

## Chapter 4: Utilities & Community Facilities

This element of the *Plan* contains both background information on utilities and community facilities found in the Town of Little Black as well as future needs for the same utilities and community facilities. Maps for the Utilities and Community Facilities element include Map 4.1, *Utilities*. All maps are located at the end of this element. The township has ordinances concerning high capacity wells.

### Sanitary Sewer Service

The Town of Little Black does not provide municipal sewer service. Residents must utilize Private On-site Waste Treatment Systems (POWTS), to dispose of household and commercial waste-water in the town. There are a number of different POWTS available to residents of the town.

### Water Supply

Town residents obtain water through individual private wells. Table 4-1 is a summary of private wells in the WDNR well inventory located in the township of Little Black. This was summarized by the Taylor County Land Conservation Department.

**Table 4-1 Private Well Summary Little Black Township (January 1936-November 2009)**  
Source Taylor County Land Conservation Department

| # of Wells | Ave Well Depth (Range) | Ave Well Yield (Range) | Ave Depth to Granite (Range) | Ave Static Water Level (Range) |
|------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 431        | 99.3 (30-480)          | 8.1 (0.7-80)           | 65.0 (17-180)                | 17.3 (1-52)                    |

### Storm Water Management

Storm water in the Town of Little Black is

permitted to drain through a series of ditches and culverts along town roadways. The town does not have a storm water management plan in place, and there are no plans to add a municipal storm sewer system in the town over the next 20 years.

### Solid Waste / Recycling Facilities

Non-fee recycling and minimal fee solid waste facilities are provided at the town hall at posted times and days. Private residential pickup is also available through private contract. The Town of Little Black is a member of the Taylor County Recycling Authority.

### Schools

The Town of Little Black is served by the Medford School District, which is the largest district in Taylor County covering a 350 square mile area. The district has four separate facilities, which include the Medford Elementary School, located at 1065 W Broadway St., Medford Middle School, located at 509 Clark St., Medford High School, located at 1015 Broadway St., and the Stetsonville Elementary School, located at 5338 CTH A in the town of Little Black. According to the Wisconsin

Figure 4.1 Stetsonville Elementary School



Department of Instruction, the Medford School District enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year was 2103. Since the 2001-2002 school year, enrollment has dropped 324 students, a 13.3% decrease.

### **Libraries**

The Jean M. Thomsen Memorial Library, located at 105 North Gershwine Street; Stetsonville, Wisconsin 54480 and the Francis L. Simek Memorial Library, located at 400 N. Main Street in the City of Medford, serve the Town of Little Black. The libraries offer a number of programs and services to residents.

### **Law Enforcement**

Police protection is provided by the Taylor County Sheriff's Department, located at 224 S. Second St. in the City of Medford. The department has jurisdiction over a 976 square-mile area. All 9-1-1 emergency calls are dispatched through the County Sheriff's Office.

### **Fire Protection**

The Town of Little Black is part of the Stetsonville Volunteer Fire Department located at 532 E CTY A Stetsonville, Wisconsin 54480. The department is staffed by 40 volunteer fire fighters, and covers 108 square miles. It has an Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating of 7.

### **Rescue/Emergency Response**

The Taylor County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the Taylor County First Responders provide rescue services in Taylor County. The Taylor County EMS Office is operated through the Memorial Medical Center and located in the City of Medford. Ambulances are located in Medford (3), Gilman (1), and Rib Lake (1). The Taylor County First Responders have command centers in Jump River, Lublin, and Stetsonville.

### **Health Care Facilities**

Memorial Health Center is a not-for-profit,

primary care hospital and clinic organization serving primarily Taylor and southern Price counties in north-central Wisconsin. The hospital is located in Medford with branch clinics located in Gilman, Medford, Prentice and Rib Lake. The hospital administers the Taylor County Ambulance Service, which is available 24 hours a day.

### **Child Care Facilities**

The Taylor County Human Services Department keeps information on certified and licensed childcare providers in Taylor County. The childcare provider list is continuously updated by the Human Services Department.

### **Cemeteries**

There are four active cemeteries in the Town of Little Black. St. Marys Catholic is located 1 ½ miles north of CTH A on Castle Ave. Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery is located on CTH A ½ mile east of Swallow Avenue. Zion Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery and the Stetsonville Public Cemetery are located near the corner of SH 13 & Stetson Ave.

### **Parks/Recreation Areas/Trails**

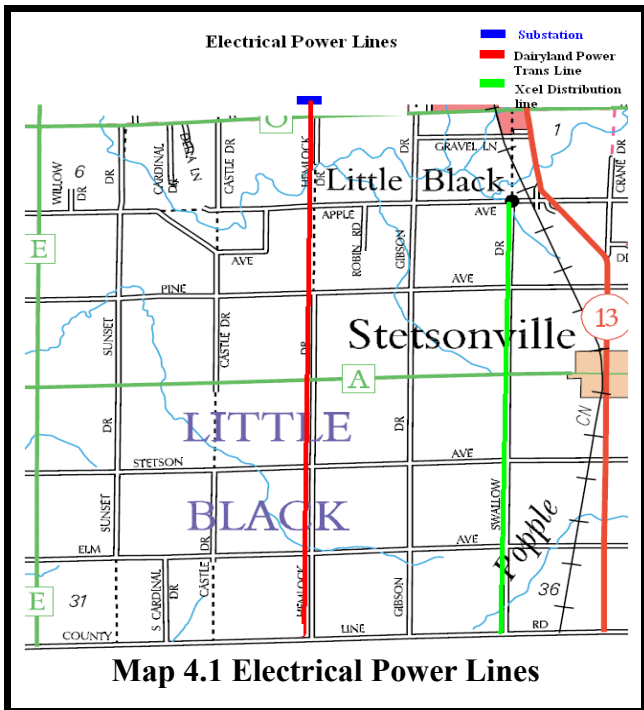
There are no town designated parks and recreation areas in the Town of Little Black.

### **Telecommunication Facilities**

TDS Telecom provides local telephone service to Town of Little Black residents and businesses. Multiple companies are available to provide long-distance telephone and internet services. There are currently no cell phone towers in the town.

### **Power Plants / Transmission Lines**

The major electric provider serving the town is Taylor Electric Cooperative. It is also served by Xcel Energy. A transmission line for Dairyland Power follows Hemlock Dr from County Line Rd to a substation near CTH Q and CTH O in the



town of Medford. A substation serving the town of Little Black is located at the corner of Hemlock Dr and County Line Rd.

## Other Government Facilities

Little Black Town Hall - The town hall is located on the corner of Gibson Ave and CTH A. Town

Figure 4.2 Little Black Town Hall and Shop



meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of the month at 7:00 PM. The town hall and shop has been refurbished in 2009. An equipment shed was built in 2008.

## Programs

Programs for utilities and community facilities are available for a number of different activities. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce administers the Community Development Block (CDBG) program. The following CDBG grants are available to local units of government.

- CDBG-PF – Public Facilities
- CDBG-PFED – Public Facilities for Economic Development
- CDBG-EMER – Emergency Program
- CDBG-PLNG - Planning

For more information on these and other programs offered by the Department of Commerce go to: <http://commerce.wi.gov>

- USDA-Rural Development – Offers multiple grants including Emergency Community Water Assistance, Rural Water Circuit Rider Technical Assistance, Technical Assistance and Training, and Water and Waste Disposal Loans and Grants. For more information go to: [www.rurdev.usda.gov/wi/index.htm](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/wi/index.htm)

## Future Needs

Identified throughout this element has been a description of existing utilities and community facilities located in and serving the Town of Little Black. The town has determined that current service levels are adequate with no immediate changes required.