



## Incorporation Process

### Update 10

**Date:** July 23, 2025

**Item:** Eau Claire County Circuit Court Hearing on the Petition to Incorporate a Part of the Town into a Village

Today the circuit court held a hearing and confirmed that all criteria were met to move forward in the incorporation process. This court ruling confirms that this is a valid and compelling petition grounded in strong community support and a clear desire for direct control over how we grow our community and use our land to preserve and advance our unique character and landscape.

This marks a meaningful step forward in the Town of Washington's effort to preserve its identity, plan its own growth, and protect the values that matter most to its residents. Throughout this process, residents have shown overwhelming support, attending meetings, sharing feedback, and standing behind the effort. Even those outside the proposed village boundaries have voiced their encouragement, underscoring how important this effort is to the broader Chippewa Valley.

The petition now moves to the Incorporation Review Board, which has up to 180 days to review and issue a recommendation. The board may recommend approval, boundary adjustments, or dismissal. If the petition advances, the next step will be a public referendum, giving residents the chance to vote on the future of their local government.