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To: Madison Plan Commission and Common Council

From: Brian Grady and Jeff Greger, Planning Division

RE: Proposed Town of Cottage Grove Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA)

Over the last seven years, large portions of the Town of Blooming Grove have been attached to Madison. The City now shares a nearly 5.5 mile border with the Town of Cottage Grove. While the City has yet to annex any lands from the Town, future development and annexations are likely in this boundary area. It is in the City and the Town's interests to enter into an agreement to provide stability in this area and encourage sensible growth.

The proposed IGA is the result of extensive discussions between Madison and the Town of Cottage Grove. Additionally, Town officials have discussed the proposal and obtained feedback from Town property owners over the course of several Town Board meetings—including a Town Public Hearing regarding the IGA held on October 6, 2021.

The primary feedback from Town property owners was concern over annexation methods in State Law where property can be annexed to a city or village against the wishes of a property owner. Based on this feedback, the proposed IGA only allows property in the potential Madison expansion area to be annexed to Madison as the result of property owners petitioning for annexation (and Madison approving the petition). This limitation is consistent with existing City practices, as the City does not annex lands involuntarily.

The structure of this IGA differs significantly from the City's four Cooperative Plans. The Cooperative Plans have a pre-determined date by which all applicable Town land, which has not yet been attached, is transferred to the City. No properties will switch jurisdictions under this IGA. The IGA instead defines an area in the Town where the City may exercise its annexation powers and development review authority, and the area where the City will not exercise extraterritorial plat review. The attached map illustrates these Cooperative Plans and includes the potential Madison expansion area included in the proposed IGA.



Intergovernmental Boundary Agreements

City of Madison

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Please see individual agreements for detailed attachment information

-  Town of Cottage Grove - City of Madison (Expires in 2062)
-  Town of Middleton - City of Madison (Expires in 2060)
-  Parcels attaching to the City of Madison (Final Attachment - 2042)
-  Town of Madison - City of Fitchburg - City of Madison
-  Parcels attaching to Madison (Final Attachment - 2022)
-  Town of Burke - City of Sun Prairie - Village of DeForest - City of Madison
-  Burke parcels attaching to Madison (Final Attachment - 2036)
-  Burke Protected Areas
-  DeForest Extraterritorial Water Service Area
-  Sun Prairie - Madison Community Separation Agreement Area
-  Blooming Grove parcels attaching to Madison (Final Attachment - 2027)
-  Blooming Grove Protected Areas
-  City of Madison
-  Other Cities and Villages
-  Towns

