holding tanks. The residents of the Town of West Sweden chose water quality as their most important natural feature to preserve in their survey.

**14. What natural features are the most important to preserve?**

*Water quality (26%) and woodlands (24%) received the highest rankings. Scenic views received the lowest ranking.*

Forest

Forests have always been a large part of the Town of West Sweden. The woodlands are the reason the area was settled by Europeans. Around the time of settlement, the area used to be called the Pinery because of the immense stands of pines in the area. Currently, nearly 1/3 of the total acreage in the Town of West Sweden is still in forest, according to assessments. Logging of these lands is still common practice and brings income to local residents.

Wildlife Habitat

Because of the rural nature of the Town of West Sweden, there is abundant wildlife habitat. There are many acres of forest, numerous wetlands, lakes and rivers for animals to thrive in. Everything from black bears to wood ducks lives in the Town of West Sweden.

Threatened or Endangered Resources

According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: Natural Heritage Inventory, the following rare species or communities exist in the Town of West Sweden.

**Table 5.1 Natural Heritage Inventory**

| Scientific Name                     | Common Name                  | State Status | Federal Status | State Rank | Global Rank | Group Name |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| <i>Emydoidea blandingii</i>         | Blanding's Turtle            | THR          |                | S3         | G4          | Turtle     |
| <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>     | Bald Eagle                   | SC/P         |                | S4B, S2N   | G5          | Bird       |
| <i>Lake--shallow, hard, seepage</i> | Lake--Shallow, Hard, Seepage | N/A          |                | SU         | GNR         | Community  |
| <i>Opuntia fragilis</i>             | Brittle Prickly-pear         | THR          |                | S3         | G4 G5       | Plant      |
| <i>Scirpus torreyi</i>              | Torrey's Bulrush             | SC           |                | S2         | G5?         | Plant      |

See a Map 5-11 for locations of these species

Invasive Species

Invasive species are one of the largest threats to our natural resources. One of the main reasons, if not the main, reason for the species list above, is the presence of invasive species. Many areas have become single stands of a non-native plant that eliminate many native species and take over beneficial habitat. Common problem species in Wisconsin are purple loosestrife, wild parsnip, zebra mussels, eurasian water milfoil, garlic mustard, buckthorn, and gypsy moth, to name a few.

Metallic/Non-Metallic Mining Resources

Polk County and the Town of West Sweden are blessed with deposits of non-metallic minerals. The town is home to numerous mining locations. Map 5-7 shows the bedrock of the Town of West Sweden, locations of existing and past mines, as well as locations where the depth to bedrock is less than 20 inches. Map 5-8 and Map 5-9 show the locations of probable sand and gravel deposits within the Town.

Parks and Open Space

There are no parks within the Town of West Sweden. The Gandy Dancer State Trail goes through the Town. Wisconsin's newest state park and wildlife area, the Straight Lake State Park and Wildlife Area is just south of the Town in the Towns of Luck and Bone Lake. Within in a short drive one can reach the St. Croix River, McKenzie Creek Wildlife Area, Crex Meadows, along with many other public recreation areas.

Other Natural Resources

The Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources keeps a list of legacy places throughout the State of Wisconsin. The purpose of this *Wisconsin Land Legacy Report* is to identify the places believed to be most important to meet the state's conservation and recreation needs over the next fifty years. According the DNR website, there are 10 such places in Polk County, they are:

**AR Apple River (Forest Transition Ecological Landscape)**

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Size.....                      | Small    |
| Protection Initiated.....      | Moderate |
| Protection Remaining.....      | Moderate |
| Conservation Significance..... | **       |
| Recreation Potential.....      | ***      |

The upper stretches of the Apple River snake through two state properties, the Loon Lake and Rice Beds Creek Wildlife Areas. These two properties support a variety of grasslands, wetlands, numerous small glacial pothole lakes, and oak, aspen, and northern hardwood forests. North of Rice Beds Creek Wildlife Area are large

blocks of northern hardwood forest with old-growth characteristics. The area potentially offers a variety of recreation uses.

**BS Balsam Branch Creek and Woodlands (Forest Transition Ecological Landscape)**

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Size.....                      | Small    |
| Protection Initiated.....      | Limited  |
| Protection Remaining.....      | Moderate |
| Conservation Significance..... | *        |
| Recreation Potential.....      | ***      |

This area is characterized by rolling upland and lowland forest, grassland, and wetland. A small existing wildlife area is a mix of restored grassland and forest with a shallow lake in the center of the property. Surrounding the property are sizable woodlands and farmlands interspersed with lakes and streams. South of Balsam Lake lies a large forested block containing a good quality northern hardwoods community. On the north side of Balsam Lake lies Stump Bay, a high quality wetland area. Opportunities exist to maintain open space and provide additional public recreation.

**BC Big Rock Creek (Forest Transition Ecological Landscape)**

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Size.....                      | Small    |
| Protection Initiated.....      | Limited  |
| Protection Remaining.....      | Moderate |
| Conservation Significance..... | **       |
| Recreation Potential.....      | ***      |

Big Rock Creek flows into the St. Croix River, with part of the creek classified as Class II trout water. The mostly forested watershed contains one of the largest intact blocks of woods in west-central Polk County. Much of this small, scenic valley is surrounded by farmland and fallow land converting to upland brush. The area is under considerable development pressure and maintaining the mix of forests and farms would provide considerable conservation and recreation benefits. Recreation opportunities could include fishing, hunting, nature study, and other low-impact uses. St. Croix Falls is nearby.

**CR Clam River**

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Size.....                      | Medium      |
| Protection Initiated.....      | Moderate    |
| Protection Remaining.....      | Substantial |
| Conservation Significance..... | ***         |
| Recreation Potential.....      | ****        |

The Clam River is a lightly developed, 55-mile long river, originating in Polk County and flowing northwesterly through Burnett County before entering the St. Croix River. The river corridor is heavily forested with bottomland hardwoods along part of its course. Adjacent uplands along the upper half of the river consist of mixed farmland, forest, and bedrock glade, while the lower half winds through sand country characterized by dry jack pine-Hill's oak forests and remnant barrens. The river's headwaters and tributaries are high quality trout water known especially for their excellent brown trout fishing. Downstream the river contains spawning areas for lake sturgeon, walleye, smallmouth bass, buffalo and carpsuckers. Several lakes and impoundments along the mid to lower stretches contain wild rice stands and provide excellent lake fishing and waterfowl hunting. The area has high recreation potential and currently receives considerable fishing pressure in the upper reaches and is a popular canoeing river in the lower reaches. The State currently manages three projects in the headwaters area (Sand Creek and Clam River Fisheries Areas and McKenzie Creek Wildlife Area). Most of the Clam River is located within a 1½ hour drive of the Twin Cities.

**DS Danbury to Sterling Corridor**

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Size.....                      | Large       |
| Protection Initiated.....      | Substantial |
| Protection Remaining.....      | Moderate    |
| Conservation Significance..... | *****       |
| Recreation Potential.....      | ***         |

The Danbury to Sterling corridor is located on sandy glacial outwash. Historically, the area was a fire dependent, open mosaic of prairie, brush land, and savanna, with occasional stands of coniferous, deciduous, or mixed forest. Currently, many lands are being managed predominantly for jack pine pulpwood. The resulting mosaic of cut-over, standing timber, and young forests provides excellent habitat for white-tailed deer, wild turkey and ruffed grouse.

Danbury, Crex Meadows (written up separately), Amsterdam Sloughs, and Fish Lake State Wildlife Areas, as well as Burnett and Polk County Forests, are within this corridor and provide a variety of exceptional wildlife habitats and recreation opportunities. Waterfowl and shorebirds, in particular, are attracted to the large, high quality wetlands. The St. Croix National Scenic Riverway and Governor Knowles State Forest lie on the west edge of the area. Providing ecological links between these public properties would

enable them to meet the needs of species that require very large amounts of habitat. In particular, sharptailed grouse are believed to need thousands, if not tens of thousands, of acres of habitat to support a population that can remain viable over a long period of time. This corridor has the opportunity to support such a large population (Crex Meadows already harbors the largest population east of the Mississippi River). The Danbury to Sterling Corridor is also a prime area for recovery of the federally-Endangered Karner blue butterfly.

### LT Lower St. Croix River (Western Prairie Ecological Landscape)

Size..... Large  
 Protection Initiated..... Substantial  
 Protection Remaining..... Limited  
 Conservation Significance..... \*\*\*\*\*  
 Recreation Potential..... \*\*\*\*\*

The Lower St. Croix National Scenic Riverway extends 52 miles along the border of Minnesota and Wisconsin, from the dam at St. Croix Falls to its confluence with the Mississippi River. The last 25 miles of river are wide, gently flowing, and bordered by heavily wooded bluffs. The Riverway is very popular with enthusiasts that enjoy boating, canoeing, fishing, rock climbing and hiking along its scenic shoreline. Congress added this segment of the St. Croix River to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers program in 1972, complementing the previous (1968) designation of the Upper St. Croix River. Many rare species are associated with the St. Croix and the corridor is highly significant to migratory birds.

### SX St. Croix River

Size..... Large  
 Protection Initiated..... Substantial  
 Protection Remaining..... Limited  
 Conservation Significance..... \*\*\*\*\*  
 Recreation Potential..... \*\*\*\*\*

Flowing out of the spring-fed Upper St. Croix Lake, the river begins as a shallow, narrow, relatively fast waterway. Here in its upper reaches, the river flows through stands of cedar, spruce, and tamarack in the Douglas County Forest. The area harbors a variety of nesting birds and rare plants. Near the Namekagon Barrens, the St. Croix is joined by the Namekagon River and enters the Northwest Lowlands ecological landscape. The river continues to the southwest and forms the boundary of this ecological landscape. As such, the rivers that flow off the Northwest Sands to the west—

including the Totagatic, Yellow, and Clam—play critical roles in the St. Croix River’s water quality and quantity. The St. Croix valley forms an important ecological connection between the Mississippi River and the Great Lakes, via the Brule River State Forest. In this upper stretch, the St. Croix receives light recreational pressure, mostly fishing and canoeing.

**SX St. Croix River (Forest Transition Ecological Landscape)**

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Size.....                      | Large       |
| Protection Initiated.....      | Substantial |
| Protection Remaining.....      | Limited     |
| Conservation Significance..... | *****       |
| Recreation Potential.....      | ****        |

Flowing out of the spring-fed Upper St. Croix Lake, the river begins as a shallow, narrow, relatively fast waterway. After receiving the large volume of the Namekagon River, the river slows, widens and deepens, flowing through a wide valley with low banks. The valley is dominated by high quality mature hardwood forest. The river harbors a very diverse assemblage of aquatic species, including a variety of gamefish as well as many rare species. In this Ecological Landscape the river is a very popular boating and paddling destination and offers some of the Midwest’s most dramatic scenery. Much of the river frontage here is protected within the National Park Service’s St. Croix National Scenic Riverway and the Governor Knowles State Forest. Outside of this ribbon of land are large holdings of County Forest and State Wildlife Areas. The St. Croix River valley forms the “tail” of this Ecological Landscape; just north of St. Croix Falls, it enters the Western Prairie Ecological Landscape.

**SR Straight River Channel (Forest Transition Ecological Landscape)**

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Size.....                      | Medium      |
| Protection Initiated.....      | Limited     |
| Protection Remaining.....      | Substantial |
| Conservation Significance..... | *****       |
| Recreation Potential.....      | ****        |

Appropriately named, the Straight River flows within a near perfectly straight valley in northern Polk County. This valley is believed to have been carved by water shot out of the bottom of the glacier under high pressure. The Straight River Channel is considered to be the finest example of this rare glacial

phenomenon in Wisconsin. The river passes through Straight Lake and then ends in Big Round Lake. The Straight River Channel lies within a mix of farmland and forest that is intermingled with numerous pothole lakes. The larger lakes are mostly developed. The Straight River is a moderate sized river that supports a warmwater fishery.

Straight Lake, an adjacent Rainbow Lake, and approximately the first two miles of the Straight River are undeveloped and surrounded by a large block of forest. The lake and surrounding forest support a very diverse assemblage of species, including the highest density of the state-Threatened Cerulean warbler of any location known in northern Wisconsin, and represent one of the largest and highest quality forest-lake complexes in this ecological landscape. Some high quality wetlands, both forested and open, occur here as well. The uplands support some huge white pines and an intact forest understory. Bald eagles and trumpeter swans frequent the area. The property is now the newest state park and wildlife area in Wisconsin. Several other properties have also been added since the initial formation of the park. The Ice Age Trail passes through the area and acts as a recreation link from McKenzie Creek State Wildlife Area, which lies about 2 miles to the northeast, to the large blocks of public forest in western Polk and Burnett counties. The Twin Cities lie approximately 50 miles to the southwest.

**TA Trade River Wetlands (Forest Transition Ecological Landscape)**

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Size.....                      | Small    |
| Protection Initiated.....      | Limited  |
| Protection Remaining.....      | Moderate |
| Conservation Significance..... | ***      |
| Recreation Potential.....      | *        |

This wetland complex is located in the Trade River watershed of the St. Croix Basin and straddles the Polk/Burnett County boundary. Historically, these wetlands were located at the convergence of several ecological communities: tallgrass prairie, oak savanna, barrens, and southern mesic hardwoods. The surrounding land is rolling and soils are silt loams. The Trade River is a somewhat degraded coldwater river.

**TA Trade River Wetlands (Forest Transition Ecological Landscape)**

|                                |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Size.....                      | Small    |
| Protection Initiated.....      | Limited  |
| Protection Remaining.....      | Moderate |
| Conservation Significance..... | ***      |
| Recreation Potential.....      | *        |

This wetland complex of marsh, sedge meadow, and shrub swamp is located in the Trade River watershed of the St. Croix Basin and straddles the Polk/Burnett County boundary. Historically, these wetlands were located at the convergence of several natural communities: mesic prairie, oak savanna, barrens, and southern mesic hardwoods. The surrounding land is rolling and soils are silt loams. The Trade River is a somewhat degraded coldwater river that flows to the St. Croix.

**WP Western Prairie Habitat Restoration Area (Western Prairie Ecological Landscape)**

|                                |             |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Size.....                      | Large       |
| Protection Initiated.....      | Moderate    |
| Protection Remaining.....      | Substantial |
| Conservation Significance..... | ****        |
| Recreation Potential.....      | **          |

The Western Prairie Habitat Restoration Area was established in 1999 to protect and restore up to 20,000 acres of grassland and wetland habitat in western St. Croix and southwestern Polk counties. The project's goal is to protect and restore scattered blocks of prairie, savanna and wetland within a larger area of farm fields and low density development. Such a "checkerboard" pattern, combining working farms and native prairie/savanna vegetation, would meet the habitat needs of many grassland species. It may also help buffer both farms and natural areas from conflicts with residential development. Although work on this project is just beginning, interest is high and there is good local support. Most public lands within the Western Prairie Habitat Restoration Area will be open to the public for hunting, hiking, wildlife watching and educational activities.

Other Areas of Interest

**North Pipe Lake Forest (Forest Transition Ecological Landscape)**

*(Polk County\_)*

This area near North Pipe Lake harbors a rich diversity of ground layer plants growing under immense hardwoods. Numerous

ephemeral ponds also occur here and provide habitat for a variety of salamanders and frogs.

Source: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

## **5.4 CULTURAL RESOURCES**



Photo Courtesy of the Town of West Sweden Plan Commission

### Wisconsin Architecture and History Inventory

According to the Wisconsin Architecture and History Inventory the seven sites in below, are culturally significant.

This resource provides historical and architectural information on approximately 120,000 properties in Wisconsin. The AHI contains data on buildings, structures and objects that illustrate Wisconsin's unique history. The AHI documents a wide range of historic properties such as the round barns, log houses, metal truss bridges, small town commercial buildings, and Queen Anne houses that create Wisconsin's distinct cultural landscape. It is a permanent record maintained by the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Keep in mind that this is not a comprehensive list of all old Wisconsin buildings and structures. The inventory has been assembled over a period of more than 25 years from a wide variety of sources. In many cases, the information is dated. Some properties may be altered or no longer exist. The majority of properties included in this inventory are privately owned and not open to the public. Inclusion in this inventory conveys no special status, rights or benefits to owners of these properties. Please respect the rights of private property owners when visiting any of these properties.

**Record #1:**



|  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| County: <b>POLK</b>                                  | Record #: <b>121259</b>                  | Location: <b>150TH ST</b>                                       |
| City or Village:                                     | Town, Range, Section:<br><b>3717W-22</b> | Quarter Sections:   |
| Civil Town: <b>WEST SWEDEN</b>                       | National Register Date:                  | State Register Date:  |
| Unincorporated Community:                            | District:                                |   |
| Current Name:  | NR Multiple Property Name:               |   |
| Survey Map:  | Historic Name: <b>150th St. Bridge</b>   | Wall Material: <b>Wood</b>                                      |
| Map Code:  | Construction Date:<br><b>1901c</b>       | Structural System: <b>Wood Beam</b>                             |
| Survey Date:   | Designer Name:                           | Other Buildings on Site?:                                       |
| Style or Form: <b>NA (unknown or not a building)</b> |  | Cultural Affiliation:   |
| Resource Type:                                       |  | Demolished Date: <b>Demolished, replaced with a box culvert</b> |

**Record #2:**



|  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| County: <b>POLK</b>  | Record #: <b>143318</b>  | Location: <b>3446 COUNTY HIGHWAY W</b>      |
| City or Village:   | Town, Range, Section: <b>3717W-08</b>  | Quarter Sections: <b>SE NW</b>              |
| Civil Town: <b>WEST SWEDEN</b>   | National Register Date:  | State Register Date:                        |
| Unincorporated Community:  |  | District:                                   |
| Current Name: <b>Grace Lutheran Church and Cemetery of West Sweden</b> | NR Multiple Property Name:   |   |
| Survey Map:  | Historic Name: <b>Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church and Cemetery of West Swe</b> | Wall Material: <b>Aluminum/Vinyl Siding</b> |
| Map Code: <b>18/8</b>  | Construction Date: <b>1884</b>   | Structural System:                          |
| Survey Date: <b>2007</b>   | Designer Name:   | Other Buildings on Site?:                   |
| Style or Form:   | Cultural Affiliation:  |   |
| Resource Type: <b>church</b>   | Demolished Date:   |   |

**Record #3:**



|                                |  |   |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| County: <b>POLK</b>            | Record #: <b>143319</b>                  | Location: <b>3294 COUNTY HIGHWAY W</b>  |
| City or Village:               | Town, Range, Section:<br><b>3717W-20</b> | Quarter Sections: <b>NW NW</b>          |
| Civil Town: <b>WEST SWEDEN</b> | National Register Date:                  | State Register Date:                    |
| Unincorporated Community:      |  | District:                               |
| Current Name:                  | NR Multiple Property Name:               |   |
| Survey Map:                    | Historic Name: <b>Erickson Farmstead</b> | Wall Material: <b>Clapboard</b>         |
| Map Code:                      | Construction Date: <b>1890c</b>          | Structural System: <b>Balloon Frame</b> |
| Survey Date: <b>2007</b>       | Designer Name:                           | Other Buildings on Site?:               |
| Style or Form:                 |  | Cultural Affiliation:                   |
| Resource Type: <b>house</b>    |  | Demolished Date:                        |

**Record #4:**

|                                |                                       |  |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| County:<br><b>POLK</b>         | Record #: <b>143320</b>               | Location: <b>3285 COUNTY HIGHWAY W</b> |
| City or Village:               | Town, Range, Section: <b>3717W-19</b> | Quarter Sections: <b>NE NE</b>         |
| Civil Town: <b>WEST SWEDEN</b> | National Register Date:               | State Register Date:                   |
| Unincorporated Community:      |                                       | District:                              |
| Current Name:                  | NR Multiple Property Name:            |  |
| Survey Map:                    | Historic Name: <b>Hulteen Barn</b>    | Wall Material: <b>Log</b>              |
| Map Code: <b>18/20</b>         | Construction Date: <b>1880c</b>       | Structural System: <b>Log</b>          |
| Survey Date: <b>2007</b>       | Designer Name:                        | Other Buildings on Site?:              |
| Style or Form:                 |                                       | Cultural Affiliation:                  |
| Resource Type: <b>barn</b>     |                                       | Demolished Date:                       |

**Record #5**

|                                |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| County: <b>POLK</b>            | Record #: <b>143321</b>                  | Location: <b>3248 COUNTY HIGHWAY W</b> |
| City or Village:               | Town, Range, Section:<br><b>3717W-20</b> | Quarter Sections: <b>SW NW</b>         |
| Civil Town: <b>WEST SWEDEN</b> | National Register Date:                  | State Register Date:                   |
| Unincorporated Community:      |  | District:                              |
| Current Name:                  | NR Multiple Property Name:               |  |
| Survey Map:                    | Historic Name: <b>Soderberg Farm</b>     | Wall Material: <b>Wood</b>             |
| Map Code: <b>18/21</b>         | Construction Date: <b>1890c</b>          | Structural System: <b>Log</b>          |
| Survey Date: <b>2007</b>       | Designer Name:                           | Other Buildings on Site?: <b>Y</b>     |
| Style or Form:                 | Cultural Affiliation:                    |  |
| Resource Type: <b>barn</b>     | Demolished Date:                         |  |

**Record #6**

|                                |  |   |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| County:<br><b>POLK</b>         | Record #: <b>146621</b>                  | Location: <b>3248 COUNTY HIGHWAY W</b>      |
| City or Village:               | Town, Range, Section: <b>3717W-20</b>    | Quarter Sections: <b>NW SW</b>              |
| Civil Town: <b>WEST SWEDEN</b> | National Register Date:                  | State Register Date:                        |
| Unincorporated Community:      |  | District:                                   |
| Current Name:                  | NR Multiple Property Name:               |   |
| Survey Map:                    | Historic Name:<br><b>Soderberg House</b> | Wall Material: <b>Aluminum/Vinyl Siding</b> |
| Map Code: <b>10/22</b>         | Construction Date: <b>1950</b>           | Structural System: <b>Balloon Frame</b>     |
| Survey Date: <b>2007</b>       | Designer Name:                           | Other Buildings on Site?: <b>Y</b>          |
| Style or Form:                 | Cultural Affiliation:                    |   |
| Resource Type: <b>house</b>    | Demolished Date:                         |   |

**Record #7:**

No Photo Available...

|   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| County: <b>POLK</b>                                   | Record #: <b>146622</b>                  | Location: <b>3294 COUNTY HIGHWAY W</b> |
| City or Village:                                      | Town, Range, Section:<br><b>3717W-20</b> | Quarter Sections: <b>NW NW</b>         |
| Civil Town: <b>WEST SWEDEN</b>                        | National Register Date:                  | State Register Date:                   |
| Unincorporated Community:                             |  | District:                              |
| Current Name:   | NR Multiple Property Name:               |  |
| Survey Map:   | Historic Name: <b>Erickson Barn</b>      | Wall Material: <b>Metal</b>            |
| Map Code: <b>18/17</b>                                | Construction Date: <b>1890</b>           | Structural System:                     |
| Survey Date: <b>2007</b>                              | Designer Name:                           | Other Buildings on Site?:              |
| Style or Form: <b>Astylistic Utilitarian Building</b> | Cultural Affiliation:                    |  |
| Resource Type: <b>barn</b>                            | Demolished Date:                         |  |

## **5.5 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

### **Goal 1: Preserve the right to farm in the Town of West Sweden**

#### **Objectives:**

- 1) Investigate tools and the use of tools to preserve agricultural lands
- 2) Review current zoning to ensure that it promotes the right to farm and does not hinder it.

### **Goal 2: Ensure present day quality of natural resources**

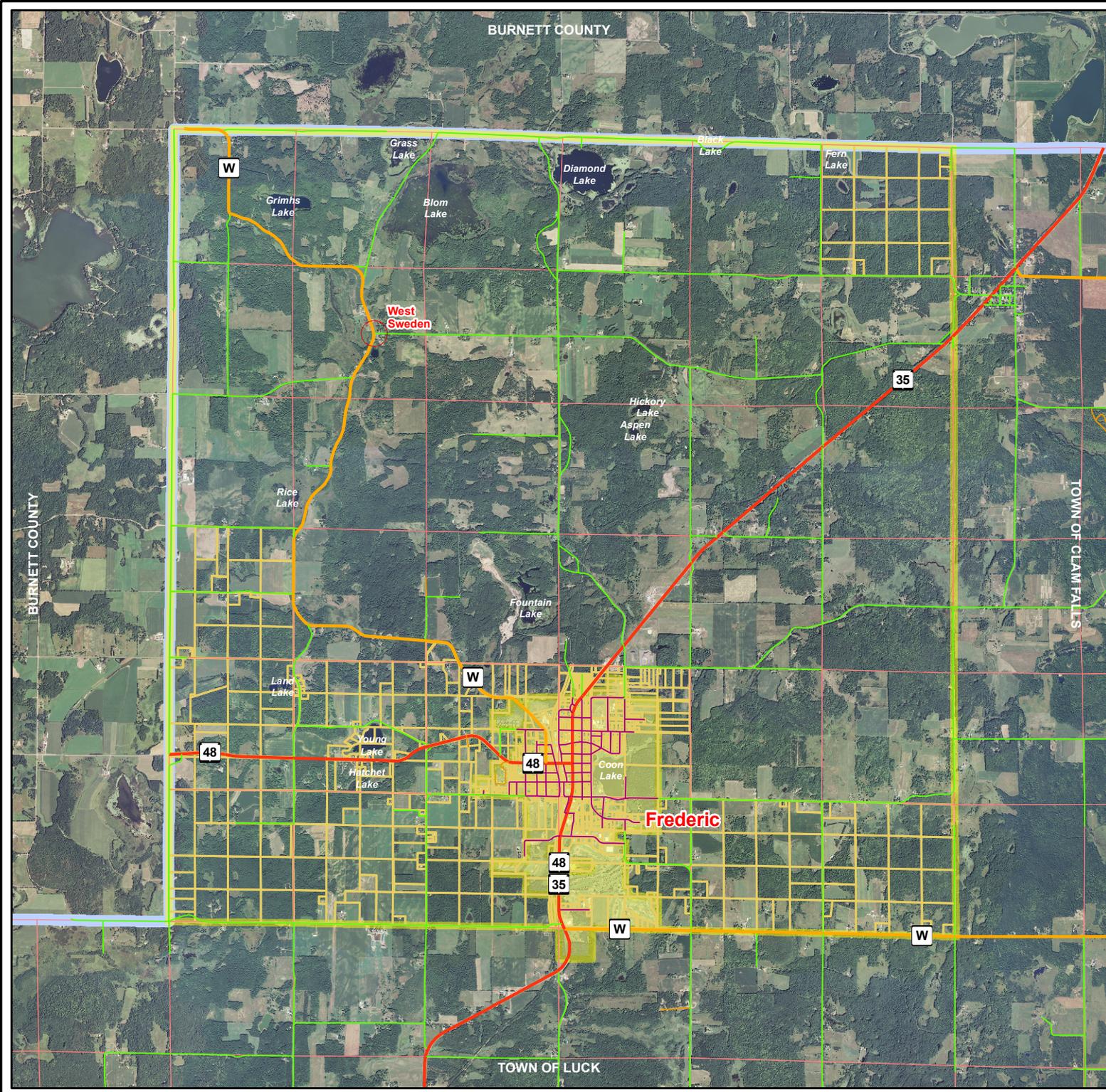
#### **Objectives:**

- 1) Maintain and enhance water quality
- 2) Work to eradicate, as well as, limit introductions and spread of invasive species
- 3) Discourage carving up land into small lots
- 4) Encourage the use of Best Management Practices (BMP's) in forestry, shoreland areas, and farming
- 5) Ensure that current rules on the books are enforced

### **Goal 3: Preserve existing cultural resources**

#### **Objectives:**

- 1) Work with existing historic preservation groups such the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Polk County Historical Society to maintain historic places and buildings within the Town of West Sweden.

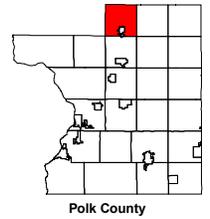


# MAP 5-1

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### AERIAL PHOTO

Town of West Sweden  
Polk County  
Wisconsin



- STATE HIGHWAY SHIELD
- COUNTY ROAD SHIELD
- STATE HIGHWAY
- COUNTY ROAD
- TOWNSHIP ROAD
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- PRIVATE ROAD
- PARCELS
- SECTIONS
- POLK COUNTY
- VILLAGE
- TOWNSHIP
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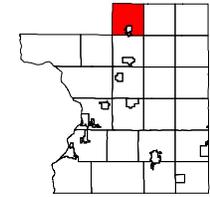


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# MAP 5-2

## PRIME AGRICULTURAL SOILS

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Polk County  
Wisconsin

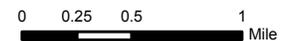


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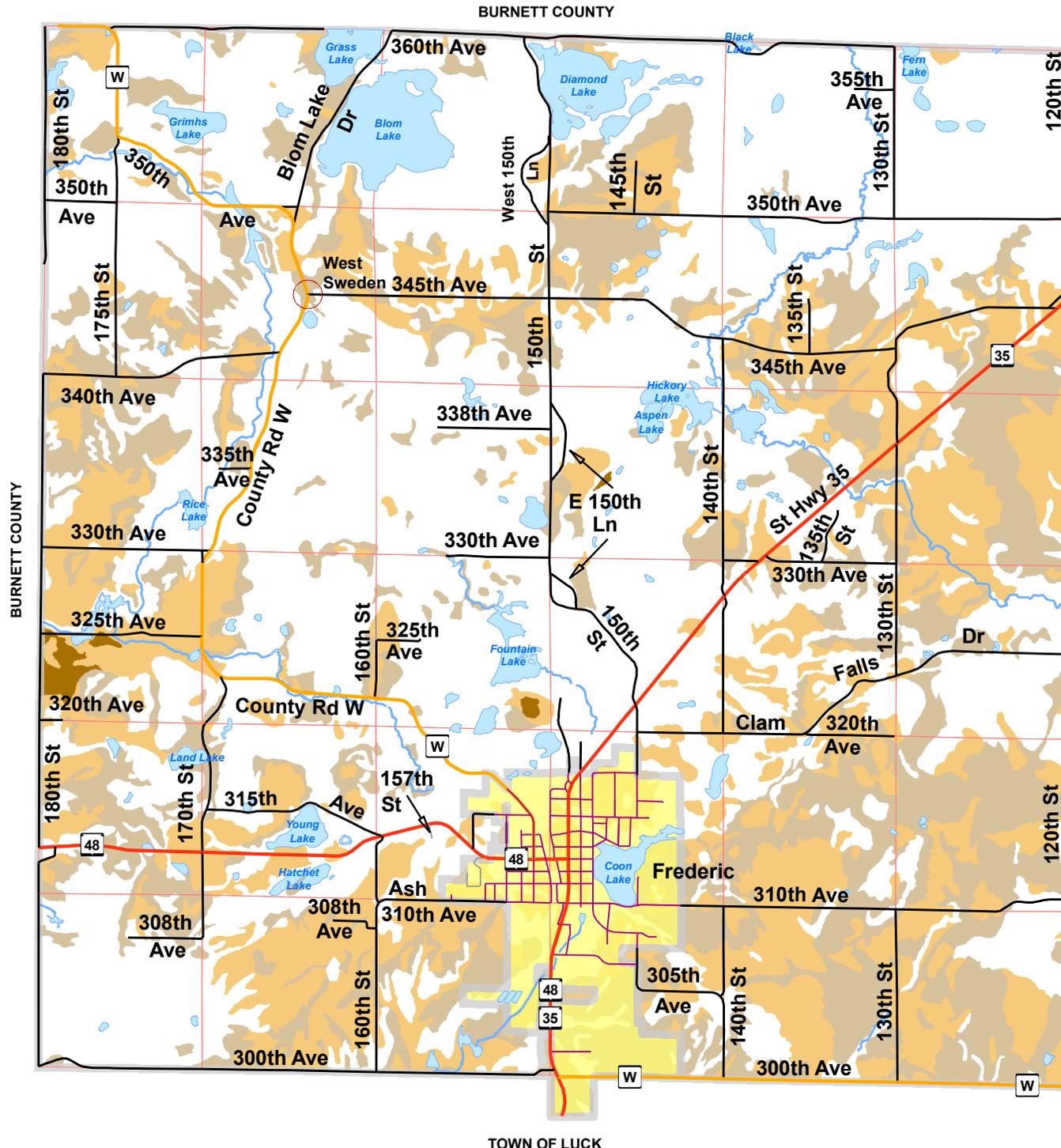
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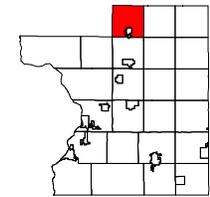
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TOWN OF CLAM FALLS

TOWN OF LUCK

# MAP 5-3 SURFACE WATER

Town of West Sweden  
Polk County  
Wisconsin



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- STATE HIGHWAY SHIELD
- COUNTY ROAD SHIELD
- STATE HIGHWAY
- COUNTY ROAD
- TOWNSHIP ROAD
- VILLAGE ROAD
- PRIVATE ROAD
- HYDRO STREAM
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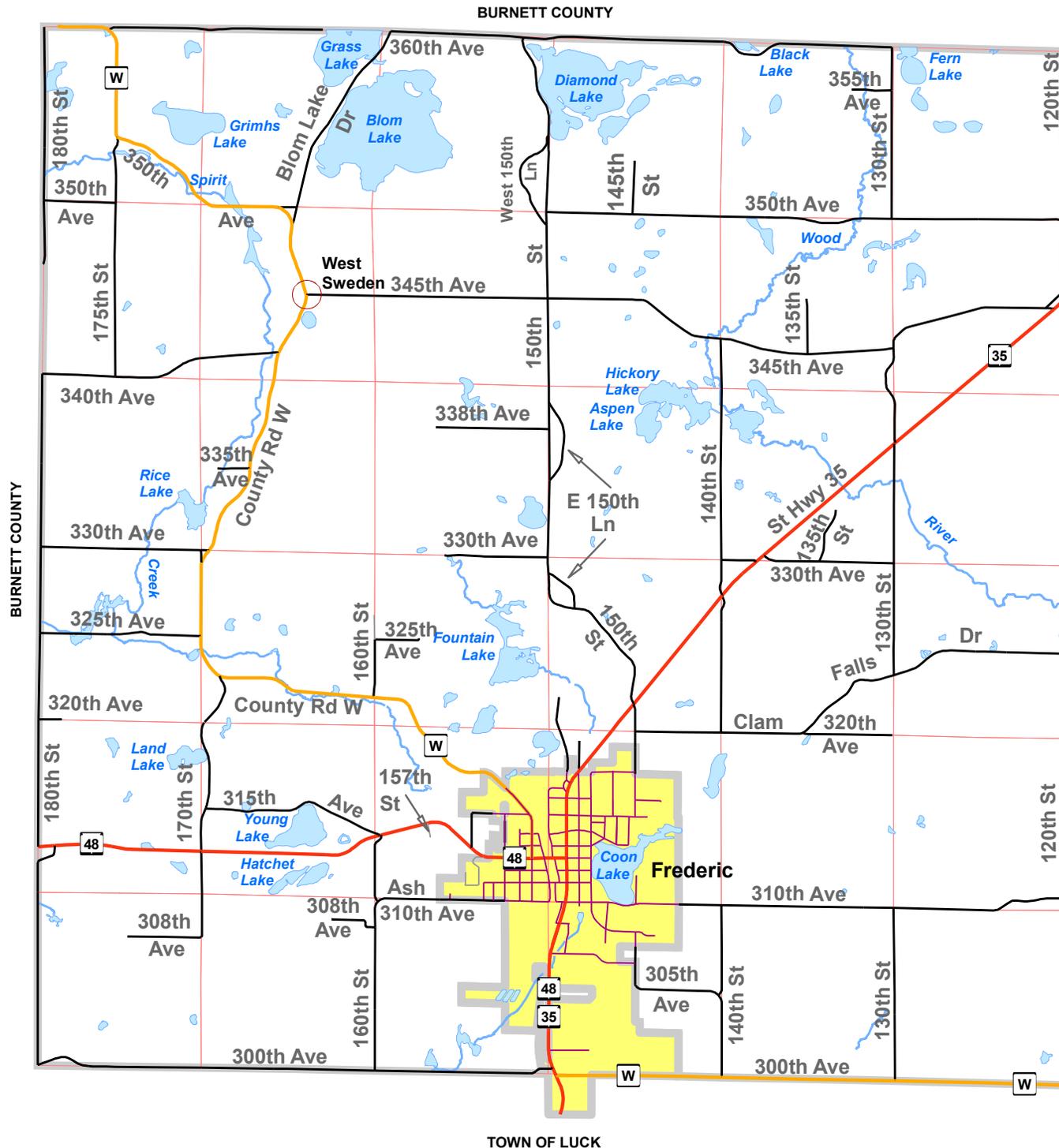


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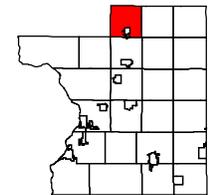
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# MAP 5-4 DEPTH TO GROUNDWATER TABLE

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Wisconsin

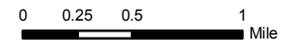


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## DEPTH TO GROUNDWATER

- 0 TO 20 FEET
- 20 TO 50 FEET
- GREATER THAN 50 FEET

- STATE HIGHWAY SHIELD
- COUNTY ROAD SHIELD
- STATE HIGHWAY
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- VILLAGE ROAD
- PRIVATE ROAD
- HYDRO STREAM
- HYDRO BODY
- SECTIONS



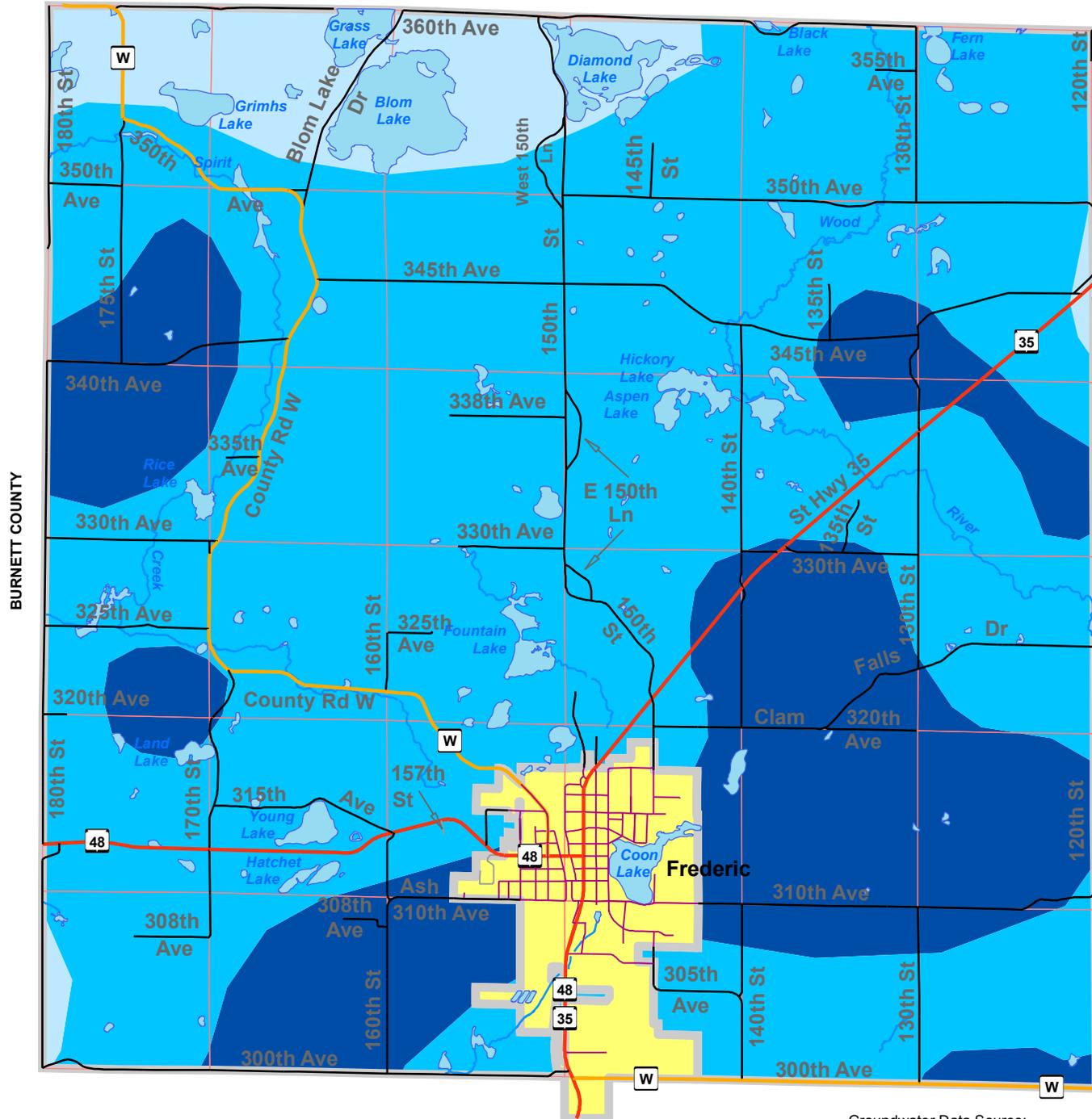
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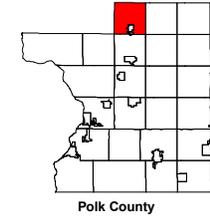
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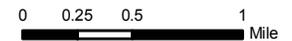
# MAP 5-5 FLOODPLAINS

## Town of West Sweden Polk County Wisconsin



- STATE HIGHWAY SHIELD
- COUNTY ROAD SHIELD
- STATE HIGHWAY
- COUNTY ROAD
- TOWNSHIP ROAD
- VILLAGE ROAD
- PRIVATE ROAD
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- SECTIONS
- FLOODPLAIN
- VILLAGE
- TOWNSHIP
- UNINCORPORATED VILLAGE

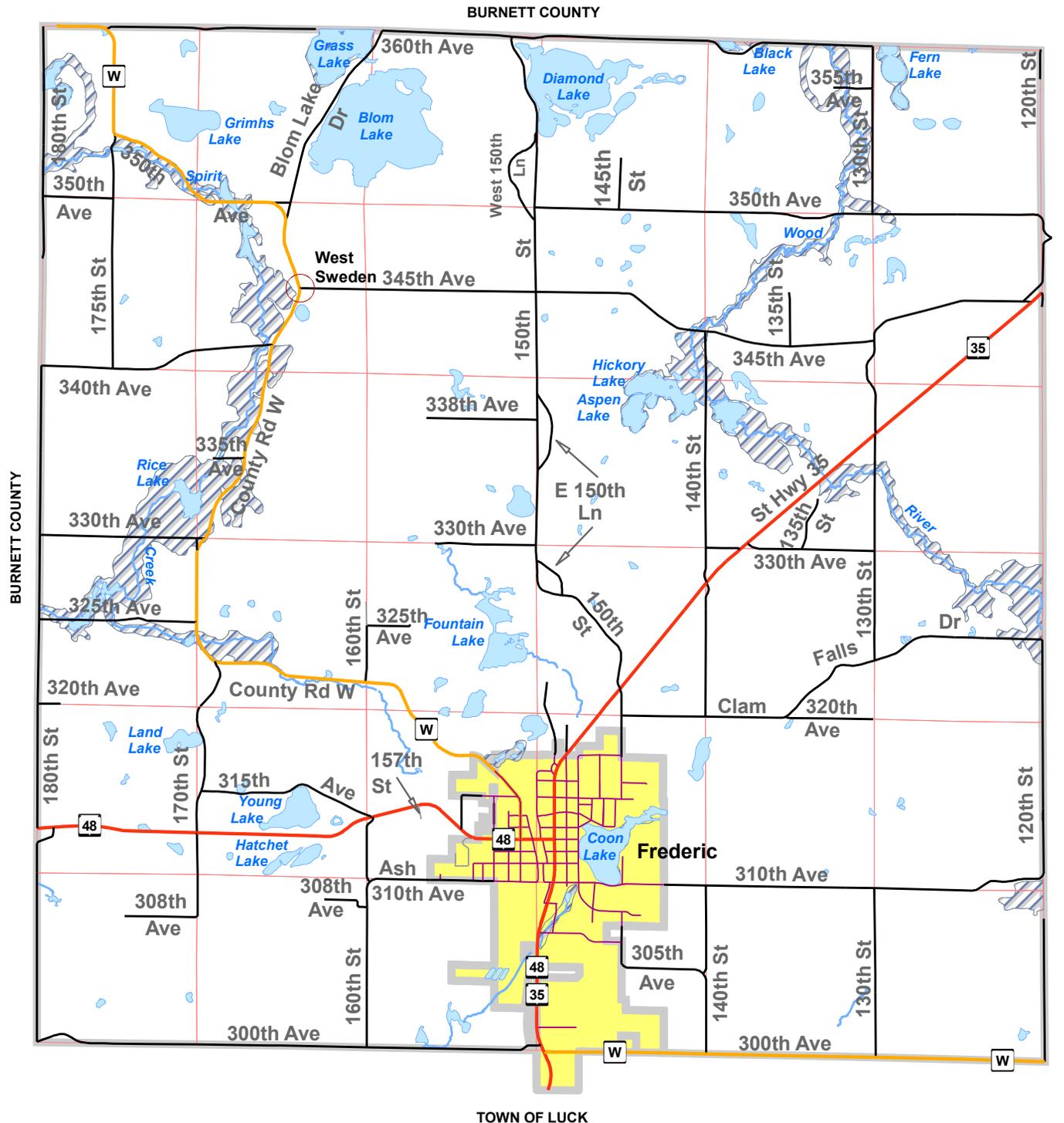
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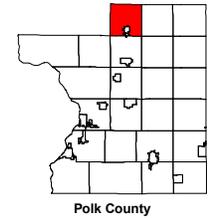


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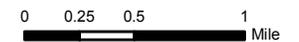
# MAP 5-6 WETLANDS

## Town of West Sweden Polk County Wisconsin



- STATE HIGHWAY SHIELD
- COUNTY ROAD SHIELD
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- COUNTY ROAD
- TOWNSHIP ROAD
- VILLAGE ROAD
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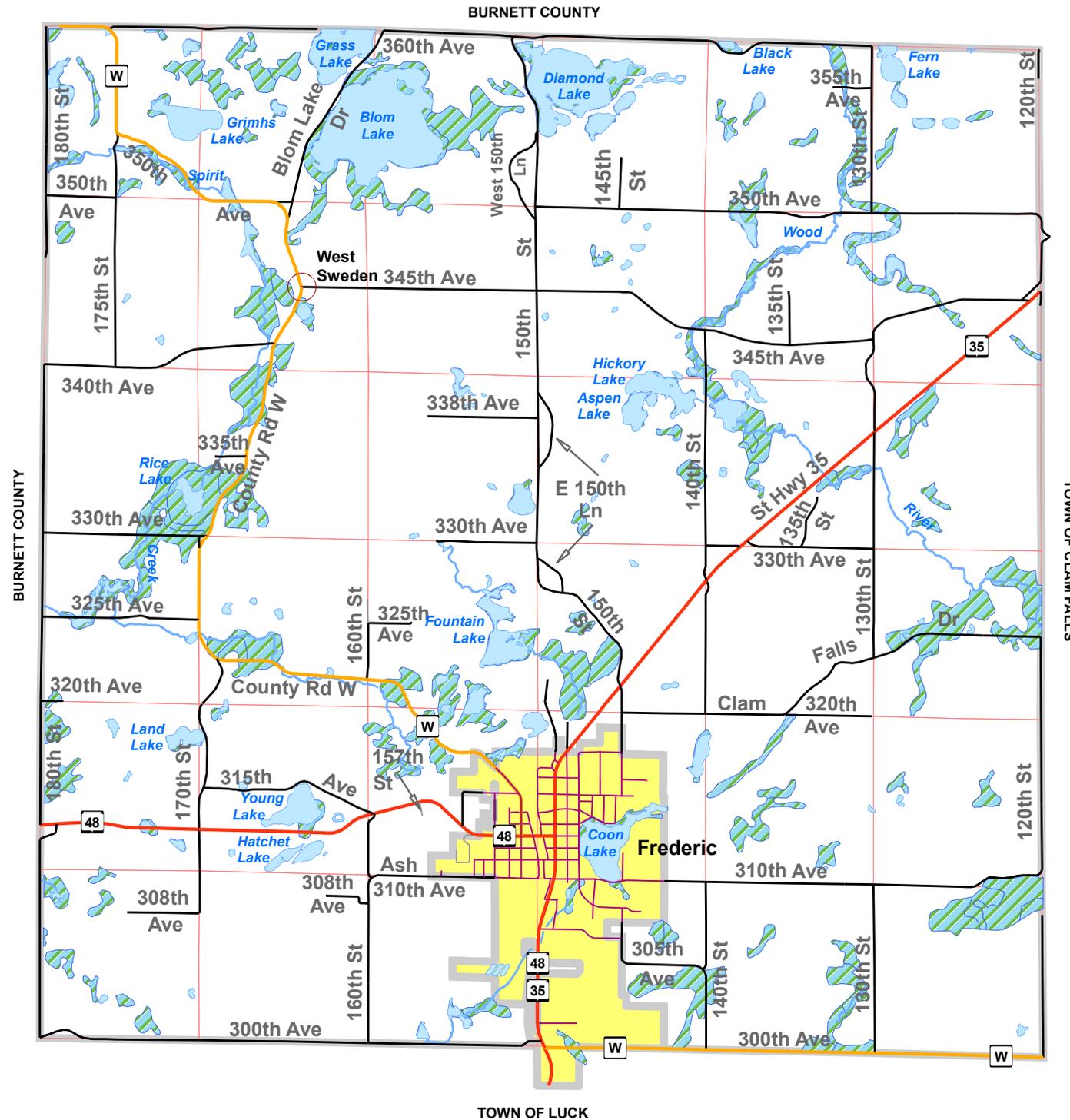
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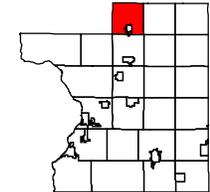


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# MAP 5-7 GEOLOGY

Town of West Sweden  
Polk County  
Wisconsin



Polk County

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  - COUNTY ROAD
  - TOWNSHIP ROAD
  - VILLAGE ROAD
  - PRIVATE ROAD
  - HYDRO STREAM
  - HYDRO BODY
  - SECTIONS
  - UNINCORPORATED VILLAGE
  - VILLAGE
  - TOWNSHIP
  - SOILS 20 INCHES TO BEDROCK
- MAJOR LITH
- BASALT
  - SANDSTONE
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- Cu COPPER
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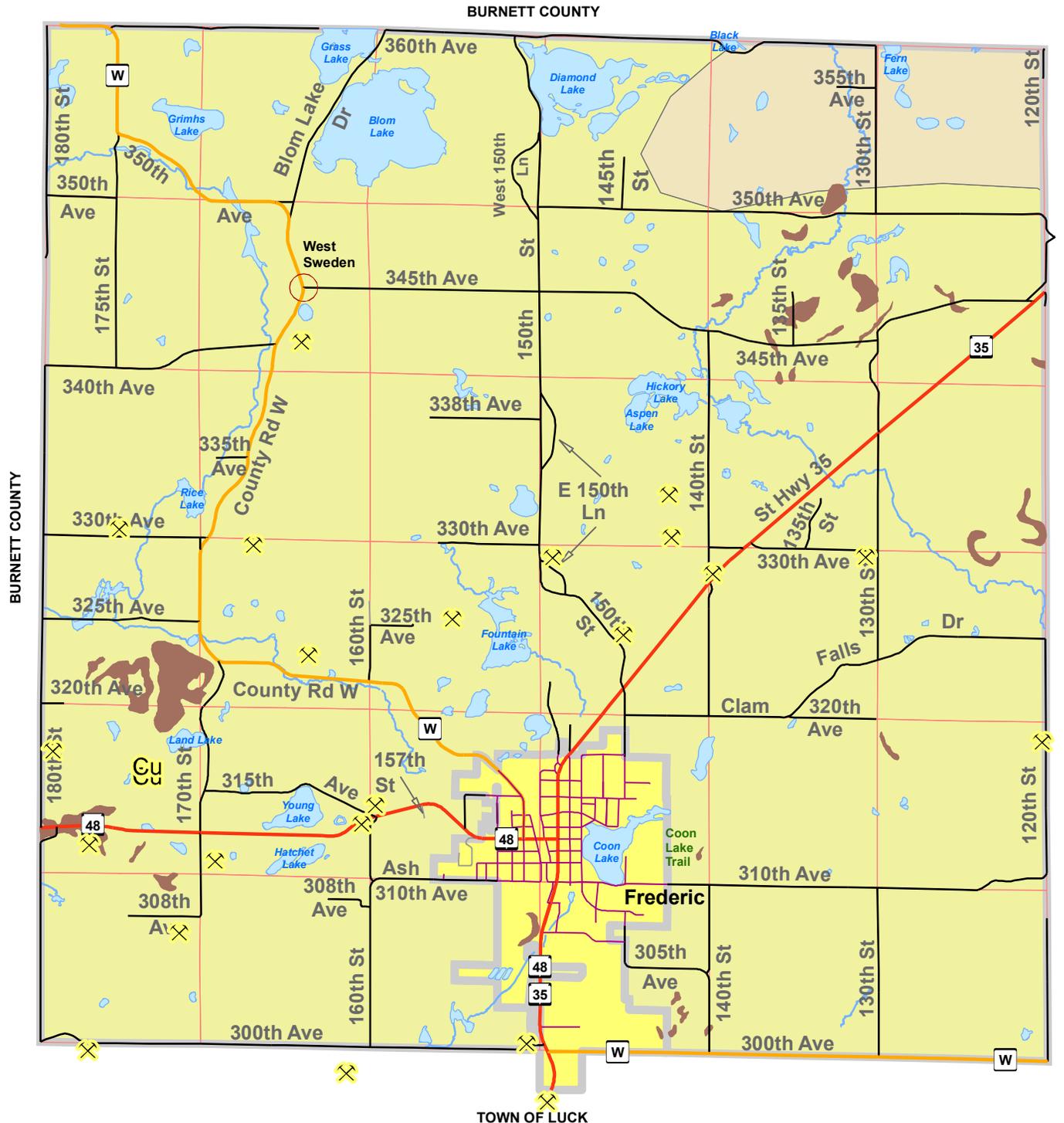
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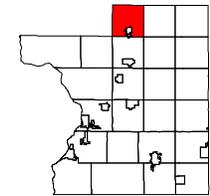


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# MAP 5-8 MINING & GRAVEL PIT

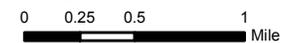
Town of West Sweden  
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- Cu** COPPER
- SAND & GRAVEL
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Mining & Gravel Pit Data Source:  
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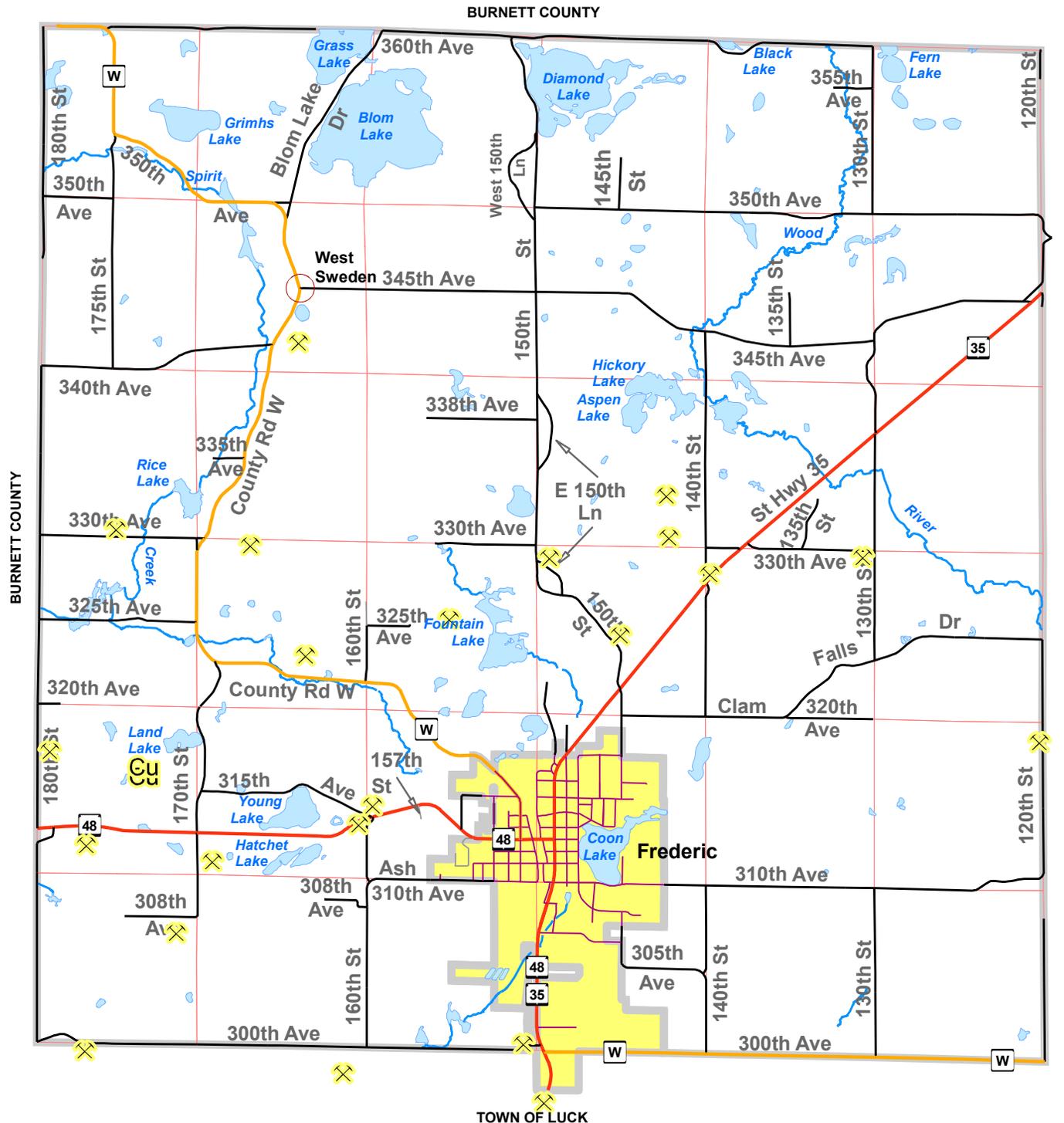


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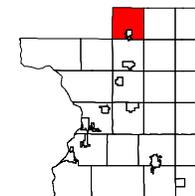
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# MAP 5-9 PROBABLE GRAVEL DEPOSITS

Town of West Sweden  
Polk County  
Wisconsin



### Soils Class

- IMPROBABLE
- PROBABLE

Source:  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
(NRCS)  
Soil Survey Geographic  
(SSURGO) Database

- STATE HIGHWAY SHIELD
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- TOWNSHIP

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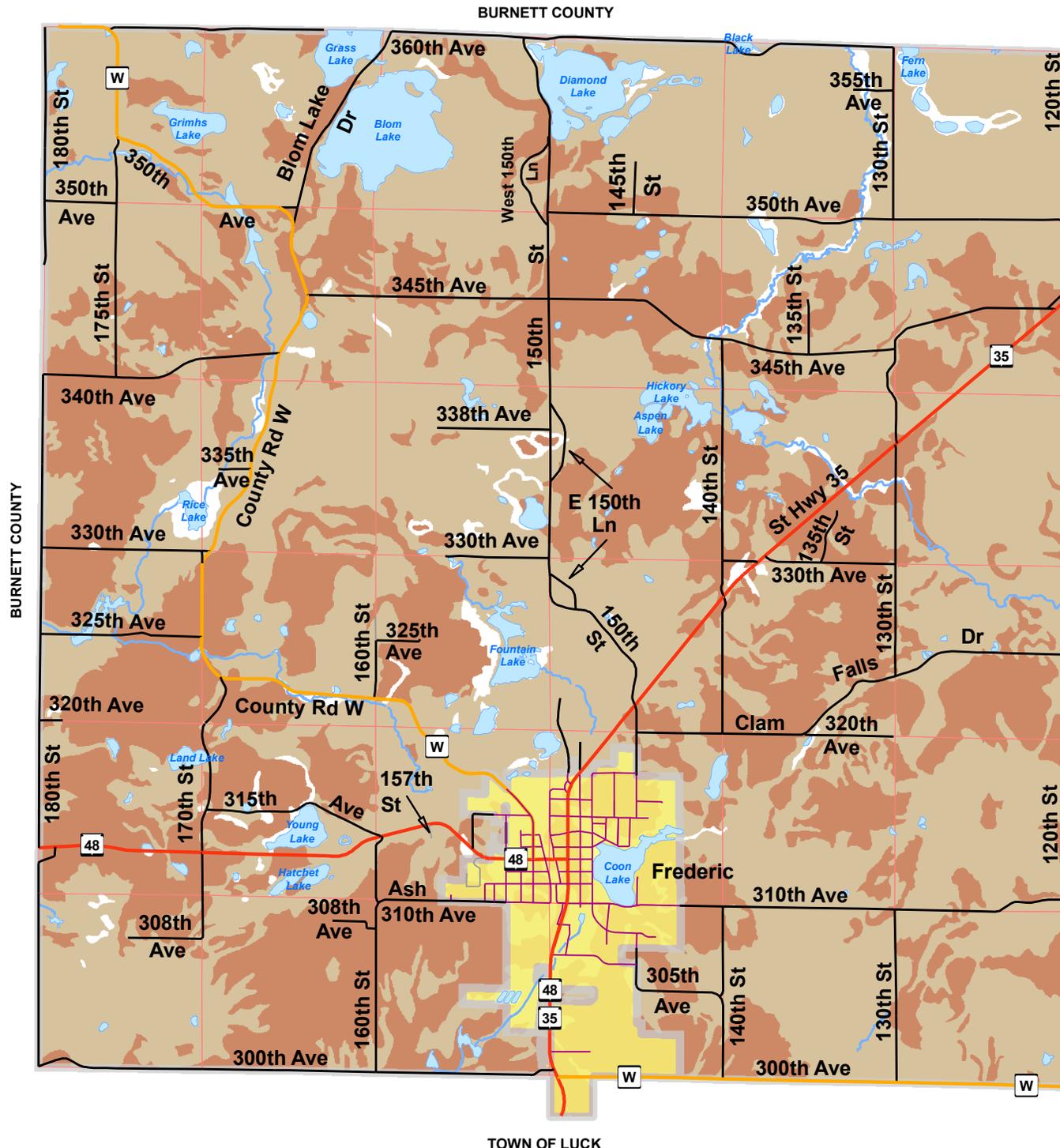


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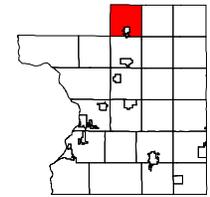
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# MAP 5-10 PROBABLE SAND DEPOSITS

Town of West Sweden  
Polk County  
Wisconsin



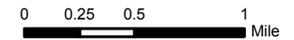
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### Soils Class

- IMPROBABLE
- PROBABLE

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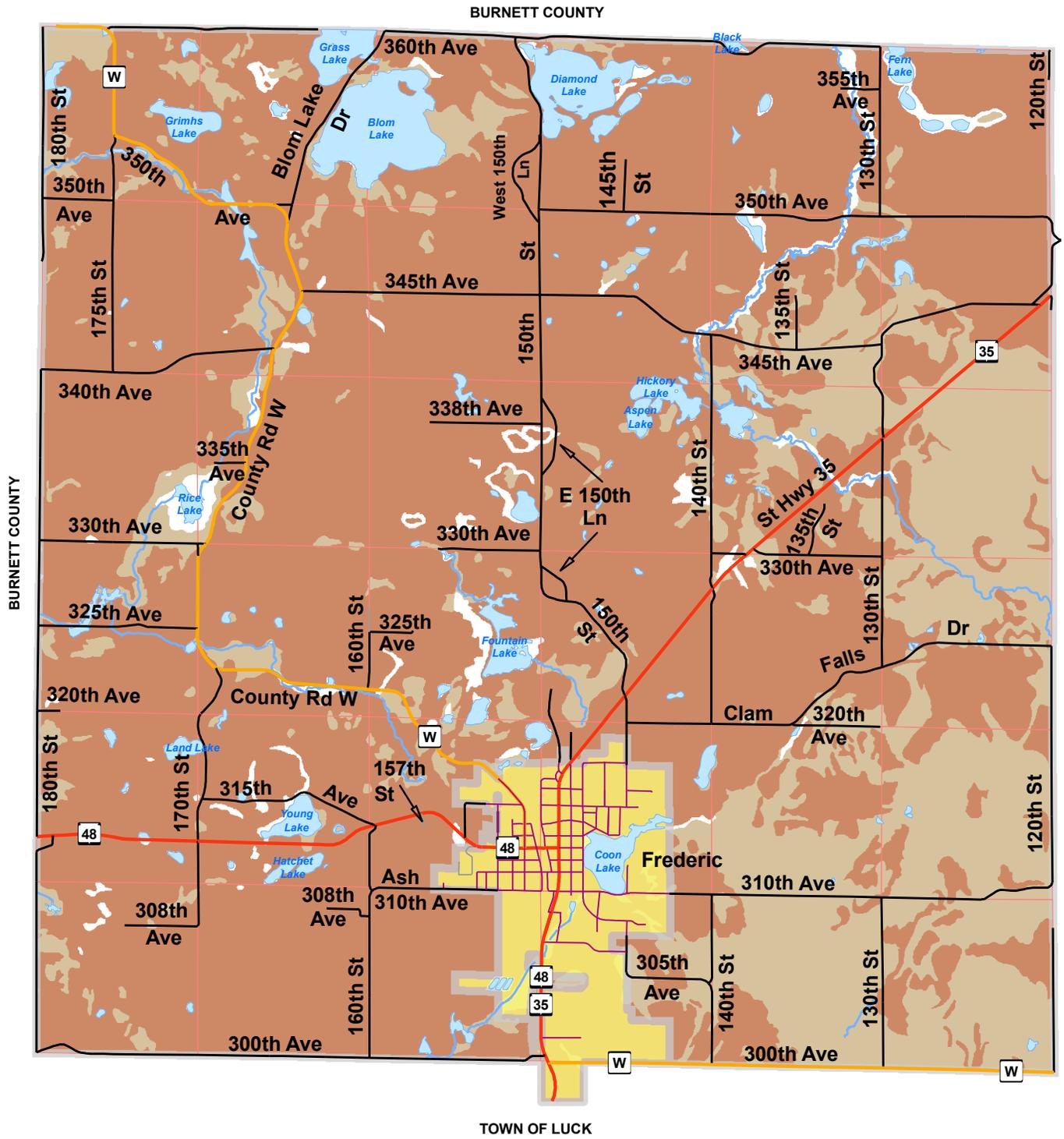


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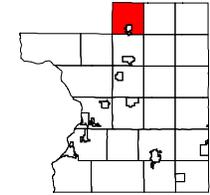
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# MAP 5-11

## ENDANGERED RESOURCES

Town of West Sweden

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Wisconsin



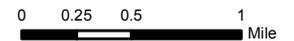
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### ENDANGERED RESOURCES

- AQUATIC
- TOWNSHIP OCCURRENCES

Endangered Resources Data Source:  
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
Natural Heritage Inventory 10/01/2008

- STATE HIGHWAY SHIELD
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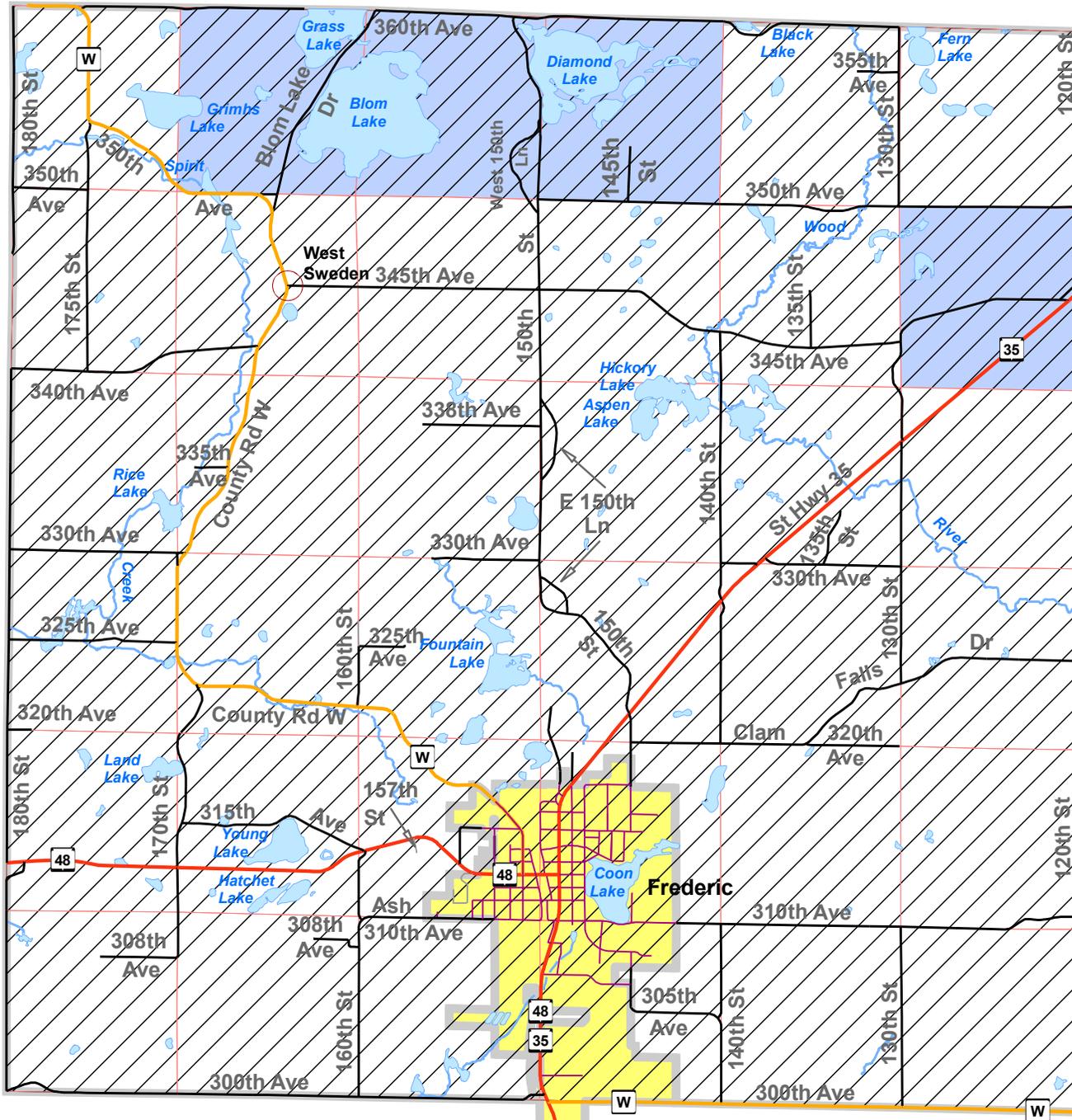


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## **ELEMENT 6: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- 6.1 BACKGROUND**
- 6.2 DESIRED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
- 6.3 STRENGTHS FOR ATTRACTING/RETAINING BUSINESSES OR INDUSTRIES**
- 6.4 WEAKNESSES FOR ATTRACTING/RETAINING BUSINESSES OR INDUSTRIES**
- 6.5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**
- 6.5 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

### **6.1 BACKGROUND**

West Sweden is a rural town in northwestern Wisconsin and as such has limited economic development. Much of the business that takes place in the town deals with agriculture or home-based businesses. Economic development is a vital part in the overall health of a community. Thriving businesses and industry give residents places to shop and interact, as well as reduce the tax burden upon residents.

**FIGURE 6.1: EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY**

|  | 1990       |              | 2000       |              |
|--|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
|  | Number     | Percent      | Number     | Percent      |
| <b>Town of West Sweden</b>   |            |              |            |              |
| Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting & mining                                   | 46         | 15.5         | 19         | 5.4          |
| Construction   | 38         | 12.8         | 33         | 9.4          |
| Manufacturing  | 58         | 19.6         | 85         | 24.3         |
| Wholesale trade  | 11         | 3.7          | 1          | 0.3          |
| Retail trade   | 34         | 11.5         | 34         | 9.7          |
| Transportation, warehousing and utilities  | 12         | 4.1          | 27         | 7.7          |
| Information  | ---        | ---          | 14         | 4.0          |
| Finance, insurance, real estate, rental & leasing                                  | 10         | 3.4          | 10         | 2.9          |
| Professional, scientific, management, administrative and waste management services | 10         | 3.4          | 12         | 3.4          |
| Educational, health and social services  | 47         | 15.9         | 78         | 22.3         |
| Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services                   | 13         | 4.4          | 16         | 4.6          |
| Other services, except public administration                                       |            |              | 10         | 2.9          |
| Public administration  | 17         | 5.7          | 11         | 3.1          |
| <b>Total Employment (16 years and over)</b>  | <b>296</b> | <b>100.0</b> | <b>350</b> | <b>100.0</b> |

Source: Wisconsin Dept. of Workforce Development

**FIGURE 6.2: EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION**

|  | 1990   |         | 2000   |         |
|--|--------|---------|--------|---------|
|  | Number | Percent | Number | Percent |
| <b>Town of West Sweden</b>                       |        |         |        |         |
| Executive, administrative and managerial         | 28     | 9.5     |        |         |
| Professional                                     | 22     | 7.4     | 93     | 26.6    |
| Technician                                       | 6      | 2.0     |        |         |
| Sales  | 28     | 9.5     | 75     | 21.4    |
| Administrative support, including clerical       | 44     | 14.9    |        |         |
| Service  | 29     | 9.8     | 44     | 12.6    |
| Farming, forestry, fishing                       | 46     | 15.5    | 2      | 0.6     |
| Construction, extraction and maintenance         | ----   | ----    | 41     | 11.7    |
| Precision production, craft and repair           | 53     | 17.9    |        |         |
| Machine operators, assemblers and inspectors     | 25     | 8.4     | 95     | 27.1    |
| Transportation and material moving               | 9      | 3.0     |        |         |
| Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers & laborers | 6      | 2.0     |        |         |
| <b>Total Employment (16 years and over)</b>      | 296    | 100.0   | 350    | 100.0   |

Source: Wisconsin Dept. of Workforce Development

**FIGURE 6.3  
EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT FOR THE POPULATION 25 YEARS AND OVER**

|   | WI        | % OF TOTAL | POLK   | % OF TOTAL | WEST SWEDEN | % OF TOTAL |
|---|-----------|------------|--------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Total:                                      | 3,475,878 |            | 27,725 |            | 483         |            |
| No schooling completed                      | 22,861    | 0.66%      | 54     | 0.19%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| Nursery to 4th grade                        | 8,253     | 0.24%      | 27     | 0.10%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| 5th and 6th grade                           | 22,882    | 0.66%      | 67     | 0.24%      | 0           | 0.00%      |
| 7th and 8th grade                           | 132,129   | 3.80%      | 1,175  | 4.24%      | 24          | 4.97%      |
| 9th grade                                   | 56,538    | 1.63%      | 396    | 1.43%      | 8           | 1.66%      |
| 10th grade                                  | 87,059    | 2.50%      | 694    | 2.50%      | 5           | 1.04%      |
| 11th grade                                  | 88,558    | 2.55%      | 735    | 2.65%      | 11          | 2.28%      |
| 12th grade, no diploma                      | 100,137   | 2.88%      | 763    | 2.75%      | 12          | 2.48%      |
| High school graduate (includes equivalency) | 1,201,813 | 34.58%     | 11,395 | 41.10%     | 217         | 44.93%     |
| Some college, less than 1 year              | 252,132   | 7.25%      | 2,259  | 8.15%      | 47          | 9.73%      |
| Some college, 1 or more years, no degree    | 463,532   | 13.34%     | 3,822  | 13.79%     | 46          | 9.52%      |
| Associate degree                            | 260,711   | 7.50%      | 2,022  | 7.29%      | 49          | 10.14%     |
| Bachelor's degree                           | 530,268   | 15.26%     | 2,965  | 10.69%     | 47          | 9.73%      |
| Master's degree                             | 168,563   | 4.85%      | 886    | 3.20%      | 15          | 3.11%      |
| Professional school degree                  | 54,005    | 1.55%      | 407    | 1.47%      | 2           | 0.41%      |
| Doctorate degree                            | 26,437    | 0.76%      | 58     | 0.21%      | 0           | 0.00%      |

Source: US Census 2000

## **6.2 DESIRED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The type of economic development in a town can impact the character of a community highly. It is in the best interests of the residents of a community to voice their opinion on what type of economic development they would like to see in their community. At the November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting, the plan commission discussed desired types of business or industry for the Town of West Sweden. The list that follows is what they came up with.

- home-based businesses
- agriculture-related businesses of appropriate size
- Businesses that do not require additional infrastructure
- Businesses that do not require additional town services



Photo Courtesy of the Town of West Sweden Plan Commission

In addition, the residents of the Town of West Sweden were asked in survey about what types of commercial/industrial development were appropriate for the town. Here are the results:

*Question 13: What types of new development are appropriate for the Town of West Sweden?*

*Answer: 20% - home-based businesses, 18% - shopping and offices, 17% recreational and tourism related, and 16% for farming related businesses.*

### **6.3 STRENGTHS FOR ATTRACTING/RETAINING BUSINESSES OR INDUSTRIES**

- Access to State Highways 35 and 48
- Plenty of available land
- Minimal restrictions to home-based businesses
- Adjacent to the Village of Frederic
- Lower taxes compared to Minnesota

### **6.4 WEAKNESSES FOR ATTRACTING/RETAINING BUSINESSES OR INDUSTRIES**

- Small population
- Many people on fixed incomes
- Aging population
- Lack of infrastructure

### **6.5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND POLICIES**

#### **Regional Programs**

##### **Technology Enterprise Fund**

TEF is a revolving loan fund that provides creative financing to new and emerging technology companies. The goal of the program is to leverage private investment dollars and enhance sustainable economic development opportunities within the region. Loan sizes range from \$100,000 to \$250,000.

##### **Revolving Loan Fund**

RLF is a flexible source of loan funds for commercial and industrial programs which aims to encourage the creation of quality jobs and an increased tax base. Eligible activities include acquisition of equipment, site improvements, new working capital, land and building acquisition, new building construction, and building renovation. Loan size is available for up to \$20,000 per full-time job created.

##### **Microloan Fund**

This program is designed to provide small loans to start-up, newly established, or growing small businesses who have traditionally had difficulty accessing debt financing. Loan size ranges from \$5,000 to \$25,000 with a 4.00% fixed interest rate.

##### **Downtown Façade Loan**

The purpose of this program is to encourage property and business owners to revitalize the downtown commercial area by providing incentives and financial assistance. The funds may be used for façade renovation, signs, exterior doors, windows, awnings, exterior graphics, exterior lighting and landscaping

improvements. Loan size ranges from \$5,000 to \$30,000 with a 0.00% fixed interest rate.

### **USDA Rural Development**

#### **Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan (B&I) Program**

The purpose of the B&I Guaranteed Loan Program is to improve, develop, or finance business, industry, and employment and improve the economic and environmental climate in rural communities. This purpose is achieved by bolstering the existing private credit structure through the guarantee of quality loans which will provide lasting community benefits. It is not intended that the guarantee authority will be used for marginal or substandard loans or for relief of lenders having such loans. For more information, please see the following website:

[http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/b&i\\_gar.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/b&i_gar.htm)

#### **Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)**

The purpose of the IRP program is to alleviate poverty and increase economic activity and employment in rural communities. Under the IRP program, loans are provided to local organizations (intermediaries) for the establishment of revolving loan funds. These revolving loan funds are used to assist with financing business and economic development activity to create or retain jobs in disadvantaged and remote communities. Intermediaries are encouraged to work in concert with State and regional strategies, and in partnership with other public and private organizations that can provide complimentary resources. For more information, please see the following website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/irp.htm>

#### **Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Program**

The RBEG program provides grants for rural projects that finance and facilitate development of small and emerging rural businesses help fund distance learning networks, and help fund employment related adult education programs. To assist with business development, RBEGs may fund a broad array of activities. For more information, please see the following website:

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/rbeg.htm>

#### **Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) Program**

The RBOG program promotes sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs through provision of training and technical assistance for business development, entrepreneurs, and economic development officials and to assist with economic development planning. For more information, please see the following website:

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/rbog.htm>

#### **Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG)**

The REDLG program provides funding to rural projects through local utility organizations. Under the REDLoan program, USDA provides zero interest loans to local utilities which they, in turn, pass through to local businesses (ultimate recipients) for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas. The ultimate recipients repay the lending utility directly. The utility is responsible for repayment to the Agency. Under the REDGrant program, USDA provides grant funds to local utility organizations which use the funding to establish revolving loan funds. Loans are made from the revolving loan fund to projects that will create or retain rural jobs. When the revolving loan fund is terminated, the grant is repaid to the Agency. For more information, please see the following website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/redlg.htm>

#### Rural Energy for America Program Grant (REAP)

The REAP Grant Program will provide grants for energy audits and renewable energy development assistance. It also provides funds to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements. For more information, please see the following website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/9006grant.htm>

#### Rural Energy for America Program Guaranteed Loan Program (REAP)

The REAP Guaranteed Loan Program encourages the commercial financing of renewable energy (bioenergy, geothermal, hydrogen, solar, and wind) and energy efficiency projects. Under the program, project developers will work with local lenders, who in turn can apply to USDA Rural Development for a loan guarantee up to 85 percent of the loan amount. For more information, please see the following website:

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/busp/9006loan.htm>

#### Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Program (REEEP)

More information will be available after the processing of the 2008 Farm Bill.

For more information, please see the following website:

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/farmbill/index.html>

#### Farm Service Agency

Utilize staff and programs available from the Farm Service Agency

Figure 6.3 Contaminated Site for Redevelopment

| <b>Municipality</b> | <b>Location</b>                 | <b>Activity</b>   | <b>Status</b> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------|
| <b>West Sweden</b>  | West Sweden Town Garage         | Leaking Underground Storage Tank                                      | Closed        |
|                     | Frederic Village Landfill #1801 | Environmental Repair Sites – having contaminated soils or groundwater | Open          |

Source: Wisconsin BRRTS Database

## **6.6 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

***Goal 1: Encourage the development of business ventures that fit community/town character***

***Objectives:***

- 1) Encourage agriculture and agricultural-related business and industry*
- 2) Encourage the development of home-based businesses*
- 3) Ensure zoning does not hinder the development of businesses or industries desired by the Town of West Sweden.*

## **ELEMENT 7: INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION**

### **7.1 EXISTING AGREEMENTS**

### **7.2 OPPORTUNITIES OR CONFLICTS FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION**

### **7.3 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

#### **7.1 EXISTING AGREEMENTS**

The following list is a list of agreements that the Town of West Sweden is currently engaged in. The list is not meant to be 100% complete but most of the pertinent agreements to the Comprehensive Plan are included.

The Town of West Sweden currently has agreements on shared Plowing and road maintenance of border roads with the Town of Luck and the Town of Clam Falls in Polk County and with the Town of Daniels and the Town of Trade Lake in Burnett County.

The Town of West Sweden has an agreement with Polk County for the administration of the Polk County Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

#### **7.2 OPPORTUNITIES OR CONFLICTS FOR INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION**

The Town of West Sweden should look for opportunities to partner with other units of government to reduce costs of service deliveries.

The Town of West Sweden has been trying to work with Polk County regarding the poor condition of County Road W. The road is currently in bad shape and is getting worse.

#### **7.3 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

***Goal 1: Maintain existing agreements***

***Goal 2: Investigate intergovernmental agreements that maintain current levels of service and minimize tax burden on the residents of the Town of West Sweden***

## **ELEMENT 8: LAND USE**

### **8.1 EXISTING CONDITIONS**

### **8.2 LAND DEMAND, VALUE, AND TRENDS**

### **8.3 EXISTING OR POTENTIAL LAND USE CONFLICTS**

### **8.4 FUTURE LAND USE**

### **8.5 FUTURE LAND USE MAP**

### **8.6 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

#### **8.1 EXISTING CONDITIONS**

The Town of West Sweden is a rural town in the extreme northern portion of Polk County. The expected change in population is reasonably small and the community would like to see things stay basically the same. The goal of the Town is to find the right balance between private property rights and regulations on growth and development.

The landscape of the Town of West Sweden is similar to others in the area, which is rural; agricultural and forest primarily. There are numerous wetland areas, lakes, rivers, and streams, along with hills, woods, and farm fields that form the matrix that is the Town of West Sweden. Map 8-1 shows the land cover for the Town of West Sweden.



Photo Courtesy of the Town of West Sweden Plan Commission

The Town of West Sweden, along with 15 other towns in Polk County, is undergoing the process of parcel mapping. This process yields more accurate parcel boundary information and also allows the data to be utilized in a GIS system. Maps 8-2 and 8-3 show the parcels that currently have been parcel mapped. Map 8-2 shows the parcels classified by their predominant land use, according to assessment data. Map 8-3 shows where there are parcels with more than one use on that parcel (multiple use classification). Once parcel mapping is complete for the Town, the Town can be mapped completely by either method of classification. The reason that both are shown is that only showing the predominant map could give a false idea of how many acres are in each land use classification. By showing the map with multiple use parcels, one could get a better sense of the true amount of acres in each land use classification. Another way to map parcels would be to show all parcels that have any residential code or whatever code you want. Currently we do not have any means to break the parcel down further, so this is our best information.

The Town of West Sweden is under Polk County Zoning regulations and also is subject to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance that is a state-mandated regulation. A map of the zoning districts for the Town of West Sweden can be found on Map 8-4.

The general feeling of the Town of West Sweden is to stay the same. The residents seem to feel that they way the Town is currently, is how they'd like to see it be twenty years from now.

**Table 8.1 Historical Land Use Acreages**

| <b>West Sweden</b> | <b>1987</b> | <b>1998</b> | <b>2007</b> | <b>+/- Acres<br/>'87-'07</b> | <b>% change<br/>'87-'07</b> | <b>% change<br/>'98-'07</b> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Residential        | 643         | 749         | 851         | 208                          | 32.3                        | 13.6                        |
| Commercial         | 46          | 61          | 41          | -5                           | -10.9                       | -32.8                       |
| Agricultural       | 10,534      | 9,895       | 8,593       | -1,941                       | -18.4                       | -13.2                       |
| Industrial         | 52          | 52          | 51          | -1                           | -1.9                        | -1.9                        |
| Forest             | 8,309       | 8,572       | 7,405       | -904                         | -13.6                       | -10.9                       |

*Source: Polk County Assessment Figures*

## **8.2 LAND DEMAND, VALUES, AND TRENDS**

The overall demand for land in the Town of West Sweden is low. At present it is far enough away from the Twin Cities of Minnesota to not feel much of the pressure for commuter properties. Because of the Town's immense natural beauty, it is however a prime destination for those looking for recreational or seasonal property.

The value of land per acre varies substantially based on its use. This is especially true when looking at assessed values per acre as different uses have different tax rates. Below in Table 8.2 are the values per acre based on 2007 assessment records.

**Table 8.2 Land Assessed Value per Acre by Town (dollars) • 2007\*Polk County**

| Town                  | Residential  | Commercial   | Manufacturing | Agricultural | Undeveloped | Ag Forest    | Forest       |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Alden                 | 17,859       | 7,758        | n/a           | 143          | 635         | 1,635        | 3,022        |
| Apple River           | 22,230       | 4,876        | 1,822         | 168          | 352         | 778          | 1,603        |
| Balsam Lake           | 61,847       | 6,766        | n/a           | 186          | 952         | 1,055        | 2,231        |
| Beaver                | 32,771       | 7,341        | 5,743         | 180          | 696         | 1,124        | 2,260        |
| Black Brook           | 8,325        | 4,929        | 7,800         | 153          | 398         | 1,261        | 2,574        |
| Bone Lake             | 13,289       | 359          | n/a           | 112          | 211         | 476          | 996          |
| Clam Falls            | 9,956        | 15,550       | n/a           | 140          | 740         | 994          | 1,953        |
| Clayton               | 10,094       | 13,062       | n/a           | 158          | 448         | 758          | 1,512        |
| Clear Lake            | 4,367        | 6,333        | n/a           | 161          | 523         | 750          | 1,512        |
| Eureka                | 7,739        | 6,955        | n/a           | 150          | 860         | 1,007        | 2,193        |
| Farmington            | 9,189        | 8,850        | n/a           | 163          | 634         | 1,405        | 2,747        |
| Garfield              | 23,674       | 48,575       | n/a           | 156          | 434         | 972          | 2,002        |
| Georgetown            | 69,363       | 25,467       | n/a           | 118          | 452         | 1,112        | 2,478        |
| Johnstown             | 26,916       | 4,975        | n/a           | 108          | 236         | 479          | 978          |
| Laketown              | 16,758       | 8,000        | n/a           | 161          | 730         | 1,259        | 2,464        |
| Lincoln               | 30,495       | 15,733       | n/a           | 148          | 386         | 689          | 1,632        |
| Lorain                | 3,229        | 3,000        | n/a           | 143          | 562         | 1,000        | 2,006        |
| Luck                  | 6,890        | 16,086       | 6,100         | 136          | 559         | 846          | 1,708        |
| McKinley              | 10,314       | 3,475        | n/a           | 157          | 408         | 1,143        | 2,102        |
| Milltown              | 27,789       | 3,026        | 4,454         | 167          | 446         | 1,238        | 2,319        |
| Osceola               | 17,775       | 4,953        | 361           | 144          | 820         | 929          | 1,943        |
| Saint Croix Falls     | 18,740       | 25,361       | 6,733         | 162          | 1,040       | 1,155        | 2,351        |
| Sterling              | 4,587        | 4,672        | n/a           | 149          | 453         | 899          | 1,808        |
| <b>West Sweden</b>    | <b>4,789</b> | <b>3,700</b> | <b>2,863</b>  | <b>131</b>   | <b>600</b>  | <b>1,142</b> | <b>2,274</b> |
| Average for all Towns | 19,124       | 10,408       | 4,485         | 150          | 566         | 1,004        | 2,028        |

Source: WI DOR \* Based on assessment records.

### Current Land Use Acreages

2000 through 2009 Valuation Summaries are available in the Appendix of this plan which show the number of acres in each land use by year according to assessment.

### Opportunities for Redevelopment

The Town of West Sweden is a rural town and as such has very few places available for redevelopment. The Hamlet of West Sweden could provide a few opportunities, but aside from that no real options exist.

### **8.3 EXISTING OR POTENTIAL LAND USE CONFLICTS**

There were no major land use conflicts seen by the Town of West Sweden Plan Commission. A few things that were mentioned at meetings were about loss of rural character by over development and conversion of farmland and forest land into development. Another conflict would be maintaining water quality in the face of waterfront development.

### **8.4 FUTURE LAND USE**

As mentioned previously in other parts of the plan, the people in the Town of West Sweden would like to see their town not change much in the next 20 years. The Plan Commission is averse to placing unnecessary new regulations or restrictions on the residents of the Town. The biggest issues seem to be aesthetic in nature rather than a restricting given use on the land. This being the case, researching alternative ways to manage land use in the Town should be done, such as performance zoning and form-based zoning versus standard Euclidean zoning.

The Plan Commission had several conversations regarding how to manage growth. Minimum lots sizes were talked about extensively as to the pros and cons of increasing the minimum lot size above the county minimum, which currently is 1 acre. No decision at this point has been made, so further researching tools that allow for the preservation of rural character and minimal restrictions on property owners should be done. The Plan Commission would consider adding an optional conservation subdivision provision in a subdivision regulation in the future.

**Table 8.2 Future Land Use Projections**

| <b>West Sweden</b> | <b>2009</b> | <b>2010</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>2020</b> | <b>2025</b> | <b>2030</b> | <b>Total Change</b> |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Residential        | 853         | 863         | 915         | 967         | 1,019       | 1,071       | +208                |
| Commercial         | 38          | 38          | 37          | 35          | 34          | 33          | -5                  |
| Agricultural       | 8,544       | 8,447       | 7,962       | 7,476       | 6,991       | 6,506       | -1,941              |
| Industrial         | 51          | 51          | 51          | 50          | 50          | 50          | -1                  |
| Forest             | 7,467       | 7,422       | 7,197       | 6,972       | 6,747       | 6,522       | -904                |

*Source: Polk County Planning Division*

Projection methodology:

Land use projections were developed by taking the change from 1987 to 2007 and using that same change for that 20 year period and projected the same amount into 20 years in the future for this plan timeframe. There is no way to accurately predict the future, the above figures are strictly estimates based on a statistically valid method for developing projections.

## **8.5 FUTURE LAND USE**

There are several rather larger contiguous blocks of land that do not have roads running through them. It is the preference of the Town of West Sweden that they remain remote and that new roads not be placed in these areas. These areas are indicated on the Preferred Future Land Use Map as "Preferred Preservation Areas."

Also included in the Preferred Future Land Use Map are the areas designated by the Plan Commission preferred future locations of residential, commercial, industrial, undeveloped, and agricultural lands. The plan commission felt strongly about designating the preservation areas as areas that would keep the Town of West Sweden rural in character, but at this point does not place further restrictions on what people can do with their property. The preferred future location of commercial development is along the state highway corridors near the Village of Frederic. The plan commission felt that most new businesses would want to have high exposure to roads that have the most people driving on them. This map does not indicate that the Plan Commission or the Town of West Sweden wishes for commercial development to be a solid strip along the highways from municipality to municipality. It simply represents the notion that businesses typically need and desire high visibility by road traffic.

The Preferred Future Land Use Map is not a demand that the Town of West Sweden develop exactly according to the map's layout. It is simply the visual representation of the values expressed by the Town at its Plan Commission meetings and public survey. The area indicated as preferred residential is in the location because the values of the Town of West Sweden are to protect and enhance their natural resources, which is accomplished more so by having new development happen along existing sewer and water lines. This indication is also that the residential development would be at a higher density, thus using less land per house. The meetings also indicated that it makes sense to have residential development closer to goods and services provided by the Village of Frederic. The Plan Commission felt that having some larger blocks of land that were basically free of development and roads are key to maintaining the rural character of the town. The Preferred Preservation Areas on the Preferred Future Land Use Map show the areas chosen to fulfill this desire of the community. Here are some of the resident survey results that the above values were derived from:

***Question 6 & 7: Top 2 reasons why you and your family chose the Town of West Sweden as the place to live or own land?***

***Answer:*** 1) Rural Atmosphere      2) Natural Beauty

**Question 8: What should the pace of development in the Town be over the next 10 years?**

**Answer: 68% of respondents indicated that it should be the same.**

**Question 9: How important is it to retain the Town's rural/agricultural character in the future?**

**Answer: 85% of respondents feel it is very important.**

**Question 11A: The Town of West Sweden should be mostly rural?**

**Answer: 71% strongly agree and 27% somewhat agree**

**Question 11C: The Town of West Sweden should promote the preservation of farmland?**

**Answer: 54% strongly agree and 38% somewhat agree**

**Question 14: What natural features are the most important to preserve?**

**Answer: 1) Water Quality 2) Woodlands**

## **8.6 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

### **Goal 1: Maintain and enhance the rural character of the Town of West Sweden**

#### **Objectives:**

- 1) *Preserve land use types in their current proportions of agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial, and woodlands*
- 2) *Encourage residential development to be located adjacent to the Village of Frederic*
- 3) *Encourage industrial development to be located in existing industrial parks*
- 4) *Encourage commercial development along major highways and close to the Village of Frederic*
- 5) *Encourage the use of tools that incentivize preservation of prime woodlands and prime agricultural lands*

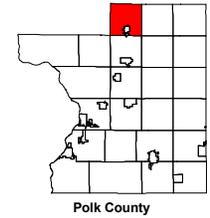
### **Goal 2: Land Uses should preserve and enhance water quality within the Town of West Sweden**

#### **Objectives:**

- 1) *Work with enforcement agencies to enforce existing regulations that preserve water quality, such as erosion controls, native shoreline plantings, setbacks from waterbodies, etc.*
- 2) *Encourage new development to limit impervious surfaces*

# MAP 8-1 LAND COVER

## Town of West Sweden Polk County Wisconsin



Polk County

- AGRICULTURAL LANDS
- BARREN
- FOREST
- OPEN WATER
- URBAN
- WETLAND

Land Cover Source: Polk County  
Land and Water Resource Plan (November 1998)

- STATE HIGHWAY SHIELD
- COUNTY ROAD SHIELD
- STATE HIGHWAY
- COUNTY ROAD
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- VILLAGE ROAD
- PRIVATE ROAD
- HYDRO STREAM
- SECTIONS
- VILLAGE
- TOWNSHIP

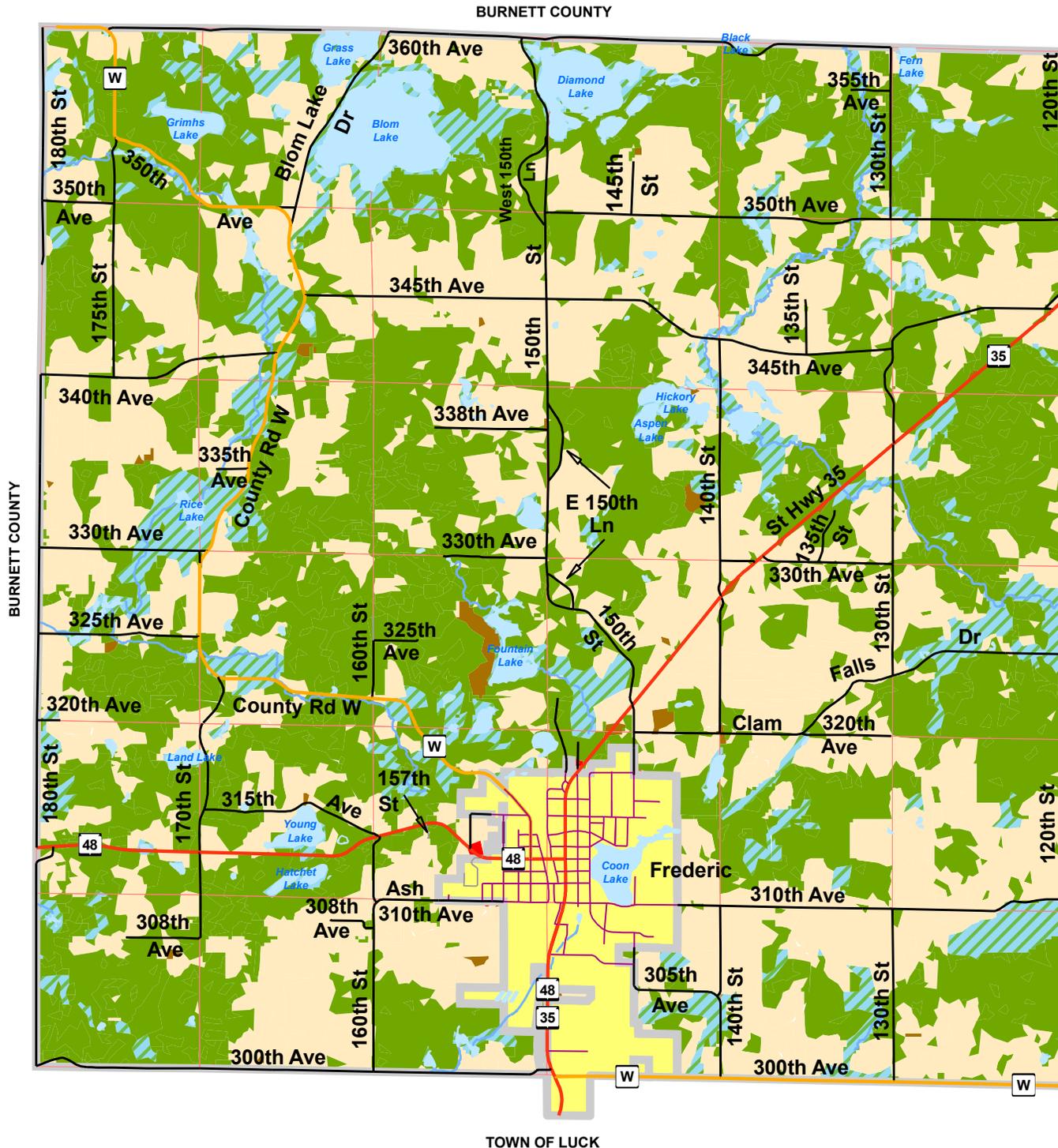
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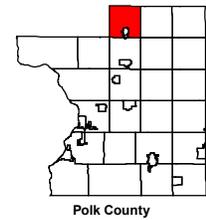


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# MAP 8-2 PRIMARY LAND USE

Town of West Sweden  
Polk County  
Wisconsin



## Land Use

- AGRICULTURAL
- AGRICULTURAL FOREST
- COMMERCIAL
- COUNTY
- MANUFACTURING
- MFL CLOSED POST 2004
- MFL CLOSED PRE 2005
- OTHER
- PRODUCTIVE FOREST LANDS
- RESIDENTIAL
- STATE
- UNDEVELOPED

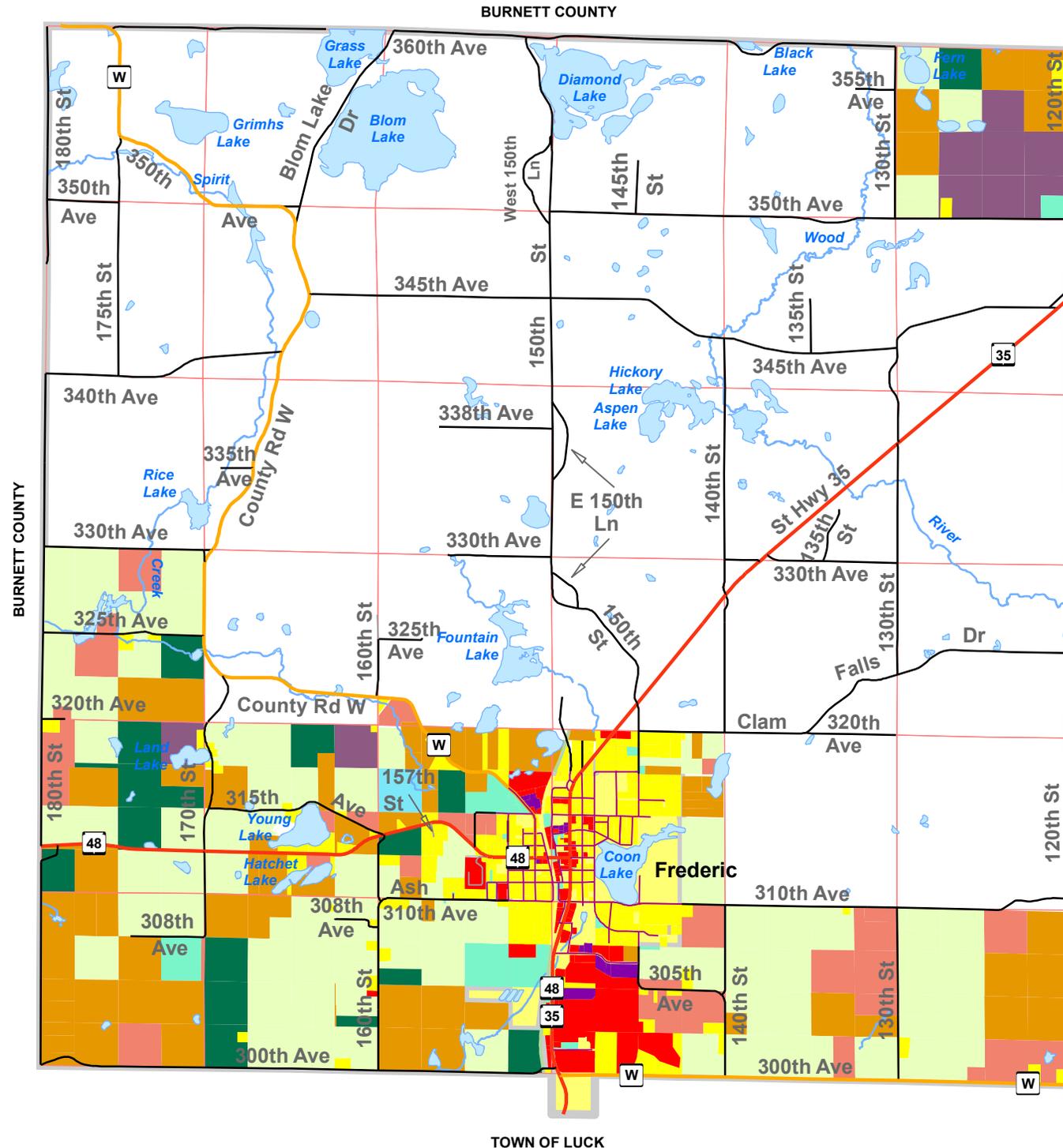


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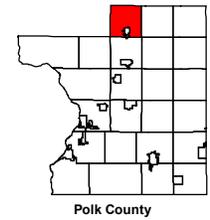
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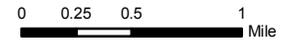
# MAP 8-3 LAND USE

## Town of West Sweden Polk County Wisconsin



### Land Use

- AGRICULTURAL
- COMMERCIAL
- COUNTY
- MANUFACTURING
- MFL CLOSED PRE 2005
- MULTIPLE USE
- OTHER
- PRODUCTIVE FOREST LANDS
- RESIDENTIAL
- STATE
- UNDEVELOPED

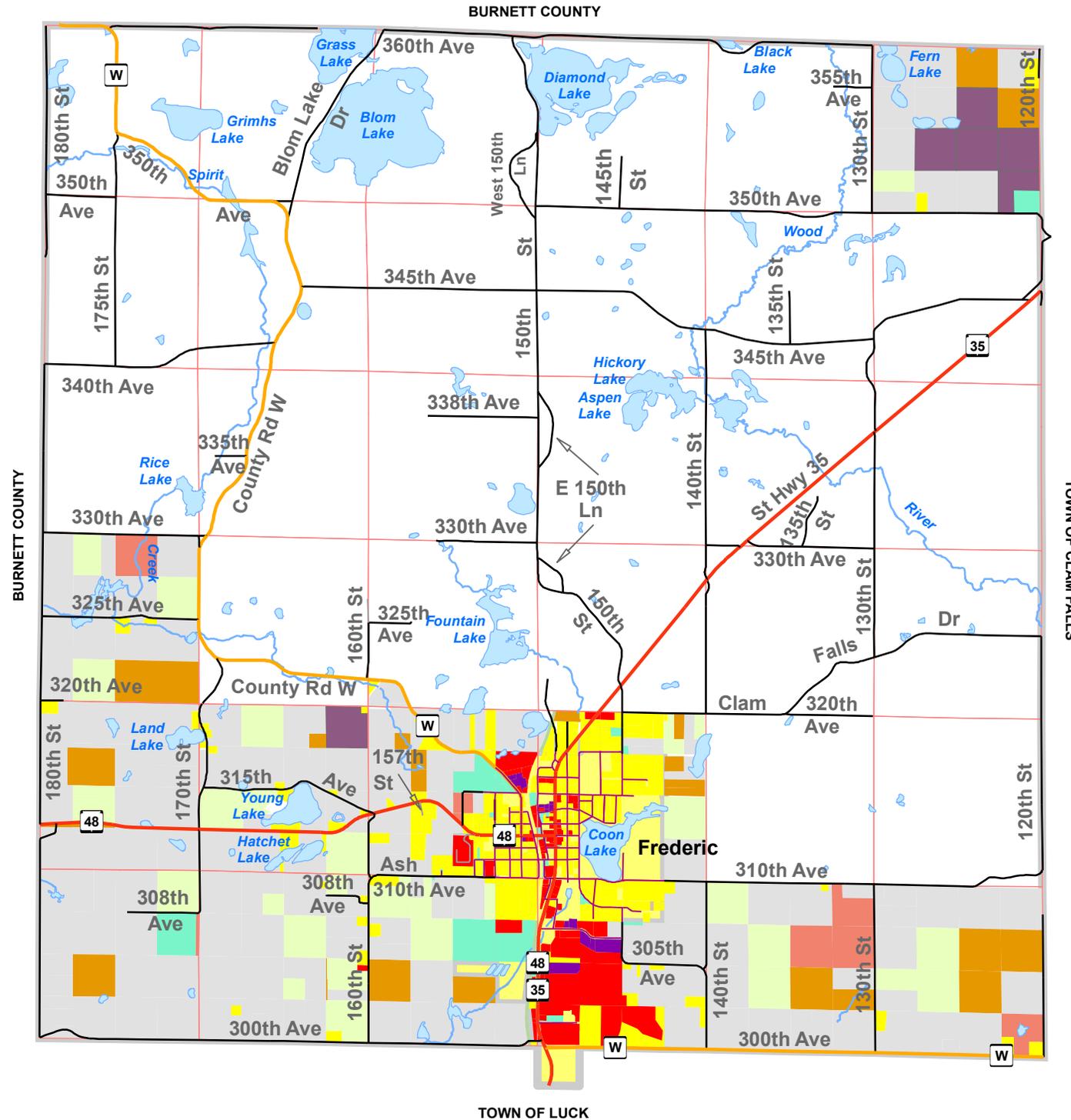


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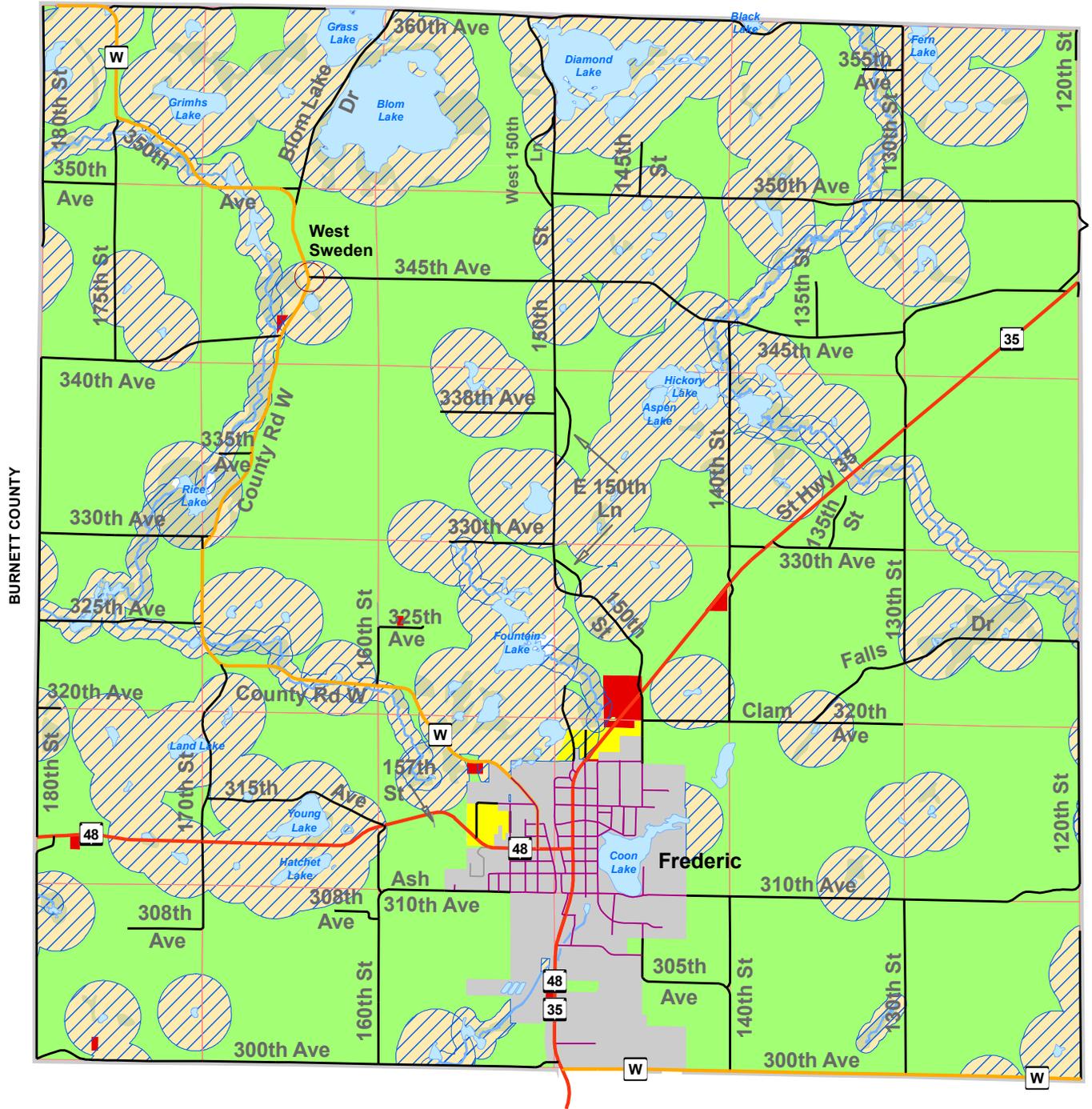
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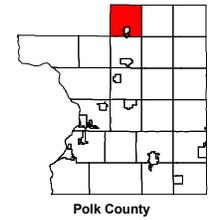
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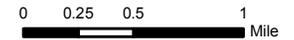
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# MAP 8-4 EXISTING ZONING DISTRICTS

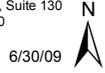
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Polk County  
Wisconsin



- SHORELANDS AREA
- GENERAL PURPOSE
- WETLAND-SHORELAND
- AGRICULTURAL
- COMMERCIAL
- RESIDENTIAL
- VILLAGE/CITY
- STATE HIGHWAY
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- SECTIONS
- TOWNSHIP



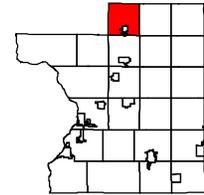
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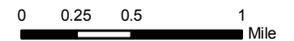
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Polk County

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-  COUNTY ROAD SHIELD
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-  VILLAGE ROAD
-  PRIVATE ROAD
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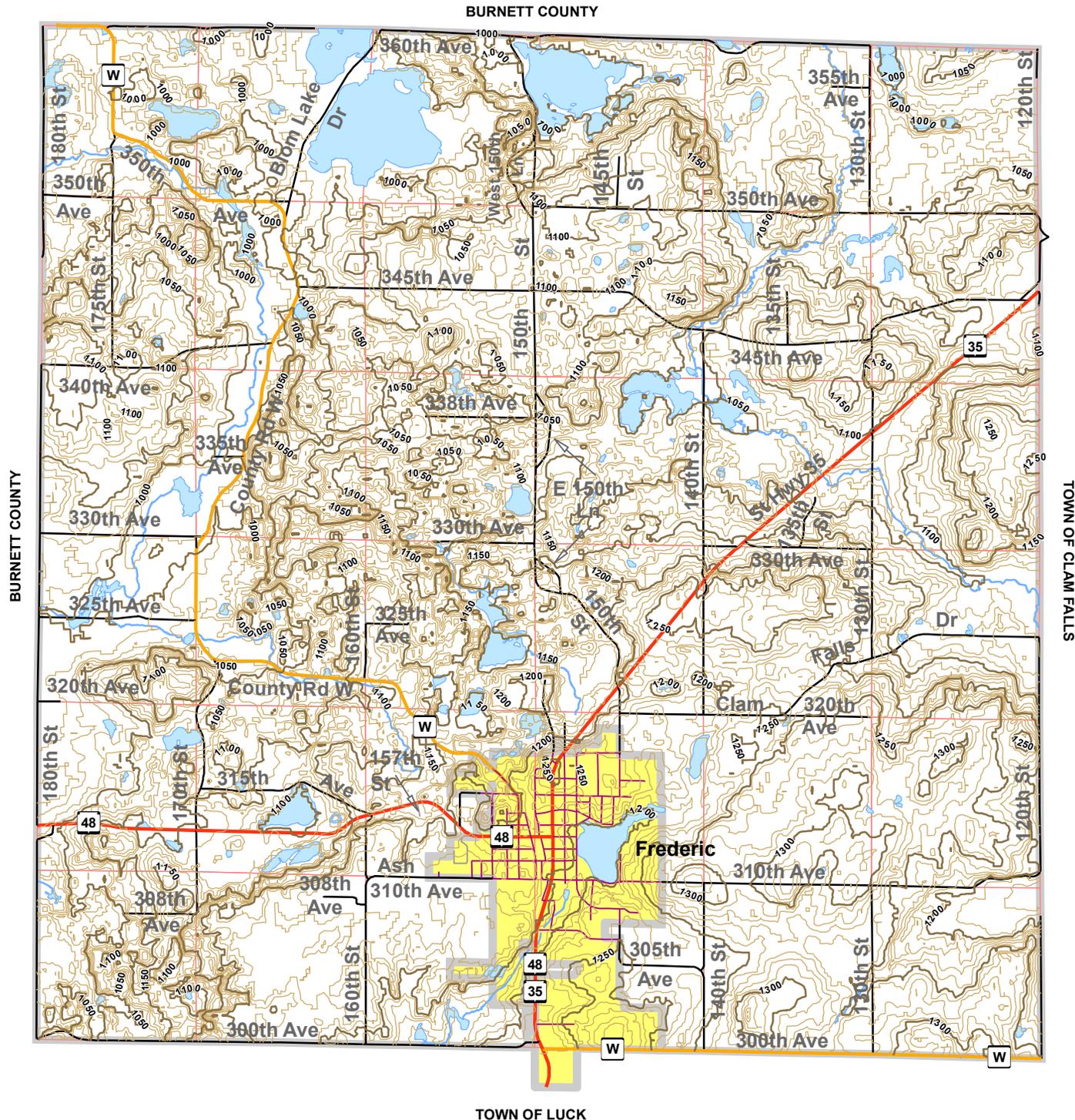
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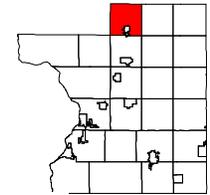
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# MAP 8-6 PERCENT SLOPE

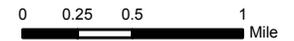
Town of West Sweden  
Polk County  
Wisconsin



Polk County

- 0 - 3 PERCENT
- 3.01 - 6 PERCENT
- 6.01 - 9 PERCENT
- 9.01 - 12 PERCENT
- 12.01 - 25 PERCENT

- STATE HIGHWAY SHIELD
- COUNTY ROAD SHIELD
- STATE HIGHWAY
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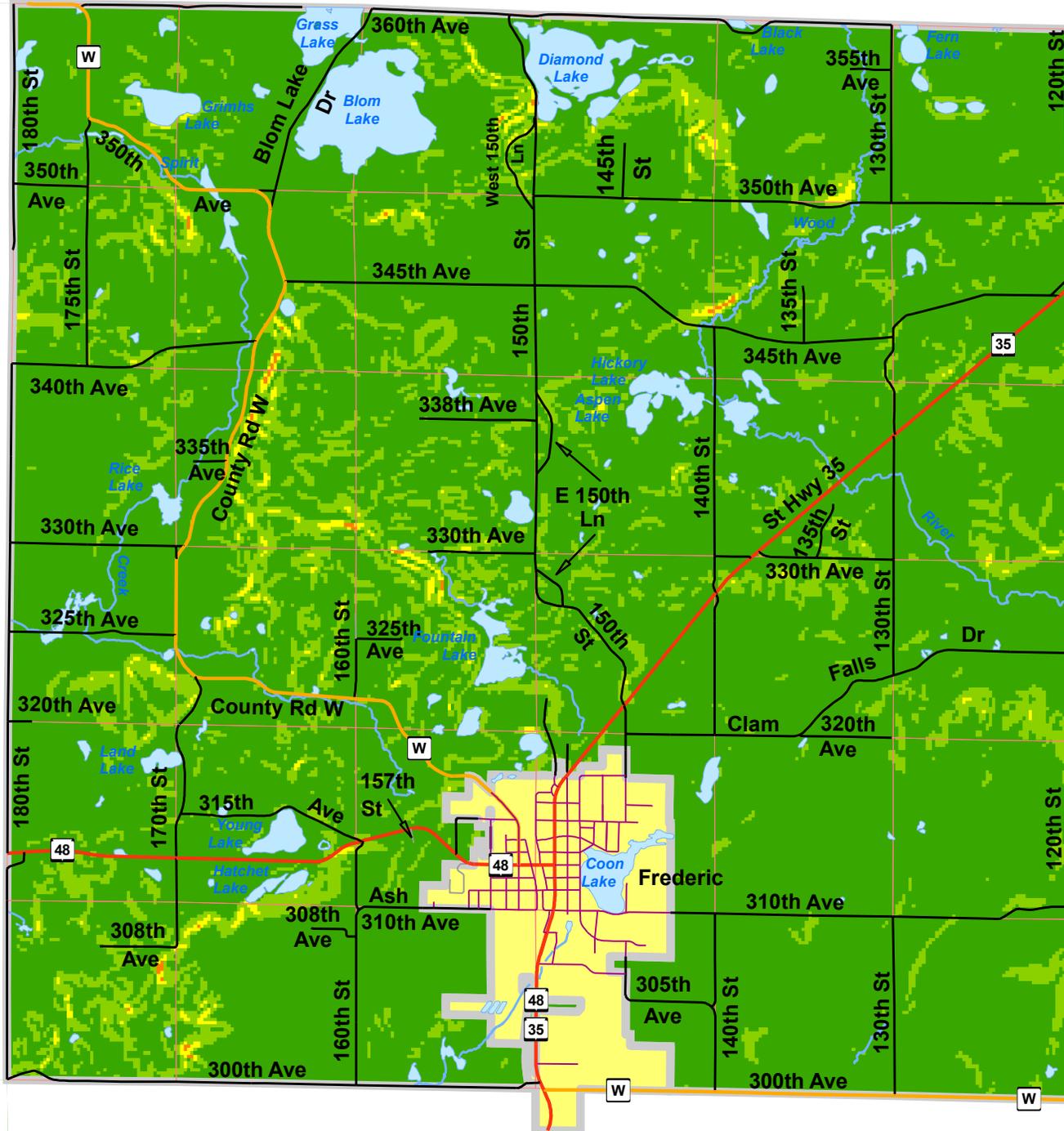
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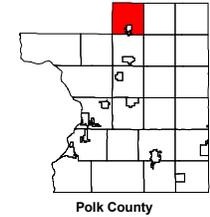
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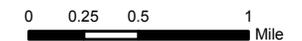
## SEPTIC LIMITATIONS CONVENTIONAL Town of West Sweden Polk County Wisconsin



- MODERATE
- SEVERE

Source:  
Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)  
Soil Survey Geographic (SSURGO) Database

- STATE HIGHWAY
- COUNTY ROAD
- TOWNSHIP ROAD
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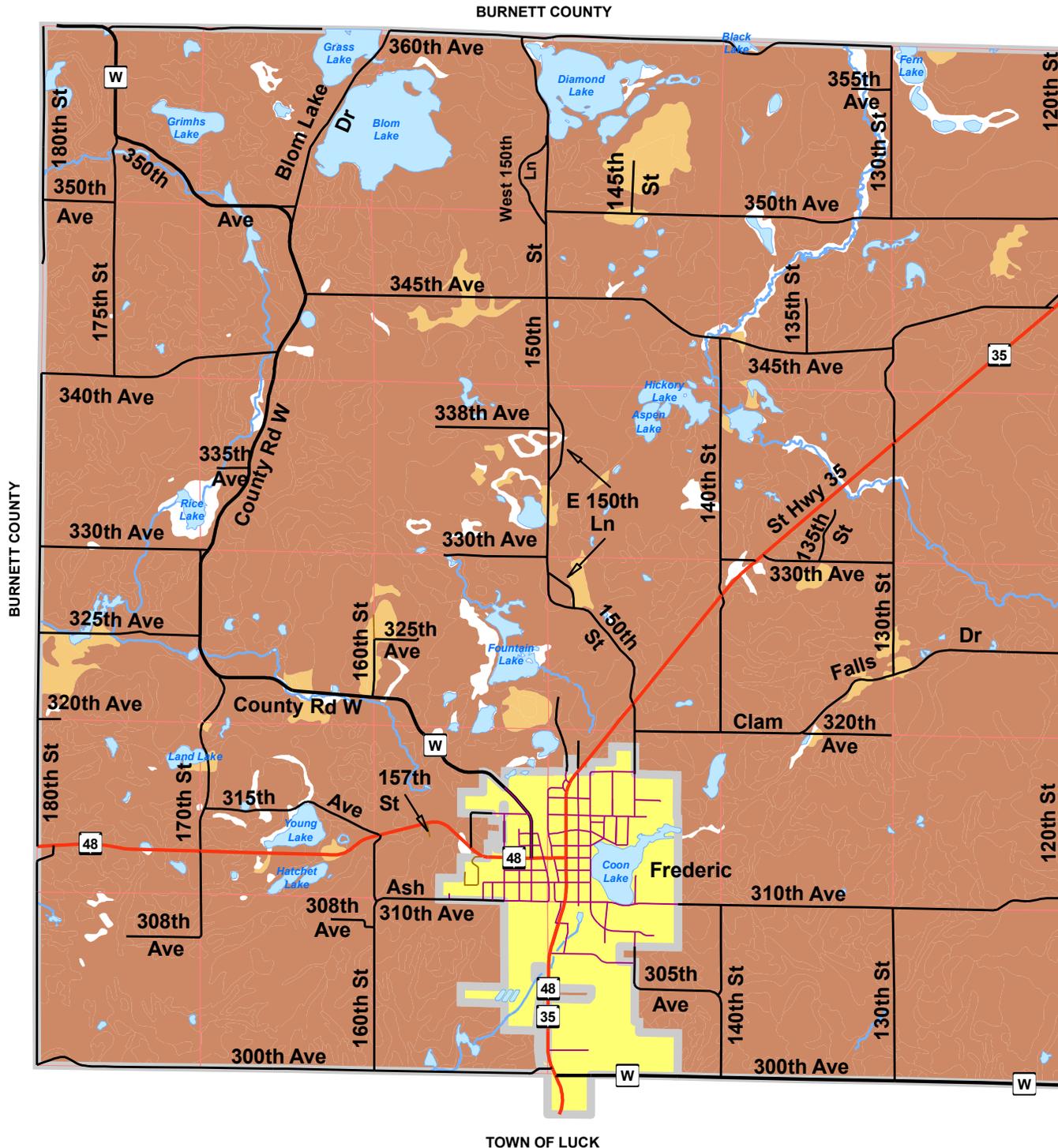


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## **ELEMENT 9: IMPLEMENTATION**

### **9.1 BACKGROUND**

### **9.2 PROCESS FOR INTEGRATING COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ELEMENTS**

### **9.3 MECHANISMS TOWARD ACHIEVING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

### **9.4 PROCESS FOR UPDATING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

### **9.5 IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **9.1 BACKGROUND**

Zoning ordinances are currently developed and enforced by Polk County for the Town of West Sweden. The zoning map of West Sweden was developed by the Town.

#### **9.2 PROCESS FOR INTEGRATING COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ELEMENTS**

The Town of West Sweden hired Polk County's Planning Division to write and review their Comprehensive Plan to ensure that the plan is compliant with state requirements and to ensure that all of the elements of the plan are integrated. The Polk County Planner will review the plan to ensure integration of all the elements and the Plan Commission will review the plan to ensure that the desires of the citizens of West Sweden are represented in the plan.

#### **9.3 MECHANISMS TOWARD ACHIEVING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

From the time that this plan is adopted by the West Sweden Town Board and the State of Wisconsin, it will be used to assist in making decisions relating to the nine elements in the plan for the future of the Town of West Sweden. Development proposals should be compared against the plan and the decision made should reflect the goals and objectives listed in the plan.

#### **9.4 PROCESS FOR UPDATING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

State law requires that the Comprehensive Plan for each community be updated at least every ten years. The Town of West Sweden wishes to update its plan at this rate or if there is some large change takes place that would warrant revisiting any of the nine elements. The process followed for updating the plan would be similar to the initial development of the plan. Meetings of the Plan Commission would be held to address the necessary elements. The Public Participation Plan would be followed to ensure that the public is as involved in

the revision as it was in the original development of West Sweden's Comprehensive Plan.

## **9.5 IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Task: Research tools that allow people to do what they want on their property but keep the Town looking the way it does currently such as performance or form-based zoning/codes

Who: Plan Commission

When: Continuous

Task: Stay informed on emerging issues related to Comprehensive Plan and update the Plan when warranted.

Who: Plan Commission

When: Continuous

# Appendix

# **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN**

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Comprehensive Plan  
Town of West Sweden, Wisconsin

March 18, 2008

STATE OF WISCONSIN

POLK COUNTY

TOWN OF WEST SWEDEN

TOWN OF WEST SWEDEN  
RESOLUTION NO. 31  
APPROVING A PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE  
TOWN OF WEST SWEDEN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

WHEREAS, the West Sweden Town Board has approved a 30-month timeline to generate the Town of West Sweden Comprehensive Plan which conforms with Wisconsin Planning statutes § 66.1001; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Planning statute § 66.1001(4)(a) requires that a public participation plan be approved by the Town Board at the commencement of the comprehensive planning process; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the West Sweden Town Board that the public participation process for the Town of West Sweden Comprehensive Plan provide reasonable opportunities for effective citizen input and involvement throughout the planning process; and

WHEREAS, development and adoption of a comprehensive plan will assist with the guiding and accomplishing of coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of the Town which will, in accordance with existing and future needs, best promote public health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity or the general welfare, as well as efficiency and economy in the process of development; and

WHEREAS, the Town of West Sweden Plan Commission collectively reviewed and recommended approval of the public participation plan at their March 10, 2008 meeting; and

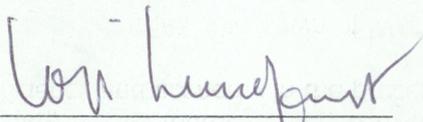
WHEREAS, the Town Board reviewed the public participation plan on March 18, 2008; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of West Sweden that the public participation plan for the Town of West Sweden Comprehensive Plan is approved.

DATED this 18th day of March, 2008.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:



Lori Lundquist, Town Clerk



Dennis O'Donnell, Town Chairman

## INTRODUCTION

The purposes of this Public Participation Plan are:

- To ensure that members of the Town of West Sweden community have various opportunities to contribute to the development of the Comprehensive Plan,
- To ensure that residents and plan participants remain informed during the development of the Comprehensive Plan, and
- To meet the requirements of Wisconsin's Comprehensive Planning Legislation (Wis. Stat. § 66.1001(4)(a)).

## STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

(Ch. 66.1001(4)(a) Wis. Stats.)

"The governing body of a local government unit shall adopt written procedures that are designed to foster public participation, including open discussion, communication programs, information services, and public meetings for which advance notice has been provided, in every stage of the preparation of a comprehensive plan. The written procedures shall provide for wide distribution of proposed, alternative or amended elements of a comprehensive plan and shall provide an opportunity for written comments on the plan to be submitted by members of the public to the governing body and for the governing body to respond to such written comments."

## OBJECTIVES

- Ensure that all planning decisions are open to public comment;
- Produce better planning decisions;
- Support and add credibility to all Town decision-making processes;
- Provide many different types of opportunities for public involvement to increase the number of participants
- Provide opportunities to disseminate information about the Plan and process to all segments of the Town; and,
- Strengthen the relationship between decision makers and citizens

The Town of West Sweden has designated the Plan Commission to lead the comprehensive planning effort and public involvement in it.

The following activities have been developed to encourage public participation. It is possible that additional opportunities for public participation may be identified and made available during the planning process.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ACTIVITIES**

Listed below are the various methods that will be used by the Town to obtain public participation.

### **Public Education Meeting**

Public education meetings will be conducted to ensure that residents have sufficient subject matter background to participate fully and effectively in the comprehensive planning process. The first meeting will be conducted after the community-wide survey has been distributed and tabulated. Additional meetings may be held throughout the process when necessary to improve citizen understanding of an issue or to provide technical information necessary to understand an issue.

### **Media**

The Polk County Planning Division's website will contain pertinent information relating to the Town of West Sweden's Comprehensive Plan. This information may include the project schedule, meeting notes and agendas, draft plan elements and reports, maps, photographs and survey results. This information may also be available on the Town of West Sweden's website.

### **Public Postings**

A display/posting will be established in one or more public spaces, such as in churches, the newspaper and stores. The posted information may include the project schedule, meeting notes and agendas, draft plan elements and reports, maps, photographs and survey results.

### **Survey**

The Town Planning Commission and County Planner will work together to design a mail-based survey that aims to engage a broad spectrum of the Town population. The survey will elicit values and ideas of the community as they pertain to the elements of the comprehensive plan.

### **Plan Review Meetings**

All meetings on the Comprehensive Plan shall be open to the public and posted pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 985.02(2).

*Plan Review Meeting #1:* An initial progress report will be presented to the Town Board as to the development of the Comprehensive Plan. The components of each element will be reviewed and input will be sought.

*Plan Review Meeting #2:* A second progress report will be presented to the Town Board as to the further development of the Comprehensive Plan. The updates to the components of each element will be reviewed and input will be sought.

## **Public Hearing**

The Plan Commission will host a public hearing of the draft Comprehensive Plan to provide further opportunity for individuals to testify about the Plan. The format of the presentation will include (1) a summary of the purpose and need for the Plan, (2) planning process and public involvement, (3) the primary components of the nine required plan elements, (4) the recommended future land use map and (5) comments received during the 30-day comment period.

The public notice announcing the required public hearing on the plan shall be published as a class 1 notice, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 985.02(1), at least 30 days prior to the hearing. The class 1 notice shall include the following:

- date, time and place of the hearing,
- a summary of the Draft Town of West Sweden Comprehensive Plan,
- the name of the Town representative who may provide additional information regarding the Plan, and
- where and when a copy of the recommended Comprehensive Plan may be viewed prior to the hearing, and how a copy of the plan may be obtained.

The Town of West Sweden Draft Comprehensive Plan shall be made available for viewing by the general public at the same time as the hearing notice is published. Copies of the recommended plan shall be available on the Polk County website and physical location(s) to be determined. Members of the public who wish to obtain a hard copy of the recommended Plan may submit a written request and pay duplication costs.

After the notice of the public hearing has been published, those wishing to submit written comments on the plan may do so until one week prior to the public hearing. Written comments on the recommended Plan shall be submitted to the Plan Commission and the Town Board. Written comments received prior to the public hearing will be addressed at the hearing and will be weighted equally to oral testimony. A review of the proposed revisions of the Draft Town of West Sweden Comprehensive Plan will be completed at the public hearing. All approved revisions will be posted in the meeting summary and included in the official minutes of the public hearing.

Prior to adoption, the Comprehensive Plan will require recommendation by the Plan Commission. Additionally, all criteria established by the Wisconsin Department of Administration for Comprehensive Plans will be met.

After the public hearing is completed, the Town Board will take action on adopting the comprehensive plan by ordinance. Future amendments to the Town of West Sweden Comprehensive Plan will follow the same procedure.

In accordance with State Statute 66.1001(4), one copy of the adopted plan (or future amendments to the plan) shall be sent to the following:

1. Every governmental body that is located in whole or in part within the boundaries of the Town of West Sweden.
2. The clerk of every governmental unit that is adjacent to the Town of West Sweden.
3. The Wisconsin Land Council.
4. The Wisconsin Department of Administration.
5. The West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.
6. The Public Library.

### ESTIMATED TIMELINE

| PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE      | 2008 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | 2009 |     |
|------------------------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
|                                    | JAN  | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC | JAN  | FEB |
| Public Postings                    |      | ■   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |
| Public Participation Plan Adoption |      |     | ■   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |
| Community-wide Survey              |      |     |     | ■   |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |
| Public Education Meeting           |      |     |     |     |     | ■   |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |     |
| Plan Review Meeting #1             |      |     |     |     |     |     |     | ■   |     |     |     |     |      |     |
| Plan Review Meeting #2             |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | ■   |     |      |     |
| Public Hearing                     |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     | ■    | ■   |

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| RESIDENTIAL                  | G1   | 452                    | 452  | 364     | 4,155,800  | 35,974,900    | 40,130,700  | 858.690     |
| COMMERCIAL                   | G2   | 17                     | 16   | 13      | 156,800    | 813,700       | 970,500     | 42.740      |
| MANUFACTURING                | G3   | 3                      | 0    | 0       | 0          | 0             | 0           | 51.250      |
| AGRICULTURAL                 | G4   | 357                    | 357  | 0       | 1,112,500  | 0             | 1,112,500   | 8,663.670   |
| UNDEVELOPED                  | G5   | 247                    | 247  | 0       | 1,645,200  | 0             | 1,645,200   | 2,747.390   |
| AGRICULTURAL FOREST          | G5M  | 137                    | 137  | 0       | 2,376,000  | 0             | 2,376,000   | 2,132.620   |
| PRODUCTIVE FOREST LANDS      | G6   | 260                    | 260  | 0       | 11,873,300 | 0             | 11,873,300  | 5,226.074   |
| OTHER                        | G7   | 44                     | 44   | 44      | 257,900    | 3,365,200     | 3,623,100   | 78.700      |
| TOTAL GENERAL PROPERTY CODES |      | 1517                   | 1513 | 421     | 21,577,500 | 40,153,800    | 61,731,300  | 19,801.134  |

| WOODLAND TAX:               |          |    |    |    |   |   |           |           |
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| PRIVATE FOREST CROP PRE 72  | @ \$0.10 | W1 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0         | 0.000     |
| PRIVATE FOREST CROP POST 71 | @ \$1.66 | W2 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0         | 0.000     |
| PRIVATE FOREST CROP SPECIAL | @ \$0.20 | W3 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0         | 0.000     |
| COUNTY FOREST CROP          |          | W4 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0         | 0.000     |
| MFL OPEN POST 2004          | @ \$1.67 | W5 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0         | 0.000     |
| MFL CLOSED POST 2004        | @ \$8.34 | W6 | 6  | 6  | 0 | 0 | 413,400   | 179.750   |
| MFL OPEN PRE 2005           | @ \$0.67 | W7 | 1  | 1  | 0 | 0 | 69,000    | 30.000    |
| MFL CLOSED PRE 2005         | @ \$1.57 | W8 | 26 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 1,941,100 | 837.510   |
| TOTAL WOODLAND TAX CODES    |          |    | 33 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 2,423,500 | 1,047.260 |

| EXEMPT ACRES:            |  |    |      |      |     |   |   |            |
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| FEDERAL                  |  | X1 | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0.000      |
| STATE                    |  | X2 | 36   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 85.820     |
| COUNTY                   |  | X3 | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0.610      |
| OTHER                    |  | X4 | 25   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 171.970    |
| TOTAL EXEMPT ACRES CODES |  |    | 62   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 258.400    |
| ** FINAL TOTAL **        |  |    | 1612 | 1546 | 421 |   |   | 21,106.794 |
| ACTUAL PARCEL COUNT      |  |    | 1031 |      |     |   |   |            |

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| RESIDENTIAL                  | G1   | 466                    | 452  | 377     | 4,102,900  | 35,435,100    | 39,538,000  | 857.690     |
| COMMERCIAL                   | G2   | 17                     | 15   | 13      | 140,200    | 804,700       | 944,900     | 38.140      |
| MANUFACTURING                | G3   | 3                      | 3    | 3       | 148,600    | 108,500       | 257,100     | 51.250      |
| AGRICULTURAL                 | G4   | 353                    | 353  | 0       | 1,090,200  | 0             | 1,090,200   | 8,456.340   |
| UNDEVELOPED                  | G5   | 251                    | 251  | 0       | 1,710,100  | 0             | 1,710,100   | 2,852.620   |
| AGRICULTURAL FOREST          | G5M  | 139                    | 139  | 0       | 2,405,700  | 0             | 2,405,700   | 2,156.560   |
| PRODUCTIVE FOREST LANDS      | G6   | 266                    | 266  | 0       | 12,098,000 | 0             | 12,098,000  | 5,323.694   |
| OTHER                        | G7   | 50                     | 44   | 47      | 264,900    | 2,898,300     | 3,163,200   | 77.700      |
| TOTAL GENERAL PROPERTY CODES |      | 1545                   | 1523 | 440     | 21,960,600 | 39,246,600    | 61,207,200  | 19,813.994  |

| WOODLAND TAX:               |    |    |    |   |           |   |           |           |
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| PRIVATE FOREST CROP POST 71 | W2 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0         | 0 | 0         | 0.000     |
| PRIVATE FOREST CROP SPECIAL | W3 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0         | 0 | 0         | 0.000     |
| COUNTY FOREST CROP          | W4 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0         | 0 | 0         | 0.000     |
| MFL OPEN POST 2004          | W5 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0         | 0 | 0         | 0.000     |
| MFL CLOSED POST 2004        | W6 | 6  | 6  | 0 | 413,400   | 0 | 413,400   | 179.750   |
| MFL OPEN PRE 2005           | W7 | 1  | 1  | 0 | 69,000    | 0 | 69,000    | 30.000    |
| MFL CLOSED PRE 2005         | W8 | 26 | 26 | 0 | 1,941,100 | 0 | 1,941,100 | 837.510   |
| TOTAL WOODLAND TAX CODES    |    | 33 | 33 | 0 | 2,423,500 | 0 | 2,423,500 | 1,047.260 |

| EXEMPT ACRES:            |    |      |      |     |   |   |   |            |
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| FEDERAL                  | X1 | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.000      |
| STATE                    | X2 | 36   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85.820     |
| COUNTY                   | X3 | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.610      |
| OTHER                    | X4 | 24   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 165.970    |
| TOTAL EXEMPT ACRES CODES |    | 61   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 252.400    |
| ** FINAL TOTAL **        |    | 1639 | 1556 | 440 |   |   |   | 21,113.654 |
| ACTUAL PARCEL COUNT      |    | 1029 |      |     |   |   |   |            |



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|                              |      | TOTAL                  | LAND | IMPROVE |            |               |             |             |
| RESIDENTIAL                  | G1   | 449                    | 449  | 366     | 2,140,300  | 24,765,900    | 26,906,200  | 816.160     |
| COMMERCIAL                   | G2   | 25                     | 25   | 18      | 66,900     | 580,100       | 647,000     | 54.640      |
| MANUFACTURING                | G3   | 3                      | 3    | 3       | 88,800     | 58,500        | 147,300     | 51.250      |
| AGRICULTURAL                 | G4   | 364                    | 364  | 0       | 941,400    | 0             | 941,400     | 8,741.860   |
| UNDEVELOPED                  | G5   | 239                    | 239  | 0       | 801,800    | 0             | 801,800     | 2,448.510   |
| AGRICULTURAL FOREST          | G5M  | 145                    | 145  | 0       | 1,091,800  | 0             | 1,091,800   | 2,165.250   |
| PRODUCTIVE FOREST LANDS      | G6   | 271                    | 271  | 0       | 5,550,400  | 0             | 5,550,400   | 5,503.944   |
| OTHER                        | G7   | 41                     | 41   | 41      | 186,500    | 2,010,500     | 2,197,000   | 75.700      |
| TOTAL GENERAL PROPERTY CODES |      | 1537                   | 1537 | 428     | 10,867,900 | 27,415,000    | 38,282,900  | 19,857.314  |

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| COUNTY FOREST CROP          | W4 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0       | 0 | 0       | 0.000     |
| MFL OPEN POST 2004          | W5 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0       | 0 | 0       | 0.000     |
| MFL CLOSED POST 2004        | W6 | 5  | 5  | 0 | 131,800 | 0 | 131,800 | 143.750   |
| MFL OPEN PRE 2005           | W7 | 1  | 1  | 0 | 30,000  | 0 | 30,000  | 30.000    |
| MFL CLOSED PRE 2005         | W8 | 26 | 25 | 0 | 810,100 | 0 | 810,100 | 837.510   |
| TOTAL WOODLAND TAX CODES    |    | 32 | 31 | 0 | 971,900 | 0 | 971,900 | 1,011.260 |

| EXEMPT ACRES:            |    |      |      |     |   |   |   |            |
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| FEDERAL                  | X1 | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.000      |
| STATE                    | X2 | 36   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85.820     |
| COUNTY                   | X3 | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.610      |
| OTHER                    | X4 | 24   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 164.510    |
| TOTAL EXEMPT ACRES CODES |    | 61   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 250.940    |
| ** FINAL TOTAL **        |    | 1630 | 1568 | 428 |   |   |   | 21,119.514 |
| ACTUAL PARCEL COUNT      |    | 1022 |      |     |   |   |   |            |

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|                              | CODE                   | TOTAL | LAND |            |               |             |             |
| RESIDENTIAL                  | G1                     | 434   | 433  | 362        | 24,330,400    | 26,385,500  | 779.690     |
| COMMERCIAL                   | G2                     | 25    | 25   | 18         | 580,100       | 647,000     | 54.640      |
| MANUFACTURING                | G3                     | 3     | 3    | 3          | 62,300        | 156,300     | 51.250      |
| AGRICULTURAL                 | G4                     | 361   | 361  | 0          | 886,801       | 886,801     | 8,770.120   |
| UNDEVELOPED                  | G5                     | 240   | 240  | 0          | 805,300       | 805,300     | 2,464.530   |
| AGRICULTURAL FOREST          | G5M                    | 148   | 148  | 0          | 1,102,700     | 1,102,700   | 2,186.860   |
| PRODUCTIVE FOREST LANDS      | G6                     | 271   | 271  | 0          | 5,521,600     | 5,521,600   | 5,475.144   |
| OTHER                        | G7                     | 41    | 41   | 41         | 2,070,600     | 2,257,100   | 75.700      |
| TOTAL GENERAL PROPERTY CODES |                        | 1523  | 1522 | 424        | 27,043,400    | 37,762,301  | 19,857.934  |

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| PRIVATE FOREST CROP PRE 72  | W1 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0       | 0       | 0.000     |
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| PRIVATE FOREST CROP SPECIAL | W3 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0       | 0       | 0.000     |
| COUNTY FOREST CROP          | W4 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0       | 0       | 0.000     |
| MFL OPEN POST 2004          | W5 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0       | 0       | 0.000     |
| MFL CLOSED POST 2004        | W6 | 4  | 4  | 0 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 108.000   |
| MFL OPEN PRE 2005           | W7 | 1  | 1  | 0 | 30,000  | 30,000  | 30.000    |
| MFL CLOSED PRE 2005         | W8 | 26 | 25 | 0 | 810,100 | 810,100 | 837.510   |
| TOTAL WOODLAND TAX CODES    |    | 32 | 31 | 0 | 980,100 | 980,100 | 1,015.510 |

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|                          |    |      |      |     |   |   |            |
|--------------------------|----|------|------|-----|---|---|------------|
| FEDERAL                  | X1 | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0.000      |
| STATE                    | X2 | 36   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 85.820     |
| COUNTY                   | X3 | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0.610      |
| OTHER                    | X4 | 24   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 189.510    |
| TOTAL EXEMPT ACRES CODES |    | 61   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 275.940    |
| ** FINAL TOTAL **        |    | 1616 | 1553 | 424 |   |   | 21,149.384 |
| ACTUAL PARCEL COUNT      |    | 1011 |      |     |   |   |            |

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|                              |      | TOTAL                  | LAND | IMPROVE | VALUE      | VALUE      | VALUE      | VALUE      |       |  |             |
| RESIDENTIAL                  | G1   | 426                    | 426  | 355     | 2,015,600  | 23,379,800 | 25,395,400 | 769.100    |       |  |             |
| COMMERCIAL                   | G2   | 27                     | 27   | 20      | 78,400     | 635,800    | 714,200    | 61.020     |       |  |             |
| MANUFACTURING                | G3   | 3                      | 3    | 3       | 101,600    | 67,700     | 169,300    | 51.250     |       |  |             |
| AGRICULTURAL                 | G4   | 357                    | 357  | 0       | 894,403    | 0          | 894,403    | 8,777.450  |       |  |             |
| UNDEVELOPED                  | G5   | 240                    | 240  | 0       | 805,700    | 0          | 805,700    | 2,454.090  |       |  |             |
| AGRICULTURAL FOREST          | G5M  | 44                     | 44   | 0       | 334,100    | 0          | 334,100    | 670.270    |       |  |             |
| PRODUCTIVE FOREST LANDS      | G6   | 376                    | 376  | 0       | 7,193,000  | 0          | 7,193,000  | 7,103.074  |       |  |             |
| OTHER                        | G7   | 40                     | 40   | 40      | 184,000    | 2,065,600  | 2,249,600  | 74.700     |       |  |             |
| TOTAL GENERAL PROPERTY CODES |      | 1513                   | 1513 | 418     | 11,606,803 | 26,148,900 | 37,755,703 | 19,960.954 |       |  |             |

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| PRIVATE FOREST CROP PRE 72  | W1 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0       | 0 | 0       | 0       | 0.000 |
| PRIVATE FOREST CROP POST 71 | W2 | 1  | 1  | 0 | 40,000  | 0 | 40,000  | 40.000  |       |
| PRIVATE FOREST CROP SPECIAL | W3 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0       | 0 | 0       | 0.000   |       |
| COUNTRY FOREST CROP         | W4 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0       | 0 | 0       | 0.000   |       |
| MFL OPEN POST 2004          | W5 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0       | 0 | 0       | 0.000   |       |
| MFL CLOSED POST 2004        | W6 | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0       | 0 | 0       | 0.000   |       |
| MFL OPEN PRE 2005           | W7 | 2  | 2  | 0 | 50,000  | 0 | 50,000  | 50.000  |       |
| MFL CLOSED PRE 2005         | W8 | 26 | 25 | 0 | 810,100 | 0 | 810,100 | 837.510 |       |
| TOTAL WOODLAND TAX CODES    |    | 29 | 28 | 0 | 900,100 | 0 | 900,100 | 927.510 |       |

| EXEMPT ACRES:            |    |      |      |     |   |   |   |   |            |
|--------------------------|----|------|------|-----|---|---|---|---|------------|
| FEDERAL                  | X1 | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.000      |
| STATE                    | X2 | 36   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85.820     |
| COUNTY                   | X3 | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.610      |
| OTHER                    | X4 | 26   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 234.340    |
| TOTAL EXEMPT ACRES CODES |    | 63   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 320.770    |
| ** FINAL TOTAL **        |    | 1605 | 1541 | 418 |   |   |   |   | 21,209.234 |
| ACTUAL PARCEL COUNT      |    | 1002 |      |     |   |   |   |   |            |







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| GENERAL PROPERTY:            | CODE | -----PARCEL COUNT----- |      |         | LAND VALUE | IMPROVE VALUE | TOTAL VALUE | TOTAL ACRES |
|------------------------------|------|------------------------|------|---------|------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
|                              |      | TOTAL                  | LAND | IMPROVE |            |               |             |             |
| RESIDENTIAL                  | G1   | 405                    | 405  | 324     | 988,700    | 10,802,300    | 11,791,000  | 759.990     |
| COMMERCIAL                   | G2   | 28                     | 28   | 20      | 65,800     | 592,900       | 658,700     | 61.020      |
| MANUFACTURING                | G3   | 3                      | 3    | 2       | 15,500     | 28,500        | 44,000      | 51.250      |
| AGRICULTURAL                 | G4   | 424                    | 424  | 0       | 1,503,400  | 0             | 1,503,400   | 9,888.630   |
| UNDEVELOPED                  | G5   | 180                    | 180  | 0       | 36,600     | 0             | 36,600      | 1,216.160   |
| AGRICULTURAL FOREST          | G5M  | 0                      | 0    | 0       | 0          | 0             | 0           | 0.000       |
| PRODUCTIVE FOREST LANDS      | G6   | 420                    | 420  | 0       | 1,884,100  | 0             | 1,884,100   | 8,630.240   |
| OTHER                        | G7   | 50                     | 50   | 50      | 40,100     | 1,718,000     | 1,758,100   | 104.100     |
| TOTAL GENERAL PROPERTY CODES |      | 1510                   | 1510 | 396     | 4,534,200  | 13,141,700    | 17,675,900  | 20,711.390  |

WOODLAND TAX:

|                             |    |   |   |   |         |   |        |         |
|-----------------------------|----|---|---|---|---------|---|--------|---------|
| PRIVATE FOREST CROP PRE 72  | W1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0       | 0 | 0      | 0.000   |
| PRIVATE FOREST CROP POST 71 | W2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 13,000  | 0 | 13,000 | 80.000  |
| PRIVATE FOREST CROP SPECIAL | W3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0       | 0 | 0      | 0.000   |
| COUNTY FOREST CROP          | W4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0       | 0 | 0      | 0.000   |
| MFL OPEN POST 2004          | W5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0       | 0 | 0      | 0.000   |
| MFL CLOSED POST 2004        | W6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0       | 0 | 0      | 0.000   |
| MFL OPEN PRE 2005           | W7 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 26,800  | 0 | 26,800 | 130.000 |
| MFL CLOSED PRE 2005         | W8 | 3 | 3 | 0 | -26,700 | 0 | 26,700 | 106.000 |
| TOTAL WOODLAND TAX CODES    |    | 9 | 9 | 0 | 66,500  | 0 | 66,500 | 316.000 |

EXEMPT ACRES:

|                          |    |      |      |     |   |   |   |            |
|--------------------------|----|------|------|-----|---|---|---|------------|
| FEDERAL                  | X1 | 0    | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.000      |
| STATE                    | X2 | 36   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 85.820     |
| COUNTY                   | X3 | 1    | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.610      |
| OTHER                    | X4 | 25   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 197.390    |
| TOTAL EXEMPT ACRES CODES |    | 62   | 0    | 0   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 283.820    |
| ** FINAL TOTAL **        |    | 1581 | 1519 | 396 |   |   |   | 21,311.210 |
| ACTUAL PARCEL COUNT      |    | 982  |      |     |   |   |   |            |