

Chapter Two

Natural, Agricultural, and Cultural Resources



Issues

Lack of Access to Waterbodies

There is currently a lack of water-access opportunities for Bull Junior Creek and the Wisconsin River within the Village. The Village should seek to add access points to both Bull Junior Creek and the Wisconsin River.

Lack of Access and Awareness of County Forests

The two County Forest Units within the Village offer residents a variety of opportunities such as hiking trails, hunting, fishing, and natural scenery. However, there is currently a lack of a recreational hub for the two Forest Units as well as a lack of awareness among residents of what these Forest Units provide.

Floodplain Delineation

The Village recently started a floodplain study in August of 2018 to re-delineate the floodplains along Bull Junior Creek. The delineation will be done in an effort to clear some undeveloped land encumbered by floodplain status for development.

Agriculture

Goal: The Village will seek to support continued agricultural operations and rural living in the Village.

Objectives:

- Seek to expand the Farmers Market to include more local agriculture and goods that consumer's desire
- Seek to protect rural living that many residents have indicated they desire and enjoy
- Consider reducing minimum lot size or density restrictions that cause urban sprawl in rural areas
- Explore developing a cluster development ordinance
- Protect and preserve prime agricultural areas
- Develop a farm land preservation plan

Natural Resources

Goal: The Village will strive to preserve and enhance natural resources for current and future generation's health, enjoyment, and benefit.

Objectives:

- Develop a plan to assess tree removal in new developments
- Monitor threats to tree health and respond accordingly
- Work to improve access to the Wisconsin River and Bull Junior Creek
- Develop a plan to provide adequate signage for water access locations in the Village.
- Encourage the increased use of recreational opportunities to the County Forest areas
- Seek to increase awareness of the County Forest areas by promoting the activities available and support the development of additional recreational facilities in and around the area to enhance user experience
- Work to better assess impact of floodplains within the Village (SWOT)
- Work with DNR and FEMA to accurately map floodplain boundaries
- Educate property owners on the importance of the Village's involvement in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- Regularly update the Outdoor Recreation Master Plan
- Actively explore grant opportunities that promote projects as identified in the Outdoor Recreation Master Plan
- Manage solid waste and contaminants to reduce negative impacts on the community's health
- Encourage residents to recycle items to the extent possible

Cultural Resources

Goal: The Village will provide opportunities to residents and visitors to be active and engaged in a wide range of activities and events.

Objectives:

- Provide community events that are desired by residents and bring visitors to the community
- Look to develop a signature annual event
- Develop a policy to work with community organizations to host events on Village owned property
- Work with area organizations utilizing Village recreational facilities to maintain good relationships and encourage cooperation
- Embrace the Village's identity as a bedroom community
- Actively welcome new residents to the Village