

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

Chippewa Falls is located on the Chippewa River in Chippewa County, an hour east of the Twin Cities and adjacent to Eau Claire. The city's 14,000 residents benefit from a diversified economy that successfully blends tourism, retail, agriculture, and industry.

Chippewa Falls' proximity to transportation; its highly trained, technically savvy workforce; and its beautiful setting have made it home to many large employers. Interstate 94 and U.S. Highways 12, 29, and 53 are major highway arteries for the community.

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The Lake Wissota Business Park is a 200+ acre mixed-use development for industrial, office, and commercial uses. The southern portion of the business park is designated for office and high/medium-amenity development, while the northern portion of the park is designated for general industrial use.

- ✓ General surroundings fit for industrial activity
- ✓ Roadway access
- ✓ Rail access
- ✓ Commercial airport access
- ✓ Freight airport access
- ✓ 140 contiguous developable acres
- ✓ American Land Trust Association (ALTA) survey
- ✓ Site not located on or adjacent to flood plain
- ✓ Flight path certifications not proximate of any airport
- ✓ Single owner with documented willingness to sell
- ✓ No significant topography issues
- ✓ No utility easements that would prevent development
- ✓ 140 contiguous acres not affected by wetlands
- ✓ No known environmental impediments to immediate industrial development
- ✓ No known archeological/historical impediments to immediate industrial development
- ✓ No known impediments to immediate development related to endangered species
- ✓ Fire insurance classification rating 3
- ✓ Industrial zoning

This site has been designated as "suitable for development"* by Deloitte Consulting and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC). The site meets pre-defined criteria for site size, availability of utility and transportation infrastructure, physical and technical condition, environmental assessments, support by local communities, and other factors.

For more information about this Wisconsin Certified Site, please visit LocateInWisconsin.com or contact Charlie Walker from the Chippewa County Economic Development Corporation at 715.723.7150.

*Site designation is based on information that has been submitted to Deloitte and WEDC, and that Deloitte and WEDC believe to be true. Deloitte and WEDC have no liability or responsibility for existing or future conditions of the sites

COMMUNITY INTRODUCTION

REQUIREMENT	COMMENTS
<p>Community overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General community fit for industrial activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chippewa Falls population: ~14K; Chippewa County population: ~60K; Broader region (~50 mile radius, including Eau Claire) population of ~250K 7.4% unemployment City's Technology Way Technical Park includes: TTM Advanced Circuits (HC: 1,000), SGI (Silicon Graphics International) (HC: 300); Cray Inc. (HC: 250); etc. Chippewa Falls Logistics Park contains tool & die companies: EDI and Allied Dies Chippewa County recently received an international award for local college training programs focused on local manufacturing industry – a consortium of ~19 local companies designed curriculum with Chippewa Valley Technical College
<p>Site environment overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General surroundings fit for industrial activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Site located in Lake Wissota Business Park, a 200+ acre mixed use development for industrial, office, and commercial uses The southern portion of the business park is designated for office and high/medium-amenity development, while the northern portion of the park is designated for general industrial use; a few industrial users have begun to occupy the medium amenity areas: General Beer (distribution) and Chippewa River Ind.
<p>Roadway access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proximity to interstate and other highways providing convenient access for labor and logistics Access roads in place to site, or plans in place to extend access road(s) to site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lakeview Dr. access road divides the southern and northern portions of the park, which fronts State Hwy 178 on eastern boundary and County Rd. I on the southern boundary Hwy 178 (divided, 4 lane) connects with Hwy 29 ~2 miles south of site, which then connects with I-94, ~27 miles to the west
<p>Rail Access (if applicable) – not required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Union Pacific, Canada National, and Progressive (smaller rail carrier that connects to both UP and CN) all present in the area Progressive controls a R-o-W into the park from their transload facility across the street from the western boundary of the park – spur can easily be extended onto the site over existing R-o-W Canada Northern is developing a growing intermodal yard ~3 miles south of site
<p>Commercial Airport Access – Access to airport(s) with commercial air service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driving distance to proximate commercial airport(s) and overview of service available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~10 minute drive to Chippewa County Regional Airport (between Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls) which offers direct service to Chicago ~90 minute drive to MSP International Airport via I-94W
<p>Freight Airport Access – Access to airport(s) with freight air service</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~90 minute drive to MSP International Airport via I-94W; cargo facilities serviced by UPS, FedEx, Emory and DHL

SITE INTRODUCTION

REQUIREMENT	COMMENTS
<p>Master Site plan and/or site plan illustrating exact dimensions and number of parcels for the specific site being submitted for certification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimum of 50 contiguous developable acres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total acreage: 140 acres – includes original 106 acre “mega-site” (as indicated in the site plan) as well as the platted medium amenity plots (~34 acres to the south and southeast of the 106 acres)
<p>Aerial photograph illustrating the specific site being submitted for certification as well as the surrounding properties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aerial views illustrating site and surroundings submitted West: Industrial (Cray, Inc.); East: Hwy 178 and some residential across Hwy.; South: (across County Rd. 1) developed medical campus and commercial; North: agricultural land
<p>ALTA Survey (American Land Trust Association) inclusive of site being submitted for certification</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed October 2012 - Illustrates rights-of-way, utilities, and easements impacting the site
<p>Flood Plain map (FEMA-produced FIRM map)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No part of the site may be located on (or directly adjacent to) a flood plain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FEMA-produced FIRM map submitted – no flood plains in proximity to the site
<p>Flight path specifications (if site is within 2 miles of an airport)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation (letter or map from FAA) indicating any restrictions related to airport proximity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable
<p>Ownership – entire site must be wholly controlled by a single owner with documented willingness to sell to an industrial user</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entire Park wholly owned by Chippewa County
<p>Asking Price – current asking price for sale or lease of the land must be indicated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation of asking price on a per-acre basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$15K/acre for industrial targeted sites; incentives available depending on jobs created

SITE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

REQUIREMENT	COMMENTS
<p>Topography – no significant topography issues that could present major obstacles to industrial development of the site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topographic map with clearly defined contour intervals of 2' or less 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flat; ~20 ft. elevation change across the entire 200-acre park
<p>Easements – site not intersected by utility or any other easement that would prevent development of 50 contiguous acres of the site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maps of all utility infrastructure directly proximate to (or intersecting) the site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The industrial section of the park only has one easement traversing the site: a former rail easement, which has now been converted to a Rails-to-Trails easement, which is controlled by Chippewa County; County indicated that the easement would definitely be abandoned to accommodate an industrial project, and would face no obstacles, because another trail already goes around the park in the same direction
<p>Wetlands – demonstrate that a user can utilize 50 contiguous acres that are not affected by wetlands</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed September 2012 – No wetlands delineated in areas designated for development; small pockets of wetlands found in areas designated as storm water facilities
<p>Environmental Assessment – no known environmental impediments to immediate industrial development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase I within the past 2 years; Remediated sites provide completed Phase II and documentation of liability protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed Aug 2012 – Fertilizer contamination identified at Four Seasons property across street from site, but no Phase II recommended
<p>Geotechnical – minimum of 5 soil borings (for 50-acre site); no presence of sink holes or limestone caves; suitable water content / water table depth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed January 2011 - 16 Borings conducted on site: ~23 ft. deep 2-3 ft. of LOM, then sand and gravel (estimated that sand goes down ~75 ft.) No ground water or bedrock encountered
<p>Archaeological / Historical – no known archaeological / historical impediments to immediate industrial development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study on south section of park completed 1993 – two historical sites discovered but deemed not protected and of no obstruction to development; Remainder of site surveyed October 2012. No archaeological features or materials were identified
<p>Endangered Species – no known impediments to immediate industrial development related to endangered species</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed December 2012 – no actions required with regard to industrial development of the subject property; suitable habitat for Bald Eagle is present on the site, but no evidence of bald eagle presence observed

Fire Protection

- Fire Insurance Classification Rating
- Distance to the nearest servicing fire department
- Class 3; Fire Station is ~2 miles from the Park in Chippewa Falls
- 3-5 minute response time reported

ZONING

REQUIREMENT	COMMENTS
<p>Industrial zoning (or equivalent) currently in place, or zoning change procedure underway as of field investigation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Zoning certificate and relevant ordinance; or, letter from municipal authorities communicating status of zoning change procedure as of field investigation date	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• I-2 Light Industrial Zoning over the entire 140-acre site: permits manufacturing, processing, and some commercial (warehousing is a conditional use)
<p>Surrounding area zoning – zoning of surrounding properties compatible with industrial development of site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comprehensive Plan of area (if applicable)• Zoning map of area including site (if applicable)• Existing/planned zoning of surrounding land• Codes, Covenants, and Restrictions on site and surrounding sites, as applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• West: Industrial; East: Hwy 178 and then some residential; North: agricultural land; South: commercial section of the Park, then medical campus across Cty. Hwy. I• Some building codes and covenants and restrictions do apply to the site

ELECTRIC UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE

REQUIREMENT	COMMENTS
<p>Proximate electric power infrastructure availability and capacities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utility maps indicating location and current size / capacity of proximate transmission lines, distribution lines, and substations; Available capacity that could be provided to the site for each of the above	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 Hydro dams in Chippewa Falls:• Wissota Dam 2 miles from Park (36MW); Chippewa Falls Dam 2 miles from Park (24MW); Jim Falls Dam 12 miles north of Park (57MW)• 115kV transmission line runs east-west along County Hwy. S and northern boundary of the site, which feeds Eagle Point Substation, at the northeastern corner of the park• Existing distribution from Eagle Point Substation to the park is 23.9kV aerial lines along Cty. Hwy S, Commerce Parkway, and County Road I which then runs underground, south along St. Hwy. 178, thru the LWBP• Hydro Lane Substation lines located 2 miles SE of Park near Wissota Dam

<p>Detailed description of dual feed potential (current or proposed redundant service)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview (and map) illustrating dual feed electric service routes, including location, size and capacity of each node of delivery (substation, distribution line, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydro Lane Substation located ~2 miles SE of Park at Big Wissota Dam: two 47MW transformers, one at 50% capacity and one with minimal utilization
<p>Introduction of any proposed improvements to / extensions of electric service to the site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost, timing, and funding responsibility of any improvements required to provide proposed service to the site 	

GAS, WATER, & WASTEWATER UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE

NATURAL GAS

REQUIREMENT	COMMENTS
<p>Proximate natural gas infrastructure availability and capacities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utility maps indicating location and current size / capacity of proximate transmission lines, distribution lines, and substations; Available capacity that could be provided to the site for each of the above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulating station across County Hwy I from the park is served by a 6" 95psi line • Distribution comes out of the reg. station with 4" 60 psi lines along southern and western site boundaries • Chippewa Falls is served by two redundant natural gas feeds
<p>Introduction of any proposed improvements to / extensions of natural gas service to the site</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost, timing, and funding responsibility of any improvements required to provide proposed service to the site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong service available from regulating station SW of site

WATER & WASTEWATER

REQUIREMENT	COMMENTS
<p>Proximate water and wastewater infrastructure availability and capacities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utility maps indicating location and current size / capacity of proximate mains, distribution lines, lift stations, etc; Available capacity that could be provided to the site for each of the above 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water: 16" water main runs along Lakeview Dr. from Commerce Pkwy. to middle of park; a separate 16" water line runs along southern site boundary 1M gallon water tank SW of park, fed by 9 drilled wells in 2 fields; 4 elevated tanks across the community store a total of 2.25M 2.4 MGD avg. pumped capacity for system (875 MG/yr.); current infrastructure can pump an additional 700 MG/yr. Nitrate removal facility, iron and manganese removal facility Chippewa Falls in in lowest 8% of state for water rates Wastewater: 24" sewer line runs south along Lake Wissota Drive out of park to lift station at SW corner of site Treatment plant has built capacity of 5.6M GPD and current average usage is 2.2M GPD, 40% of hydraulic capacity
<p>Introduction of any proposed improvements to / extensions of water and/or wastewater service to the site</p>	