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Development Interest In Somers Spikes in 2014

The number of developers who have contacted the Town to discuss making large investments to build new facilities and move employees to our community long-term, has increased substantially. A common comment always rises about incorporation, citing that territorial changes are not something a developer wants to deal with in 15 years. Developers eyeing Somers want a long-term stable relationship with a municipality, especially those out-of-state. The incorporation referendum will be closely watched as it is of major importance with regard to the development of Somers.

As Somers becomes more active with regard to economic development efforts, the need to handle much of this activity in a confidential manner so as to not compromise development efforts, is a key priority of the Town. Just because Somers residents are not aware of immediate development efforts, it does not mean progress is not being made. Projects can take months, and in some cases years of behind the scenes planning to bring efforts to fruition.

Kenosha County has been experiencing a greater rate of development than most of the State of Wisconsin. Somers is strategically positioned to take advantage of this position. If we take the right steps at this time, we will make much progress aiming at a target of 30% in equalized value in commercial or manufacturing. This will benefit all, and favorably impact taxes and the mill rate of Somers.

Quote

"Somers has made historic progress over the past year to ensure the long-term prosperity and sustainability our of community."

Mr. Dave Geersten

Chair, Somers Economic Development Committee

TOWN HALL HOLIDAY HOURS

Dec. 24, Christmas Eve
CLOSED

Dec. 25 Christmas Day
CLOSED

December 31st
CLOSED

Jan. 1 New Year's Day
CLOSED

2015 Budget Highlights

The Town of Somers public hearing on the 2015 annual budget, and special meeting of the town electors to adopt the tax levy and approve highway expenditures, was held at the Town Hall on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. By a unanimous vote, the electors passed the 2015 Town of Somers annual budget for the 2015 fiscal year.

The 2014 general fund levy will increase \$20,190 and the debt service levy will increase by \$37,038, totaling \$57,228 or an

increase of 0.98%. Using the example of a \$200,000 assessed property value, the Town of Somers 2014 tax will be \$997.29 compared to \$980.62 in 2013, a difference of \$16.67 for the year.

The largest expense reduction, \$140,950, is a direct result of a new solid waste and recycling contract that takes effect January, 2015. The Town also projects \$12,000 in new revenue from the sale of recycled items. Although State Road Aid revenue was reduced by \$11,085, the budget allocates \$150,000 in highway

expenditures for town road and street repairs, an increase of \$70,000 from the prior year. \$34,859 was budgeted for a new full-time firefighter. The 2015 budget also calls for the investment in six new voting machines, of which two will be handicap accessible. This coincides with a county-wide effort to establish a consistent more cohesive voting process.

United Hospital System Builds New Facility in Somers

A ground breaking ceremony was held in August, 2014 to mark the start of construction of a new medical office building in the Town of Somers. The three story 31,000 square foot building is located in the Somers Market Center on the corner of Highway 31 (Green Bay Road) and Highway S (Washington Avenue). United Hospital System joins the existing tenants of the Somers Market Center, Wal-Mart and Sam's Club. The ground floor will house audiology and physical therapy services, including a warm water aqua therapy pool.



The second floor will offer urgent care services, physician offices, and basic diagnostic services. "As a Somers resident, I am pleased with the commitment by United Hospital System to establish a significant presence on the north side of Kenosha, specifically in the Town of Somers. The medical services that will be offered in the new building will fill a void that currently exists and the fact that United Hospital System is the service provider is an added bonus. I am pleased to be involved in this project as their architect and look forward to the grand opening of the building", said Mark A. Molinaro, Jr. of Partners in Design Architects, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Image: Partners in Design Architects, Kenosha, Wisconsin

Aquaponics Farm Operation Selects Somers to Locate Business

On October 13, 2014, the Plan Commission approved a request by Krista Joanne Reck for an amendment to the Adopted Land Use Plan map for Kenosha County from "Suburban-Density Residential" to "General Agricultural and Open Land" on a parcel located on County Line Road "KR" west of the Union Pacific Railroad. On the same date, the Plan Commission approved a request by Krista Joanne Reck for rezoning from A-1 Agricultural Preservation Dist. and C-1 Lowland Resource Conservancy Dist. to A-1 Agricultural Preservation Dist., A-3 Agricultural Related Manufacturing, Warehousing and Marketing Dist. and C-1 Lowland Resource Conservancy Dist.

Reck, property owner and CFO of Natural Green Farms of Kenosha, Wisconsin, proposes to establish an aquaponics farm business on the site. Natural Green Farms produces tilapia and lettuce with the potential of adding strawberries and raspberries in the future.



Building Permit Revenue Increases 29%

Building permits issued by the Town of Somers year-to-date through October, 2014 were valued over \$17.430 million in assessed value vs. \$3,424,860.00 in October, 2013 representing a difference of 19% .

Total permit fees collected totaled \$149,755.42 as of October 2014 vs. \$44,499.00 as of October, 2013 representing a difference of 29% .

Top Ten Categories

- Plumbing
- Additions/Alterations
- Electric
- Fence/Driveway
- Right-of-Way/Road Opening
- Heating
- Accessory Building
- Houses
- Sewer Service
- Water Service

Sunset Ridge Mausoleum Moves Forward

Sunset Ridge Mausoleum has moved forward with their proposed 12,624 square foot building project. Built in the Town of Somers, Sunset Ridge is located on the south side of Washington Road/38thStreet/Highway S. The Mausoleum will be built in two phases. The first will include all site improvements for the project, including roads, a retention pond, landscaping, utility lines, a drive-through canopy, and a 3,400 square



foot decorative masonry office building. The building will include 48 exterior crypts, 64 exterior granite urn niches, dedicated space for customer meetings, and new offices for the Sunset Ridge Memorial Park staff. The second phase calls for a 7,400 square foot building addition that will have 892 crypt spaces, a chapel area for 80 people, and numerous amenities. Image: MSI General Corp. Oconomowoc, WI

Incorporation Status: Final Application Filing

As directed by the voters of Somers, the Board of Supervisors and Town administration proceeded with the statutory process of incorporating a portion of the Town of Somers into a village. Throughout the year, meetings were held between the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration, Town of Somers administration, Town Board of Supervisors, Kenosha County staff, attorneys, and incorporation planners to present, edit, and complete a final 437-page application document.

The staff at the Department of Administration has suggested changes in the configuration of the proposed village municipal limits so as to conform with the statutory requirements.

Our final revised application will be presented at a hearing scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on December 23, 2014, at the Kenosha County Courthouse where the Court will review the revised petition to determine if all statutory requirements have been met. If the ruling confirms that the Town has met all statutory

requirements, an order will be forwarded to the Department of Administration for final review and a request to seek findings to allow the matter to proceed to a public referendum. If the incorporation review board gives its approval, it is anticipated that the incorporation will proceed to a referendum vote on the April 7, 2015 election. Public information in the form of a newsletter, the Town website and Town Hall sessions in advance of the referendum election will be available.

Shoreland Lutheran Dedicates New \$4.2 Million Addition

On Sunday, September 21, 2014, Shoreland Lutheran High School, located on Highway E in Somers, held a picnic, dedication service, and ribbon-cutting ceremony celebrating the completion of their new \$4.2 million addition.

Designed by Growth Design Group, Inc. of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, the 13,800 square foot addition features up-to-date science labs, classrooms, and lab space for the school's STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) Academy. The addition also includes new ADA-accessible toilet facilities that are available to the public while attending the school's outdoor sports programs. The project also made significant improvements to the fire alarm system and overall energy efficiency of the facility which includes new lighting, HVAC systems, and roof.

According to Principal Paul Scriver, this \$4.2 million addition is phase one of a potential \$15 million project that will add a performing arts center, chapel, additional classrooms, and an expanded sports facility.

Image: Growth Design Group, Inc.



In October 2014, the Plan Commission approved a concept plan for a new Somers multi-family development comprised of 296 market-rate apartment homes in four new three-story buildings, and twelve two-story stacked flat buildings as well as a stand alone clubhouse building.

The development is located in Somers, Wisconsin. It is a proposed redevelopment of 19.33 total acres located immediately southwest of 31st Street and Market Lane, west of Green Bay Road/Highway 31 and north of Washington Road/38th Street/Highway S. The redevelopment site includes one parcel, Lot 3, which is adjacent to vacant Lots 4 and 5 to the southeast, Sam's Club to the south, and an out lot for retention to the west.

The three-story residential building will include a mix of unit-types including studio units, one-bedroom units, two-bedroom units, resident mail area, private under-building parking, and additional out-of-unit storage areas for residents.



Each two-story stacked flat building will have the following: private entry, a mix of unit types including one-bedroom units and two-bedroom units some with dens, and private garage parking.

The clubhouse building will contain a leasing office, clubroom with kitchenette, fitness room, outdoor pool and sun deck, outdoor grilling area, and outdoor playground.

Bear Realty and Bear Development, who owns and operates over 1,000 units in Kenosha, is located at 4011 80th Street, Kenosha, Wisconsin. *Image: Joseph Lee Associates*

Bear Development Proposes 296 New Apartment Homes in Somers

Family-Owned J&W Tires

Receives Plan Commission Conditional Use Permit Approval

On May 12, 2014, the Plan Commission approved a Conditional Use Permit to WA-ZAR, Inc., Robert Watring. The Permit would allow the operation of an automotive repair and tire sales business in the B-5 Wholesale Trade and Warehouse Dist. The new business, J&W Tires, located at 540 Sheridan Road, Somers, will be operated by Jorge Eduardo and Rodarte Sanchez.

Jerry Smith New Public Works Superintendent



Jerry Smith
Public Work Superintendent

Jerry will lead the Public Works Department in its efforts to address the current and future utility and road needs of our community. He replaces George Stoner who retired effective April, 2014 after serving as Superintendent for many years. Mr. Stoner was elected Town of Somers Supervisor in the spring of 2014.

Before joining the Town of Somers, Jerry worked in operations, plant management, and has extensive experience in

roads and utilities, providing the necessary leadership that will help Somers address the increase in development activity and current infrastructure needs.

Jerry graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville with a dual degree in Industrial Engineering and Business Administration in addition to earning an MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management in Milwaukee. He was born in Mauston, Wisconsin and has lived in Racine for

twenty-five years with his wife, Ellie. Together they are the parents of three children and grandparents of five.

**Somers Sewer & Water
After Hours
Emergency Contact
262-859-2822**

Winter Pot Holes

Residents can help us determine where we need to focus our efforts during winter road maintenance by reporting potholes so we can repair them promptly. Call Town Hall at 262-859-2822.

Public Works News

Highway E Sewer Project Begins

With the cooperation of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Army Corp of Engineers, we will begin construction of the Highway E interceptor. The new sewer line will solve the problem of historical sewer backflow and flooding problems in the area from downtown

Somers west to 97th Avenue, which caused a building moratorium for years. The new line will remove the moratorium and position the Town for expansion and development toward the Somers I-94 corridor. The Somers Utility District budget will finance 100% of the project.

Carthage Sewer Lift Station Replacement Plans

The Carthage lift station commenced operation in the 1950's. The station serves the Sheridan Road corridor. The Town is taking action on this infrastructure replacement to avoid operation failures in the future. The engineering and planning phase is in process

Frozen Water Pipes

Residents in our water utility district can help keep our water system functioning by trickling water in drains during subzero weather. A pencil lead size trickle is all that is needed.

47th Avenue Repaved

The 47th Avenue project has been completed. The road has been completely reconstructed with new pavement, cross walks, striping, and new shoulders. Additionally, deer caution signs have been added to improve the safety of motorist and wildlife.



New Playground Structure

In September, a new state of the art playground structure designed for ages 5-12 was installed in Somers Memorial Park. This colorful structure includes 14 elevated events and 6 ground events all designed to promote balance, increase muscle development, eye-hand coordination and strength confidence. 100% of the playground was funded through impact fees. No taxpayer funds were used on this project. The structure exceeds the minimum compliance level required by the ADAAG (American Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines).

Thomas Smith New Somers Fire Chief Replaces Retiring John Sorensen, Interim Chief

Thomas Smith was named Somers Fire Chief in August, 2014 by the Somers Board of Fire Commissioners. He will oversee a combination staff of both paid and volunteer firefighters and emergency medical technicians.

Smith replaced retiring John Sorensen who served nine months as Interim Fire Chief after the retirement of Chief Steven Krause. Sorensen served residents of Somers for 29 years in various positions. He joined the Somers Fire Department in 1985 and in 2000 was hired as a full-time employee. In 2002 he was promoted to Captain and in 2003 he earned a promotion to Assistant Chief.

Chief Smith's career spans over 19 years of fire and EMT service. His volunteer service began in Kenosha County at the Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Later he joined several other fire departments in Kenosha County gaining valuable experience in public safety. "I am honored to take over the role of Fire Chief of the Town of Somers and am looking forward to moving to the community which will provide me immediate access to meeting the needs of the community," Smith quoted. "Somers has a progressive department and everything is top notch with respect to training, education, and technology. I am committed to provide the citizens of Somers with exceptional service."

Tom was born and raised in the Silver Lake area of Kenosha County is currently living in Twin Lakes with his wife and two children.



John Sorensen, Retiring Interim Fire Chief and Thomas Smith, new Somers Fire Chief.



Firefighter Continuous Training

Fire behavior, using breathing apparatus, and maneuvering hose lines to extinguish fires inside a house are just a few of the important learning exercises Town of Somers Training Captain Strom introduced our firefighters to during two practice house burns this year. Both homes, located in the Town of Somers, were owned by Kenosha County.

The Training Division is responsible for the initial training of new recruits and on-going training and implementation of safety standards for all firefighters and emergency medical technicians within the Somers Fire & Rescue Department.



High-Tech EMS Service for Somers Residents

Somers Fire & Rescue squads and fire trucks are now equipped with the latest technology in emergency care helping our emergency responders quickly and effectively acquire more diagnostic data which influences the overall course of patient care as never before. We now have the best diagnos-

tic tools available which means we can deliver more accurate treatment. Somers Fire & Rescue was the first department in southeast Wisconsin to use the MRx wireless link technology. The new monitors replaced units with old technology that were ten years old.



Philips HeartStart MRx monitor/defibrillator



Somers Veterans Memorial Walkway "Pathway of Honor"

New Somers Veterans Memorial Walkway Paver Project

Personalized engraved pavers may be purchased to honor or memorialize any U.S. Veteran. The order form can be downloaded from www.somers.org under the Community/News & Events tab or you may pick up an order form at the Town Hall.

The pavers will be placed in the "Pathway of Honor" leading to the Somers Veterans Memorial pavilion. In support of this project, two generous donations were received: \$1,200 from the Somers United Church and Community Foundation, Inc. whose purpose is to sup-

port church and community projects, and \$1,000 from the Veterans of Foreign War Post #2751. No tax dollars were used for this project. Funds from developer impact fees were also used to partially fund the project.

The paver, 8" x 8", offers a maximum of six lines of engraving that includes 20 characters for each line. Guidelines for what information will be requested are outlined on the order form.

The cost of each paver is \$100.00 and there are no limits

on the number of pavers you may purchase.

The Somers Memorial Parkway was designed by Bill Morris, Town of Somers Administrator and implementation will be coordinated by a joint effort of the Town of Somers Public Works Department and the Somers Parks Committee. Concrete was provided by PCR Concrete of Somers and earth work and paver installation was completed by the Town of Somers Public Works staff.

Somers Firefighter & EMS Personnel Receive Commendation

Quote

On the evening of February 3, 2014, the members of Somers Fire & Rescue responded to a call for a "man down". As the ambulance and fire crews arrived on scene, they found their patient showing no signs of life. Using sound judgment and quick action they managed to restore heart and lung activity while transporting him to United Hospital System.

It is because of their care he is still with us today. A family was brought back from the



brink of devastation and instead headed down the road to recovery.

On behalf of United Hospital System and Kenosha County Emergency Medical Services

Team 1, commendations were presented to the following Somers personnel:

FF/EMT B Alex Hagan

FF/EMT B Manfred Loomis

FF/EMT B Joy Mathein

FF/EMT Salvador Villasenor

FF/EMT 1 Jason Sinnen

Lt. Ryan Nelson

Captain Aaron Strom

Fire Chief John Sorensen

"A man has a second chance at life and it is in thanks to the providers of the Somers Fire & Rescue Service we can all stand here celebrating that truth."

Dr. Ben Feinzimer

**Kenosha County EMA
Medical Director**

2014 Somers Softball Season A Success

The 2014 Somers Youth Softball Season ended July 31, 2014, playing a total of 120 games at the Somers Memorial Park. The program increased participation by 63 players compared to the 2013 season. The program, funded with taxpayer funds allocated to the Parks and Recreation budget, benefited 373 players, 6 divisions from t-ball to high school, 28 teams, 26 coaches, and 8 umpires.

Somers 2014 July 4th Parade & Ice Cream Social Attendance Nears 4,000

This year's theme for the Town of Somers Independence Day Parade & Ice Cream Social was "Marching Toward our Future". Promptly at 2:00 P.M. the Somers Fire & Rescue sounded their sirens and horns signifying the official start of the parade. They were followed by 78 official entries which included girl and boy scout groups, 4-H groups, local, county, and state politicians, local farmer's tractors, classic cars, horses, floats, marching bands, and veteran marchers. The parade route began at Shoreland Lutheran High School and proceeded east on Highway E ending at the Somers Elementary School. Food and beverages were sold at Fire Station #1. Immediately following the parade, a traditional ice cream social was served by the volunteers from Bethany Lutheran Church. Cake, ice cream and juice were donated by our good neighbor, Wal-Mart, located in Somers Market Center.

The Parade Committee continued the tradition of supporting the parade solely on generous sponsor donations. We invite everyone to join us at the 2015 parade for a great family event in the Town of Somers!

Town of Somers Starts Automated Trash Pick-Up Important Changes effective January 1, 2015

The garbage and recycling contract between the Town of Somers and Waste Management expires December 31, 2014. The Town accepted proposals for this service and awarded the low bid to Advanced Disposal, Inc. This new contract, which expires December 31, 2019, provides a substantial savings to Somers residents due to a reduced cost of service.

Important Change: Carts

Garbage and recycling collection has switched to a fully automated collection for both trash and recycling. This means that a garbage truck will pull up to the curb in front of your residence and by use of a mechanical arm system, pick up, dump, and return your cart(s) to the curb.



Carts Will Be Delivered

In order to facilitate this change, one 64 or 95 gallon cart will be delivered to your residence for solid waste along with a 64 or 95 gallon cart for collection of all single-stream recyclable items. Single-stream means you place all recyclable items such as paper, cardboard, steel, plastic tin, aluminum and glass into one collection cart. Items require loose placement vs. bagged within the collection cart.

First Carts Provided

Advanced Disposal will provide one 64 or 95 gallon solid waste cart, and one 64 or 95 gallon recyclable cart for each household unit at no cost to the Town or the household. No garbage or recyclables left outside the carts will be picked up. If your cart becomes damaged or is lost, stolen or rendered unusable, please contact the Town of Somers to determine replacement and potential cost.

Walk Up Service Available to Persons with Qualified Disabilities

In order to assist persons with disabilities who do not have anyone to help them with their chores, the Town of Somers has contracted with Advanced Disposal to provide Walk-Up Service to persons who qualify.

Contact Somers Town Hall for a Walk-Up Service Exemption Application Form.

Time of Pick-Up



Solid waste pick-up will occur between 6:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. once every week.

Recyclables will be picked up on the same day as solid waste once every other week.

Inclement Weather



Any collections that have to be cancelled due to inclement weather will be collected on the following business day.

Legal Holidays

The following legal holidays will be observed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. If the normally scheduled collection day falls on or after the holiday, collection service will occur the next day, including Saturday.

Proceeds of Sale of Recyclables to Town

All proceeds from the sale of the recyclables shall be credited to the Town, less processing fees.

We ask that resident recycle at every opportunity and help raise revenue for the Town!

Qualified Recyclable Items

Recyclables shall mean plastics #1-7, glass, cardboard, mixed paper, newspaper, aseptic packaging, steel, tin, and aluminum cans.

Electronic Waste Collection

At no additional charge, an annual Electronic Waste Collection (desktop or laptop computers, printers, fax machines, scanners, copiers, televisions, computer monitors, computer peripherals such as keyboard, mice, hard drives, computer equipment, radios, video equipment, DVD players, VCR's, DVR's, and cellular phones or other items per Wisconsin State Statute 287.07(5) (a) at a location of the Town's discretion

shall be provided free of charge unless contaminated with non-electronic waste items.

Shredding Collection

Advanced Disposal will provide an annual paper shredding collection at a location of the Town's discretion. This collection shall be charged to the Town.

Bulk Waste Collection

Advanced Disposal will provide Bulk Waste Collection to each household unit on a scheduled basis. Bulk Waste means Solid Waste that will not fit into an approved cart. Examples may be furniture, rolled carpeting, cabinets, countertops, mattresses, box-springs, non-metal doors, wood windows, wooden playground equipment. Residents must contact Advanced Disposal directly to schedule a pick-up and payment arrangement. Payment must be received prior to collection.

Complaints and Service Issues

Advanced Disposal will answer complaints or questions from Town of Somers residents concerning service issues. Please call (262) 679-0860 between 7:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Advanced Disposal will act upon all reasonable and valid complaints within forty-eight (48) hours of receipt of the complaint.

PARKING AND FIRE HYDRANT WINTER EMERGENCY TIPS



Somers residents who reside near a fire hydrant are encouraged to keep the area surrounding the hydrant

clean of snow. This enables the Somers Fire & Rescue Department to easily see the hydrant during an emergency.

Residents who live on a Town of Somers road or street are reminded of the Town's Snow Emergency Ordinance. After two inches of snow has accumulated, NO PARKING is allowed on town streets and roads between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. This ordinance helps facilitate snow plowing. Thank you in advance for helping us keep your streets maintained.



**Town of Somers
2nd Annual Christmas Eve
Blood Drive**



Sponsored by Somers Fire and Rescue

**Wednesday, December 24, 2014
9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Somers Fire and Rescue meeting room, 7511 - 12th St., Somers

Schedule an appointment at www.bcw.edu/SomersFire or call 877-232-4376. Call Fire Chief Thomas J. Smith at 262-859-2277 for information.

Appointments encouraged. Refreshments provided.



www.bcw.edu/blood Please bring a photo ID with your birth date.

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**Veteran's Day Celebration
at Somers Veteran's Park**

On Tuesday, November 11, VFW Post #2751 conducted a ceremony to remember our country's heroes at the Somers Veteran's Memorial. The ceremony began with the Master of Ceremonies, Chairman Ben Harbach, followed by a prayer led by Reverend Kathleen Gloff of Somers Community Church, and by a gun salute by members of VFW Post #2751. Also in attendance were Town of Somers Supervisors, DeLuca, Schantek, and Stoner. Two students from Somers Elementary Student Council placed the wreath at the foot of the flags. *Photo: J. Schantek*



Hawthorn Hollow Historic Somers Town Hall Education Project Slated for 2015



Hawthorn Hollow, a non-profit nature sanctuary located on 40 acres in the Town of Somers, has introduced their new Historic Somers Town Hall Education Project slated for completion in 2015. The program seeks to show visitors that early government leaders understood how their decisions impacted the relationship between development of the town and stewardship of the land. Phase I includes wall exhibits featuring reproduced maps, photos, documents, and educational text boards showing the birth of Somers government history from 1843, while Phase II includes an on-site student education program which will be conducted in the original 1859 restored Town Hall.

The original 1847 and 1906 historic Pike River Schoolhouses, the original 1859 Somers Town Hall, and the original 1832 survey marker establishing the Green Bay Pioneer Road from Chicago to Green Bay stand on the grounds of Hawthorn Hollow, making it the only location dedicated to preserving a physical history of the Town of Somers.

Tax-deductible donations from members of the community to help fund this project may be sent to Hawthorn Hollow c/o Historic Town Hall Project, 880 Green Bay Road, Kenosha, WI 53144, telephone 262-552-8196, or visit www.hawthornhollow.org. A plaque with donor names will be displayed in appreciation for community support of this project.

With this grant from the Fund for Lake Michigan, the Town of Somers will make several water-quality improvements to Neumiller Woods Park located

**\$27,000 Grant Awarded to Town of Somers
in 2014 for Neumiller Park**

on Highway E, at the headwaters of the Somers branch of the Pike River. By scraping a sedimented area of wetland, restoring native vegetation, and replacing an undersized cul-

vert, this project will reduce flooding in the area surrounding the park and decrease polluted runoff into the Pike River. These improvements were informed and prioritized

by a restoration plan that the Fund supported in 2013.

Permits from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Kenosha County have been secured. The project is expected to commence late 2014 with completion in 2015.