

# Bloomfield Boundary Agreement Frequently Asked Questions

What is a boundary agreement?

- A boundary agreement formally and permanently establishes the boundaries of two adjoining municipalities.

What would this mean for the Town of Bloomfield?

- The boundary between the Town of Bloomfield and the Village of Bloomfield would cease to exist and the entire Town would become part of the Village.

What are the benefits of this?

- Protection against annexation by adjacent municipalities; Genoa City and Lake Geneva
- Local land use decisions (many currently requiring approval by Walworth County)
- No future boundary litigation
- Capture of tax revenue from future development
- Eliminating the duplication of government bodies
- Reuniting historic Bloomfield under Village governance
- Maintaining our historic character while controlling our destiny

Would public services change?

- No, public services would continue to be provided by the Village of Bloomfield as they are now.

Would my property taxes change?

- Current Town residents would experience a modest increase in their property taxes upon approval of a boundary agreement. However, long-term, all residents of the expanded Village of Bloomfield would pay the same rate of property taxes to pay for services, capital expenditures, and municipal debt, as approved by the Village Board.

Would our school districts change?

- No, a boundary agreement would not affect the school districts which are governed by their school boards.

What is a referendum?

- An advisory referendum tells the Town of Bloomfield Board and staff if a majority of voting citizens supports or opposes a boundary agreement.

What is the referendum question that will appear on the ballot?

- “Should the Town enter into a boundary agreement which would transfer the entire Town to the Village of Bloomfield?”

If the referendum passes on April 7, what would happen next?

- The Town Board would decide whether or not to try to negotiate a boundary agreement with the Village of Bloomfield, which would transfer the entire Town to the Village.

How is this different from what happened in 2011?

- In 2011, a segment of the Town was incorporated into the Village of Bloomfield, but the remainder of the Town did not have sufficient population density to incorporate by means of the statutory procedure. A recent court decision affirms that the boundary agreement being contemplated is a lawful way to combine the remainder of the Town with the Village.

How can I learn more?

- Check the Bloomfield website [www.bloomfield-wi.us/](http://www.bloomfield-wi.us/) to learn when there will be Public Information meetings. There will be two; one in February and one in March.
- Contact Town Chairman Dan Schoonover at 262-903-5669 or [d.schoonover@TownofBloomfield.com](mailto:d.schoonover@TownofBloomfield.com)