

## **UTILITIES AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **INTRODUCTION**

A sound infrastructure and access to goods, services, and institutions are crucial for the health and safety of a Town's inhabitants, and forms the basis for the prosperity and well being of its residents. Similarly, the services, institutions, and recreational amenities extend beyond their individual functions as they enrich community life, enhance civic pride, and strengthen community identity. Maintaining the quality of community facilities and infrastructure is fundamental to serving current and future residents and businesses. This portion of the plan serves as an inventory of existing utilities and community facilities in the Town of Spider Lake and reviews their capacity to accommodate Spider Lake's projected growth for the coming 20-year period.

### **UTILITIES**

**Water Supply** - The Town of Spider Lake has no centralized municipal water supply system in place. Town residents secure their water supply from drilled or dug wells on their own property.

**Sanitary Sewer System and Wastewater Treatment** – The Town does not have a municipal sewer or wastewater treatment system. Sewage disposal is accommodated by drain fields and/or holding tanks on private party. The Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS) program protects public health and the waters of the state by regulating onsite wastewater treatment and recycling systems, and by promoting the use of the best available technology to provide onsite sewage treatment system solutions for property owners.

**Storm Water Management** – The Town is naturally drained by the local ditches and waterways.

**Solid Waste Disposal** – Allied Waste (formally BFI) is contracted for the solid waste/recycling pick-up in the Town.

**Power Supply & Power Plants** – Town of Spider Lake residents and businesses receive electricity from Jump River Cooperative.

### **COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

**Recycling Facilities** - The drop-off recycling center is located behind the Town garage at 10896W Town Hall Road. Acceptable recyclables include #1 and #2 plastics, newspapers, magazines, cardboard, tin cans, glass and aluminum cans at no charge. A summer clean-up is held where white goods, batteries, tires etc. are taken for a charge. The total tonnage for 2004 was 47.56 tons which consisted of 25.24 tons of newspaper and magazines; 2.30 tons of corrugated paper; 1.19 tons of Aluminum containers; 4.80 tons of steel & Bi-metal containers;

10.45 tons of Glass containers and 3.58 tons of plastic containers. Total tonnage for 2005 was 44.80 tons which consisted of 19.40 tons of newspaper; 2.50 tons of magazines; 2.20 tons of corrugated paper; 1.10 tons of Aluminum containers; 5.20 tons of steel and bi-metal containers; 10.90 tons of glass containers and 3.50 tons of plastic containers. A facility for depositing garbage and trash at a charge back rate to the citizen is available at the site.

**Communication Facilities** – CenturyTel Inc. and Chequamegon Telephone Company serve the Town of Spider Lake for local telephone communications. There are also a number of wireless communication providers for long-distance and Internet services. There are no telecommunications towers within the Town. There is however, a countywide antenna in the Town, just south of Spider Lake known as the Moose Lake Tower.

There is no post office in Spider Lake. Rural mail delivery comes from Hayward, WI.

**Cemeteries** - There are no cemeteries located in the Town. The Spider Lake Cemetery is located in Round Lake, next to the Spider Lake Church, which is located in Spider Lake. Spider Lake contributes to the perpetual care of the cemetery each year through a donation approved by the electors.

**Health Care Facilities** – There are currently no health care facilities located in the Town of Spider Lake. Some Town residents receive in home care through the Sawyer County Health and Human Services Department. The Chequamegon Lions sponsor a Health Fair each October for public. Residents can receive full medical services at Hayward Areas Memorial Hospital, located in the City of Hayward.

**Child Care Facilities** – Licensed childcare providers are found throughout Sawyer County.

**Libraries** – The Town of Spider Lake does not have a library. The Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library in the City of Hayward serves Town of Spider Lake residents. The Town makes an annual contribution to the library, which is approved by the Town electors at its annual meeting each year.

**Schools** – There are no schools located in the Town. The two school districts within the Town are the Hayward Community School District (major) and the Glidden (Jacob) School District, which encompasses sections 1, 2, 11, and 12 in Range 5. The Town runs the school elections within the Town for both districts.

**Parks** – There is a picnic grounds immediately behind the Town Hall. County, state and federal lands cater to outdoors persons where the thousands of acres provide outdoor adventures.

**Other Facilities** – Other government, public, private and/or institutional facilities located in the Town of Spider Lake are as follows:

- 1) Town Hall – Located at 10896W Town Hall Road, the Town Hall is used for meetings of the Town, senior meals, fire department meetings, Lake Association meetings and can be

rented out for other profit and non-profit functions such as weddings, anniversaries and other celebrations/parties as seen fit by the town Board.

- 2) Town Garage – Located next to the Town Hall, the Town garage houses the Town road equipment, which includes a grader, end-loader, mowers, dump trucks, plows, and four fire trucks.
- 3) Churches - The Town has two churches. The Spider Lake Church located on Twin Lake Road and St. George Catholic Church located on Hwy 77 E.
- 4) Picnic Grounds – Located behind the Town Hall, the grounds include a large BBQ pit w/roof, pavilion and picnic tables. Picnic grounds are also located on Lost Land and Teal Lake islands.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**Police Services** – The Town does not contract for law enforcement. Law enforcement is provided by Sawyer County Sheriff's Department.

**Fire Services** – The Town has its own volunteer fire department consisting of 20 volunteer firefighters, eight of which are First Responders and two EMT's, a brush truck, two tenders and two pumper/engine trucks. The Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating is 9 and the department responds to approximately 15 fire calls per year. The Spider Lake Fire Department serves the Town of Spider Lake and has mutual aid agreements with Clam Lake, Namekagon and Round Lake. Assistance is also provided to the DNR and Forest Service and receives assistance from the DNR and Forest Services on an as needed basis. Two locations in which equipment is located are the Town garage and on Tews Road.

**Rescue Services** – Spider Lake has a First Responder team and 2 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's). Ambulance services are provided through Sawyer County dispatch (911).

### **FUTURE NEEDS**

Identified throughout this element has been a description of existing utilities and community facilities located in and serving the Town of Spider Lake. To assess future needs for services and infrastructure related to such utilities and community facilities, the Town has forecasted the need to expand, rehabilitate, or provide new utilities and facilities over the next 20 years in Table 4.1 on the following page.

**Table 4.1: Town of Spider Lake Future Utilities & Community Facilities**

	2008-2018			2019-2028		
	Expand	Rehab	New	Expand	Rehab	New
Solid Waste Disposal						
Recycling Facilities						
Communication Facilities						
Law Enforcement						
Fire						
Rescue						
Parks						
Town Hall/Garage						
Other Govt. Facilities						

Source: Town of Spider Lake