

- **Continuing to providing a high standard of services to the residents of the Town of Lake Mills in a fiscally responsible manner.**

All of the goals, objectives, and policies of this plan strive to further the four primary opportunities and address the six growth issues, providing vision and coherence.

## 2.2 Goals, Objectives and Policies

Goals, objectives, policies, and recommendations were developed for each of the nine required planning elements to pursue the opportunities mentioned above and to enhance the Town’s distinctive features. Specific goals, objectives, and policies for each of the other eight elements are listed in those chapters.

**Goals** describe the future state of the Town in the twenty year planning context.

**Objectives** are measurable actions that the Town of Lake Mills will pursue to accomplish the community goals and vision.

**Policies** are the adopted ordinances, regulations, plans, and projects that enable the Town to reach the twenty year objectives and ultimately its goals.

The following goals, objectives, and policies are general guidelines for the use of land in the Town of Lake Mills and respond to the issues and guiding opportunities that were developed through the planning process.



An old silo and a new home in the Town of Lake Mills.

### *Issues and Opportunities Goal I*

**Enhance and protect the assets of the Town of Lake Mills that give us the high quality of life that we enjoy. Those assets are rural atmosphere and agricultural resources, scenic beauty, historic heritage, natural resources, groundwater resources, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, and effective transportation networks.**

#### *Objectives*

- Follow the Jefferson County Agricultural Preservation and Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinances and the Town of Lake Mills Land Use Plan and Land Division Ordinance when making development and re-zoning decisions.
- Direct growth to the Town Growth Area, the Sanitary Sewer Service Area, and the City of Lake Mills North and South Growth Areas where services may be provided efficiently and to prevent fragmentation of our natural areas and farmlands.
- Encourage the preservation of agricultural land, natural resources, historic landmarks, and scenic beauty.
- Plan for wellhead protection and the future effect of growth on groundwater quality and quantity.

## ***Issues and Opportunities Goal II***

**Balance the rights of all citizens as a community and those of the individual by encouraging active participation in Town government.**

### ***Objectives***

- Encourage citizen participation in Town government.
- Educate residents and property owners on Town government processes and about the Town itself.
- Provide citizen input opportunities in the decision-making process for new developments and Town facilities.
- Encourage citizen participation in plan development and ordinance development and revision.
- Work to involve commuters and summer-home owners in Town government and activities.

## ***Issues and Opportunities Goal III***

**Maintain and enhance the working relationship between the Town of Lake Mills and the City of Lake Mills, Jefferson County, and surrounding jurisdictions to provide services and emergency protection efficiently.**

### ***Objectives***

- Continue to participate in the Lake Mills Extraterritorial Zoning Committee
- Continue to participate in land use planning and zoning with Jefferson County.
- Maintain emergency and fire agreements to serve the residents and property owners in the Town of Lake Mills.

The Issues and Opportunities Element Chapter continues with demographic information and trends for the Town of Lake Mills.

## **2.3 Demographic Information and Trends**

This section of the Comprehensive Plan provides demographic background and trend data on population and households. In many cases, the most recent data on the township level is from the 2000 U.S. Census. More recent population data and projections are from the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration.

### **Population**

Since 1970 the population of the Town of Lake Mills has grown from 1,472 persons to 2,021 persons in 2006 or by 37.3 percent in 36 years. The Wisconsin Department of Administration (WDOA) estimates that by the year 2025 the population will grow to 2,532 persons, an increase of 25.3 percent over the next