

CHAPTER 4 - UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

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Utilities and Community Facilities element. A compilation of objectives, policies, goals, maps and programs to guide the future development of utilities and community facilities in the local governmental unit such as sanitary sewer service, storm water management, water supply, solid waste disposal, on-site wastewater treatment technologies, recycling facilities, parks, telecommunications facilities, power-generating plants and transmission lines, cemeteries, health care facilities, child care facilities and other public facilities, such as police, fire and rescue facilities, libraries, schools and other governmental facilities. The element shall describe the location, use and capacity of existing public utilities and community facilities that serve the local governmental unit, shall include an approximate timetable that forecasts the need in the local governmental unit to expand or rehabilitate existing utilities and facilities or to create new utilities and facilities and shall assess future needs for government services in the local governmental unit that are related to such utilities and facilities.

Section 4.1 Introduction

Only limited community facilities and services are available within the Town. Other public facilities and services are available in the Stevens Point/Plover urban area. This chapter will describe the existing utility and community facilities serving Stockton, and outline future desires/needs for the residents.

Section 4.2 Public Utilities Inventory

A. Sanitary Sewer Service/On-site Wastewater Treatment Technologies

There is no municipal sanitary sewer service within the Town of Stockton. Residents in the Town utilize private on-site wastewater treatment systems (POWTS), otherwise known as private septic systems, as allowed by the Portage County Private Sewage System Ordinance.

The Portage County Planning and Zoning Department administers the permitting and management of POWTS county-wide.

Soil capability for on-site waste systems is not a major limiting factor for development in most areas of the Town. This has been a key factor in the Town's relatively rapid growth over the past 30 years.

Approximately 90% of the soils in the Town have slight to moderate limitations for on-site sewage systems. These soils are rated as generally acceptable for conventional septic systems or mound systems. However, rapid permeability in the substratum of the "sand plain" soil may result in negative impacts on groundwater quality, particularly in areas of higher density development. Local studies indicate the need for relatively large residential lot sizes, i.e. 2 acres or greater, in order to minimize groundwater degradation from on-site waste systems.

Portions of the Arnott and Hancock moraines possess sewer limitations for on-site waste systems, due to the highly dense, compact texture of the soils. These soils may

be suitable for mound or other systems allowed by Wisconsin Administrative Code for Department of Commerce Chapter COMM 83.

B. Water Supply

Town of Stockton relies completely on private wells; refer to Chapter 5 (Agricultural, Natural and Cultural Resources) for complete information on Groundwater. Since potable water is obtained primarily from groundwater, consideration should be given to possible sources of contamination. Please see discussion on Landfills later in this chapter and Chapter 5 for more information on contamination.

C. Storm Water Management

Responsibility for storm water management within the Town of Stockton is split between Portage County and the Town. Portage County maintains the ditches along the portion of County Roads while the Town maintains ditches along the local road network.

Keep the County and the Town's natural drainage ways open and keep development out of these areas. Currently this is causing water backing up that is making farming difficult in the Town. The development of the Portage County Youth on Ice (PCYOI) arena is blocking off large areas of drainage. Development east of Badger Road is causing back up, and facilities need to be reestablished to allow for correct drainage.

New developments need to include a storm water management plan for their properties. The Portage County Planning and Zoning Department helps with the layout and configuration of these plans.

D. Solid Waste & Recycling Facilities

Curbside solid waste and recycling pick up started in the Town of Stockton on December 2, 1991, with LB Trucking, which was bought out by Superior of Wisconsin and most recently by Onyx. In December of 2002, the Town signed a five (5) year contract with Superior for collection services and waste disposal at Cranberry Creek Landfill in Wisconsin Rapids, ending December 31, 2007 with the option of a five (5) year renewal until December 31, 2012. The Town will remain open to other options as contracts end or are renewed.

E. Corporate Utilities

1. Telecommunication Facilities (Map 4.1)

Stockton is serviced by a number of providers located throughout the Town. The Portage County telecommunication Ordinance regulates all facilities.

2. Telephone and Internet Services

The Town is currently served by two (2) telephone companies, ATT and Amherst Telephone Company and numerous Internet providers.

3. Gas and Electric Power

WPS and Alliant Energy service electric and Wisconsin Public Service provides natural gas. Numerous propane companies in the area service locations not serviced by natural gas.

Map 4.1: Utilities

Section 4.3 Community Facilities Inventory

A. Municipal Buildings

The Town of Stockton's new Municipal buildings are located at 7252 6th Street, Custer. These new buildings house the town offices, municipal shop (garage), cold storage facility and town fire substation.

This 34-acre parcel of land on the corner of 6th street and Custer Road was acquired through negotiations with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation when Kirschling Park was purchased for the interchange at US HWY 10 and Cty Rd J. It is being developed as a multi-use park, and houses the Town's new municipal building in a centralized location.

B. Police

The Town of Stockton is served by the Portage County Sheriffs Department. The Portage County Sheriff's Department provides protective services through random patrols and on a "call-out" basis. Portage County is divided into 3 districts for patrol purposes. The district in which Stockton is located is bounded by STH 54 to the south, the Portage County line to the east, STH 66 to the north, and I-39 to the West. During the day shift 1 officer is assigned to each district, plus an additional officer "floats" throughout the County. During the night shift, 2 officers are assigned to each district, plus 2 additional officers float throughout the County. Officers may drive through the Town any number of times during each shift to check on businesses and residences.

C. Fire / Rescue

The Town of Stockton is serviced by two fire departments: The Village of Plover and the Amherst Fire District. The dividing line between the two fire districts for the Town is Tower Road. The Town of Stockton feels that coverage from these two Fire Departments do not completely serve the north east corner of the Town. The Town has built a fire department building that is more centrally located within the Town. Amherst and Plover will supply training, while the Town will provide the equipment and staff. Stockton's fire department building is located at 7252 6th Street, Custer.

Plover Fire Department

The fire station is located in the Plover Municipal Center, 2400 Post Road. Fire protection is provided by a 40 person paid, on-call fire department, including a full time Fire Chief and Captain.

The Village has had a First Responder program in place since 1984, which became an Emergency Medical Technician – Basic (E.M.T.-B) Level Program in June of 2003. The First Responders had approximately 500 calls in 2002.

The Village's fire equipment consists of the following (2000 inventory):

- 2000 Rescue Unit – covers the southern part of Portage County
- 1991 Ford – a quick response mini-unit for grass and forest fires with 200 gallons of water
- 1996 Class A Pumper Unit - 1,000 gallons of water/1,500 gallons per minute pump

- 1984 Class A Pumper Unit – 750 gallons of water/1,000 gallons per minute pump
- 1976 Class A Pumper Unit – 750 gallons of water/1,000 gallons per minute pump
- 1984 – 100’ Aerial Platform with pre-piped waterway and a 2,000 GPM Midship Pump with a 6.5 KW diesel generator on board
- 29 self-contained breathing apparatus cylinders
- 23 extra cylinders
- Jaws of Life for industrial, farm and car accidents

The Village has a Class 3 Fire Insurance Bureau ranking for areas within the Village. The Village of Plover primary service area includes the Village of Plover, the Towns of Plover and Stockton, and 12 sections in the Town of Buena Vista. The Village of Plover Fire Department has Mutual Aid Agreements with all 11 fire departments in Portage County, including the City of Stevens Point Fire Department, and four departments from Wood County.

Research shows a definite trend toward making volunteer fire departments into combination fire departments. This relies on a foundation of paid firefighters, supplemented by a volunteer fire suppression force. The paid staff provides training, fire prevention, administration and maintenance, as well as initial emergency response capabilities. The paid-on-call volunteers provide a supplemental fire fighting force to the paid staff.

Amherst Fire Department

The Village of Amherst is part of the Amherst Fire District, located at 4585 Fairgrounds Road, Amherst. The Amherst Fire District protects approximately 6000 people living in a 90 square mile area including the Villages of Amherst, Amherst Junction, Nelsonville, and Town of Amherst. Portions of the Towns of Lanark and Stockton contract for their fire protection service with the Amherst Fire District. The Town of New Hope utilizes First Responder services from the Amherst Fire District. Amherst has 12 to 14 First Responders. The department was reorganized in 1992, combining three smaller departments. A new fire station building was constructed in 1995. As of 2003, there are 7 vehicles within a single fire station including:

- 3 engine/pumpers
 - 1st out -1250 gallon per minute pump rate with 500 gallon capacity with foam application and aerial boom with ladder
 - 2nd out – 1000 gallon per minute pump rate with 1000 gallon capacity
 - 3rd out/reserve – 750 gallon per minute pump rate with 750 gallon capacity
- 2 tankers having a 2,000 and 3,000 gallon capacity
- 1 rescue vehicle
- 1 utility/grass fire vehicle
- ladder truck

Water for these vehicles is usually pumped from the water hydrants located in the Village of Amherst. There is an irrigation well within the Town of Amherst to provide additional water, and there are a number of dry hydrants across the area. Three irrigation wells (two in Town of Lanark, one in Town of Amherst) are available as an additional resource for fighting fires. The fire district also has an agreement with other fire districts in Portage County to utilize their water sources if needed.

D. Schools

The Town of Stockton lies within the Stevens Point Area School District, Tomorrow River School District and the Rosholt School District (see Map 4.2).

Stevens Point Area School District

The Stevens Point Area Public School District includes the City of Stevens Point, Villages of Whiting, Plover, Park Ridge, Amherst Junction, Junction City; Towns of Linwood, Hull, Eau Pleine, Dewey, Carson and Stockton; as well as the Towns of Sharon, Plover Grant, and Buena Vista.

The Stevens Point School District is the 14th largest district in the State of Wisconsin and serves a population of approximately 50,000 and employs staff of over 900. The approximate student enrollment for the 2005-2006 school years is estimated at 7,222. The student population is decreasing slightly each year.

The Stevens Point School District consists of ten K-6 grade elementary schools, two 7-9 grade junior high schools, and one 10-12 grade senior high school and an alternative school. Three charter schools lie within the secondary schools. Three of the elementary schools are charter schools and three additional elementary schools have applied for charter status. In addition, the 45-acre Boston School Forest is an educational facility used by students for environmental education programs throughout the school year.

The Stevens Point Area Public School District covers nearly 400 square miles to transporting students, a significant activity and expenditure. During the 2005-2006 school years, the transportation department bused nearly 6500 students to public and private schools with a fleet of 79 districted-operated and 1 contracted buses traveling 1.2 million miles. Typically, the district's annual cost for busing is about two-thirds of the state average, with a district budget of \$2.6 million.

Since 1996 every school and district building has had additions and/or remodeling except PJ Jacobs and the Bliss Educational Service Center (administration office building). In 1995, classrooms and the commons were added on to PJ Jacobs. The Bliss Center was built in 1980 and no additions or remodeling has been done on this 13,431 square foot building.

School facilities are a major benefit to County residents. School playgrounds and equipment provide a wide variety of recreational activities. The schools' organized athletic programs play an important role in the community; as a major source of recreation and as a focal point of community pride and identity.

Parochial School System

The Stevens Point Area Catholic Schools (SPACS) have been educating students in Portage County for the past 130 years. The schools are comprehensive with a strong emphasis on college preparation; 90% of students go on to attend post-secondary school, most of which are four-year colleges and universities.

SPACS currently has six schools involved in the program: four Elementary Schools (Saint Stanislaus, grades K-2; Saint Stephen, grades 3-5; Saint Bronislava, grades preschool-5; and Saint Joseph early childhood, preschool and year-round childcare); St. Peter Middle School, grades 6-8; and Pacelli High

School, grades 9-12. For the 2003-04 school year 940 students were enrolled in SPACS, preschool through 12th grade.

St. Paul Lutheran School serves 200 students in pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade with nine full time teachers, including a Principal and Assistant Principal who also have teaching duties. The early childhood program offers classes for 3-4 and 5 year-old children not yet enrolled in kindergarten. Northland Lutheran High School, located in Mosinee, serves the central Wisconsin region.

Two other private school options are available within the Portage County Urban Area. Branch Christian School, which is affiliated with the Seventh Day Adventist Church located within the Village of Whiting, accepts students in grades one through eight. The Stevens Point Christian Academy, located just west of the City limits on U.S. Hwy 10, offers instruction for grades K through twelve.

Tomorrow River School District

The Tomorrow River School District is approximately 100 square miles in size, and includes the Villages of Amherst, Amherst Junction, and Nelsonville along with part of the Towns of Amherst, Buena Vista, Lanark, Stockton, and New Hope. The entire student population is educated on one site, within a 160,693 sq. ft. interconnected structure in Amherst, Wisconsin. The Amherst School complex consists of 86 teachers, 43 support staff and 5 administrators servicing about 900 students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through 12. The school is governed by a 5 member school board elected to three year terms on a rotating basis.

The original high school building was constructed in 1922 and was 11,000 square feet. Additional building projects since 1922 include: a 7,500 square foot shop building added during the 1940's; a new 14,300 square foot gym and 2,650 square foot band building in 1953; a 12,075 square foot elementary school in 1960; and a 13,440 square foot elementary school addition in 1970; a new 7,200 square foot shop building in 1976; a 24,000 square foot high school addition in 1978; and a 16,000 square foot elementary school addition in 1988. The area between the high school and elementary buildings has gradually been utilized for expansion, so that both buildings are now under one roof. A total of 858 students were enrolled in 2004, including 404 elementary students (K-5), 191 junior high students (6-8) and 263 high school students (9-12).

Rosholt School District

The Rosholt School District is located in Central Wisconsin and serves a student population of approximately 750 PreK-12 students in a single facility in the Village of Rosholt. The complex consists of 56 teachers, 44 support staff and 3 administrators. The area enjoys close proximity to Wausau and Stevens Point, which allows residents and students to take advantage of cultural and educational opportunities while still enjoying the rural small town atmosphere. The system is composed of three schools within the larger Pre-K-12 facility:

- Rosholt Elementary - PreK-5
- Rosholt Middle - 6-8
- Rosholt High - 9-12

Recent building projects have included: a \$5 million High School Addition that added an auditorium, gymnasium, band room complex, lobby/commons, and 10

new classrooms; a \$2 million Middle School Addition; a \$600,000 High School Library Addition; the relocation of the bus garage; and the renovation of several other areas.

The Rosholt Schools provide a comprehensive Pre-K-12 curriculum in art, computer literacy, environmental education, guidance and counseling, health, language arts, mathematics, technology literacy, music, physical education, science, and social studies. In addition, technology education, agriculture, family and consumer education, business education, and foreign languages are offered in grades 7-12. Students also have opportunities to participate in a wide range of high school courses offered through distance education classes on ERVING, Youth Options, and Advanced Placement Classes.

Home Schools

There are families in the Town of Stockton that home school their children and use the Arnott Recreation Center, a former school house built in 1936 and owned by the Town of Stockton, for activities located at Cty Rd J and 4th St.

Mid-State Technical College

Mid-State Technical College (MSTC) is one of 16 publicly supported colleges in the Wisconsin Technical College System. Approximately 16,000 full- and part-time students enroll annually. MSTC offers technical training in nearly 50 careers by granting one- and two-year technical diplomas and two-year associate degrees in four areas: business, health, service technologies, and technical & industrial. In addition, MSTC also awards certificates for the successful completion of a single course or a combination of courses. The Mid-State Technical College District includes full-service campuses in Marshfield, Stevens Point, and Wisconsin Rapids; a center in Adams; and several outreach sites.

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point

Since 1894 when Stevens Point Normal School opened its doors to 300 students, the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point has grown to become a major comprehensive university, with about 8,700 students enrolled. Its academic programs offer 100 choices within 51 majors and 78 minors plus 16 graduate programs. UWSP is home to four colleges (fine arts and communication, letters and science, natural resources and professional studies), and is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. In addition, UWSP has initiated a variety of innovative and nationally distinctive programs such as the National Wellness Institute, the Center for the Small City, the Central Wisconsin Economic Research Bureau, and the Global Environmental Management Center (GEM) Center for Watershed Science and Education.

The 400-acre main campus includes seven major buildings in addition to Old Main, UWSP's administrative building, the University Center and 13 residence halls housing approximately 3,000 students. North campus includes Schmeckle Reserve, a 225-acre nature area with a 24-acre lake, nature center and trails that are part of the Portage County 26-mile Green Circle Trail.

The Stevens Point campus is part of the University of Wisconsin System that includes 13 four-year campuses, 13 two-year centers and the University of Wisconsin-Extension. The University of Wisconsin system represents one of the

finest educational institutions in the world. Access to information and research on virtually any topic is available.

In 2003, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point placed among the top public universities in the Midwest. The publication, U.S. News & World Report, ranked UWSP number six in the top tier of Midwestern public master's degree-granting institutions. This was the fourth consecutive year that the university placed in the top six. U.S. News and World Report use several criteria in rating the campuses including academic reputation, retention, faculty, students, financial resources, and alumni giving. Other UW System campuses which placed in the top six among Midwestern comprehensives include UW-La Crosse and UW-Eau Claire. UW-Madison ranked seventh among public doctoral universities.

E. Parks ,Trails, Town Parks and Facilities

Arnott Recreational Center

The Recreation Center is located in Arnott, an unincorporated community in the Town of Stockton. This building is owned by the town and is used for public meetings, 4-H meetings, snowmobile clubhouse, and for other purposes. The building was a former school, built in 1936 and was used as the Town of Stockton Hall from 1976 to 2005.

Arnott Lions Park

The Arnott Lions Club (chartered in 1975) owns the Arnott Lions Park. The Park provides shelters, softball diamond, restrooms, horseshoe pits, kid's playground and a picnic area. Individual families/ small groups can use the park at no charge, but if a group wishes to reserve the park for a day or more, a rental fee is charged.

The Park also has the Central Wisconsin Saints Hockey Association multipurpose building, which they use as an ice rink for six (6) months (Oct. to Mar.) for teaching kids to play hockey. The other six (6) months, the Arnott Lions Club controls the use of the multipurpose building. There is free skating for Town of Stockton residents on Sunday afternoons, and there are plans to put up an outside rink, which will be able to be used anytime by the Town of Stockton residents.

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)

This is a religious education center located in Custer, in the Town of Stockton. This center, located in a former school house built in 1916, is operated by the Catholic parish as a recreation center. The CCD offers primarily indoor recreation opportunities, which help to supplement outdoor recreation in the area.

Platted Parklands

These are lands that are dedicated to the Town for park purposes, as part of the subdivision platting process. Under the provisions of the County's Subdivision Ordinance, the developer who creates a major subdivision is required to dedicate land for park or pay a fee to the Town according to the following schedule:

- (1) Dedication to the public of one (1) acre of land for each twenty (20) lots.
- (2) Payment to the Town park fund of \$250 for each lot
- (3) Any combination of (1) and (2) as agreed to by the Town Board.

Parklands dedicated to the Town of Stockton via the platting process include:

- Arnott Centennial – small lot in Arnott
- Buckhorn Park – 1.22 acres
- Country Beautiful – 5.2 acres
- Hoffman’s Custer Square – 1.75 acres
- Kirschling Park - .9 acre remains from DOT acquisition
- Evergreen Park - .5
- Parkland at 6th and Custer Road – 34 acres

Lakes:

- Adams Lake – Described as 2.0 acres including public boat landing and access road. Lake size: 29 acres
- Bear Lake – Described as .90 acres including public boat landing and access road. Lake size: 29 acres
- Lake Thomas – Described as .25 acres. Lake size: 32 acres

Other Public Recreational facilities Include

Snowmobile trails are maintained by private snowmobile clubs; and portions of the Ice Age Trail Bicycle Trail.

F. County Parks

Standing Rocks Park

Standing Rocks Park is located on 29-acre Bear Lake, in the southeastern part of the Town of Stockton. The park has been developed as a winter sports area, featuring downhill and cross-country skiing. This County facility encompasses 531 acres, the majority of which is maintained in a natural state.

The following description of the park’s facility and needs is taken from the Portage County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, 2001-2006 Plan:

Major Activities: Hiking, downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, 18 hole Disc golf, single and double track mountain biking, 26 site field archery course, and a dog exercise area.

Facilities: Ski lodge with equipment rental, 3 rope tows, 2,200 foot ski run, 10 miles cross-country ski and mountain bike trails, ½ mile archery target trail, 15 picnic tables, indoor and pit vault toilets, dog exercise area, disc golf course, two tow rope buildings and an observation building.

Service Area: Statewide

Interest group served: Active winter sports, downhill and cross-country skiers, mountain bikers, dog owners, disc golfers and archers.

Problems/Deficiencies: Erosion of hiking and skiing trails due to use by bicyclists, overcrowding and adjacent development.

Usage trends: Increasing with popularity of winter sports and mountain biking.

Tomorrow River State Trail

The Tomorrow River State Trail segment within Portage County is a 14 ½ mile trail developed along an abandoned railroad grade starting in the Village of Plover and ending at the Waupaca County line. This trail goes through the communities of Arnott and Smokey Spur, with a public parking area off of Custer Rd. Waupaca County will be developing their 14 mile section in the next few years.

The trail consists of a surface of crushed limestone, which is packed smooth. It is open to bicyclists, hikers, joggers, and horseback riders in the spring, summer, and fall. During the winter months, the trail is open to snowmobiles, skiers, and dog sleds. The horse trail is a separate 9 mile trail along the limestone trail from Plover to Amherst Junction.

Ice Age Trail

The Ice Age Bicycle Trail runs north and south along the glaciated areas of eastern Portage County for a total of 48 miles. The trail was designed specifically for bicyclists as it runs along portions of major roadways. With the reconstruction of Highway 10, the Ice Age Bike Trail may connect with the Tomorrow River Trail to provide for a safer crossing of Highway 10.

The proposed Ice Age Walking Trail winds in and out of the County along the eastern border between Portage County and Waupaca County. Portions of the Ice Age Trail are complete; however, easements across private land are still needed for much of the trail. When completed, the Ice Age trail will extend 1,000 miles among the glacial features throughout Wisconsin.

State Recreational Lands

The DNR has identified Fishery Management Areas throughout the County, including the Tomorrow River and Little Plover River in the Town of Stockton. Master Plans have been prepared for these project areas, including recommendations for the management of State owned lands and the identification of private lands for possible purchase by the State. The State currently owns 85.7 acres in the Town of Stockton associated with the Tomorrow River Fisheries Areas and has identified another 140 acres for possible acquisition. Similarly, the State has identified an acquisition area of 160 acres within the Town, associated with the Little Plover River Fisheries Area. Within the Town there is presently no State land ownership associated with this project area. The State's policy regarding the acquisition of such lands is dependant upon the availability of funds and desire of the landowner(s) to sell.

G. Landfills

Landfills (also formerly known as dumps) have been around as long as people have lived in Portage County. The locations of many of the smaller private dumps are unknown. The amount of the materials deposited in these was small and the toxicities of the materials were likely low as compared to current solid waste.

When rainwater percolating through waste materials in a landfill comes in contact with waste material, leachate is formed. The risk to groundwater from the leachate depends on the toxicity of the waste in the landfill and the geologic setting and depth to groundwater. In order to minimize introduction of contaminants into drinking water wells, the state Well Code (NR-812) prohibits installation of wells within 1200 feet of a

currently operating, or closed, landfill. Variances to the 1200 foot setback can be considered by staff of the DNR.

The locations (Map 4.2) of several landfills, including the existing Portage County Landfill and former municipal landfills are known. All except the County Landfill, and certain private landfills, have been closed. Sampling from private wells near these closed landfills has not shown widespread deterioration of groundwater, but no systematic sampling has been conducted to date. The DNR is currently conducting a five year assessment of all closed landfills in the state, to determine potential risks to the groundwater.

Certain private landfills in the County are licensed to accept construction demolition waste, or waste from paper processing. In the case of the former, the materials deposited do not have a high potential to leach contaminants to groundwater. For the paper company landfills, extensive testing of the materials and sampling of nearby monitoring wells is conducted.

The Portage County landfill is scheduled to close in 2006, after which the waste will be trucked to a landfill in Marathon County. Portage County and the Town of Stockton have negotiated a settlement for the existing solid waste facility. The landfill will be zoned to Conservancy and the County will seek no rezoning of the property without the Town of Stockton Boards approval. The agreement states that Portage County will maintain and test samples of designated groundwater monitoring wells two up gradient and four down gradient of the Solid Waste Disposal Facility. Please see "Negotiated Settlement Agreement between Portage County and the Town of Stockton RE: County Existing Solid Waste Disposal Facility" for review of agreement.

H. Cemeteries

The Town of Stockton has 7 cemeteries located within the Town limits.

1. Cate Cemetery – located on County road HH and Burbank Road
2. St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery - located on Esker Road in Custer
3. Arnott (or Richmond) Cemetery - located on 4th Street
4. Lombard Cemetery - located on Custer Road and County Road D
5. Morrill Cemetery – located on Kennedy Road and 2nd Street
6. St. Mary's Fancher – located on Lake Thomas Road and County Road K
7. Higgins Burial Plot - located in Section 7, about ½ mile west of Burbank Road on the fence line (this burial plot is not located on the map)

I. Health Care Facilities

There are no health care facilities located within the Town of Stockton. Residents utilize those services and facilities available in Plover, and Stevens Point, through Ministry Health Services and their various branches in Plover and Stevens Point. St Michael's Hospital and Rice Medical Center in the City of Stevens Point. Other health care facilities located in the area available to the Town residents include dental and chiropractic offices, sports medicine, podiatry and many others. Regional facilities are also available through the Marshfield Clinic and Aspirus in Stevens Point and Wausau.

Map 4.2: Community Facilities

J. Child Care Facilities

There are 2 different categories of state licensed child care; they depend upon the number of children in care:

- *Licensed Family Child Care Centers* provide care for up to 8 children. This care is usually in the provider's home, but it is not required to be located in a residence.
- *Licensed Group Child Care Centers* provide care for 9 or more children. These centers are usually located somewhere other than a residence and may be small or large in size.

There are several child daycare facilities located in the Town of Stockton. For a complete list, contact the Regional Division of Children and Family Services at:

2811 8th St. - Ste. 70
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
Phone: (715) 422-5080
Fax: (715) 422-5091

K. Libraries

The Town of Stockton does not have a library located within its limits. Town residents can utilize library facilities at the following locations:

- Almond – Branch Library
- Amherst – Lettie Jensen Library
- Plover – Branch Library
- Stevens Point - Charles M. White Memorial Library
- Rosholt – Branch Library

Section 4.4 Utilities and Community Facilities Issues and Concerns

- A. In 2001 a County-wide survey of resident's attitudes was completed by the Portage County Planning and Zoning Department. The Town of Stockton survey results, in their entirety, are included in Appendix B; the following are Stockton survey responses related to Utilities and Community Facilities.

Survey Question 11: New homes and businesses should be encouraged:

	Agree/Strongly Agree	Disagree/Strongly Disag.
Primarily in communities where sewer and water are available	69%	13%
Next to communities where sewer and water could be extended	50%	21%
Anywhere in the County, with or without sewer and water services	30%	48%

Survey Question 12: Future boundaries should be established for municipal water and sanitary sewer systems:

	Agree/Strongly Agree	Disagree/Strongly Disag.
	61%	10%

Survey Question 13: The boundaries described in Question 12 should be: Very inflexible, essentially stopping development outside of the boundary (23%); Somewhat flexible, allowing for some development outside the boundary (71%); Very flexible, allowing anyone who asks for sewer and water to get it wherever they are (6%).

Survey Question 14: How would you rate each of the following local services:

	Good/Excellent	Poor/Very Poor
Police protection	53%	5%
Fire protection	52%	12%
Ambulance service	57%	4%
Garbage collection	67%	4%

- B. We will look at mapping the current drainage areas and make sure these areas are kept open.
- C. Town will review the practicality and feasibility of package septic plants and communal well development for future consideration.
- D. Response times for fire need to be shortened.
- E. Protect groundwater.
- F. The Town of Stockton is not currently a member of the Stevens Point Urban Area Sewer Service Committee. With the development pressures from the City anticipated over the next 20 years, it should be.
- G. Recognize that the life-span of the current County landfill is limited and be prepared to address the issue of recycling programs still being provided at the site and drop off boxes available for disposal of materials.

Section 4.5 Utilities/Community Facilities Goals, Objectives, and Policies

A. Goal

Plan for the provision of infrastructure, utilities, and community facilities and services to efficiently meet community needs.

B. Objectives

1. Remain abreast of issues and plans related to solid waste management in Portage County, as they pertain to the Town of Stockton.
2. Maps drainage areas in the Town and points west.
3. Work toward a unified fire district with Amherst, Plover, and other departments
4. Protect water resources throughout the Town.

C. Policies

1. Request Town Representation on the Stevens Point Urban Area Sewer Service Advisory Committee.
2. Maintain a working relationship with the Portage County Solid Waste Management Board and Solid Waste Department.

3. Draft a Town ordinance creating an independent/unified area district fire department.
4. Implement mutual aid agreements with other fire departments.
5. Implement broad based drainage areas for lands west of Hancock moraine.
6. Encourage the use of Best Management Practices by agricultural operations to ensure a supply of potable water.
7. Encourage the use of newer technologies to replace failing septic systems.
8. Maintain housing densities at a 2 acre minimum for unsewered lots.
9. The Town of Stockton should work with the Town of Hull and City of Stevens Point to make sure that development in those two municipalities does not adversely impact the performance of drainage facilities that affect property in the northwest portion of the Town of Stockton.