West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (WCWRPC) collaborated with local communities and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) to update the outdated 1995 Sewer Service Area Plan for the Menomonie urban area.

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MENOMONIE URBAN SEWER SERVICE AREA PLAN FOR 2045



What is a Sewer Service Area Plan (SSA Plan)?

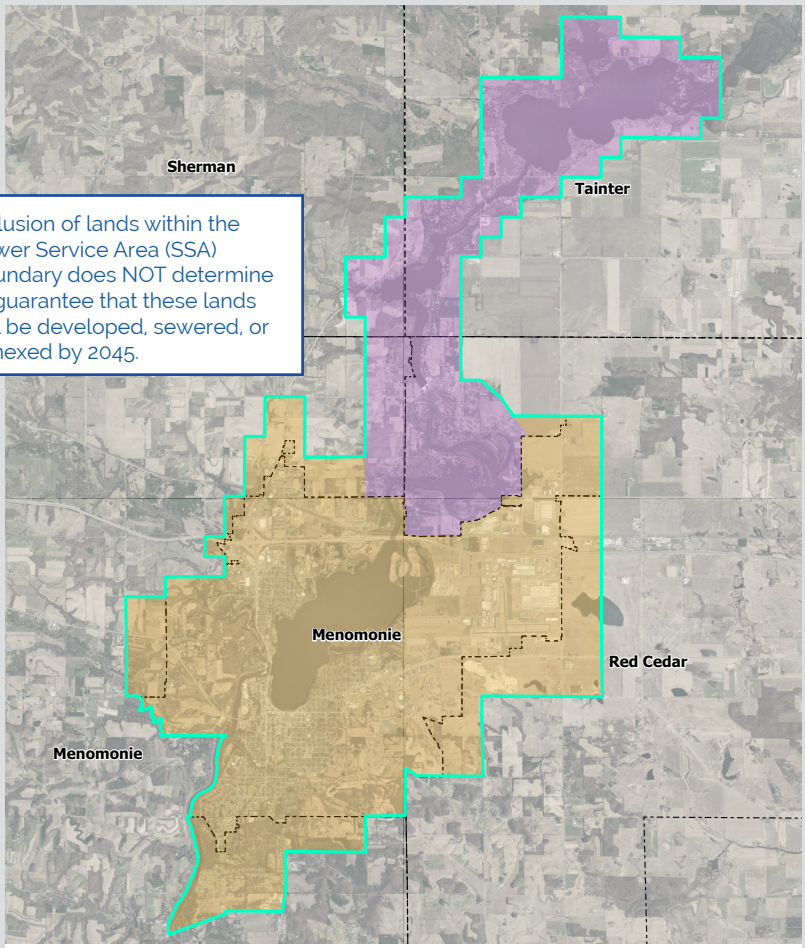
The SSA Plan is a cooperative plan driven by Section 208 of the Clean Water Act and NR 110 & 121. The SSA Plan:

- Anticipates future urban (sewered) growth and identifies potential urban growth areas and related needs for wastewater treatment.
- Discourages the development of environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs) where development would adversely impact water quality.
- Supports water quality protection plans, programs and policies within the plan area.
- Is used by local, State, and Federal agencies when considering municipal wastewater facility plans, permitting for municipal sewer extensions (called 208-conformance reviews), and certain related grant applications.
- Is not intended to restrict growth, obligate municipalities to provide sewer service, or affect community annexation policies.

WHY YOUR PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT

- ☑ Water quality is important to all of us and the factors that influence water quality cross governmental boundaries.
- ☑ This SSA update may influence your community's ability to grow through the next generation of residents.
- ☑ The SSA Plan can impact wastewater treatment facility plan, private mains, holding tanks, smaller shared systems, and land spreading.
- ☑ The SSA Plan is a regional plan with policies that apply to the entire SSA regardless of whether connected to municipal sewer or not.
- ☑ You can provide insight into your community's comprehensive plan, related policies, and any proposed development projects.
- ☑ The Menomonie area is required to have an SSA Plan, which should be regularly updated.
- ☑ Help strengthen consistency between the SSA Plan and your community's plans and policies.
- ☑ Municipal sanitary sewer in the area cannot be extended outside the SSA boundary.
- ☑ The SSA Plan defines the process for considering future SSA-related decision-making.
- ☑ The data and policies in the SSA Plan may influence other regional and local plans.

2045 Sewer Service Area Boundary (7/13/26 draft)



Inclusion of lands within the Sewer Service Area (SSA) boundary does NOT determine or guarantee that these lands will be developed, sewered, or annexed by 2045.

Implementing the SSA Plan

- Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) shall not be encroached upon by an intensive land disturbance within the SSA boundary unless a plan amendment is first approved, subject to SSA Plan defintions and policies.
- The extension of sanitary sewer requires a 208-conformance review conducted by Dunn County Land & Water Conservation to ensure that the area served is located within the SSA boundary and no known ESAs will be encroached upon. The SSA Plan includes an amendment process to modify the boundary if needed.
- The SSA boundary includes a potential Tainter Sanitary District, if sanitary sewer service is needed in the future to protect water quality and is cost feasible.

Key SSA Plan Update Roles

Under NR 121, WDNR has authority over the preparation and administration of the urban area's SSA Plan. WDNR has designated WCWRPC as the local planning agency to facilitate the SSA Plan's update.

During the plan update, seven Local Water Quality Advisory Committee meetings were held with representatives from the City of Menomonie, adjacent towns, Dunn County Land & Water Conservation, and Dunn County Economic Development Corporation.

Prior to WDNR approval of the SSA Plan update, a public comment period and public hearing was conducted on the draft plan.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE SSA PLAN UPDATE?

The SSA Plan's content is largely identified in NR 121.05, though the plan may reference (and not duplicate) other plans and policies that address the required elements of an areawide water quality management plan. Major components of the SSA Plan update include:

- An overview of water quality and related plans and programs for the planning area (Chapter 3)
- Definitions of environmentally sensitives areas, such as surface waters, wetlands, floodplains, and steep slopes, that should be protected from intensive land disturbance. (Chapter 3.5)
- Analysis of wastewater treatment systems, capacities, and needs. (Chapter 5)
- A review of growth trends and 20-year population and land use growth forecasts. (Chapter 4)
- An updated sewer service area boundary where sanitary sewer may be provided in a costeffective and environmentally sound manner over the next 20 years. (Chapter 6)
- Goals, policies, and administrative procedures for implementation of the plan. (Chapters 7-9)

Questions or Comments?

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