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## MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Appleton

FROM: Andrew Dane

DATE: December 5, 2016

RE: Key Chapter 7 Utilities & Community Facilities Updates  
SEH No. 135537 14.00

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The purpose of this memo is to summarize the key **proposed** chapter updates made to the City's 2010-2030 Comprehensive Plan as part of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan update.

New objectives and policies are **highlighted yellow**. ~~Strikethrough text~~ denotes those objectives and policies which have been removed from the updated Comprehensive Plan.

### Key Changes

Support for the library and addressing all types of infrastructure are among the key updates to Chapter 7. Partnerships, education, and accessibility were also addressed through newly incorporated objectives and policies.

### Overall Goal

Appleton will provide excellent public utility and community services at a reasonable cost, and will work with private utility companies to ensure quality service delivery. This will be carried out through the implementation of the following goals, objectives, and policies:

- 7.1 OBJECTIVE: Provide a pattern of development that minimizes impacts to municipal services and utilities.**
- 7.1.1 Prioritize development and redevelopment that minimizes the need for additional public and private infrastructure such as water storage facilities and sewage lift stations.
  - 7.1.2 Collaborate with other units of government to share utilities, services, and community facilities where appropriate, and where resulting in improved services or lower costs.
  - 7.1.3 Continue to utilize planning tools, such as the ~~Facilities Management Plan~~ and Capital Improvements Plan, to implement improvements.
  - 7.1.4 **Coordinate land use, transportation, and utility and community facilities planning through integrated planning processes to the greatest extent possible.**
- 7.2 OBJECTIVE: Ensure that municipal services and utilities, **as well as privately distributed energy sources**, are delivered in a sustainable manner.**
- 7.2.1 ~~Prepare a sustainability audit of municipal utilities, services, and facilities to determine where enhancements may be made to embrace the "triple bottom line" of people, planet, and profits.~~
  - 7.2.1 **Continue to participate in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Green Tier Legacy Program.**

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7.2.2 Develop policies and programs which anticipate and respond to new forms and types of distributed, renewable energy generation.

**7.3 OBJECTIVE: Work with other public/private utilities and service providers to assist them, when appropriate to do so, in delivering services to Appleton residents.**

7.3.1 Continue to collaborate with the Appleton Area School District and private schools on issues such as joint development and use of recreational fields, telecommunications infrastructure, bicycle and pedestrian safety, and similar issues.

7.3.2 Work with the hospitals in the City to address access and expansion issues that may hinder their growth or efficient operation.

**7.4 OBJECTIVE: Maintain the existing public water and sanitary sewer infrastructure.**

7.4.1 Continue to maintain existing assets through regular monitoring of conditions and implementation of related utility plans such as the City's Water System Master Plan (June 2007).

7.4.2 Implement the recommendations contained in the final report titled "Evaluation of Phosphorous Treatment Optimization and TMDL Compliance."

7.4.3 Further study the digester gas and production uses from the anaerobic digesters to improve capture and use of the gases created.

7.4.4 Continue to pursue permitting for the wastewater treatment facility's biosolid composting pilot program.

**7.5 OBJECTIVE: Implement effective stormwater management practices.**

7.5.1 Continue to implement the City's Surface Water Management Plan and its WPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS-4) permit from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

**7.6 OBJECTIVE: Continue to partner with other agencies, organizations, and businesses to proactively address public health and mental health issues in the community.**

7.6.1 Continue to support the goals and objectives of the City's Health Department, area counties and other community agencies.

**7.7 OBJECTIVE: Continue to partner with other agencies, organizations, and businesses to support programs and activities for at-risk populations.**

7.7.1 Continue to partner with and support organizations which build strong communities by supporting at-risk populations.

**7.8 OBJECTIVE: Support creation of a new or remodeled library downtown, which will significantly contribute to the arts and culture of downtown Appleton.**

7.8.1 Continue to support the efforts of the library to best meet the needs of its users and contribute to a vibrant downtown.

**7.9 OBJECTIVE: Continue to support practical, cost-effective and collaborative approaches to solid waste management and recycling.**

7.9.1 Continue to explore opportunities related to effective bio-solids management, including seeking successful permitting of the bio-solids program.

7.9.2 Continue to partner with Outagamie County to provide high quality, cost effective solid waste and recycling services to residents.

**7.10 OBJECTIVE: Continue to coordinate, partner, and collaborate with educational institutions to support access for all to education.**

7.10.1 Explore an education summit or process to develop mutual goals and objectives among area educational institutions and the City, including but not limited to Appleton Area School District, Lawrence University, Fox Valley Technical College.

7.10.2 Support project based learning that connects those seeking an education with actual work experience in the community.

7.10.3 Support lifelong learning programs with community organizations and the Library.

**7.11 OBJECTIVES: Support Police, Fire and Emergency Services.**

7.11.1 Continue to support implementation of police, fire, and emergency service plans and programs.

**7.12 OBJECTIVES: Support the Access Appleton pilot program and follow up initiatives to encourage greater destination accessibility for all.**

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