

Intergovernmental cooperation

As communities mature they generally grow in an understanding of how interrelated their concerns are with the concerns of surrounding communities, if not the region, and how interconnected all governmental actions are in a region. Bayfield is linked to a number of governmental agencies including the Towns of Bayfield, Russell, and LaPointe, the Red Cliff Band, Bayfield County, the State of Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources, the National Park Service, the United States Forest Service, and the United States Soil Conservation Service. These relationships are interdependent, making cooperation essential. The way these entities work together is much like the way members of ecosystems interact and support each other.

Goal 1: The City of Bayfield works proactively and cooperatively with all governmental units in and around the Chequamegon Bay on land use and environmental issues.

OBJECTIVE 1.1: *Develop good working relationships with surrounding towns and other governmental entities in resolving land use and environmental issues and planning for the future.* **OBJECTIVE 1.2:** *Work with the Town of Bayfield to ensure development along Highway 13 approaches to the City is consistent with Bayfield's historic character.*

OBJECTIVE 1.3: *Limit impact of loud motorized vehicles in and around the City.* **OBJECTIVE 1.4:** *Protect natural watercourses and ravines, all of which have their origins outside of the City.* **OBJECTIVE 1.5:** *Support City, County, State and Federal efforts to reduce point source pollution into Lake Superior and its watershed.* **OBJECTIVE 1.6:** *Develop a land protection strategy and process for incorporating acquired property.* **OBJECTIVE 1.7:** *Work proactively to protect and preserve diverse agricultural use of productive and potentially productive farmland within Bayfield's adjacent environs.*

Goal 2: The City of Bayfield works proactively and cooperatively with all governmental units in and around the Chequamegon Bay on economic development issues and economic development planning.

OBJECTIVE 2.2: *Promote Bayfield and the local area as a viable location in which to live, work and purchase goods/services.* **OBJECTIVE 2.3:** *Seek regional and area wide opportunities to promote new business opportunities.*

Goal 3: The City of Bayfield takes a proactive role in joint planning efforts with the towns of Bayfield, Russell and LaPointe as well as the Red Cliff community in coordinating municipal sewer, water, storm water and other infrastructure development.

OBJECTIVE 3.1: *Identify future infrastructure needs through an analysis of existing development trends.* **OBJECTIVE 3.2:** *Identify and evaluate and use activities in surrounding areas that have a direct impact on the municipal resources of the City of Bayfield.*

Goal 4: Bayfield maintains a strong partnership with the School District of Bayfield and integrates the district into the long-term planning for the City.

OBJECTIVE 4.1: *Maintain an on-going integration of School District and City committees.* **OBJECTIVE 4.2:** *Establish a regional Education Committee.*

Goal 5: Bayfield works with Bayfield County and the State to ensure a safe, accessible multi-modal transportation system in the region.

OBJECTIVE 5.1: *Identify parcels within and adjacent to the City as areas for potential easement acquisition or land purchase for future trail network. development.*

Goal 6: Bayfield works with the region to actively preserve and promote cultural resources of the region.

OBJECTIVE 6.1: *Provide support for youth, senior and inter-cultural community activities.* **OBJECTIVE 6.2:** *Increase awareness of local and regional history and culture.*



Top: National Park Headquarters was formerly a court house. Above: 1942 flash flood inspired construction of a large water diversion culvert.