

“Northern Cluster”

Intergovernmental Cooperation Workshop
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Land Use Issues and Conflicts/Positive Working Relationships

- Work with Forest Service on forest roads
- Satellite office and billboards
- Mutual agreements – humane officer
- Consistency of maintenance on shared roads
- Protection of lakeshores – recog. by 9 towns
- Combine emergency services – lack of personnel and resources – hire??
- More development of recreation –multi-modal trails
- Regular meetings
- Mountain ambulance service
- Cooperation of towns during disaster – mutual aids
- Communication on status of recreation routes
- Mutual aid agreements outside of Oconto County – Langlade, Menominee, etc.
- Inconsistent ordinance enforcement – sign ordinance on CTH T
- Stay open minded dealing with town issues
- Forest roads – maintenance
- No consistency in “no wakes”
- Addition of professional health care positions
- Seniors/elderly housing
- Need for employment opportunities for young population
- Forest Service – difficult to work with
- Wind turbines – private
- Communication with DOT – trail development
- Sewage disposal – enforcement
- High cost of gasoline
- Siting of manure storage facilities
- Mega farms
- Lowering lake levels

Potential Resolutions

- Full-time police protection – summer months
- Addition of municipal court
- Liaison with Forest Service
- More give and take for regulations
- Better enforcement of “no wake” – find way to allow county to enforce “no wake”
- Consistent enforcement of “junk” ordinance – County
- Zoning enforcement – County and Town ordinances
- County pays for satellite office and expand services
- Share information with surrounding towns e.g. – website, agendas, minutes – information friendly
- More public notice of 9 town meetings – 9 Towns means “9 Towns not 6”

OCONTO COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL PLANNING PROCESS

- Full-time Administrators in towns
- Combine emergency services – if feasible – one point of contact and admin.
- LOSA – “Length of Service Award”
- Hired full-time emergency staff versus volunteer status – investigate feasibility
- Efficiency – sanitary services – tapping into Lakewood
- Keep tax dollars here