



TOWN OF SOMERS

FACT SHEET

Inventory of Utilities

Sanitary Sewer Service

The Town of Somers Utility District No. 1 serves the southeastern portion of the Town and areas along CTH E in and around the hamlet of Somers. This area is part of the Greater Kenosha sewer service area. Wastewater from the area is conveyed to the sewage treatment plant operated by the Kenosha Water Utility. The sewer service area associated with this district encompassed 15,060 acres in 2007, and about 2,380 acres were served by the district in 2000.

The area along the northern Town line (CTH KR) is located within the KR Sewer Utility District, and is part of the City of Racine sewer service area. The sewer service area associated with this district encompassed 430 acres of the Town in 2006, and about 235 acres were served by the district in 2000.

Kenosha County regulates private on-site wastewater treatment systems (POWTS) for any development that is not served by sanitary sewer in the Town. Between 1980 and 2006, permits for 304 POWTS were issued for the Town of Somers.

Water Supply

The Town of Somers Water Utility provided about 31 million gallons of water and served an area of about 920 acres, and 900 customers, in 2005. In 2005, customers consumed an average of about 89 gallons of water per person per day. The Somers Water Utility also sells a portion of the treated Lake Michigan water it buys from the Kenosha Water Utility to the City of Racine, which then supplies the water to residents in the KR sewer district.

The source of water for domestic and other uses elsewhere in the Town is groundwater through the use of private wells.

Stormwater Management

Existing urban density developments in portions of the Town of Somers are served by curb and gutters, storm sewers, and retention basins. Areas outside the engineered system rely on natural watercourses, roadside swales, and culverts.

Electrical Power and Natural Gas

We Energies provides electric power and natural gas services throughout the Town of Somers.

Telecommunications Services

Wireless antennas providing wireless cell phone service in the Town of Somers include: Cingular, Nextel, Sprint, T-Mobile, and Verizon. In 2005, there were 9 wireless antenna towers in the Town: 1 accommodated antennas for three companies, 3 accommodated antennas for two companies, and 5 accommodated antennas for a single carrier.

Solid Waste Management Facilities

The Town of Somers contracts with Waste management to provide curbside pick-up of solid waste and recyclable materials for residents.

Solid waste collected from the Town of Somers is deposited in the Pheasant Run Landfill in the Town of Paris. The landfill is owned by Waste Management, Inc., and has a total capacity of 21.4 million cubic yards. As of 2006, there were 4.1 million cubic yards remaining, or an estimated three additional years of activity at its current capacity and use. A proposed expansion of the landfill is currently being reviewed by regulatory authorities, including Kenosha County.