

# Chapter 7: Community Facilities

## Introduction

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The types of services and facilities a community offers to its residents and surrounding population can indicate the quality of life in that community. They can also attract new residents who are looking for a quality community to live. Services and facilities found in the City of Menomonie include parks, schools, medical facilities, libraries, arts centers and emergency services.

Although the City is not the provider of all of these services and facilities, it can work with other entities to ensure their long-term future in Menomonie.

## City Hall

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Municipal offices for the City of Menomonie are located on the third floor of the Dunn County Government Center located at 800 Wilson Avenue (see *Map 7-1*). The municipal offices housed at City Hall include the offices of the Mayor, City Administrator, City Clerk, City Treasurer/Comptroller, Building Inspector, Public Works Director and the City Council. The existing space is adequate for the number of staff working at City Hall which has remained fairly constant.

The City leases its office space from Dunn County. Currently, the City has lease through 2024 with an option to extend the lease to 2034.

## Public Works

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The Public Works Director works closely with the Mayor and City Administrator and serves as an advisor to the City Council. The Public Works Director is responsible for all utilities provided to the citizens of Menomonie by overseeing the Street, Water, and Wastewater Departments. The Public Works Director's office is located in City Hall but related offices are in other locations throughout the City. The City maintains a 5-year Capital Improvements Plan that identifies specific needs for each department that is reviewed and updated each year.

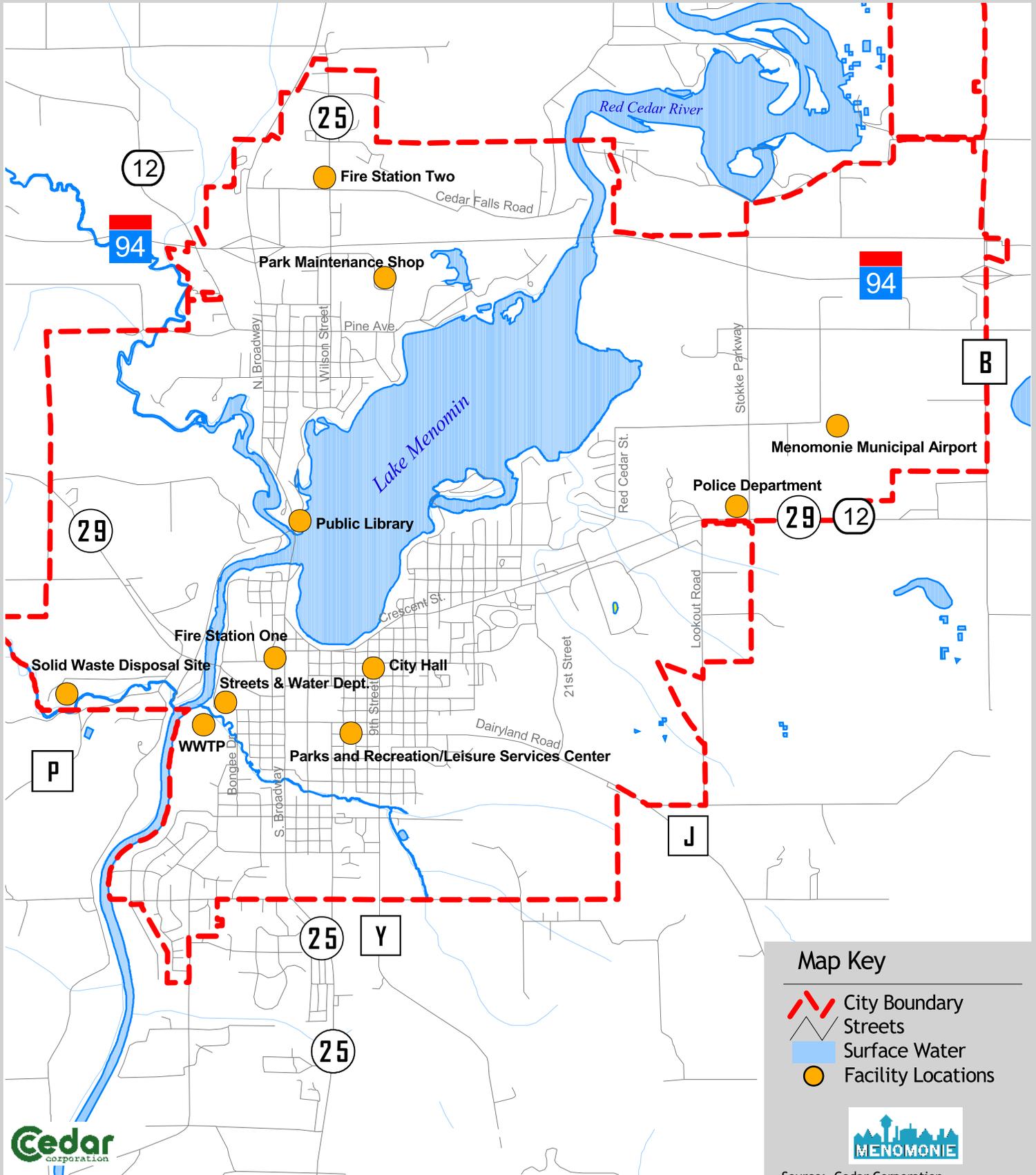
### **Street Department**

The Street Department and Water Department share the City Shop located at 621 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue West. The City Shop and associated buildings are located on approximately 16 acres of land. The Street Department is responsible for street sweeping, snow and ice removal, crack filling, patching and other street related maintenance as well as tree maintenance, storm sewer maintenance and sidewalk maintenance.

Current facilities include offices, outdoor storage, cold storage, heated garage, and salt storage. Long term needs would be additional cold storage for equipment and supplies.

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Map 7-1



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### **Water Department**

The Water Department is responsible for the maintenance of the water distribution service which includes water mains, towers, wells, hydrants and meters. The Water Department shares the offices, outdoor storage, cold storage, and heated garage with the Street Department. It also utilizes one half of a garage located at the WWTP. Long term needs would be additional heated garage space for vehicles that are currently kept outside during the winter.

### **Sewer Utility**

The Wastewater Utility provides wastewater treatment and analysis for the City of Menomonie. The wastewater treatment plant is located at 620 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue W. on approximately seven acres of land.

Recent improvements to the WWTP were completed between 2010 and 2011. These included improving the accessibility and safety of the headworks building, a new building and gas handling system with a boiler to process methane which is used to heat the sludge in the north digester, one new digester cover, and the installation of new mixers on both digesters.

Electrical upgrades were completed to the plant and new Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system (SCADA) on all the lift stations and at the WWTP.

The Sewer Utility maintains a 5-Year Facilities Plan. Future improvements may be needed to address mandated phosphorous levels. The existing site has room to further expand the WWTP in the future.

### **Solid Waste Disposal Site**

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The City's Solid Waste Disposal site is located at 1601 Gilbert Creek Road and covers approximately 95 acres. Much of this land is occupied by three closed storage cells. Two were used for municipal waste while the third was for construction waste.

The site has dumpsters for solid/household waste and bins for recyclables. The dumpsters are taken to the Dunn County Transfer Station when full. A compactor on site would allow the City to put more waste in the dumpsters.

Menomonie residents may bring leaves, grass clippings, clean wood, branches, brick, concrete, metal and other recyclables to the site. Residents can also take compost and wood chips free of charge when available. The City brings sand that is swept off the streets to the site as well.

The WDNR recently required that the City move its compost piles further away from Gilbert Creek reducing the amount of space available for composting. An additional two to three acres of land would be needed in order to compost all of the materials it could collect.

### **Parks and Recreation**

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The Menomonie Parks and Recreation Department is the provider or facilitator of recreation services, programs, and facilities for the citizens of Menomonie. The Department organizes year round recreational activities and maintains approximately 380 acres of City-owned property.

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The Parks and Recreation Director and staff have their offices in the Leisure Services Center which is located at 1412 6<sup>th</sup> Street while the office of the Parks Supervisor, located in the Park Maintenance Shop, is located in Wakanda Park at 1901 Wakanda Street.

The Leisure Services Center is also used by the Shirley Doane Senior Center and after school programs. The public may rent out rooms in the Center. The Center currently serves the senior's needs. The Center is located on 1.8 acres of land which has the capacity for future expansion of the facility if needed.

The Menomonie Parks and Recreation Department maintains a 5-year Parks and Recreation Plan which was updated in 2013. This document serves as the main planning document for parks and recreation needs.

The Park Maintenance Shop houses the offices of the Park Supervisor and staff. There is also heated and cold storage space for equipment and supplies. There is also some outdoor storage of materials. There are two additional buildings in Wakanda Park that the Parks and Recreation Department and other City departments use as shared storage space.

Storage bins or possibly fencing/screening is desired at the Park Maintenance Shop to preserve the view from the new baseball field located near the Shop.

### Police Department

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The Menomonie Police Department is located at 615 Stokke Parkway in the Dunn County Judicial Center. The City rents its space in the Judicial Center and has a 20-year lease with Dunn County.

The Dunn County Judicial Center facility also houses the Dunn County Sheriff's Department, Dunn County Jail, Dunn County Courthouse and Dunn County Emergency Communications Center.



The current space is meeting the needs of the Police Department but any additional staff may require an analysis of the existing space to accommodate the future needs. An additional interview room for juveniles is desired and expanded indoor parking for vehicles is a long-term goal.

The Menomonie Police Department also has a recently renovated shooting range located at the Solid Waste Disposal Site. The Police Department also utilizes storage space in Wakanda Park.

### Fire Department and EMS

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The Menomonie Fire Department serves the City of Menomonie as well as rural areas that surround the City including the Village of Knapp and Towns of Dunn, Lucas, Menomonie, Red Cedar, Spring Brook, Tainter, Weston, and Sherman. All fulltime fire fighters are cross trained to provide fire, EMS, and rescue services.

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The Menomonie Fire Department operates out of two fire stations located at 116 West Main Street and at 2417 Wilson Street. Station Two was completed in 2008 and incorporated a wide range of sustainable features in its design. Station One has limited options for expansion because it is located in the downtown and there is little to no room for expansion. Station Two is located on 3.2 acres of land and occupies approximately half of the parcel. The building was designed to be extended to the north. Long range needs may require the expansion of Station Two or the construction of a third station.

### **Menomonie Municipal Airport**

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The recently completed improvements to Menomonie's Municipal Airport (Score Field) have increased the accessibility to the City by air travel. The airport improvement project included the construction of a new primary east/west runway 5040 feet in length by 75 feet in width. The project also included the upgrading of navigational aids with the installation of new medium intensity runway lights (MIRLS), runway end identifier lights (REILS), and a visual approach decent indicator (VADI/PAPI).

In 2010, the Airport completed a new 2,500 sq. ft. terminal which includes a conference room, pilot's lounge, pilot's flight planning room, lobby, manager's office, and kitchenette. The new terminal features geothermal heating. Parking facilities were upgraded and 11 acres of land were purchased for future airport needs.

The Menomonie Municipal Airport replaced all of their runway lighting with new LED lights and repaired/upgraded the electrical vault in 2013. Future project plans include pavement repairs, fuel storage/dispenser improvements and infrastructure improvements (taxiways and utilities) to support additional private hangars on the airport. The airport overlay zoning ordinance continues to support airport friendly growth around and near the airport.

The City of Menomonie should continue to promote and support the use of its Municipal Airport for corporate and private aviation travel.

More information regarding the Menomonie Municipal Airport can be found in Chapter Four.

### **Menomonie Public Library**

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The Menomonie Public Library is located at 600 Wolske Bay Road and is part of the Indianhead Federated Library System (IFLS). The Library was designed by architect John Howe between 1983-1986. Howe is notable for his association with the Taliesin Fellowship of Frank Lloyd Wright, working as an apprentice from 1932 to 1964, and the library's design shows the influence of the Prairie style that Wright is famous for.

The City of Menomonie owns the building but the library is managed by the Menomonie Municipal Library Board. Recent improvements include upgrades to the HVAC/mechanical systems, elevator, ADA accessibility to the outdoor stage, and bicycle parking infrastructure.

The Library maintains a Long Range Plan for Library development, currently for 2013 – 2017. The plan outlines



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goals for the next five years for community awareness, facilities and space, funding, new populations, programming and services, technology, and outreach.

The Library site has limited room for expansion due to the proximity to Lake Menomin, development to the north, and Wolske Bay Road. Conceptual drawings were completed in the past showing a future addition to the Library.

### Health Care Facilities

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There are two main healthcare providers in the City of Menomonie (see Map 7-2). The Mayo Clinic Health System – Red Cedar in Menomonie, in partnership with Mayo Clinic, provides health care services and direct access to highly specialized care if the need arises. The Mayo Clinic Health System is located at 2321 Stout Road.

The Marshfield Clinic Menomonie Center is a primary care clinic staffed by family medicine physicians and is located at 3603 Schneider Avenue in the Stout Technology Park.

The Neighbors of Dunn County is a non-institutional nursing home designed neighborhood facility constructed in 2013. The Neighbors of Dunn County was designed to be more home-like and less institutional with living rooms, kitchens, dens, porches, patios, private bathrooms in each private room. Some of the many services include physical, occupational and speech therapy, rehabilitation services, Alzheimer's/dementia care, and long-term care.

### Child Care Facilities

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Child care facilities are licensed by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. Currently, there are 16 licensed facilities in the City of Menomonie. The most common reason for the need for child care facilities is to provide parents with a place that provides care and supervision of a child or children while the parent or parents works.

### Schools

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Education is often a major consideration for why families relocate to an area. Menomonie offers a wide variety of educational opportunities including an excellent public school district, a technical college and a university in the University of Wisconsin System.

Within the City of Menomonie there are three public elementary schools (Wakanda, River Heights, and Oaklawn), one public middle school (Menomonie Middle School), and one public high school (Menomonie High School).

There are also three private schools in Menomonie. These include the Immanuel Baptist Church School, St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School, and St. Paul's Lutheran School.

### Technical Colleges and Universities

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The Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) has five campuses located throughout West Central Wisconsin. The Menomonie Campus offers Associate Degrees, Technical Diplomas, certificates, as well as opportunities to complete many general education credits needed for graduation.

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The University of Wisconsin-Stout is an integral part of Menomonie's community as well as the landscape. Stout's clock tower is a very recognizable feature and can be seen from miles away. UW-Stout was founded as an experiment in industrial education back in 1891 when James Huff Stout opened the Stout Manual Training School. UW-Stout has kept its professional focus to this day and is now designated as "Wisconsin's Polytechnic University." Academic strengths include fields in business, management, technology, and applied arts. There are over nine thousand students enrolled at the University.



### Museums and the Arts

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The City of Menomonie is home to several prominent museums and arts facilities.

The Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts was constructed in 1889 and is located on Main Street in downtown Menomonie. This Center for the Arts is a fully functional Victorian era theater with a year round performing arts season featuring nationally recognized artists. The Mabel Tainter Memorial Theater, a designated Wisconsin Historical Site, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



The building underwent a major restoration of the entire structure which included the installation of new plumbing and electrical wiring, a sprinkler system, and ADA improvements including an elevator. Interior rehabilitation was done as well.

The Wilson Place Museum/Mansion was built in 1859. It was originally a large colonial-style house with a pillared porch. It provides a glimpse into the life of Captain William Wilson, a principal in the Knapp, Stout & Company, founder and first mayor of the City of Menomonie. When Wilson died in 1892, it became the home of his daughter Angelina and son-in-law James Huff Stout, another principal in the lumber company, and civic leader who established several learning institutions that would eventually become what is known today as the University of Wisconsin-Stout. James Huff Stout was also the area's first state senator. The Wilson Place Museum/Mansion is currently only open for special events.

The Russell J. Rassbach Heritage Museum interprets the history of Dunn County through its extensive collection of artifacts and new exhibit areas. Along with new exhibits, their facilities include an auditorium, headquarters for the Dunn County Genealogical Society and a family research library. The museum is located in Wakanda Park and is home to the Dunn County Historical Society.

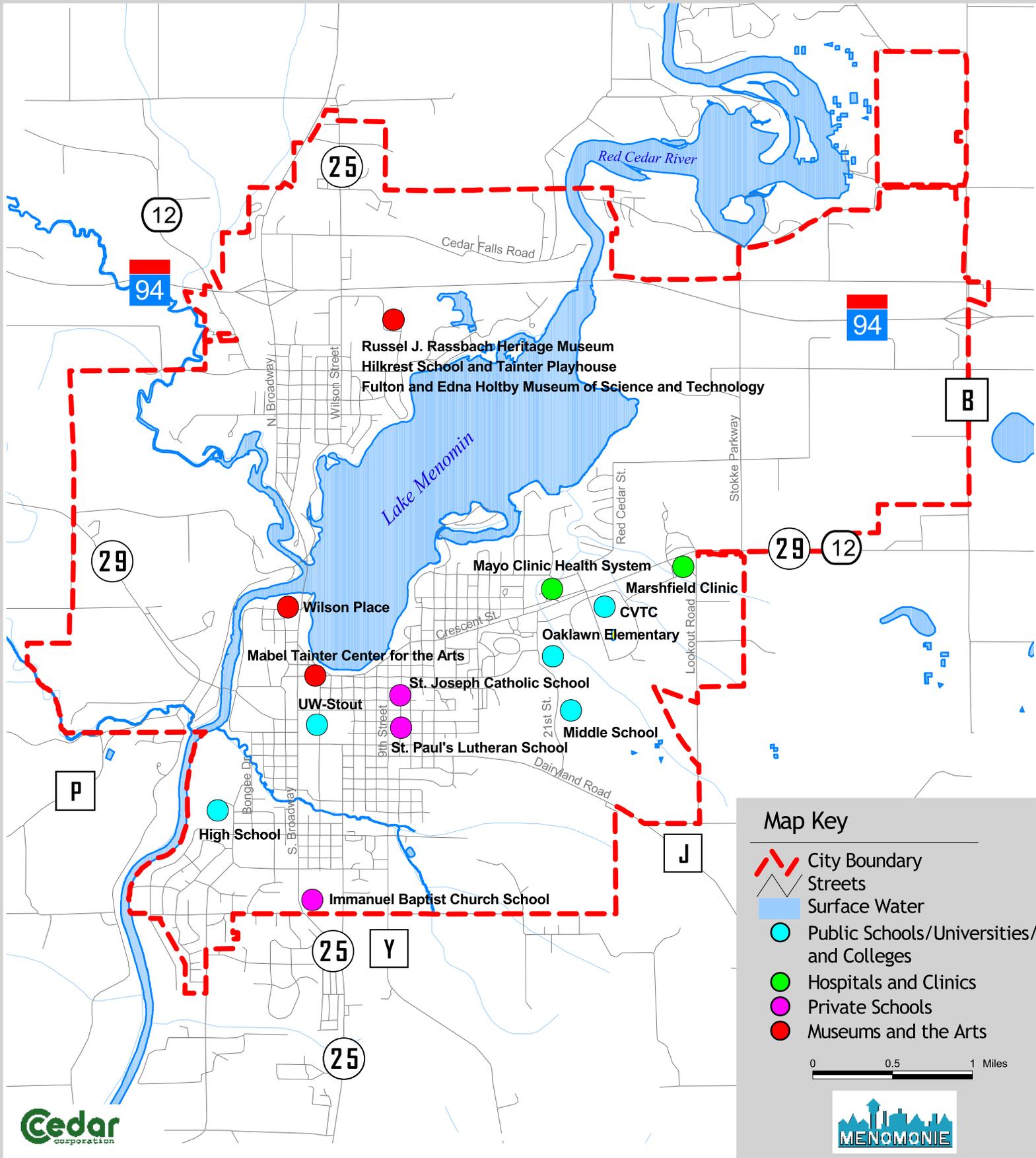
The Hilcrest School and Tainter Playhouse are now both located on the grounds of the Russell J. Rassbach Heritage Museum. Originally situated in Sherman Township, the 19th century Hilcrest School is a classic example of the one-room country schools that were common in Dunn County until the 1960's. It was moved to the Dunn County Fairgrounds in 1962-63 where it was open through the 2006 fair. The Tainter Playhouse was used by the children of Andrew Tainter, who was one of the founders of the Knapp, Stout & Co., Company lumber empire. It was moved to the Dunn County Fairgrounds in 1965 where it was open through the 2006 fair.

# Additional Community Facilities

## City of Menomonie



Map 7-2



### Map Key

- City Boundary
- Streets
- Surface Water
- Public Schools/Universities/and Colleges
- Hospitals and Clinics
- Private Schools
- Museums and the Arts

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The Fulton and Edna Holtby Museum of Science and Technology is adjacent to the Russell J. Rassbach Heritage Museum. The Museum features 15,000 square feet of exhibit space and working shops focused on applied technology. The museum will feature Mr. Holtby's extensive shop and a collection of models designed and manufactured.

### **Social Service Organizations**

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Social service organizations are public or quasi-public establishments that provide social or rehabilitation services to disadvantaged, distressed, or vulnerable persons or groups. There are over twenty social service organizations in Menomonie that serve the City and Dunn County residents. These offer a wide range of services. Representative organizations include:

The Bridge to Hope provides shelter, support, information, and referrals to people affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

Reach, Inc. is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to provide opportunities for adults and children with disabilities to promote self-determination and full participation in the community regardless of their ability

Stepping Stones of Dunn County provides three separate programs designed to prevent hunger, homelessness and isolation throughout Dunn County.

### **Cemeteries**

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There are ten cemeteries in or near the City of Menomonie. Of the ten cemeteries, six are nondenominational and four are affiliated with a church. Most of the cemeteries in Menomonie are 100 years old or older and the Evergreen Cemetery is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. It was designed by landscape architect William French of Chicago and is significant for following the English pastoral layout instead of following the more typical grid pattern.

The cemetery organizations in Menomonie do not foresee a need for expansion of their cemetery land. This is partly because there are still burial plots available for purchase, but largely because cremation is becoming the preferred means for burial.

### **Community Facilities Goals, Objectives, Programs, Policies & Actions**

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**Goal 1: Support planning efforts that examine the short term and long term needs of City provided services and facilities.**

#### **Objectives**

1. Maintain the high quality services and facilities currently provided to City and area residents.
2. Examine ways to reduce long-term costs associated with providing services and facilities to City and area residents.
3. Anticipate the future needs of services and facilities to serve City and area residents.

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### **Programs, Policies, and Actions**

1. Continue to update the City's Capital Improvements Plan to prioritize and budget facility and infrastructure needs.
2. Conduct needs assessments or feasibility studies for City Departments that have identified substantial future staff and/or space needs.
3. Continue to update the City's Parks and Recreation Plan that inventories the parks inside the City's boundary, evaluates park and recreational needs, and prioritizes future projects.
4. Design new City facilities that will allow for future and cost effective expansion when additional space is needed.
5. Identify parcels of land in or adjacent to the City that would be suitable for new or expanded services and facilities.
6. Evaluate opportunities to work with other entities to provide services or facilities for City and area residents (ex: Working with UW-Stout and the Menomonie Area School District to provide recreational facilities).
7. Offset the cost of new or expanded facilities by identifying grants and other funding mechanisms.

### **Goal 2: Locate new or expanded services and facilities for the City or other entities in areas that are accessible to the public.**

#### **Objectives**

1. Ensure that City and other services and facilities are easily accessible.

### **Programs, Policies, and Actions**

1. Evaluate access to safe vehicle, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure when evaluating the location for a new or expanded facility.
2. Locate new facilities in areas that support compact and orderly growth or downtown redevelopment.
3. Work with groups to help them find the best locations for new facilities.
4. Review the future land use chapter when evaluating locations for new facilities.

### **Goal 3: Provide quality and efficient facilities to the greatest extent possible.**

#### **Objectives**

1. Construct facilities that present a positive image of the community and set standards for new facilities by other entities.

### **Programs, Policies, and Actions**

1. Explore options to reduce energy consumption in existing or new services and facilities.
2. Evaluate access to vehicle, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure when designing new or expanded facilities.
3. Incorporate quality design, to the greatest extent possible that complements surrounding design when appropriate.
4. Create a unique identity for the City of Menomonie.