



Incorporation Process

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Date: March 11, 2026

Item: DOA Incorporation Review Board Meetings and Next Steps

On February 19th, the Wisconsin Incorporation Review Board (IRB) held the first of two meetings in its deliberations for a portion of the Town to become a Village. This meeting allowed for the DOA staff to provide a report on each of the six statutory incorporation standards in relation to the information submitted by Washington and by the intervenor, the City of Eau Claire. IRB members asked questions of the Town and City in relation to each standard.

Subsequently, Washington and the intervenor were invited to provide supplemental written information for consideration. Both have done so.

The second meeting of the IRB is scheduled for mid-April. At this meeting, members the IRB will deliberate and, likely, **make a determination on Washington's petition.** In this determination, the IRB may recommend approval, adjustments to the proposed village boundary, or denial. If approved, the court will then order a referendum vote by those in the proposed village territory.

Thank you for your support in this important endeavor! We look forward to a favorable outcome.