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## **Utilities & Community Facilities**

### **Introduction**

Developing an inventory of existing utilities and community facilities is an important step when planning for the future. The Town of Round Lake will need to prioritize and provide a variety of basic services within their jurisdiction to residents over the next 20-years. This element will provide an insight into utilities and community facilities that are available to residents that will in return help to guide the future of those utilities and community facilities.

### **Utilities & Community facilities**

Utilities and community facilities that may need to be provided, considered or promoted in the town could include sanitary sewer service, on-site wastewater treatment storm water management, water supply, solid waste disposal, recycling, cellular and broadband facilities, electrical energy and transmission improvements, parks, cemeteries, health and child care facilities, police and fire protection, rescues services, libraries, schools and other government facilities. The following will contain an analysis and discussion of these facilities and services.

### **Sanitary Sewer Service**

Sanitary sewer service is a type of underground carriage system for transporting sewage from houses or industry to treatment or disposal. There is no sanitary sewer infrastructure or services available to town residents. Most town residents rely on privately owned wastewater system (POWTS) to collect and dispose of their wastewater. The main types of systems used by town residents include a conventional system, in-ground pressure system, mound system, at-grade system or holding tank.

### **Water Supply**

Currently, there is no municipal water service and no plans to establish service at this time. The water supply for town residents is primarily groundwater. Private water systems generally consist of wells which serve one or a few households. Wells are fed by groundwater sources which are replenished by nearby surface water sources like undeveloped watershed and wetlands. Private wells consist of wells, piping, tanks, and water treatments devices.

### **Storm Water Management**

Storm water runoff from construction activities can have a significant impact on water quality. In addition to sediment, as storm water flows over a construction site, it can pick up other pollutants like debris, pesticides, petroleum products, chemicals, solvents, asphalts and acids which also contribute to water quality problems. Storm water is managed through a series of ditches and culverts throughout the town.

### **Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling**

Residents can contract with private providers for solid waste disposal or they can drop-off their household garbage at the Town of Round Lake Recycling Center located on CTH A approximately one-half mile from the town hall (**Map 4.1**). Charges for garbage disposal at the site are on a per bag basis. Through a grant with the WDNR, the Town provides a recycling

center that accepts select recyclables. For a fee, items such as appliances and approved scrap metal are also accepted.

### **Telecommunication Facilities & Services**

Telecommunication facilities and services are becoming increasingly important to Round Lake permanent and seasonal residents and businesses. Access to fast and reliable telecom services is an important factor allowing many residents accustomed to work out of their homes.

- **Telephone.** CenturyTel provides local telephone service to the Town's residents. Residents have their choice of long distance providers. Currently, there is no cellular telephone towers located in Round Lake.
- **Internet.** Internet providers in the Town of Round Lake include: Centurytel, Cheqtel Communications, Wild Blue-Jump River Electric Cooperative, Direct TV, and Dish TV. The Town of Round Lake has its own World Wide Web page, <http://home.centurytel.net/tnround/index.html>. It is used to educate and inform residents and visitors about town government, news and special notices. Contact information for elected and appointed offices, as well as meeting agendas are posted on the web page.
- **Newspapers.** The Sawyer County Record is the primary newspaper serving the Town with meeting notices and hearing announcements. The paper is published once a week each Wednesday.
- **Television and Radio.** No television stations are located in the general vicinity. Three licensed radio stations include WOJB 88.9 FM (Variety Radio), WRLS 92.3 FM (Adult Contemporary Radio), WHSM 101.1 FM (Adult Contemporary Radio), and WHSM AM (Nostalgia Radio).
- **Postal Service.** United States Postal Service provides route mail delivery to town residents. Package delivery is also available from UPS, USPS, Fed X, and Speedy.

### **Electricity and Natural Gas**

Electricity providers in the Town include Xcel Energy, Jump River and North Central Power Company (**Map 4.1**). At the present time, there is no natural gas service in the Town.

### **Parks & Campgrounds**

There are currently no designated town or county parks in Round Lake. Two campgrounds are located within the Town, both in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (**Map 4.1**)

Black Lake Campground is located on the east side of Black Lake. A total of 29 campsites are available, and can accommodate tents to RVs. Some sites are accessible by boat. Each site has a picnic table and fire grate. Amenities include water pumps, vault toilets, a swimming beach area with picnic tables, and two boat ramps to Black Lake. The Black Lake foot trail, approximately 4 miles in length, circles Black Lake (**Map 3.3**). Along the trail, are interpretive markers noting the history of the area and many excellent views of Black Lake.

Moose Lake Campground is located on the east side of Moose Lake. A total of 15 campsites are available, accommodating tents to RVs. Some sites are accessible by boat. Picnic tables and fire

grates are located at each site. Amenities include water pumps, vault toilets, a swimming beach, and boat ramp.

### **Recreational Facilities**

The Chequamegon National Forest provides a number of non-motorized activities as the entire National Forest is open to foot travel during all seasons. The Black Lake foot trail and Mukwonago Ski Trail are two mapped and maintained trail systems (**Map 3.3**). While the Black Lake foot trail is accessible by foot travel only, users can snowshoe the trail in the winter months. Mukwonago Ski Trail is located on the south side of State Highway 77 and is a designated cross-country ski trail. Four separate loops, ranging from easy to most difficult enable all experience levels access to winter's beauty. A portion of the Sawyer County Forest in the far eastern section of the Town hosts the Birkebeiner Ski Trail. The Birkebeiner Ski Trail is open for use by the public, with a paid fee pass. It travels across the northwest corner of the town connecting Hayward and Cable. The CAMBA trails offer a wide variety of trails in the town of Round Lake for hiking and mountain biking.

Hunters extensively use the Chief River Wildlife Area during the fall grouse and deer seasons. The hunter walking trails located within this area are maintained by the DNR and can be accessed off Chief River Road and Shuler Road. Motorized activities are prohibited on all of the trails except the westernmost trail off Chief River Road that is used as a snowmobile trail during the winter months. This trail, #18, connects County Highway B and the Chippewa Flowage area to the Tiger Cat Flowage and State Highway 77 and is a major north-south route for snowmobiles. Additionally, these trails might also provide for snowshoeing and cross country skiing opportunities.

ATVs and snowmobiles are allowed only on designated roads/trails, as off-road or off trail use in the Chequamegon Nation Forest are not allowed. All designated ATV trails are closed from March 15 through April 30.

### **Cemeteries**

The Spider Lake Cemetery, located on Lower Twin Lake Rd., just south of Hwy. 77, is the only cemetery in the town (**Map 4.1**). The cemetery is maintained by the Spider Lake Cemetery Board.

### **Health and Child Care Facilities**

There are no health care facilities in the Town of Round Lake. The nearest facility is Hayward Area Memorial Hospital (HAMH), located at 11040 N State Road 77 in the Town of Hayward. Several clinics are located at the hospital site, including Duluth Clinic-Hayward, Northwoods Community Center, and Medical Specialties Clinic. In addition to these medical/clinic facilities, the Lac Courte Oreilles operates a health care facility on the reservation. Marshfield Clinic will open facilities within Sawyer County in 2009.

There are no licensed childcare facilities in the Town.

The Sawyer County Human Services Department has a program in place to assist financially for childcare assistance while a single parent or parents are employed and for teen parents attending high school or High School Equivalency Diploma classes.

### **Senior Care**

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, 27.7 percent of the population in Round Lake is 60 or older. Seniors often need special care facilities to meet their needs. At this time, there is no senior care facility in the town. The closest adult and nursing home facilities can be found in the City of Hayward.

**Police Protection** – Located in the City of Hayward, the Sawyer County Sheriff’s Department takes complaints and provides investigative services, traffic control, weather and road information and assistance with all kinds of emergency situations. The Department also takes bond and fine payments, operates the county jail, provides dispatch services for all emergency services within Sawyer County, facilitates visitors to the jail and provides interfaces with other police agencies.

### **Emergency Services**

Emergency services are an important aspect of protecting from harm, or aiding residents in dangerous situations. Emergency response units include:

- Sawyer County Sheriff's Department
- Sawyer County Ambulance Service
- Town of Round Lake Volunteer Fire Department
- Town of Round Lake 1st Responders

### **Ambulance Service**

Located in the City of Hayward, the Sawyer County Ambulance Service does patient care and transport to nearest facility. The Town of Round Lake is negotiating with the Sawyer County Ambulance Service, to have an ambulance housed at the Town Hall Station to improve response time.

### **Fire Protection & Rescue**

The Round Lake Volunteer Fire Department serves both Round Lake and Hunter, covering approximately a 194 square mile area. The Department has a mutual aid agreement with surrounding fire departments in Sawyer County. Two separate fire stations located in separate locations of the town aid with faster response times. The department currently has an Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating of 9. Ratings of departments go from a Class 1 (the best) to Class 10 (unprotected). One station is located next to the town hall on CTH A and the other is located on Pine Point Road near Moose Lake (**Map 4.1**). The department has the following resources:

- 23 Active Members
- EMT & First Responder Personnel
- 1 engine/pumper
- 2 tenders/tankers

- Brush truck
- Air Boat and Cold Water rescue equipment
- Equipment vehicle with Extrication equipment and Mobile Cascade for filling air packs

**Libraries**

There are no libraries located in the Town. The Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library in the City of Hayward serves Town residents. The Town makes an annual contribution to the library, which is approved by the town electors at its annual meeting each year.

**Schools**

No schools are located in the Town. The Town of Round Lake is entirely within the Hayward Community School District, which consists of an Elementary, Middle and Senior High. According to the 2000 U.S. Census, there are 156 school-age residents in the Town between the ages of 5-19. Although there aren't any schools located in the Town, there are other educational institutions in close proximity. The following is a list of schools in the area:

- Hayward Community Schools
- Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe School
- Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College (WITC): Hayward, Ashland, Superior and Rice Lake
- Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Community College
- University of Wisconsin – Barron County (Rice Lake)
- Northern Lights Christian Academy – Hayward
- Northwood Mennonite School – Hayward
- St. Francis Solanus School – Stone Lake
- Hayward Area Center for Individualized Learning (HACIL) - Hayward

**Other Government Facilities**

Other government facilities in Round Lake include:

- Recycling building at Recycling Center
- Town Hall
- Town Garage

**Future utilities & community facilities**

**Table 4.1** outlines and assesses the future needs for utilities and community facilities and for other related government services in Round Lake. The table also describes an approximate timetable that forecasts the need to expand, rehab, or create new utilities and facilities in the town.

**Table 4.1: Future Utilities & Community Facilities Timetable**

	2009-2019			2020-2030			
	Expand	Rehab	New	Expand	Rehab	New	N/A
Sanitary Sewer Service							X
Storm Water Management	X				X		
Water Supply							X
Solid Waste Disposal							X
Recycling Facilities		X			X		
Communication Facilities			X	X			
Power Plants and Trans. Lines							X
Cemeteries	X			X			
Health Care Facilities							X
Child Care Facilities							X
Law Enforcement	X						
Fire/Rescue	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Libraries							X
Schools							X
Parks				X			
Town Hall/Garage			X	X			
Other Govt. Facilities							X

Town of Round Lake

N/A-Not Available or does not apply

### Utilities & Community Facilities Goals, Objectives and Actions

Many of the operational or community service provided to property owners are found within this chapter. Whether it is fire protection, garbage and recycling services, or health care options these services impact the quality of life and level of satisfaction residents come to expect.

#### Utilities and Communication Services:

**Goal 1: Ensure the provision of reliable, efficient, and well-planned utilities (i.e. gas, electric) and communication services (i.e. telephone, cable, cellular and broadband) that meet the existing and future demands of residents, landowners, and visitors.**

**Objective 1:** Maintain town involvement in the planning and coordination of utilities and communication services with other agencies and jurisdictions in order to efficiently serve existing and future development and regional growth.

**Action 1:** Support structural design, location and service standards for towers to reduce the negative visual impacts.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing

- Action 2: Monitor the location, condition and capacity of existing and future public utilities in order to efficiently serve existing residents and planned service areas.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing
- Action 3: Encourage placement of new utility transmission and distribution lines into existing public-right-of-ways whenever feasible.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing
- Action 4: Encourage increased coordination and planning among community facilities, utilities, land use, transportation, natural resources, and cultural resources.  
Responsible Party - Plan Commission  
When - Ongoing
- Action 5: Ensure that new development and redevelopment provides for and/or contributes proportionate fair share of expenses associated with impacts to public services and utilities.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When – Ongoing
- Action 6: Facilitate the expansion of cellular, broadband, and high speed internet service within the Town.  
Responsible Party – Plan Commission  
When- Ongoing

Objective 2: Promote and encourage eco-friendly living that follows best green practices.

- Action 1: Pursue the use of alternative energy sources, such as wind energy, bio diesel fuel, solar energy, etc. at the town hall and on Town property.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing
- Action 2: Encourage service providers, businesses and developers to promote energy conservation and green building practices in the Town.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing

Objective 3: Avoid environmentally sensitive areas when upgrading existing utilities and community facilities.

- Action 1: Consult the Map 5.13 for sensitive environmental areas before making decisions regarding the upgrade of existing utilities or community

facilities, and encourage development and redevelopment practices that will maintain or improve the natural environment.

Responsible Party - Town Board

When - Ongoing

Action 2: When reviewing the proposed design and location of telecommunication, wind energy, animal waste digesters, any other energy source, or other utility towers, seek to minimize conflicts between land uses, and balance desired service levels with potential negative impacts to the environment, community character, and planned growth areas.

Responsible Party - Town Board

When - Ongoing

Action 3: Encourage underground placement of new or existing distribution lines for electricity, telecommunications, and cable entertainment.

Responsible Party - Town Board

When - Ongoing

Action 4: Promote the elimination of herbicides and clear cutting under and around power lines.

Responsible Party - Plan Commission

When - Ongoing

Action 5: Encourage a vegetative management plan for all utility right-of-ways which implements spatial variety (i.e., varied clearing widths and tree heights and protection of long-lived species)

Responsible Party - Plan Commission

When - Ongoing

Privately Owned Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS):

**Goal 2: Ensure proper disposal of private wastewater to ensure public health and protect ground and surface water quality.**

Objective 1: Work to prevent pollution of surface and subsurface waters by regulating the location, construction, installation, alteration, design and use of all private sewage systems

Action1: Promote resident education on the proper design, installation and maintenance of privately owned wastewater treatment systems (POWTS).

Responsible Party - Town Board

When - Ongoing



- Action 2: Increase/provide resident education regarding funding options for POWTS owners to upgrade failing non-complying systems.  
Responsible Party – Town Board  
When - Ongoing
  
- Action 3: Encourage the use of alternative wastewater treatment options (i.e., new technologies, group sanitary systems, etc.) for new and where appropriate as a replacement for failing systems.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When – Ongoing
  
- Action 4: The Town should consider the land use planning implications of the COMM 83 rules. Specifically, the Town should understand that the COMM 83 regulations often allow development to occur in areas where private, onsite waste disposal systems were previously not feasible due to poor soil conditions.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing
  
- Action 5: Support the county requirement of inspection and maintenance of POWTS.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing
  
- Action 6: Encourage residents to have their water supply tested each year in order to protect their drinking water.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing

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Storm Water Management

**Goal 3: Ensure the provision of storm water management.**

Objective 1: Promote storm water management practices that reduce property and road damage and ensure a high level of water quality.

- Action 1: Promote the use of storm water management practices to abate non-point source pollution and protect water quality.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing
  
- Action 2: Preserve natural open space areas such as wetlands and flood plains that will accommodate floodwater and minimize flooding.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing

- Action 3: Maintain town roadside swales/ditches/culverts and other related storm water facilities for both storm water quantity and quality control.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing
  
- Action 4: All new or altered ditch slopes shall contain proper stabilization.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing
  
- Action 5: Storm water management shall be addressed as a requirement of all development proposals with an appropriate level of review based on potential negative impacts caused by construction site erosion and post-construction runoff.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing

Water Supply

**Goal 4: Ensure the quality and quantity of water.**

Objective 1: Protect and improve the quality and quantity of the town’s ground and surface water.

- Action1: Reduce the potential of point and non-point source pollution.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing
  
- Action 2: Evaluate the potential impacts of development proposals on groundwater quality and quantity.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing
  
- Action 3: Continue to provide leadership and coordination of efforts with surrounding towns to monitor groundwater quality and potential contamination issues.  
Responsible Party - Plan Commission  
When - Ongoing
  
- Action 4: Monitor the capping of abandoned wells.  
Responsible Party - Plan Commission  
When - Ongoing
  
- Action 5: Educate the public on the correlation between the improper land use practices and ground water quality and quantity.  
Responsible Party - Plan Commission

When - Annually

Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling Facilities

**Goal 5: Promote and encourage solid waste and recycling practices that protect the environment.**

Objective 1: Promote effective and cost efficient household solid waste disposal and recycling services and systems that protect the public health, natural environment, and general appearance of land use within the town.

Action 1: Evaluate recycling services available to residents to determine if current needs are adequately being met.  
Responsible Party - Plan Commission  
When - Annually

Action 2: Continue to utilize county clean sweep program so that household hazardous waste collection can be performed at least once every three years.  
Responsible Party - Plan Commission  
When - Every three years.

Action 3: Coordinate contracts with other municipalities in an effort to package bid proposals for services to help reduce overall costs.  
Responsible Par - Town Board  
When - Ongoing

Action 4: Maintain and promote collection opportunities for the proper recycling and disposal of unique (i.e. tires, white goods, etc.) and/or hazardous wastes.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When – Ongoing

Objective 2: Require major developments to adequately address solid waste disposal and recycling needs  
Responsible Party: Town Board  
When: Ongoing

Objective 3: Promote and encourage availability of educational materials for eco-friendly living that follows best green practices.  
Responsible Party: Town Board  
When: Ongoing

Parks and Outdoor Recreation

**Goal 6: Increase recreational opportunities.**

Objective 1: Promote recreational facilities within the Town of Round Lake

- Action1: Utilize the potential of the Sawyer County Forest, State land, and the Chequamegon/Nicolet Forest to increase local recreational opportunities.  
Responsible Party - Plan Commission  
When - Ongoing
  
- Action 2: Identify areas where recreational opportunities can be increased.  
Responsible Party - Plan Commission  
When - Ongoing
  
- Action 3: Increase public awareness of Managed Forest Lands and other publicly owned lands for recreation use.  
Responsible Party - Plan Commission  
When - Ongoing
  
- Action 4: Maintain and improve the community's public access to waterways and trails that provide multi-use recreational opportunities.  
Responsible Party - Plan Commission  
When - Ongoing
  
- Action 5: Pursue state, federal, and private funding programs that can aid in the acquisition and development of parks, trails, and other recreational opportunities with local government cooperation.  
Responsible Party - Plan Commission  
When - 2010
  
- Action 6: Pursue the acquisition or conversion of land to develop a park  
Responsible Party - Plan Commission  
When - Ongoing

Libraries and Schools

**Goal 7: Promote quality schools and access to educational opportunities for everyone.**

Objective 1: Promote use of all educational opportunities available to the town.

- Action 1: Support local libraries in their efforts to increase community education.  
Responsible Party - Plan Commission  
When - Ongoing

- Action 2: Maintain community involvement in the coordination of local planning efforts with the School Districts in order to allow them to anticipate future growth and to provide appropriate facilities.  
Responsible Party - Plan Commission  
When - Ongoing
  
- Action 3: Encourage technical colleges, University of Wisconsin Extension, LCO Community College and community libraries in their efforts to increase community education.  
Responsible Party - Plan Commission  
When - Ongoing
  
- Action 4: Provide online educational opportunities within the town.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - 2010

Fire/Rescue Facilities

**Goal 8: Provide a level of fire and emergency services that meets existing and future demands of residents and development patterns.**

Objective 1: Ensure a level of fire protection and emergency services that meets the needs of existing demands of residents and future developments patterns.

- Action 1: Continue resident education on ways to reduce the risks of fire and increase access and response time of emergency vehicles to local residences (i.e. forest and grass fire prevention, driveway design that eases emergency vehicle access).  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When – Ongoing
  
- Action 2: An evaluation of fire protection staff, services, and equipment shall be completed on an annual basis.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Annually
  
- Action 3: The use of grants or donations to meet the need of the fire department shall be pursued prior to using the general fund.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing
  
- Action 4: Efforts to increase cooperation with neighboring jurisdictions with regard to fire and rescue facilities and services shall be pursued.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Annually

- Action 5: Opportunities for shared service agreements shall be maximized whenever possible.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing

Police Protection

**Goal 9: Ensure that police services are appropriately meeting the existing and future needs of the town.**

Objective 1: Continue involvement with the Sawyer County Sheriff’s Department in its efforts to provide police protection and community outreach.

- Action 1: Monitor and evaluate the need for a police presence (i.e. constable or county liaison).  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing
- Action 2: An annual meeting shall be held with the Sheriff’s Department to discuss trends, issues, and needs in the town.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Annually
- Action 3: Opportunities for shared service agreements shall be maximized whenever possible.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing

Government Facilities

**Goal 10: Provide quality cost effective town facilities and services that meet the existing and future demands of residents, landowners, and visitors.**

Objective 1: Ensure that the Town Hall is maintained as a vital community facility that is accessible for large gatherings, town activities and public meetings.

- Action 1: The town shall assess and prioritize its capacity and needs with regard to administrative facilities, services, and public buildings.  
Responsible Party - Town Board  
When – Annually
- Action 2: Pursue the development of a “Town Procedures Manual” which outlines the application, review, license, and public notification process to guide developers and individuals through all local regulations and approval processes.

Responsible Party - Plan Commission  
When - 2010

Action 3: Provide a contact person for developers, homeowners, landowners, agencies and local business owners for information regarding town procedures, ordinances and/or land use regulations and programs.

Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - 2010

Action 4: Develop a Capital Improvement Program (annual budget) to provide local decision-makers, private developers, and citizens with detailed information on any capital improvement projects that will take place in the town's future.

Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Annually

Action 5: The town shall continually review staffing, volunteers, and professional service needs relative to planning, ordinance development/enforcement and other governmental services.

Responsible Party - Town Board  
When - Ongoing

Health and Child Care Services and Facilities

**Goal 11: Promote and encourage health and child care services and facilities**

Objective 1: Ensure that residents have reasonable access to quality health care facilities and child care.

Action 1: Support school districts or local community organizations in their sponsorship of child care programs and early developmental programs.

Responsible Party - Plan Commission  
When - Ongoing

Action 2: Allow local clinics and hospitals to develop educational programs to inform citizens of available services or health care advances.

Responsible Party - Plan Commission  
When - Ongoing

Action 3: Encourage requests for the development of properly located and operated health care and child care facilities.

Responsible Party - Plan Commission  
When - Ongoing

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**Coordination with Other Plan Elements**

Utilities and community facilities can dictate future planning for a community if capacity, location, and services are not adequate to support development. Therefore, it is important to inventory existing utilities and community facilities and understand how utilities and community facilities will be provided over the planning period. Furthermore, utilities and community facilities have a direct impact on the other elements of the comprehensive plan. In particular, the Housing, Economic Development, Land Use, and Intergovernmental Coordination Elements are most directly impacted by utilities and community facilities.

**HOUSING**

Improvements such as roads and recreational facilities all need to be coordinated with the housing decisions and vice versa. The best method to coordinate improvements is to follow the land use pattern presented on the *Future Land Use Map* as closely as possible.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The availability of utilities like electricity and communications services is critical to economic development. This infrastructure is needed to support growth in the Town of Round Lake. Therefore, the goals and objectives of this chapter seek to maintain and improve local utilities and community facilities to provide some additional economic development opportunities in the Town of Round Lake.

**LAND USE ELEMENT**

Land use dictates the need for utilities and community facilities. Inversely, the availability of utilities and community facilities can dictate where development can and should occur. The *Future Land Use Map* was developed after careful consideration of where utilities and community facilities are now available. In addition, the *Future Land Use Map* considers the feasibility of utilities and community facility extensions to serve areas planned for future development.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION**

As is obvious from this chapter, solely the Town of Round Lake does not provide utilities and community facilities. Utilities and community facilities that serve the area are provided by Sawyer County, private companies, and neighboring communities. It is important that these utilities and community facilities continue to effectively serve the Town of Round Lake. Therefore, continued coordination is essential to ensure that development in the Town of Round Lake is compatible with local utility and community facility capacities. Goals and objectives included in this chapter, as well as the Intergovernmental Coordination Element, support continued coordination to efficiently provide needed utilities and community facilities to the Town of Round Lake.