

## Town of Gibraltar

### Green Tier Legacy Community Baseline Assessment – 2019-2020

#### Green Tier Legacy Communities Mission Statement

To help communities in the state of Wisconsin move continuously toward a sustainable future through initiatives that promote environmental stewardship, economic growth, public health, and social equity.

#### Transportation

1. Bicycle & Pedestrian Programs/Projects
  - Bike Lane on Spring Road – Completed 2019
  - Established Pedestrian Pathways Plan - 2018
  - Existing Sidewalks Replaced – Completed 2020
  - New Sidewalks and Pedestrian Island Crossings – Completed 2020
2. Employer-Based Programs
3. Traffic Volume

#### Transportation System Management

1. Preservation & Improvement
  - Low Speed Vehicle Ordinance 2011
  - Town Road Repair & Improvement Plan (Town Budget & Grants) – 2015 - Ongoing
2. Electric Vehicles
  - Provide Public Charging Stations
    - Electric Charging Station – Installed 2016
    - Exploring options for two more electric vehicle charging stations to be installed in the new public parking area - TBD
3. Vehicle Idling

#### Zoning & Development

1. Infill Development
2. Walk Score
3. Zoning
  - Town of Gibraltar Comprehensive Plan – Completed in 2004; updated in 2015
    - 20-year update due 2024
  - Town Changed Zoning of Natural Areas to Conservation Areas – Comprehensive Plan 2004

## Natural Resource Management

1. Canopy
  - Reforestation of Fish Creek Park including the creek corridor, and Sunset Park, due to dying ash trees – 40 trees already cut along hiking trails, 100 2ft. trees ordered to plant in spring 2021
2. Vegetation Management
  - Removal/Management of Invasive Species on Town Parks and Properties (including the creek corridor in Fish Creek Park) – Ongoing
    - Barberry has been removed and treated
    - Scotch pine trees removed
    - Wild parsnip removed and treated
    - Also, dames rocket, garlic mustard, wild parsnip, and burdock removed on a section of Spring Road and reseeded by DCIST with deer resistant wildflowers & grasses
  - Reduction of Use of Fertilizers, Herbicides & Pesticides on Town Properties – Ongoing
    - The Town follows the TruNatural<sup>SM</sup> Lawn Care Plan from TruGreen Lawn Care Services
      - Uses 100% natural fertilizer
      - Spot treatment of weeds (full application only when necessary/severe weed situation)
  - Public Properties and Rights of Way Mown or Cleared only for Safe Sightlines or to Remove Invasive Species
3. Water Protection
  - Fish Creek Watershed Plan – Adopted 2017
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Educational Field Trip to Fish Creek in Partnership with Gibraltar Area Schools and Friends of Gibraltar - 2018, 2019, (2020 cancelled due to Covid19; hope to resume in 2021) - Ongoing
  - Reduction in Use of Chemical Cleaners when Cleaning Town Properties – Ongoing

## Community Energy Use

1. Community Energy Use Policies
2. Measuring Community Energy Use

## Municipal Energy Use

1. Government Energy Use Policies
  - Energy Efficient Building Construction Choices – Fire Department, Community Center, Town Maintenance Shop and Beach Bathrooms
  - LED Bulbs Used in Town buildings/Participation in WPS Rebate Programs
  - LED Changeout for Street Lights

- New Street Lights with LED bulbs and Timed Lighting - 2020
- High Efficiency Furnaces – Programable
- On Demand Water Heaters
- Use of Recycled Paper & Other Consumables
- Solar panels used as part of electricity supply to the Chambers Island Lighthouse

## 2. Measuring Government Energy Use

### Water Use Conservation

1. Water Conservation
2. Local Government Use

### Water & Wastewater Infrastructure Management

1. Sanitary
  - Public Bathrooms with Outside Access at Noble House & Town Hall - Completed
  - Public Bathrooms at the Town Beach –Completed 2019
2. Ground Water
  - The Town participated in a Well Water Testing Program for Private Well Owners - U.W. Stevens Point - 2012

### Stormwater Management

1. Best Management Practices
  - Town Street Sweeping Program
  - Vortech Stormwater Treatment Unit at the Beach – Completed 2019
  - Extension of Storm Drains to Gibraltar School – Completed 2020

### Water & Development

1. Land Development
  - Identify key green infrastructure areas during plan development and/or implement a plan to acquire and protect key green infrastructure areas
    - Town Purchase of 27 Acres, including a section of Fish Creek
      - Now known as Fish Creek Park
    - Town Purchase of Property to extend the Public Beach 2016
2. Waters, Wetlands, and Wildlife
  - DNR Grant to Obtain Fish Passage Designs for the Redmann Dam & the Hwy 42 Culvert – 2019
  - DNR River Management Grant to Install a Fish Ladder and Baffles at the Hwy 42 Culvert – 2019-2021 Ongoing
  - Restoration of Meander – 2019-2021 -Ongoing
  - Fish Creek Watershed Study began monitoring Fish Creek in 1999 – Town Joined Water Action Volunteers 2013 - Ongoing

- Liquid Manure Spraying Ordinance – 2017

## Waste Management & Reduction

### 1. Garbage & Recycling

- Town Owned Containers for Garbage & Recycling at Town Parks, & Properties
  - Dog Pick Up Bags in Town Parks
- Mandatory Curbside Recycling Pickup that covers paper, metal cans, glass & plastic bottles – Single Stream Recycling Drop Off Schedule at a Town Drop Off Site - Ongoing
- Develop & Promote Programs that dispose of household hazardous waste, medical & electronic waste – Cooperation with State for sharps and drug collection - Ongoing

## Healthy Community Planning

1. Policies Affecting Multiple Program Areas
2. Planning
3. Healthy Food Access –
  - Citizen Operated Farmers Market (Settlement Hwy 42 - Wednesdays May - Oct)
4. Physical Activity and Access
  - Replacement of Town Street Lights with Improved Downcast Lighting – Completed 2020
  - Installation of New Crosswalk at the YMCA – 2020
  - Own and maintain hiking trails in Fish Creek Park
  - Provide an on street or off-street trail network connecting recreational areas in the community (e.g. safe routes to parks) and other trip generators such as shopping malls, assuring that all neighborhoods are included in planning & implementation
    - Town of Gibraltar Bike/Pedestrian Plan – 2010
      - The Town sought a connection for bikes between Peninsula State Park and the core downtown area via Bluff Street, but the property owner declined - 2019.
    - Multi-model trail in Fish Creek Park – Ongoing
      - Potential grant funding available through RTP grant in 2021
5. Housing
6. Crime Prevention and Other Harm Reduction
  - Established a Town of Gibraltar Police Department with a Full Time Police Officer
  - Hired a Full Time Fire Chief for Town of Gibraltar Volunteer Fire Department - Completed 2018
7. Climate Change
8. Noise
  - Adopted Noise Ordinance – 2014
9. Employee Health
  - Town Employee Health Insurance Program

10. Placemaking

11. Waste Pharmaceuticals

- Cooperation with the State for Drug & Sharps Collection