



## **CITY OF MERRILL, WISCONSIN**

### ***Territory & Project Plan Amendment to Tax Incremental District No. 8***



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# Tax Incremental District No. 8 Territory & Project Plan Amendment

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# 1

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### **DESCRIPTION OF ORIGINAL DISTRICT AND PROPOSED TERRITORY AMENDMENT**

- Original District Purpose.
  - Tax Incremental District (“TID”) No. 8 (the “TID” or “District”) is an existing blighted area district which was created by a resolution of the City of Merrill (“City”) Common Council adopted on September 27, 2011 (the “Creation Resolution”).
- Additional Amendments.
  - The District has not been previously amended.
- Purpose of this Amendment.
  - To further facilitate development and/or redevelopment within areas adjacent to the District, the City desires to amend the District's boundaries to add territory. A map, located in Section 3 of this plan, identifies the territory to be added and its geographic relationship to the existing District's boundaries.
  - This amendment will cause territory to be added to the District, providing incentive and opportunities for additional private development and redevelopment.
  - This amendment will modify the categories, locations or costs of the Projects to be undertaken, providing incentive and opportunities for additional private development and redevelopment.
- Estimated Total Project Expenditures.
  - The City anticipates making project expenditures of approximately \$2,193,000 to undertake projects in both the original and amendment areas as listed in this Project Plan. It is anticipated that the remaining and additional projects will be completed in four phases. The Expenditure Period of this District terminates on September 21, 2033. The remaining and additional projects to be undertaken pursuant to this Project Plan are expected to be financed with general obligation debt issued between 2014 and 2025, however, the City may use other alternative financing methods which may provide overall lower costs of financing, preserve debt capacity, mitigate risk to the City, or provide other advantages as determined by the Common Council. A discussion and listing of other possible financing mechanisms, as well as a summary of project financing by phase is located in Section 10 of this plan.

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- Economic Development.
    - As a result of the amendment of this District, the City projects that additional land and improvements value of approximately \$7,000,000 will be created as a result of new development, redevelopment, and appreciation in the value of existing properties. This additional value will be a result of the improvements made and projects undertaken within the amended area(s) and within the original District boundaries. A table detailing assumptions as to the timing of new development and redevelopment, and associated values is located in Section 10 of this plan. In addition, the amendment of the District is expected to result in further economic benefits as detailed in the "Summary of Findings" hereafter.
  
  - Expected Termination of District.
    - TID No. 8 has a maximum statutory life of 27 years, and must close not later than September 21, 2038, resulting in a final collection of increment in budget year 2039. Pre-amendment cash flow projections indicate that the entire available life of the District will be required to retire current and projected District liabilities. Based on the Economic Feasibility Study located in Section 10 of this Plan, amendment of the District would not result in a shift in the projected District closure year of 2038.

## **SUMMARY OF FINDINGS**

As required by s.66.1105 Wis. Stats., and as documented in this Project Plan Amendment and the exhibits contained and referenced herein, the following findings are made:

1. **That “but for” amendment of this District, the additional development projected to occur within the amendment areas as detailed in this Project Plan: 1) would not occur; or 2) would not occur in the manner at the values, or within the timeframe desired by the City.** In making this determination, the City has considered the following information:
  - Some sites proposed for development and/or redevelopment have remained vacant for many years due to lack of adequate infrastructure, environmental contamination, obsolete platting and ownership by multiple parties. Given that the sites have not developed as would have been expected under normal market conditions, it is the judgment of the City that the use of tax incremental financing (“TIF”) will be required to provide the necessary infrastructure inducements to encourage development on the sites consistent with that desired by the City.
  
  - In order to make the amendment areas suitable for development and/or redevelopment, the City will need to make a substantial investment to pay for the costs of: property, right-of-way and easement acquisition; site preparation; installation of utilities; installation of streets and related streetscape items; development incentive payments; façade grants and loans, and other associated costs. The City may also incur substantial costs to add capacity to its Wastewater Treatment Plan (or construct a new well, install a lift station, etc.) in order to allow for development to occur within the District. Due to the extensive initial investment in public infrastructure and/or rehabilitation that is required in order to allow development and/or redevelopment to occur, the City has determined that development and/or redevelopment of the amendment area will not occur solely as a result of private investment. Accordingly, the City finds that absent the use of TIF, development and/or redevelopment of the amendment area is unlikely to occur.

- Due to its geographic location and market conditions, the City has seen little growth or new investment in the community. Net new construction within the City for the period of 2009 to 2013 has been stagnant and total equalized value growth has averaged -1.09% per year. Absent the use of Tax Increment Financing (TIF), this trend is likely to continue. Use of TIF will provide the City with the means to stimulate new development in the amended area.
  - The City's Comprehensive Plan has identified two primary economic development goals:
    1. "Promoting the expansion and stabilization of the current economic base and the creation of a range of employment opportunities at the state, regional, and local levels."
    2. "Promotion of the redevelopment of lands with existing infrastructure and public services and the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing residential, commercial, and industrial structures."
      - These objectives are to be accomplished through the revitalization and beautification of the City's downtown and transportation corridors, riverfront, and identified redevelopment areas.
      - Furthermore, the City's Comprehensive Plan identifies Tax Incremental Financing as a viable means of supporting the City's goals, as well as a means of filling a gap in available private business financing for certain projects.
2. **The economic benefits of amending the Tax Incremental District, as measured by increased employment, business and personal income, and property value, are sufficient to compensate for the cost of the improvements.** In making this determination, the City has considered the following information:
- As demonstrated in the Economic Feasibility Section of this Project Plan, the total tax increments projected to be collected are more than sufficient to pay for the actual and proposed Project Costs within the original District and the amended areas. On this basis alone, the finding is supported.
3. **The benefits of the proposal outweigh the anticipated tax increments to be paid by the owners of property in the overlying taxing jurisdictions.**
- If approved, the boundary amendment would become effective for valuation purposes as of January 1, 2013. As of this date, the values of all existing development would be frozen and the property taxes collected on this base value would continue to be distributed amongst the various taxing entities as they currently are now. Taxes levied on any additional value established within the amendment area due to new construction, renovation or appreciation of property values occurring after January 1, 2013 would be collected by the TID and used to repay the costs of TIF-eligible projects undertaken within the District.
  - Given that additional development is not likely to occur or in the same manner without the use of tax incremental financing (see finding # 1), and since the District will generate

additional economic benefits that are more than sufficient to compensate for the additional cost of the improvements (see Finding #2), the City reasonably concludes that the overall additional benefits of the District outweigh the anticipated tax increments to be paid by the owners of property in the overlying taxing jurisdictions. It is further concluded that since the “but for” test is satisfied, there would, in fact, be no foregone tax increments to be paid in the event the District is not amended. As required by Section 66.1105(4)(i)4., a calculation of the share of projected tax increments estimated to be paid by the owners of property in the overlying taxing jurisdictions has been made and can be found in Appendix A of the Project Plan.

4. Not less than 50% by area of the real property within the District, as amended, is a blighted area within the meaning of Section 66.1105(2)(ae)1. of the Wisconsin Statutes. Furthermore, at the time of adoption of the Creation Resolution for this District, and any subsequent resolutions amending its boundaries, any property standing vacant for seven years immediately preceding adoption of the resolution(s) did not comprise more than 25% of the total area in the District as required by Section 66.1105(4)(gm)1 of the Wisconsin State Statutes.
5. Based upon the findings, as stated above, and the original findings as stated in the Creation Resolution, the District remains declared a blighted area District based on the identification and classification of the property included within the District.
6. The Project Costs of the District relate directly to promoting the elimination of blight consistent with the purpose for which the District was created.
7. The improvements to be made within the territory incorporated by this Amendment are likely to enhance significantly the value of substantially all of the other real property in the District.
8. The equalized value of the taxable property within the territory to be added to the District by this amendment, plus the value increment of all other existing tax incremental districts within the City, does not exceed 12% of the total equalized value of taxable property within the City.
9. The City estimates that less than 35% of the territory within the District, as amended, will be devoted to retail business at the end of the District’s maximum expenditure period, pursuant to Sections 66.1105(5)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes.
10. The Project Plan for the District, as amended, is feasible, and is in conformity with the Master Plan of the City.

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### TYPE & GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF DISTRICT

The District was created under the authority provided by Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105 on September 27, 2011 by resolution of the Common Council. The District's valuation date, for purposes of establishing base value, was January 1, 2011.

The existing District is a "Blighted Area District," created on a finding that at least 50%, by area, of the real property within the District was blighted. The District will remain in compliance with this finding after the addition and/or subtraction of the Territory identified in this Amendment. In addition, the District will remain in compliance with the "vacant land test," which requires that property standing vacant for seven years immediately preceding adoption of the Creation Resolution for this District will not comprise more than 25% of the area in the District in compliance with Section 66.1105(4)(gm)1. of the Wisconsin State Statutes. The Preliminary Parcel list found in Section 5 of this plan provides a calculation demonstrating continued compliance with both the 50% test and the 25% test.

Wisconsin Statutes Section 66.1105(4)(h)2. provides authority for a City to amend the boundaries of an existing Tax Increment District for purposes of adding and/or subtracting territory up to a total of four times during the life of the District. The boundaries of the District have not previously been amended. This Project Plan Amendment supplements, and does not supersede or replace any component of the original Project Plan unless specifically stated. All components of the original Project Plan remain in effect.

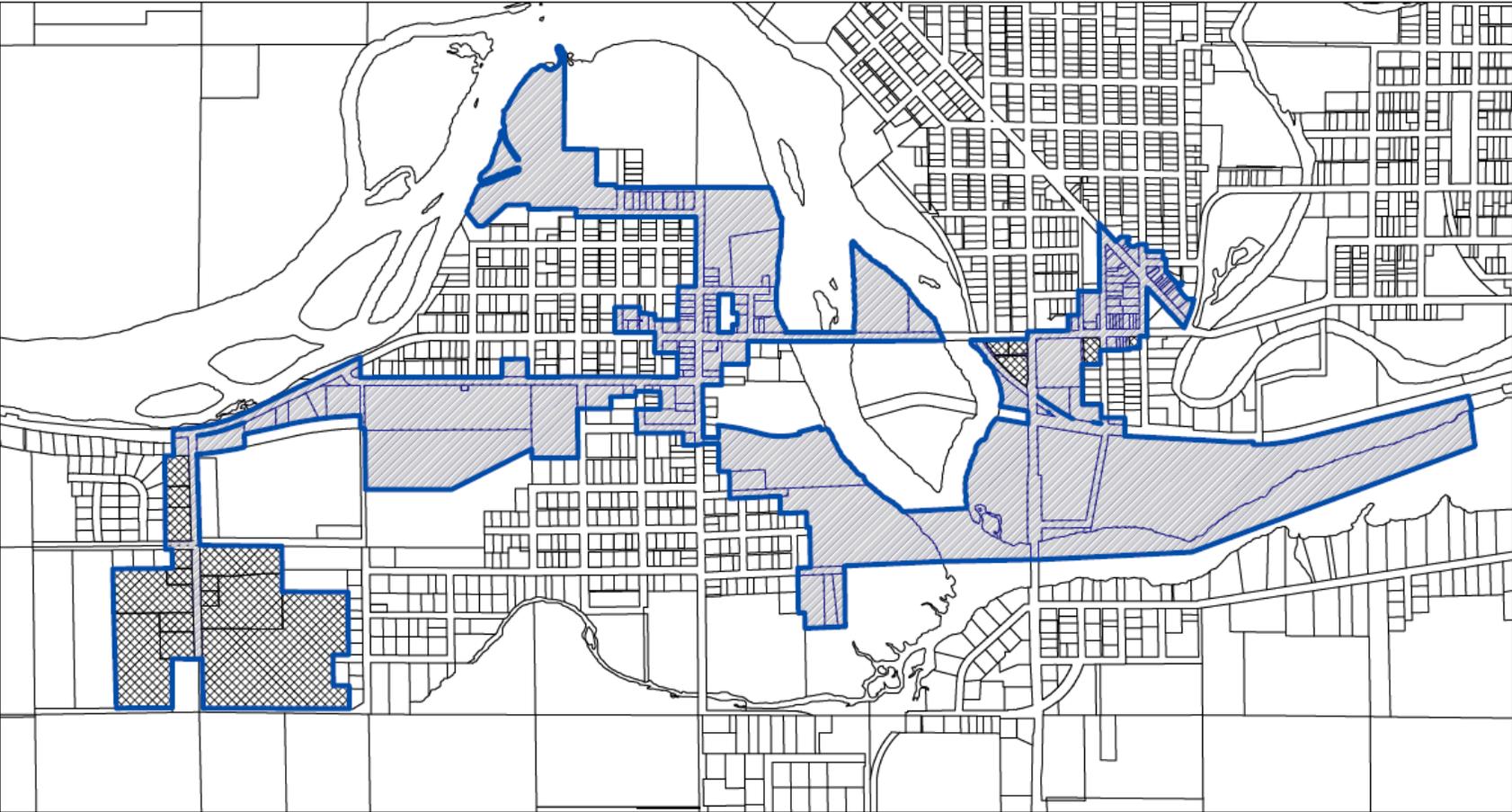
The purpose of the Amendment is to facilitate development within areas adjacent to the existing District. The amendment to the District boundaries and the Project Plan will enable the City to install additional public improvements, and to make additional necessary related expenditures that will create development and/or redevelopment opportunities consistent with the original purposes for which the District was created.

The amendment is also to update and/or provide for the undertaking of additional expenditures.

A map depicting the boundaries of the District is found in Section 3 of this Plan. Based upon the findings as stated above, and the original findings as stated in the Creation Resolution, the District remains a blighted area District based on the identification and classification of the property included within the District.

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**MAP OF ORIGINAL DISTRICT BOUNDARY, WITH TERRITORY AMENDMENT AREA IDENTIFIED**



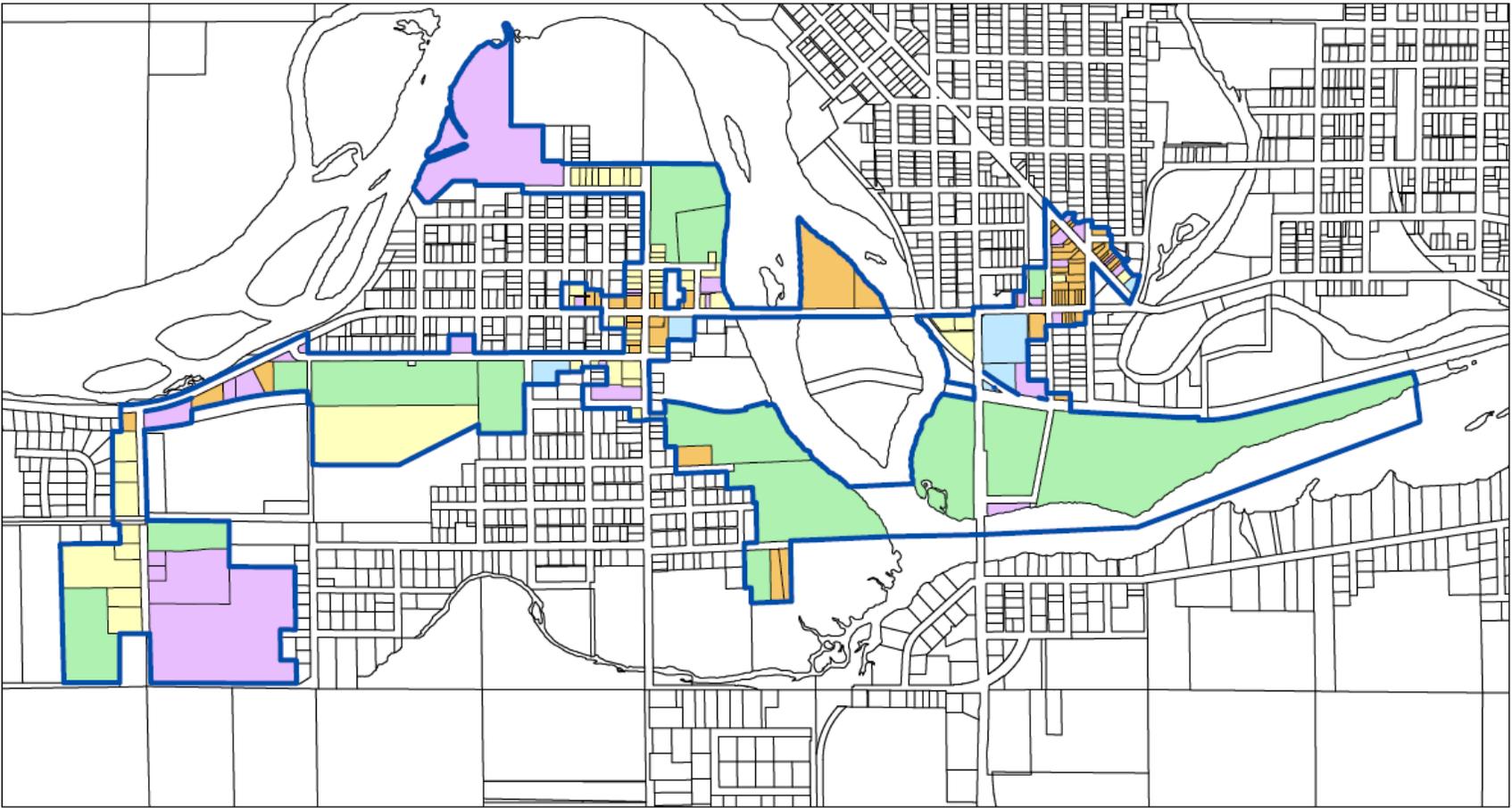
City of Merrill TID 8

- Legend**
- TID\_8
  - Added Properties
  - Boundary8

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**MAP SHOWING EXISTING USES & CONDITIONS WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND TERRITORY TO BE ADDED**



City of Merrill TID 8

- Legend**
- Vacant\_Lots
  - Commercial
  - Residential
  - Industrial
  - Exempt

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# 6 EQUALIZED VALUE TEST

The following calculations demonstrate that the City is in compliance with s.66.1105(4)(gm)4.c. Wis. Stats., which requires that the equalized value of the Territory to be added to the District, plus the value increment of the District being amended, plus the value increment of all other existing tax incremental districts, does not exceed 12% of the total equalized value of taxable property within the City.

The equalized value of the Territory to be incorporated by this Amendment, plus the increment value of TID No. 8, plus the value increment of all other existing tax incremental districts within the City, totals \$12,414,722. This value is less than the maximum of \$44,943,612 in equalized value that is permitted for the City of Merrill. The City is therefore in compliance with the statutory equalized valuation test and may proceed with amendment of this District.

<i>City of Merrill, WI</i>		
<b>Tax Increment District No. 8</b>		
<b>Valuation Test Compliance Calculation</b>		
<b>Anticipated Creation/Amendment</b>	<b>1/1/2013</b>	<b>Valuation Data</b>
<b>Property Appreciation Factor:</b>	<b>5.00%</b>	<b>Currently Available</b>
		<b>ACTUAL</b>
As of January 1,		<b>2013</b>
Total Equalized Value (TID IN)		374,530,100
<b>Limit for 12% Test</b>		<b>44,943,612</b>
Increment Value of Existing TID's		
TID No. 3 Increment		7,658,800
TID No. 4 Increment		1,735,300
TID No. 5 Increment		425,700
TID No. 6 Increment		0
TID No. 7 Increment		0
TID No. 8 Increment		0
Total Existing Increment		9,819,800
<b>Projected Base Value of Territory to be Added</b>		<b>2,594,922</b>
TOTAL VALUE SUBJECT TO TEST/LIMIT		<b>12,414,722</b>
<b>COMPLIANCE</b>		<b>PASS</b>
		

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## STATEMENT OF KIND, NUMBER AND LOCATION OF PROPOSED PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER PROJECTS

The following is a list of public works and other TIF-eligible projects that the City has implemented, or expects to implement, within the original District or within the Territory to be incorporated by this Amendment. Any costs directly or indirectly related to the public works and other projects are considered "Project Costs" and eligible to be paid with tax increment revenues of the District.

### PROPERTY, RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENT ACQUISITION

- **PROPERTY ACQUISITION FOR DEVELOPMENT AND/OR REDEVELOPMENT.** In order to promote and facilitate development and/or redevelopment the City may acquire property within the District. The cost of property acquired, and any costs associated with the transaction, are eligible Project Costs. Following acquisition, other Project Costs within the categories detailed in this Section may be incurred in order to make the property suitable for development and/or redevelopment. Any revenue received by the City from the sale of property acquired pursuant to the execution of this Plan will be used to reduce the total project costs of the District. If total Project Costs incurred by the City to acquire property and make it suitable for development and/or redevelopment exceed the revenues or other consideration received from the sale or lease of that property, the net amount shall be considered "real property assembly costs" as defined in State Statutes Section 66.1105(2)(f)1.c., and subject to recovery as an eligible Project Cost.
- **PROPERTY ACQUISITION FOR CONSERVANCY.** In order to promote the objectives of this Plan, the City intends to acquire property within the District that it will designate for conservancy. These conservancy objectives include: preserving historic resources or sensitive natural features; protection of scenic and historic views; maintaining habitat for wildlife; maintaining adequate open space; reduction of erosion and sedimentation by preserving existing vegetation; and providing adequate areas for management of stormwater. The cost of property acquired for conservancy, and any costs associated with the transaction, are eligible Project Costs.
- **ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY.** The City may need to acquire property to allow for installation of streets, driveways, sidewalks, utilities, stormwater management practices and other public infrastructure. Costs incurred by the City to identify, negotiate and acquire rights-of-way are eligible Project Costs.
- **ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS.** The City may need to acquire temporary or permanent easements to allow for installation and maintenance of streets, driveways, sidewalks, utilities, stormwater management practices and other public infrastructure. Costs incurred by the City to identify, negotiate and acquire easement rights are eligible Project Costs.
- **RELOCATION COSTS.** If relocation expenses are incurred in conjunction with the acquisition of property, those expenses are eligible Project Costs. These costs may include, but are not limited to: preparation of a relocation plan; allocations of staff time; legal fees; publication of notices; obtaining appraisals; and payment of relocation benefits as required by Wisconsin Statutes Sections 32.19 and 32.195.

### **SITE PREPARATION ACTIVITIES**

- **ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITS AND REMEDIATION.** There have been no known environmental studies performed within the proposed District. If, however, it becomes necessary to evaluate any land or improvement within the District, any cost incurred by the City related to environmental audits, testing, and remediation are eligible Project Costs.
- **DEMOLITION.** In order to make sites suitable for development and/or redevelopment, the City may incur costs related to demolition and removal of structures or other land improvements, to include abandonment of wells or other existing utility services.
- **SITE GRADING.** Land within the District may require grading to make it suitable for development and/or redevelopment, to provide access, and to control stormwater runoff. The City may need to remove and dispose of excess material, or bring in fill material to provide for proper site elevations. Expenses incurred by the City for site grading are eligible Project Costs.

### **UTILITIES**

- **SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS.** There are inadequate sanitary sewer facilities serving areas of the District. To allow development and/or redevelopment to occur, the City may construct, alter, rebuild or expand sanitary sewer infrastructure within the District. Eligible Project Costs include, but are not limited to, construction, alteration, rebuilding or expansion of: collection mains; manholes and cleanouts; service laterals; force mains; interceptor sewers; pumping stations; lift stations; wastewater treatment facilities; and all related appurtenances. To the extent sanitary sewer projects undertaken within the District provide direct benefit to land outside of the District, the City will make an allocation of costs based on such benefit. Those costs corresponding to the benefit allocated to land within the District, and necessitated by the implementation of the Project Plan, are eligible Project Costs. Implementation of the Project Plan may also require that the City construct, alter, rebuild or expand sanitary sewer infrastructure located outside of the District. That portion of the costs of sanitary sewer system projects undertaken outside the District which are necessitated by the implementation of the Project Plan are eligible Project Costs.

The improvements to the wastewater treatment facilities, although not within the ½ mile radius, are an eligible project cost under Section 66.1105(2)(f)1 k.

- **WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS.** There are inadequate water distribution facilities serving areas of the District. To allow development and/or redevelopment to occur, the City may construct, alter, rebuild or expand water system infrastructure within the District. Eligible Project Costs include, but are not limited to, construction, alteration, rebuilding or expansion of: distribution mains; manholes and valves; hydrants; service laterals; pumping stations; wells; water treatment facilities; storage tanks and reservoirs; and all related appurtenances. To the extent water system projects undertaken within the District provide direct benefit to land outside of the District, the City will make an allocation of costs based on such benefit. Those costs corresponding to the benefit allocated to land within the District, and necessitated by the implementation of the Project Plan, are eligible Project Costs. Implementation of the Project Plan may also require that the City construct, alter, rebuild or expand water system infrastructure located outside of the District. That portion of the costs of water system projects undertaken outside the District which are necessitated by the implementation of the Project Plan are eligible Project Costs.

- **STORMWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS.** Development and/or redevelopment within the District will cause stormwater runoff and pollution. To manage this stormwater runoff, the City may construct, alter, rebuild or expand stormwater management infrastructure within the District. Eligible Project Costs include, but are not limited to, construction, alteration, rebuilding or expansion of: stormwater collection mains; inlets, manholes and valves; service laterals; ditches; culvert pipes; box culverts; bridges; stabilization of stream and river banks; and infiltration, filtration and detention Best Management Practices (BMP's). To the extent stormwater management system projects undertaken within the District provide direct benefit to land outside of the District, the City will make an allocation of costs based on such benefit. Those costs corresponding to the benefit allocated to land within the District, and necessitated by the implementation of the Project Plan, are eligible Project Costs. Implementation of the Project Plan may also require that the City construct, alter, rebuild or expand stormwater management infrastructure located outside of the District. That portion of the costs of stormwater management system projects undertaken outside the District which are necessitated by the implementation of the Project Plan are eligible Project Costs.
- **ELECTRIC SERVICE.** In order to create sites suitable for development and/or redevelopment, the City may incur costs to provide, relocate or upgrade electric services. Relocation may require abandonment and removal of existing poles or towers, installation of new poles or towers, or burying of overhead electric lines. Costs incurred by the City to undertake this work are eligible Project Costs.
- **GAS SERVICE.** In order to create sites suitable for development and/or redevelopment, the City may incur costs to provide, relocate or upgrade gas mains and services. Costs incurred by the City to undertake this work are eligible Project Costs.
- **COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE.** In order to create sites suitable for development and/or redevelopment, the City may incur costs to provide, relocate or upgrade infrastructure required for voice and data communications, including, but not limited to: telephone lines, cable lines and fiber optic cable. Costs incurred by the City to undertake this work are eligible Project Costs.

### **STREETS AND STREETSCAPE**

- **STREET IMPROVEMENTS.** There are inadequate street improvements serving areas of the District. To allow development and/or redevelopment to occur, the City may need to construct and/or reconstruct streets, highways, alleys, access drives and parking areas. Eligible Project Costs include, but are not limited to: excavation; removal or placement of fill; construction of road base; asphalt or concrete paving or repaving; installation of curb and gutter; installation of sidewalks and bicycle lanes; installation of culverts, box culverts and bridges; rail crossings and signals; utility relocation, to include burying overhead utility lines; street lighting; installation of traffic control signage and traffic signals; pavement marking; right-of-way restoration; installation of retaining walls; and installation of fences, berms, and landscaping.
- **STREETSCAPING AND LANDSCAPING.** In order to attract development and/or redevelopment consistent with the objectives of this Plan, the City may install amenities to enhance development sites, rights-of-way and other public spaces. These amenities include, but are not limited to: landscaping; lighting of streets, sidewalks, parking areas and public areas; installation of planters, benches, clocks, tree rings, trash receptacles and

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similar items; and installation of brick or other decorative walks, terraces and street crossings. These and any other similar amenities installed by the City are eligible Project Costs.

### **RDA TYPE ACTIVITES**

- **CONTRIBUTION TO REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.** As provided for in Wisconsin Statutes Sections 66.1105(2)(f)1.h and 66.1333(13), the City may provide funds to its RDA to be used for administration, planning operations, and capital costs, including but not limited to real property acquisition, related to the purposes for which it was established in furtherance of any redevelopment or urban renewal project. Funds provided to the RDA for this purpose are eligible Project Costs.
- **REVOLVING LOAN/GRANT PROGRAM.** To encourage private redevelopment consistent with the objectives of this Plan, the City, through its RDA, may provide loans and/or matching grants to eligible property owners in the District. Loan and/or matching grant recipients will be required to sign an agreement specifying the nature of the property improvements to be made. Eligible improvements will be those that are likely to improve the value of the property, enhance the visual appearance of the property and surrounding area, correct safety deficiencies, or as otherwise specified by the RDA in the program manual. Any funds returned to the RDA from the repayment of loans made are not considered revenues to the District, and will not be used to offset District Project Costs. Instead, these funds may be placed into a revolving loan fund and will continue to be used for the program purposes stated above. Any funds provided to the RDA for purposes of implementing this program are considered eligible Project Costs.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

- **CASH GRANTS (DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES).** The City may enter into agreements with property owners, lessees, or developers of land located within the District for the purpose of sharing costs to encourage the desired kind of improvements and assure tax base is generated sufficient to recover Project Costs. No cash grants will be provided until the City executes a developer agreement with the recipient of the cash grant. Any payments of cash grants made by the City are eligible Project Costs.
- **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ORGANIZATIONAL COSTS.** The costs of professional services rendered, and other costs incurred, in relation to the creation, administration and termination of the District, and the undertaking of the projects contained within this Plan, are eligible Project Costs. Professional services include, but are not limited to: architectural; environmental; planning; engineering; legal, audit; financial; and the costs of informing the public with respect to the creation of the District and the implementation of the Plan.
- **ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.** The City may charge to the District as eligible Project Costs reasonable allocations of administrative costs, including, but not limited to, employee salaries. Costs allocated will bear a direct connection to the time spent by City employees in connection with the implementation of the Plan.
- **FINANCING COSTS.** Interest expense, debt issuance expenses, redemption premiums, and any other fees and costs incurred in conjunction with obtaining financing for projects undertaken under this Plan are eligible Project Costs.

With all projects the costs of engineering, design, survey, inspection, materials, construction, restoring property to its original condition, site preparation, legal and other consultant fees, testing, environmental studies, permits, updating City ordinances and plans, judgments or claims for damages, and other expenses are included as Project Costs.

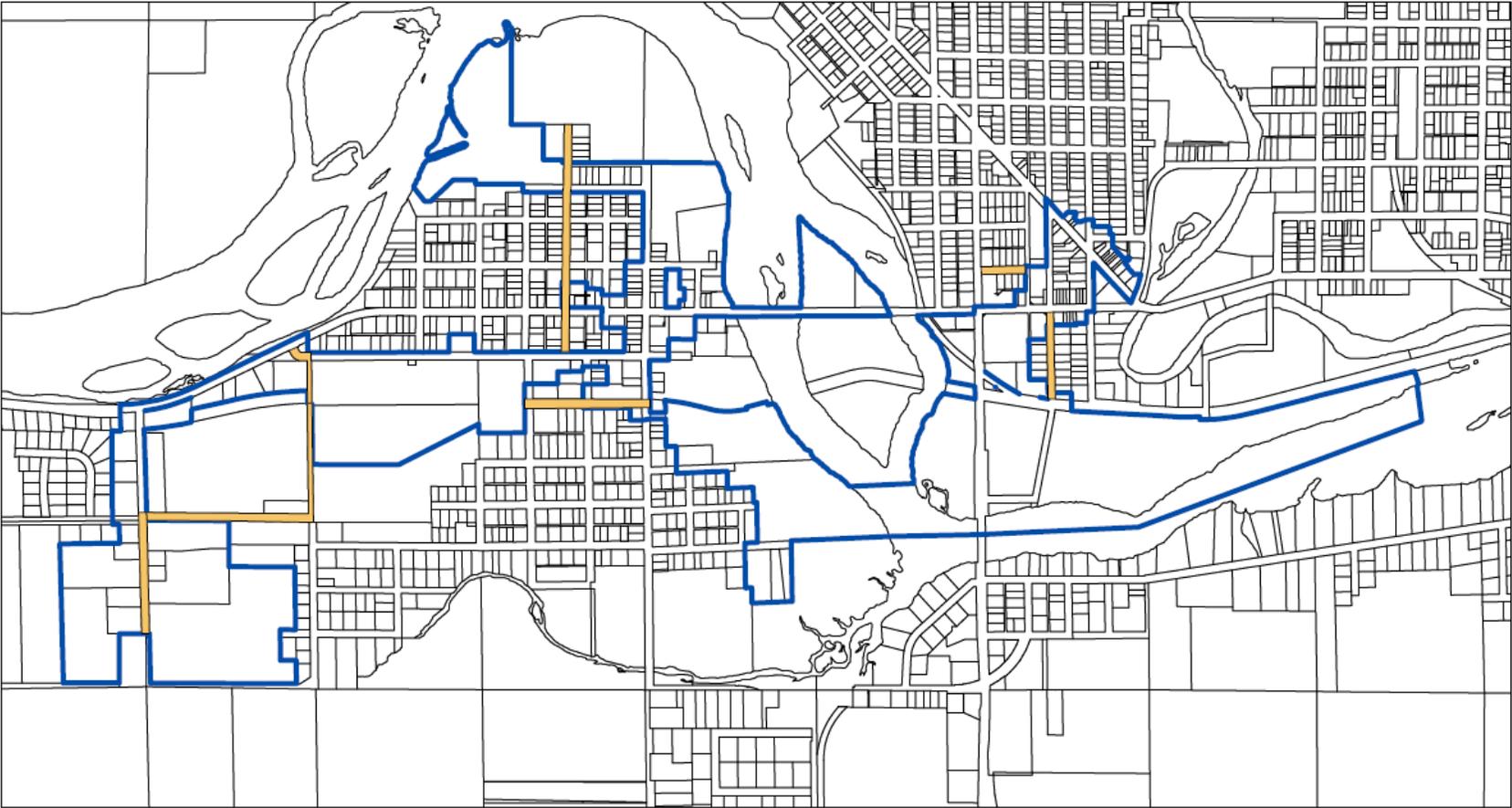
In the event any of the public works project expenditures are not reimbursable out of the special tax increment finance fund under Wisconsin Statute Section 66.1105, in the written opinion of counsel retained by the City for such purpose or a court of record so rules in a final order, then such project or projects shall be deleted herefrom and the remainder of the projects hereunder shall be deemed the entirety of the projects for purposes of this Project Plan Amendment.

**The City reserves the right to implement only those projects that remain viable as the Plan period proceeds.**

Project Costs are any expenditures made, estimated to be made, or monetary obligations incurred or estimated to be incurred, by the City and as outlined in this Plan or the original Project Plan. To the extent the costs benefit the City outside the District, a proportionate share of the cost is not a Project Cost. Costs identified in this Plan are preliminary estimates made prior to design considerations and are subject to change after planning is completed. Proration of costs in the Plan are also estimates and subject to change based upon implementation, future assessment policies and user fee adjustments. Project Costs will be diminished by any income, special assessments or other revenues, including user fees or charges, other than tax increments, received or reasonably expected to be received by the City in connection with the implementation of this Plan.

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**MAP SHOWING PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS AND USES WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND TERRITORY TO BE ADDED**



City of Merrill TID 8

**Legend**

-  Potential Infrastructure
-  Boundary

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## DETAILED LIST OF ADDITIONAL PROJECT COSTS

This Section contains information relative to the specific projects and expenditures that the City anticipates it will undertake or make within the Territory to be incorporated into the District by this Amendment.

All costs are based on 2013 prices and are preliminary estimates. The City reserves the right to increase these costs to reflect inflationary increases and other uncontrollable circumstances between 2013 and the time of construction. The City also reserves the right to increase certain Project Costs to the extent others are reduced or not implemented without amending the Plan. The tax increment allocation is preliminary and is subject to adjustment based upon the implementation of the Plan.

**This Plan is not meant to be a budget, nor an appropriation of funds for specific projects, but a framework within which to manage projects. All costs included in the Plan are estimates based on best information available. The City retains the right to delete projects or change the scope and/or timing of projects implemented as they are individually authorized by the Common Council, without further amending this Plan.**

**PROPOSED TIF PROJECT COST ESTIMATES**

<i>City of Merrill, WI</i>					
Tax Increment District No. 8		Project List			
	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Phase IV	TOTALS
	2013-2014	2015-2016	2020	2025	
<b>Projects</b>					
TID Boundary and Plan Amendments	9,000		10,000	10,000	19,000
			0	0	
Development Incentives	440,000	400,000	275,000	275,000	1,115,000
Real Estate Acquisition	150,000	200,000	75,000	75,000	425,000
Relocation Costs		10,000	5,000	5,000	15,000
Demolition	50,000	100,000	50,000	50,000	200,000
Parking Improvements		76,400	25,000	25,000	101,400
Environmental Remediation	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	150,000
Pedestrian Path and Amenities			50,000	50,000	50,000
Stormwater System Improvements			25,000	25,000	25,000
Telecommunication Infrastructure			25,000	25,000	25,000
Sanitary Sewer Improvements	30,000		0	0	30,000
Water System Improvements	20,000		0	0	20,000
Street Improvements	5,000		12,500	12,500	17,500
<b>Subtotal Needed for Projects</b>	<b>754,000</b>	<b>836,400</b>	<b>602,500</b>	<b>602,500</b>	<b>2,192,900</b>
<b>Note(s):</b>	<i>Infrastructure projects include engineering and contingency</i>				

## **10** ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY STUDY & A DESCRIPTION OF THE METHODS OF FINANCING AND THE TIME WHEN SUCH COSTS OR MONETARY OBLIGATIONS RELATED THERETO ARE TO BE INCURRED

The information and exhibits contained within this Section demonstrate that the District, as proposed to be amended by the addition of territory, will remain economically feasible insofar as:

- The City has available to it the means to secure the necessary financing required to accomplish the remaining projects contained within this Plan. A listing of “Available Financing Methods” follows.
- The City expects to complete the remaining projects in one or multiple phases, and can adjust the timing of implementation as needed to coincide with the pace of private development and/or redevelopment. A discussion of the phasing and projected timeline for project completion is discussed under “Plan Implementation” within this Section. A table identifying the financing method for each phase and the time at which that financing is expected to be incurred is included.
- The development anticipated to occur as a result of the continued implementation of this Plan will generate sufficient tax increments to pay for the cost of the projects. Within this Section are tables identifying: 1) the development and/or redevelopment expected to occur, 2) an updated projection of tax increments to be collected resulting from that development and/or redevelopment and other economic growth within the District, and 3) an updated cash flow model demonstrating that the projected tax increment collections and all other revenues available to the District will be sufficient to pay all Project Costs.

### **AVAILABLE FINANCING METHODS**

Implementation of this Plan may require that the City issue debt obligations to provide direct or indirect financing for the Projects to be undertaken. The following is a list of the types of obligations the City may choose to utilize.

#### General Obligation (G.O.) Bonds or Notes

The City may issue G.O. Bonds or Notes to finance the cost of Projects included within this Plan. Wisconsin Statutes limit the principal amount of G.O. debt that a community may have outstanding at any point in time to an amount not greater than five percent of its total equalized value (including increment values). The tables on page 23 provide a calculation of the City's current and projected G.O. debt capacity. Tables 1 and 2 project, respectively, the City's equalized value, and the full faith and credit borrowing capacity of the City. Equalized valuation projections were made using two methods. The first projects future valuation of the City using the average annual percentage of valuation growth experienced between 2009 and 2013. This method is identified as the percentage method. The second method projects the future valuation based upon the average annual value change between 2009 and 2013. This method is identified as the straight-line method. Table 2 projects the G.O. borrowing capacity of the City utilizing the straight-line valuation projection and considering the existing debt of the City,

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demonstrating that the City will have sufficient G.O. debt capacity during the implementation period of the District to finance projects using this method if it chooses.

#### Bonds Issued to Developers (“Pay as You Go” Financing)

The City may issue a bond or other obligation to one or more developers who provide financing for projects included in this Plan. Repayment of the amounts due to the developer under the bonds or other obligations are limited to an agreed percentage of the available annual tax increments collected that result from the improvements made by the developer. To the extent the tax increments collected are insufficient to make annual payments, or to repay the entire obligation over the life of the District, the City’s obligation is limited to not more than the agreed percentage of the actual increments collected. Bonds or other obligations issued to developers in this fashion are not general obligations of the City and, therefore, do not count against the City’s statutory borrowing capacity.

#### Tax Increment Revenue Bonds

The City has the authority to issue revenue bonds secured by the tax increments to be collected. These bonds may be issued directly by the City, or as a form of lease revenue bond by its Redevelopment Authority (RDA). Tax Increment Revenue Bonds and Lease Revenue Bonds are not general obligations of the City and therefore do not count against the City’s statutory borrowing capacity. To the extent tax increments collected are insufficient to meet the annual debt service requirements of the revenue bonds, the City may be subject to either a permissive or mandatory requirement to appropriate on an annual basis a sum equal to the actual or projected shortfall.

#### Utility Revenue Bonds

The City can issue revenue bonds to be repaid from revenues of its various utility systems, including revenues paid by the City that represent service of the system to the City. There is neither a statutory nor constitutional limitation on the amount of revenue bonds that can be issued, however, water rates are controlled by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and the City must demonstrate to bond purchasers its ability to repay revenue debt with the assigned rates. To the extent the City utilizes utility revenues other than tax increments to repay a portion of the bonds, the City must reduce the total eligible Project Costs in an equal amount.

#### Special Assessment “B” Bonds

The City has the ability to levy special assessments against benefited properties to pay part of the costs for street, curb, gutter, sewer, water, storm sewers and other infrastructure. In the event the City determines that special assessments are appropriate, the City can issue Special Assessment B bonds pledging revenues from special assessment installments to the extent assessment payments are outstanding. These bonds are not counted against the City’s statutory borrowing capacity. If special assessments are levied, the City must reduce the total eligible Project Costs under this Plan in an amount equal to the total collected.



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## **PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

Projects identified will provide the necessary anticipated governmental services and/or development incentives to the additional territory. It is anticipated these expenditures will be made on the schedule presented on page 20. However, public debt and expenditures should be made at the pace private development and/or redevelopment occurs to assure increment is sufficient to cover expenses. The order in which expenditures are made should be adjusted in accordance with development and execution of developer agreements. The City reserves the right to alter the implementation of this Plan to accomplish this objective. In any event, all additional Project Costs are to be incurred within the period specified in Section 66.1105(6)(am) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

It is anticipated developer agreements between the City and property owners will be in place prior to major public expenditures. These agreements can provide for development guarantees or a payment in lieu of development. To further assure contract enforcement these agreements might include levying of special assessments against benefited properties.

The order in which expenditures are made should be adjusted in accordance with development and execution of developer agreements. The City reserves the right to alter the implementation of this Plan to accomplish this objective.

Interest rates projected are based on current market conditions. Municipal interest rates are subject to constantly changing market conditions. In addition, other factors such as the loss of tax-exempt status of municipal bonds or broadening the purpose of future tax-exempt bonds would affect market conditions. Actual interest expense will be determined once the methods of financing have been approved and securities or other obligations are issued.

**If financing as outlined in this Plan proves unworkable, the City reserves the right to use alternate financing solutions for the projects as they are implemented.**

## IMPLEMENTATION & FINANCING TIMELINE

<i>City of Merrill, WI</i>		Tax Increment District No. 8		 <b>EHLERS</b> LEADERS IN PUBLIC FINANCE	
Estimated Project Costs & Financing Plan					
	State Trust Fund Loan	State Trust Fund Loan	State Trust Fund Loan	State Trust Fund Loan	Total Project Costs
	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Phase IV	All Phases
<b>Projects</b>					
TID Boundary and Plan Amendments	9,000	0	10,000	10,000	29,000
Real Estate Acquisition	150,000	200,000	75,000	75,000	500,000
Relocation Costs	0	10,000	5,000	5,000	20,000
Demolition	50,000	100,000	50,000	50,000	250,000
Parking Improvements	0	76,400	25,000	25,000	126,400
Environmental Remediation	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	200,000
Pedestrian Path and Amenities	0	0	50,000	50,000	100,000
Stormwater System Improvements	0	0	25,000	25,000	50,000
Telecommunication Infrastructure	0	0	25,000	25,000	50,000
Sanitary Sewer Improvements	30,000	0	0	0	30,000
Water System Improvements	20,000	0	0	0	20,000
Street Improvements	5,000	0	12,500	12,500	30,000
<b>Subtotal Needed for Projects</b>	<b>314,000</b>	<b>436,400</b>	<b>327,500</b>	<b>327,500</b>	<b>1,405,400</b>
<b>Less Other Sources</b>					
Grant	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	
General Fund Advance					
<b>Total Needed for Projects</b>	<b>214,000</b>	<b>336,400</b>	<b>227,500</b>	<b>227,500</b>	
<b>Finance Related Expenses</b>					
Financial Advisor	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	
Bond Counsel (Estimate)					
Rating Agency Fee					
Paying Agent (if Term Bonds)					
Capitalized Interest					
<b>Total Financing Required</b>	<b>216,500</b>	<b>338,900</b>	<b>230,000</b>	<b>230,000</b>	
Rounding	0	0	0	0	
<b>NET ISSUE SIZE</b>	<b>216,500</b>	<b>338,900</b>	<b>230,000</b>	<b>230,000</b>	

**DEVELOPMENT ASSUMPTIONS**

<i>City of Merrill, WI</i>						
<b>Tax Increment District No. 8 Development Assumptions</b>						
Construction Year	201 S. Prospect St.	Storage Units	West Business District Redev.	Sixth District Redevelopment	Other Future Development	Annual Total
2013		46,600				46,600
2014		35,000	850,000	325,000		1,210,000
2015	600,000			125,000	308,400	1,033,400
2016						0
2017		60,000			275,000	335,000
2018				125,000		125,000
2019	1,200,000				275,000	1,475,000
2020						0
2021					300,000	300,000
2022					275,000	275,000
2023						0
2024	1,200,000					1,200,000
2025					275,000	275,000
2026						0
2027					300,000	300,000
2028						0
2029					425,000	425,000
2030						0
2031						0
2032						0
2033						0
2034						0
2035						0
2036						0
2037						0
2038						0
2039						0
<b>TOTALS</b>	3,000,000	141,600	850,000	575,000	2,433,400	7,000,000
<b>NOTES:</b>						

**INCREMENT REVENUE PROJECTIONS**

### City of Merrill, WI

#### Tax Increment District No. 8 Tax Increment Projection Worksheet

Type of District: **Blighted Area**

Anticipated Creation Date: **9/21/2011**

Valuation Date: **Jan. 1, 2011**

Maximum Life (In Years): **27**

Expenditure Period (In Years): **22**

Revenue Periods/Final Rev Year: **27** | **2039**

End of Expenditure Period: **9/21/2033**

Latest Termination Date: **9/21/2038**

Eligible for Extension/No. of Years: **Yes** | **3**

Eligible Recipient District: **Yes**

Projected Base Value: **1,491,422**

Pre-Amendment Base Value (Actual): **-1,103,500**

Property Appreciation Factor: **0.00%**

Current Tax Rate (Per \$1,000 EV): **\$29.00**

Tax Rate Adjustment Factor (Next 2 Years): **0.00%**

Tax Rate Adjustment Factor (Following 2 Years): **0.00%**

Tax Rate Adjustment Factor (Thereafter): **0.00%**

Discount Rate 1 for NPV Calculation: **4.25%**

Discount Rate 2 for NPV Calculation: **6.00%**

Apply Inflation Factor to Base? **X**

Net Present Value Calculation

Construction Year	Value Added	Valuation Year	Inflation Increment	Valuation Increment	Revenue Year	Tax Rate	Tax Increment	Cumulative @	
								4.25%	6.00%
1	2013	46,600	2014	0	46,600	2015	29.00	1,352	1,193
2	2014	1,210,000	2015	0	1,256,600	2016	29.00	36,447	1,135
3	2015	1,033,400	2016	0	2,290,000	2017	29.00	66,421	32,050
4	2016	0	2017	0	2,290,000	2018	29.00	66,421	30,004
5	2017	335,000	2018	0	2,625,000	2019	29.00	76,137	79,638
6	2018	125,000	2019	0	2,750,000	2020	29.00	79,763	137,734
7	2019	1,475,000	2020	0	4,225,000	2021	29.00	122,545	126,462
8	2020	0	2021	0	4,225,000	2022	29.00	122,545	177,097
9	2021	300,000	2022	0	4,525,000	2023	29.00	131,246	177,097
10	2022	275,000	2023	0	4,800,000	2024	29.00	139,222	227,142
11	2023	0	2024	0	4,800,000	2025	29.00	139,222	251,801
12	2024	1,200,000	2025	0	6,000,000	2026	29.00	174,028	299,676
13	2025	275,000	2026	0	6,275,000	2027	29.00	182,004	368,104
14	2026	0	2027	0	6,275,000	2028	29.00	182,004	416,882
15	2027	300,000	2028	0	6,575,000	2029	29.00	190,706	499,915
16	2028	0	2029	0	6,575,000	2030	29.00	190,706	584,403
17	2029	425,000	2030	0	7,000,000	2031	29.00	203,033	665,447
18	2030	0	2031	0	7,000,000	2032	29.00	203,033	762,622
19	2031	0	2032	0	7,000,000	2033	29.00	203,033	860,108
20	2032	0	2033	0	7,000,000	2034	29.00	203,033	953,619
21	2033	0	2034	0	7,000,000	2035	29.00	203,033	1,047,607
22	2034	0	2035	0	7,000,000	2036	29.00	203,033	1,137,763
23	2035	0	2036	0	7,000,000	2037	29.00	203,033	1,229,833
24	2036	0	2037	0	7,000,000	2038	29.00	203,033	1,318,150
25	2037	0	2038	0	7,000,000	2039	29.00	203,033	1,402,867
								1,843,371	1,417,714

7,000,000

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Future Value of Increment: **3,728,063**

**CASH FLOW**

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <span><i>City of Merrill, WI</i></span> </div> <p><b>Tax Increment District No. 8</b> <b>Cash Flow Pro Forma</b></p>																						
Year	Revenues			Expenditures												Balances		Project Cost Principal Outstanding	Year			
	Tax Increments	Investment Earnings	Total Revenues	State Trust Fund Loan \$216,500 6/1/2014			State Trust Fund Loan \$338,900 6/1/2015			State Trust Fund Loan \$230,000 6/1/2020			State Trust Fund Loan \$230,000 6/1/2025			Development Incentives	Admin			Total Expenditures	Annual	Cumulative
		0.10%		Prin (3/15)	Est. Rate	Interest																
2013		0	0													230,000	42,000	272,000	(272,000)	(579,599)	785,400	2013
2014		0	0													200,000	35,000	235,000	(235,000)	(814,599)	785,400	2014
2015	1,352	0	1,352	19,984	3.250%	5,551										200,000	35,000	260,534	(259,183)	(1,073,782)	765,416	2015
2016	36,447	0	36,447	19,148	3.250%	6,387	31,282	3.250%	8,689							200,000	35,000	300,505	(264,058)	(1,337,840)	714,987	2016
2017	66,421	0	66,421	19,770	3.250%	5,764	29,973	3.250%	9,998							55,000	35,000	155,505	(89,084)	(1,426,924)	665,244	2017
2018	66,421	0	66,421	20,413	3.250%	5,122	30,947	3.250%	9,023							55,000	35,000	155,505	(89,084)	(1,516,008)	613,885	2018
2019	76,137	0	76,137	21,076	3.250%	4,459	31,953	3.250%	8,018							55,000	35,000	155,505	(79,368)	(1,595,376)	560,856	2019
2020	79,763	0	79,763	21,761	3.250%	3,774	32,991	3.250%	6,979							55,000	35,000	155,505	(75,742)	(1,671,118)	506,104	2020
2021	122,545	0	122,545	22,468	3.250%	3,066	34,064	3.250%	5,907	21,230	3.250%	5,897				55,000	35,000	182,632	(60,087)	(1,731,205)	428,342	2021
2022	122,545	0	122,545	23,198	3.250%	2,336	35,171	3.250%	4,800	20,342	3.250%	6,785				55,000	35,000	182,632	(60,087)	(1,791,292)	349,632	2022
2023	131,246	0	131,246	23,952	3.250%	1,582	36,314	3.250%	3,657	21,003	3.250%	6,124				55,000	35,000	182,632	(51,386)	(1,842,678)	268,363	2023
2024	139,222	0	139,222	24,731	3.250%	804	37,494	3.250%	2,477	21,685	3.250%	5,441				55,000	35,000	182,632	(43,409)	(1,886,087)	184,453	2024
2025	139,222	0	139,222				38,712	3.250%	1,258	22,390	3.250%	4,737				55,000	35,000	157,097	(17,875)	(1,903,962)	123,350	2025
2026	174,028	0	174,028							23,118	3.250%	4,009	21,230	3.250%	5,897	55,000	35,000	117,127	56,901	(1,847,061)	100,233	2026
2027	182,004	0	182,004							23,869	3.250%	3,258	20,342	3.250%	6,785	35,000	35,000	62,127	119,878	(1,727,183)	76,364	2027
2028	182,004	0	182,004							24,645	3.250%	2,482	21,003	3.250%	6,124	35,000	35,000	62,127	119,878	(1,607,305)	51,719	2028
2029	190,706	0	190,706							25,446	3.250%	1,681	21,685	3.250%	5,441	35,000	35,000	62,127	128,579	(1,478,726)	26,273	2029
2030	190,706	0	190,706							26,273	3.250%	854	22,390	3.250%	4,737	35,000	35,000	62,127	128,579	(1,350,147)	0	2030
2031	203,033	0	203,033							23,118	3.250%	4,009	23,118	3.250%	4,009	35,000	35,000	68,033	168,033	(1,182,115)	0	2031
2032	203,033	0	203,033							23,869	3.250%	3,258	23,869	3.250%	3,258	35,000	35,000	68,033	168,033	(1,014,082)	0	2032
2033	203,033	0	203,033							24,645	3.250%	2,482	24,645	3.250%	2,482	35,000	35,000	68,033	168,033	(846,049)	0	2033
2034	203,033	0	203,033							25,446	3.250%	1,681	25,446	3.250%	1,681	35,000	35,000	68,033	168,033	(678,017)	0	2034
2035	203,033	0	203,033							26,273	3.250%	854	26,273	3.250%	854	35,000	35,000	68,033	168,033	(509,984)	0	2035
2036	203,033	0	203,033													35,000	35,000	68,033	168,033	(341,951)	0	2036
2037	203,033	0	203,033													35,000	35,000	68,033	168,033	(173,918)	0	2037
2038	203,033	0	203,033													35,000	35,000	68,033	168,033	(5,886)	0	2038
2039	203,033	0	203,033													35,000	35,000	68,033	168,033	162,147	0	2039
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,728,063</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,728,063</b>	<b>216,500</b>		<b>38,845</b>	<b>338,900</b>		<b>60,806</b>	<b>230,000</b>		<b>41,267</b>	<b>203,727</b>		<b>40,413</b>	<b>1,380,000</b>	<b>952,000</b>	<b>3,258,317</b>	<b>469,746</b>			

NOTES: Projected TID Closure

## **11** ANNEXED PROPERTY

There are no lands within the Territory proposed to be included within the District by Amendment that were annexed by the City on or after January 1, 2004.

## **12** ESTIMATE OF TERRITORY TO BE DEVOTED TO RETAIL BUSINESS

The City estimates that less than 35% of the territory within the District, as amended, will be devoted to retail business at the end of the District's maximum expenditure period. This finding is made to fulfill the reporting requirement as contained in Sections 66.1105(5)(b) and 66.1105(6)(am)1 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

## **13** PROPOSED CHANGES IN ZONING ORDINANCES

The City does not anticipate the need to change any of its zoning ordinances in conjunction with the implementation of this Amended Project Plan.

## **14** PROPOSED CHANGES IN MASTER PLAN, MAP, BUILDING CODES AND CITY OF MERRILL ORDINANCES

It is expected that this Plan will be complementary to the City's Master Plan. There are no proposed changes to the Master Plan, map, building codes or other City ordinances for the implementation of this Plan.

## **15** RELOCATION

It is anticipated there will be a need to relocate persons or businesses in conjunction with this Plan.

In the event relocation or the acquisition of property by eminent domain becomes necessary at some time during the implementation period, the City will follow applicable state statutes as required in Wisconsin Statutes chapter 32.

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### **ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT AND/OR REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF MERRILL**

This amendment contributes to the orderly development and/or redevelopment of the City by providing the opportunity for continued growth in tax base, job opportunities and general economic activity.

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### **A LIST OF ESTIMATED NON-PROJECT COSTS**

Non-Project Costs are public works projects that only partly benefit the District or are not eligible to be paid with tax increments, or costs not eligible to be paid with TIF funds. Examples would include:

- A public improvement made within the District that also benefits property outside the District. That portion of the total Project Costs allocable to properties outside of the District would be a non-project cost.
- A public improvement made outside the District that only partially benefits property within the District. That portion of the total Project Costs allocable to properties outside of the District would be a non-project cost.
- Projects undertaken within the District as part of the implementation of this Project Plan, the costs of which are paid fully or in part by impact fees, grants, special assessments, or revenues other than tax increments.

The City anticipates approximately \$400,000 in grant funding for environmental remediation and blight elimination projects. To the extent grant funding is unavailable; those costs will become eligible costs of the District.

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**OPINION OF ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF MERRILL ADVISING  
WHETHER THE PLAN IS COMPLETE AND COMPLIES WITH WISCONSIN  
STATUTES, SECTION 66.1105**

September 10, 2013

**SAMPLE**

William Bialecki, Mayor  
City of Merrill  
1004 E. First Street  
Merrill, Wisconsin 54452

**RE: City of Merrill, Wisconsin Tax Incremental District No. 8 Amendment**

Dear Mayor:

As City Attorney for the City of Merrill, I have reviewed the Project Plan and, in my opinion, have determined that it is complete and complies with Section 66.1105 of the Wisconsin Statutes. This opinion is provided pursuant to Section 66.1105(4)(f), Wis. Stat.

Sincerely,

Attorney Thomas Hayden  
City of Merrill

## EXHIBIT A - CALCULATION OF THE SHARE OF PROJECTED TAX INCREMENTS ESTIMATED TO BE PAID BY THE OWNERS OF PROPERTY IN THE OVERLYING TAXING JURISDICTIONS

Estimated Share by Taxing Jurisdiction of Projected Tax Increments to be paid by Owners of Taxable Property in each of the Taxing Jurisdictions Overlying the Tax Increment District

Revenue Year	County	Special District	City - Village	School District	Technical College	Total
	18.99%	0.00%	43.67%	30.37%	6.97%	
2015	257	0	590	410	94	1,352
2016	6,922	0	15,915	11,068	2,541	36,447
2017	12,615	0	29,004	20,170	4,632	66,421
2018	12,615	0	29,004	20,170	4,632	66,421
2019	14,461	0	33,247	23,121	5,309	76,137
2020	15,149	0	34,830	24,222	5,562	79,763
2021	23,275	0	53,511	37,213	8,545	122,545
2022	23,275	0	53,511	37,213	8,545	122,545
2023	24,927	0	57,311	39,856	9,152	131,246
2024	26,442	0	60,794	42,278	9,708	139,222
2025	26,442	0	60,794	42,278	9,708	139,222
2026	33,053	0	75,993	52,847	12,135	174,028
2027	34,568	0	79,476	55,270	12,691	182,004
2028	34,568	0	79,476	55,270	12,691	182,004
2029	36,221	0	83,275	57,912	13,298	190,706
2030	36,221	0	83,275	57,912	13,298	190,706
2031	38,562	0	88,658	61,655	14,157	203,033
2032	38,562	0	88,658	61,655	14,157	203,033
2033	38,562	0	88,658	61,655	14,157	203,033
2034	38,562	0	88,658	61,655	14,157	203,033
2035	38,562	0	88,658	61,655	14,157	203,033
2036	38,562	0	88,658	61,655	14,157	203,033
2037	38,562	0	88,658	61,655	14,157	203,033
2038	38,562	0	88,658	61,655	14,157	203,033
2039	38,562	0	88,658	61,655	14,157	203,033
	515,259	0	1,184,638	823,832	189,170	2,712,900

NOTE: The projection shown above is provided to meet the requirements of Wisconsin Statute 66.1105(4)(i)4.