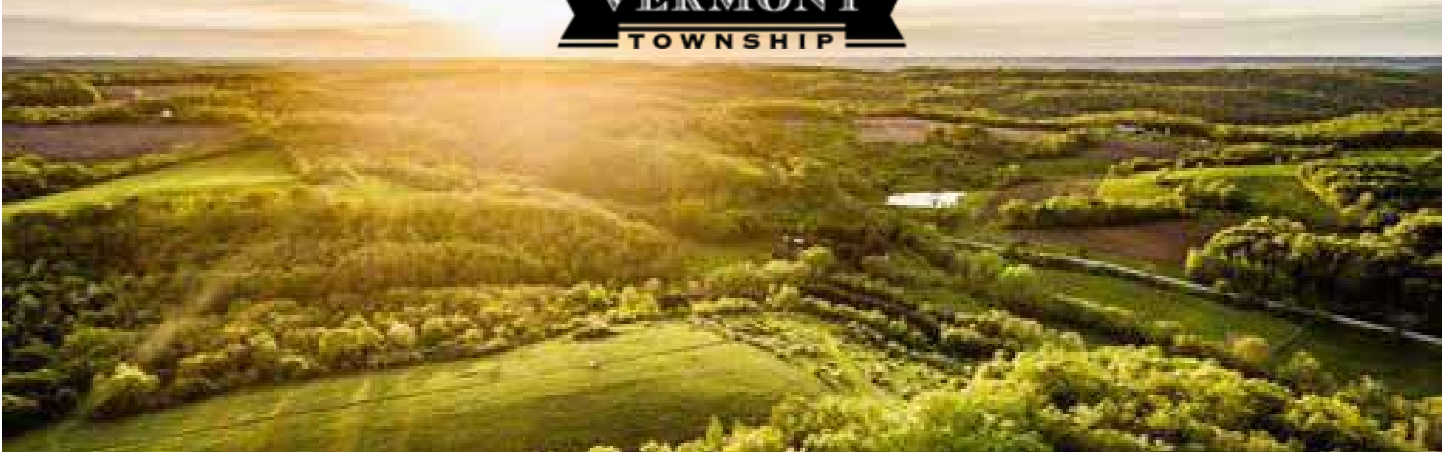




VERMONT TOWNSHIP



Welcome to the Town of Vermont, a small, vibrant rural community in western Dane County, fully in the Driftless, a landscape largely left untouched by Wisconsin's glacial past and the historic home of the Ho-Chunk peoples. Founded in 1855 and named after the Green Mountains of Vermont, our Town encompasses 36 square miles of pleasing vistas of wetlands, woodlands, family farms, prairies, and rocky outcrops. One-room schoolhouses and historic former cheese factories can be found in this picturesque landscape of rolling hills that support 350+ residences. The Town prides itself on maintaining its rural character by promoting low-density development, preserving agricultural opportunities, and protecting the natural function, diversity, and beauty of this environment.

Despite significant market pressure to develop such an attractive place to live, growth within the Town is limited by its participation in the state Farmland Preservation Program and the Dane County A-1 Exclusive Agricultural zoning district. While welcoming future landowners, Vermont seeks to protect the natural character of ridgetops, homes are intentionally set back from the roads, and the number of driveways per mile is kept low. The location and design of new construction are encouraged to integrate with the natural surroundings rather than stand out from it. And because the natural environment of Vermont Township is characterized by rolling terrain with steep slopes, importance is placed on limiting soil disturbance and protecting the integrity of this precious natural resource. These principles build a strong sense of community for those who make a living within the town via agriculture, cottage industries, and other low-impact businesses. Because the rural character of our town is strongly linked to various agriculture pursuits,

we support the preservation of the family farm, efforts to maintain productive farmlands, and regulations to limit non-farm development.

The Township provides a limited number of public services through participation in the Mount Horeb Fire Department, the Black Earth Joint Fire District, District 1 EMS, and police services through the Dane County Sheriff's Office. Two public school districts (pre-K through 12th grade) serve Vermont residents. A limited scope of agricultural, cultural, economic, and land-use services and more are detailed in our Comprehensive Plan.

If you are planning to build a new home or change an existing property, please contact the Town Plan Commission early, before you start – it will help significantly to streamline the process.

We encourage you to get to know your neighbors, explore the diverse landscapes, and to find ways to support the community. You will find the Town of Vermont is much more than the natural beauty we are so lucky to enjoy; it is an engaged community that brings the rich diversity of backgrounds and experiences to a shared goal of maintaining this special place for generations to come.

Please check out our website (<https://www.townofvermontwi.gov/>) for a wealth of information and services regarding our Township, make sure you sign up for the Vermont's Voice newsletter, and contact the town Clerk (Katie Zelle, clerk@townofvermontwi.gov, 608-767-2457) with any additional questions or concerns.

Again, welcome to our community!