



City of Madison and Village of McFarland



Intergovernmental Agreement Discussions

Public Information Meeting #4

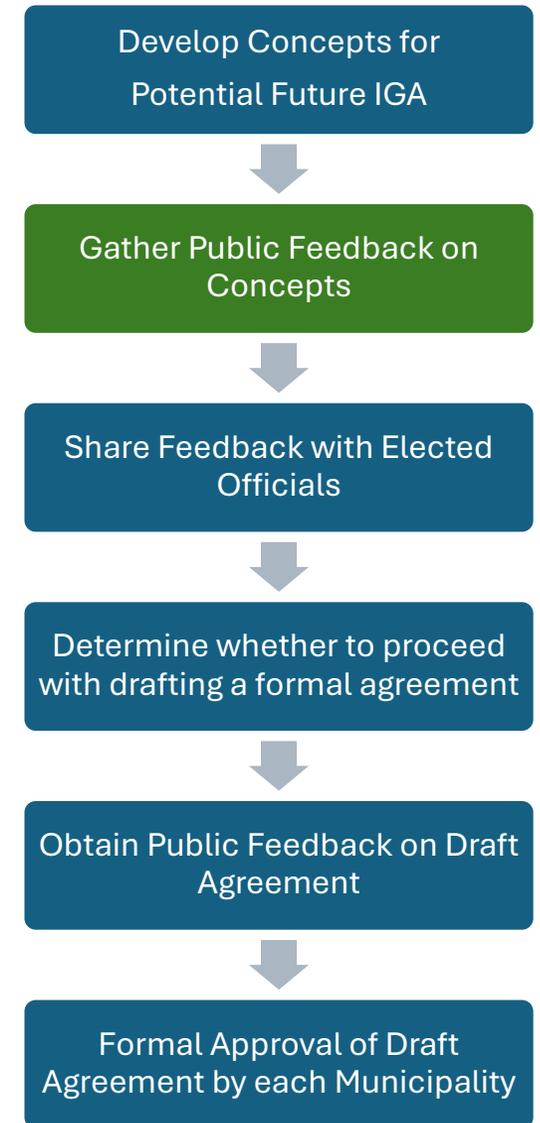
February 16, 2026

Meeting Agenda

- Introductions
- Presentation
 - Project and Meeting Purpose
 - Past and Existing Intergovernmental Agreements
 - Preliminary Madison-McFarland IGA Concepts
 - Next Steps
- Q&A

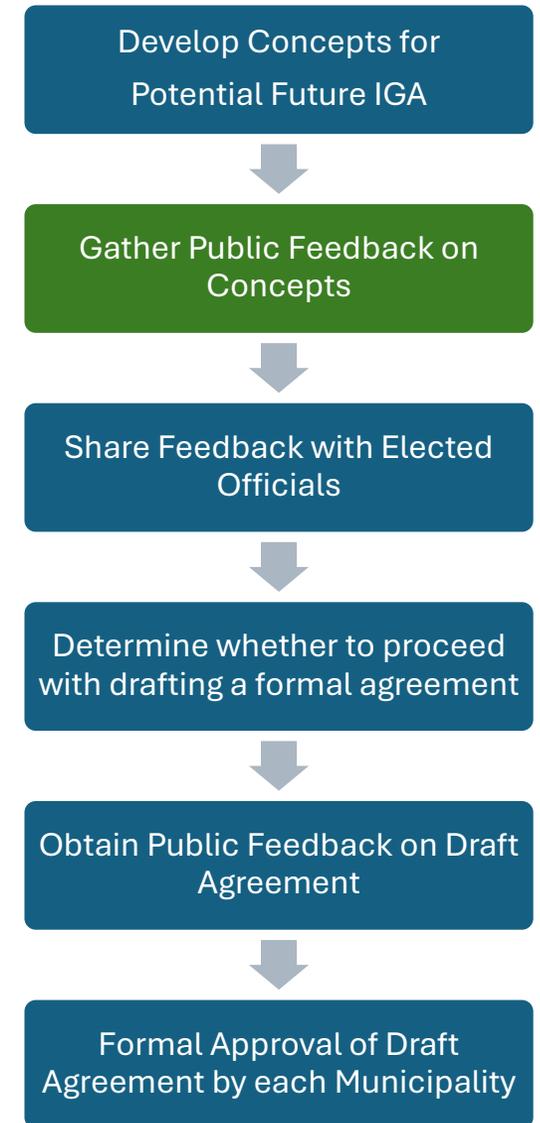
Project & Meeting Purpose

- Madison and McFarland are considering entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement to address issues of mutual concern surrounding our shared border and to plan for how growth may occur in the future.
- Preliminary discussions were held for City of Madison and Village of McFarland staff to share information and develop preliminary concepts for a potential intergovernmental agreement for both communities to review and consider.
- The concepts in the IGA primarily focus on potential changes to the boundaries between our two communities and is not intended to address changes in services (e.g. snow plowing, police, fire, and EMS) that each municipality provides to each of our residents.



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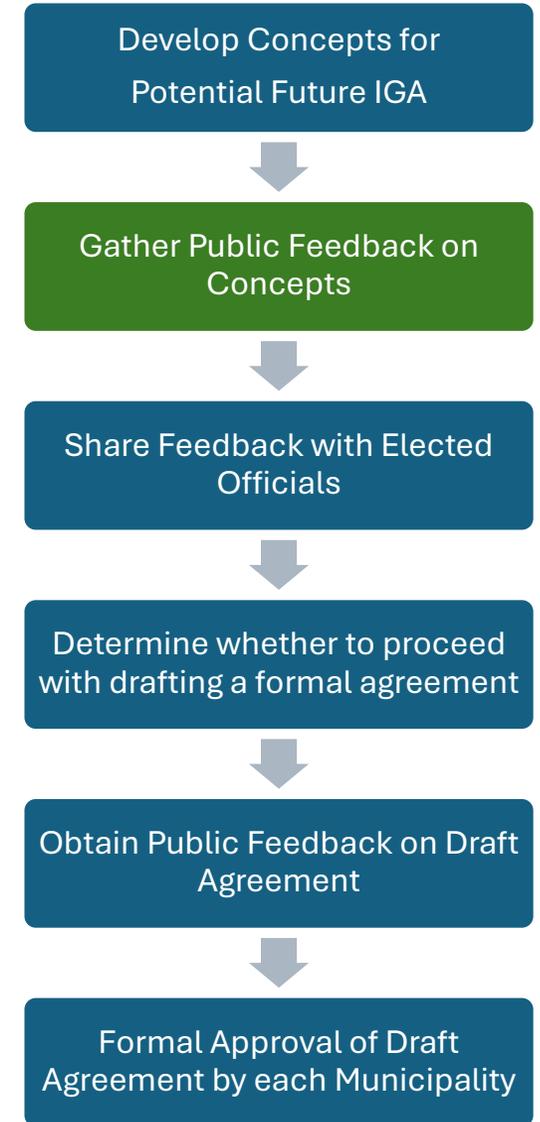
- The intention is to share these concepts with elected officials and impacted community members and to gather feedback from all involved before elected officials from Madison and McFarland determine whether to proceed with a formal process to draft an intergovernmental agreement.
- At this time, no agreements have been made between the Village and City, and both municipalities are committed to gathering community input before proceeding any further.



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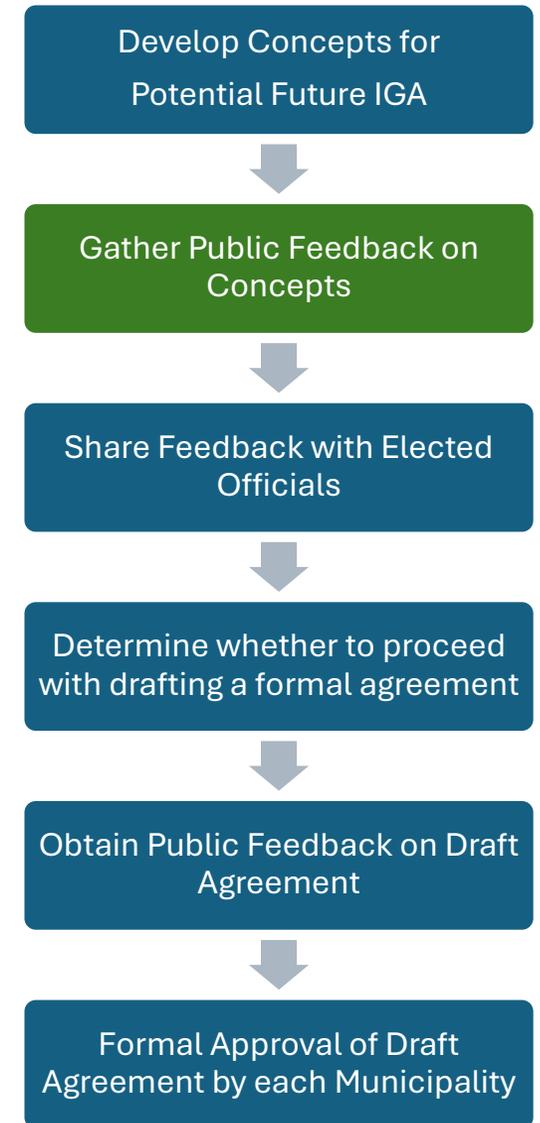
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- January 21, 2026: Residents of the April Hills subdivision
- January 28, 2026: Residents of the Secret Places subdivision
- February 9, 2026: All interested Village of McFarland residents and portions of the Town of Cottage Grove south of Siggelkow Road
- February 16, 2026: Residents of the Siggel Grove, Quinn Ranch, Twin Oaks, Liberty Place, Owl's Creek, and Lost Creek subdivisions, other interested City of Madison residents, and portions of the Town of Cottage Grove north of Siggelkow Road



Project & Meeting Purpose

- At the conclusion of this initial public engagement process both municipalities will need to decide if they wish to proceed with next steps and begin the process of formally drafting an agreement based on the feedback received on the preliminary concepts.
- If both the City and Village decide to move forward, the drafting and revision process would likely extend throughout 2026.
- This process would include additional opportunities for public review and input before the municipalities would convene to consider final approval of an agreement.



Benefits of an IGA

- Adjusts municipal boundaries to improve public service delivery
- Provides certainty for investing taxpayer \$ for services and infrastructure
- Benefits taxpayers by keeping property owners/developers from playing one community off another
- Provides a foundation for additional intergovernmental cooperation
- Allows both communities to proactively guide their future with the certainty of understanding long-term boundaries

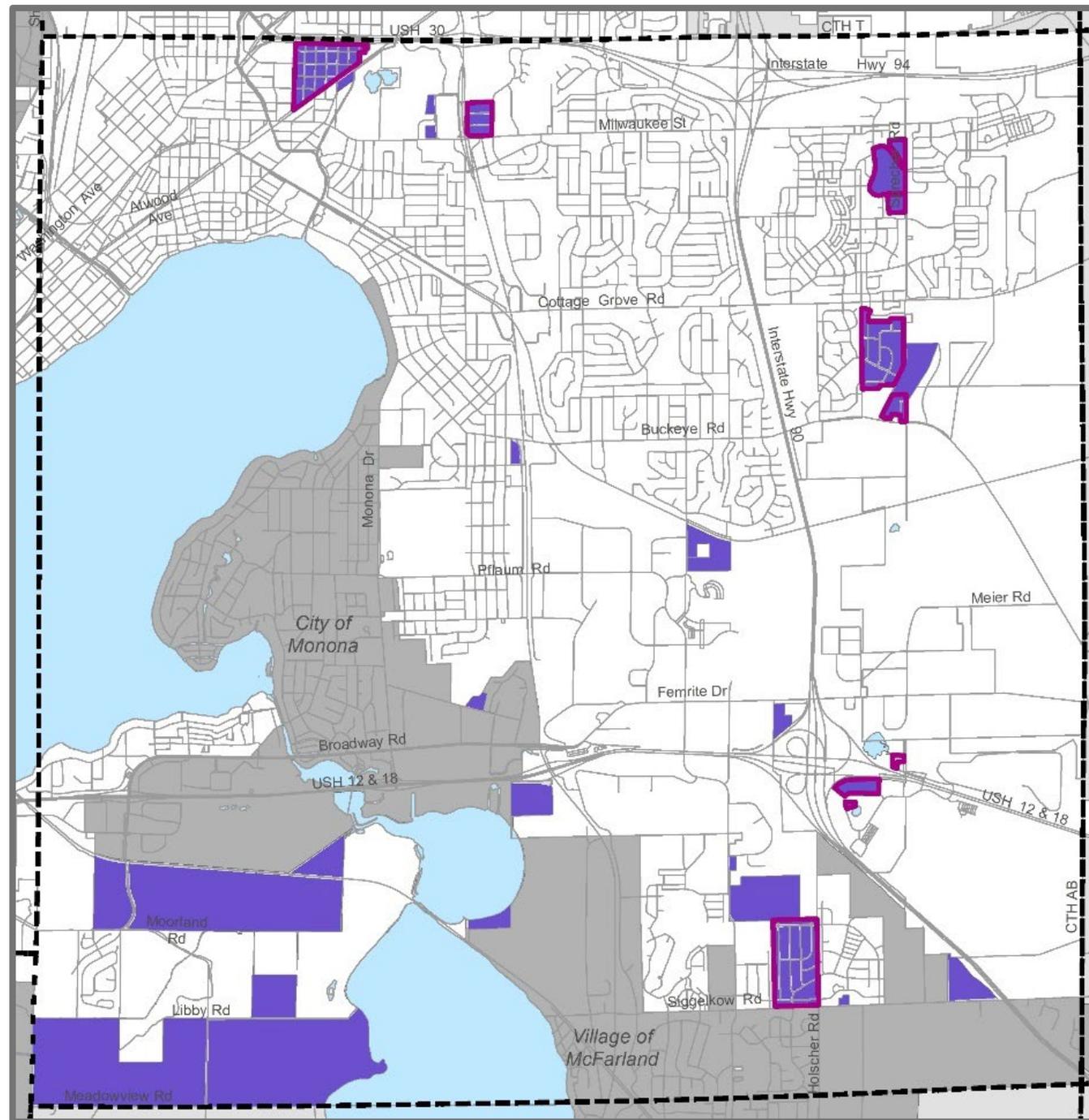
Past & Existing Intergovernmental Agreements

- [City of Madison & Village of McFarland, 1997-2018 \(expired\)](#)
- [City of Madison & Town of Blooming Grove, 2006-2027](#)
- [City of Madison & Town of Cottage Grove, 2022-2061](#)
- [Village of McFarland & Town of Dunn, 2025-2045](#)

City of Madison and Town of Blooming Grove

- On October 31, 2027, a final attachment of remaining Town areas to the City. The Town will be permanently dissolved.
- The Village of McFarland is not subject to or part of the agreement between Madison and the Town of Blooming Grove.

-  Blooming Grove parcels attaching to Madison (Final Attachment – 2027)
-  Blooming Grove Protected Areas



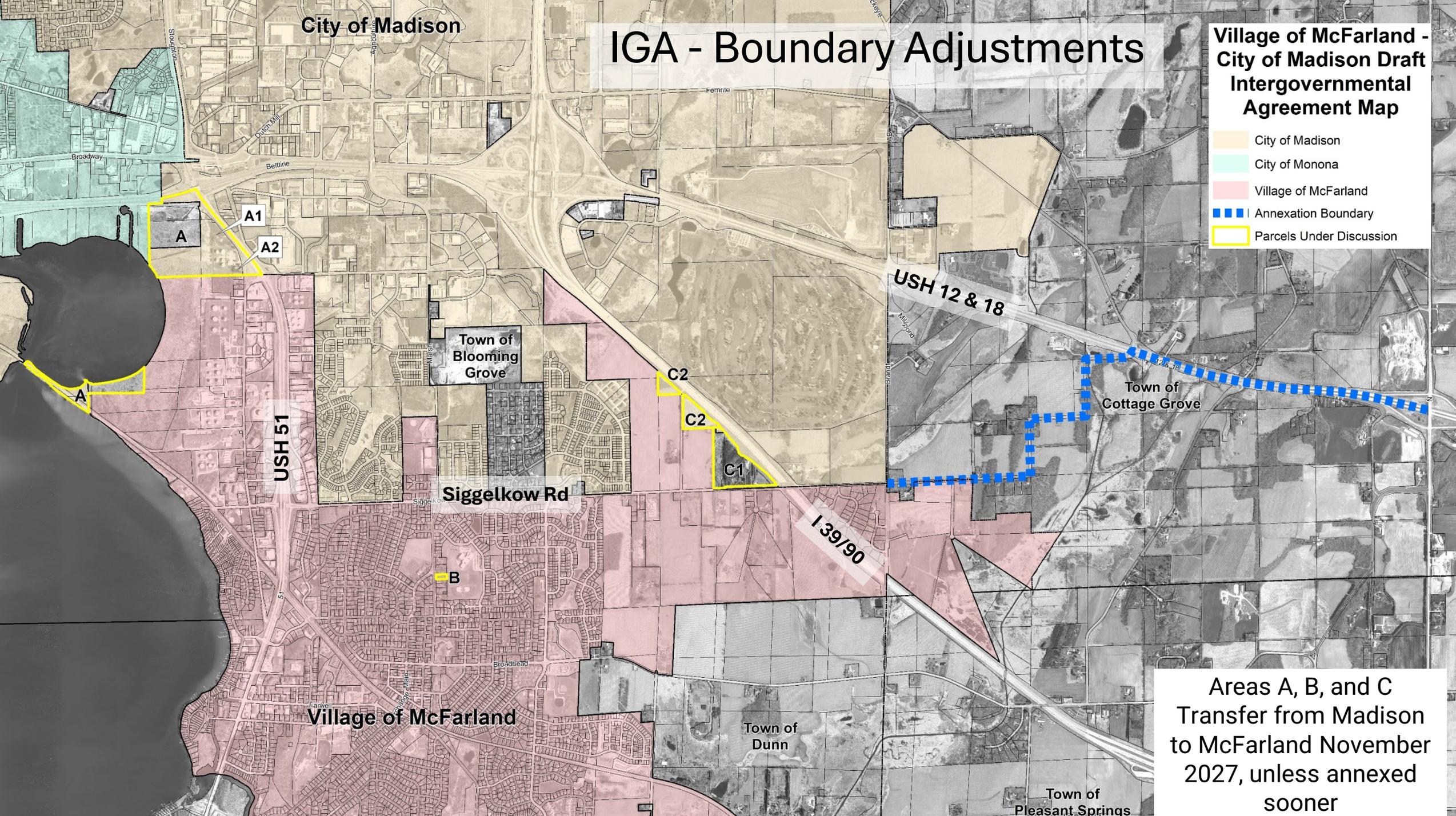
Preliminary IGA Concepts - Timing

- Includes an “interim period” to extend through November 2, 2027 (coincides with remaining term of the Town of Blooming Grove)
- Includes an “extended period” running through December 31, 2061 (coincides with Madison and Town of Cottage Grove IGA)
- Includes one automatic 10-year renewal to December 31, 2071, unless either party does not want the 10-year extension.

IGA - Boundary Adjustments

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- City of Monona
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- Annexation Boundary
- Parcels Under Discussion

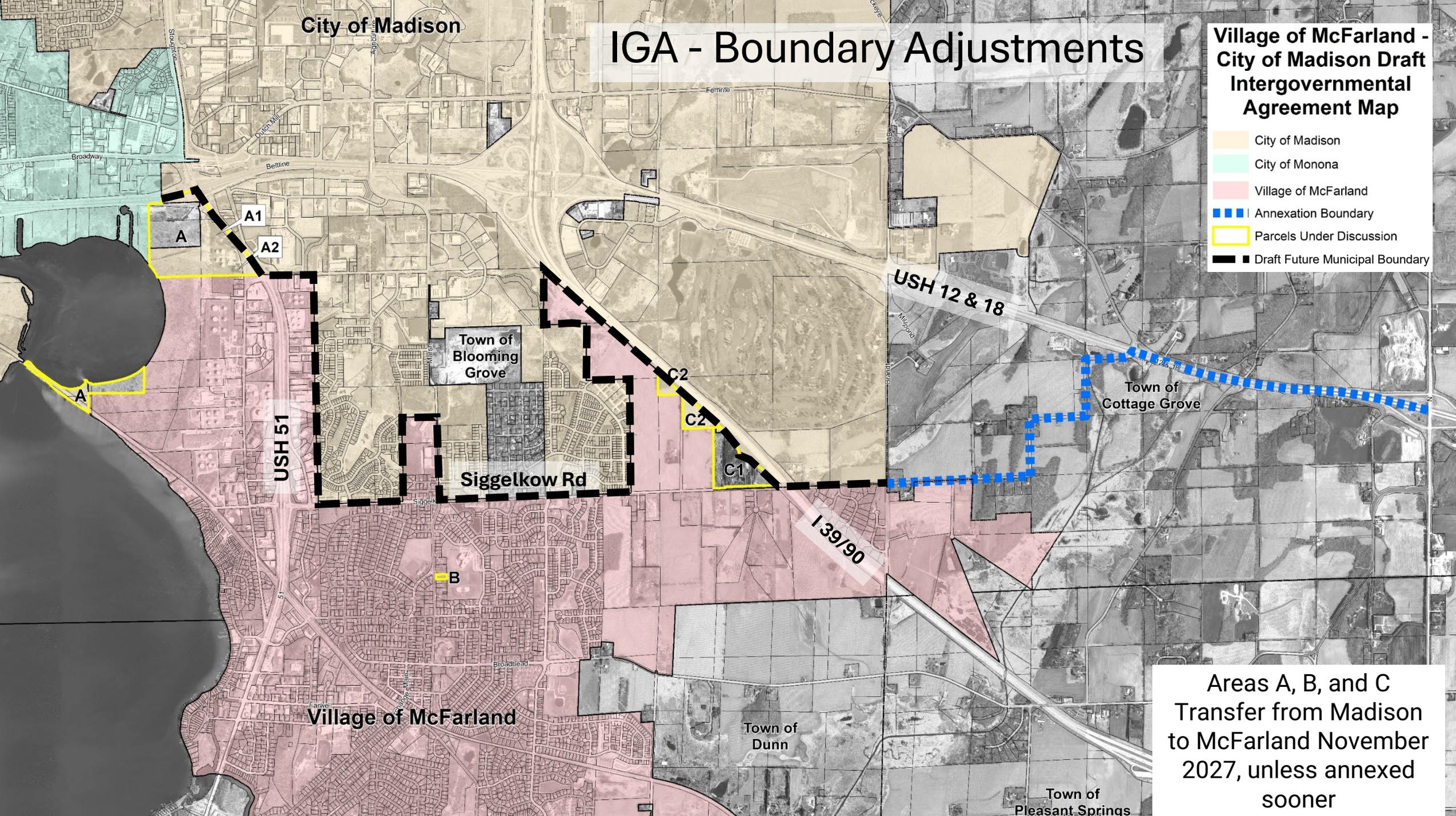


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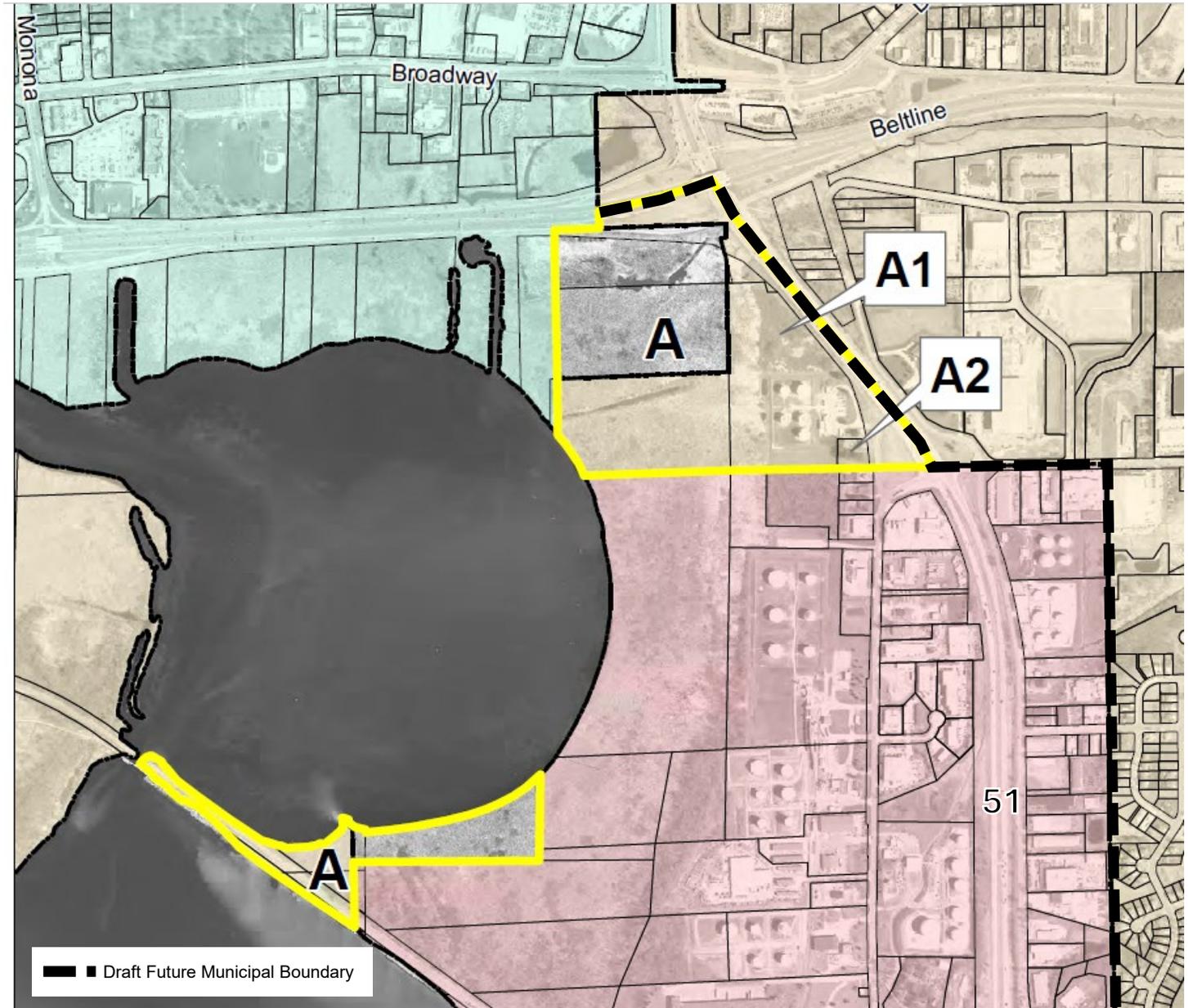
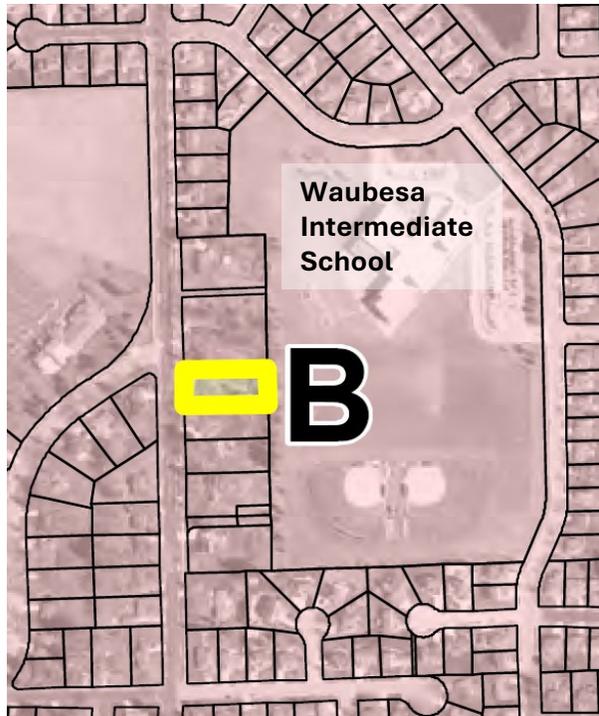
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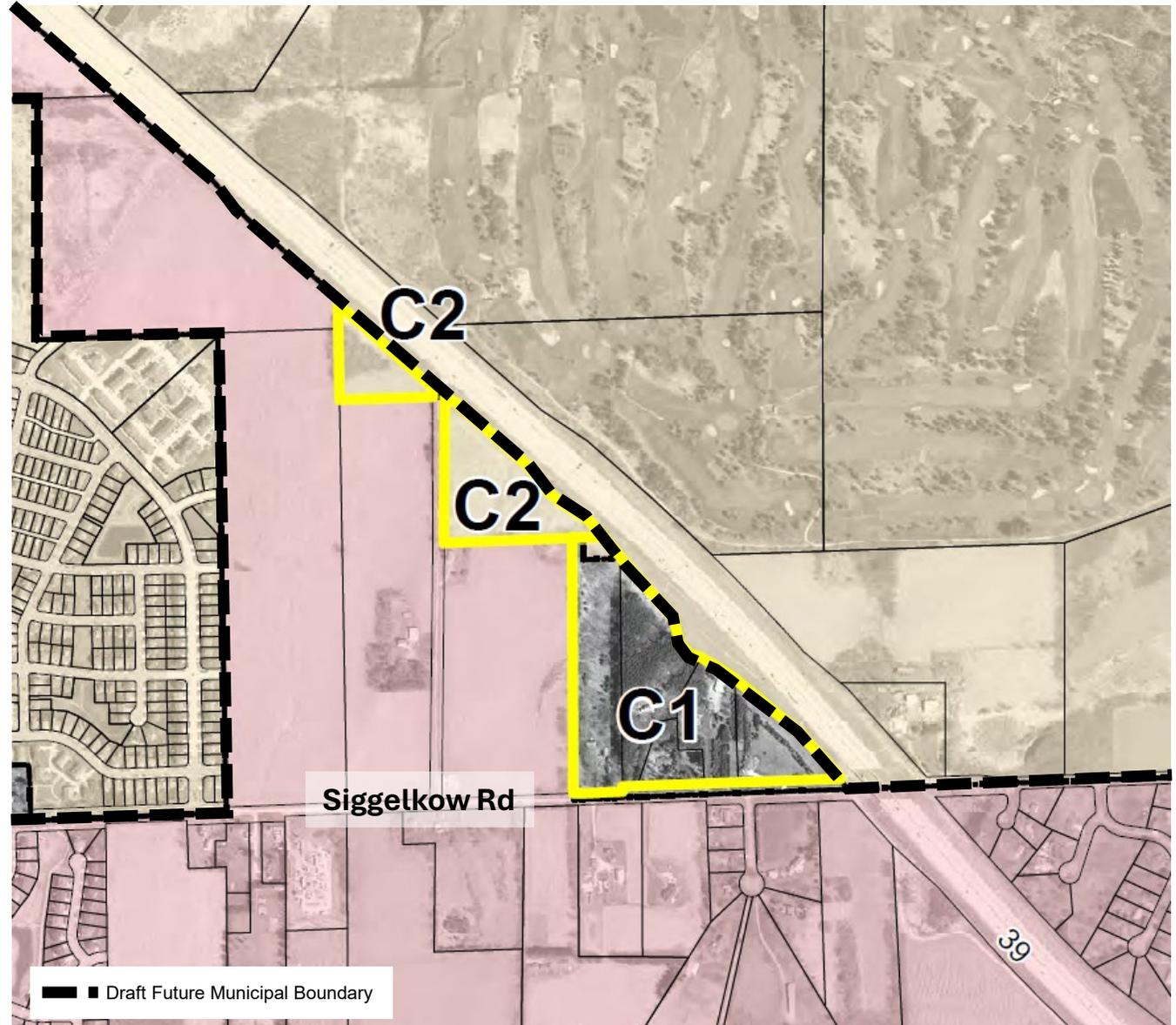
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“Area A & B” to be Transferred to McFarland



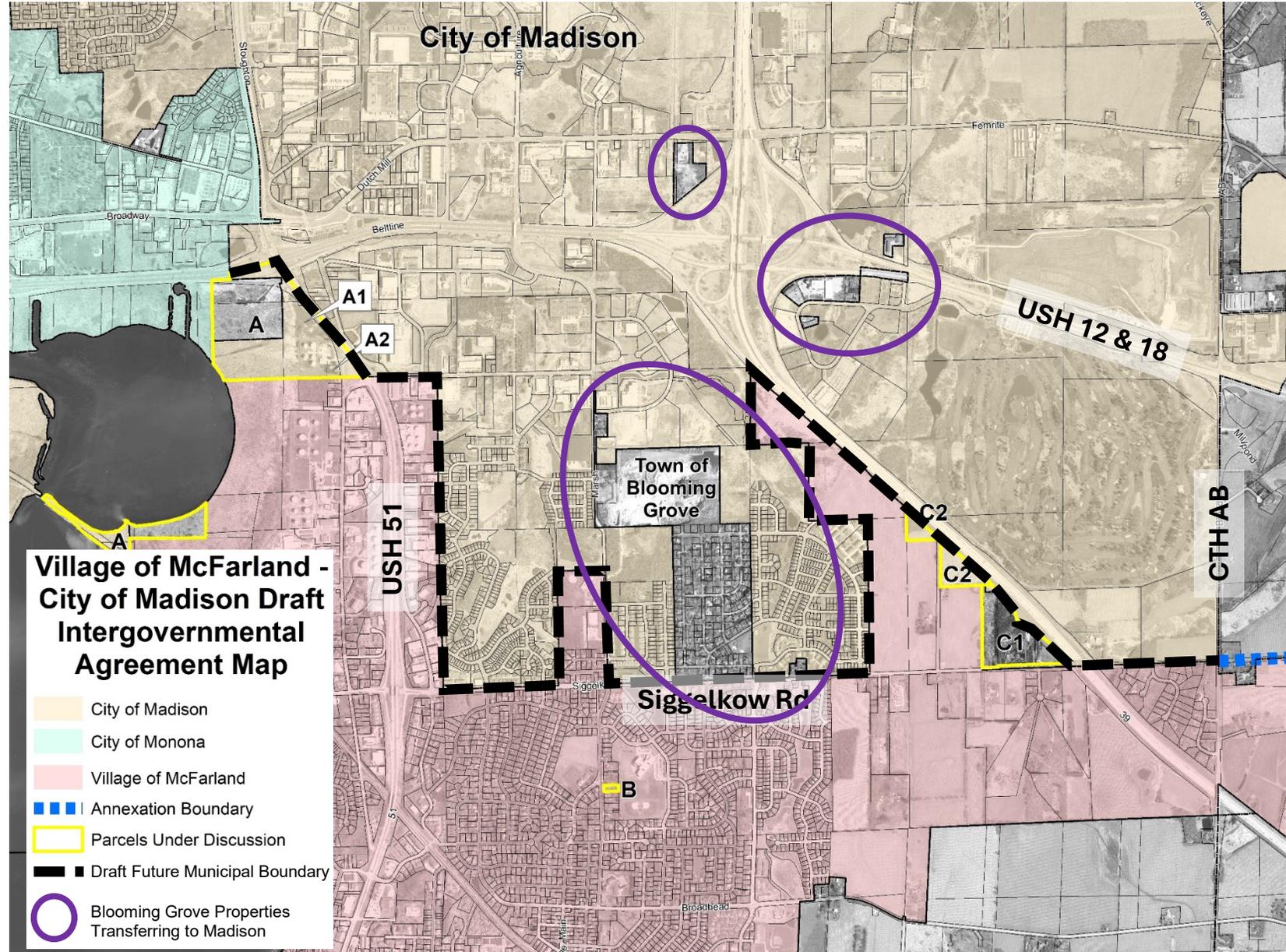
“Area C” to be Transferred to McFarland

- C1, 5 single family homes in the Town of Blooming Grove
- C2, two City of Madison owned vacant parcels to be sold and annexed to the Village of McFarland



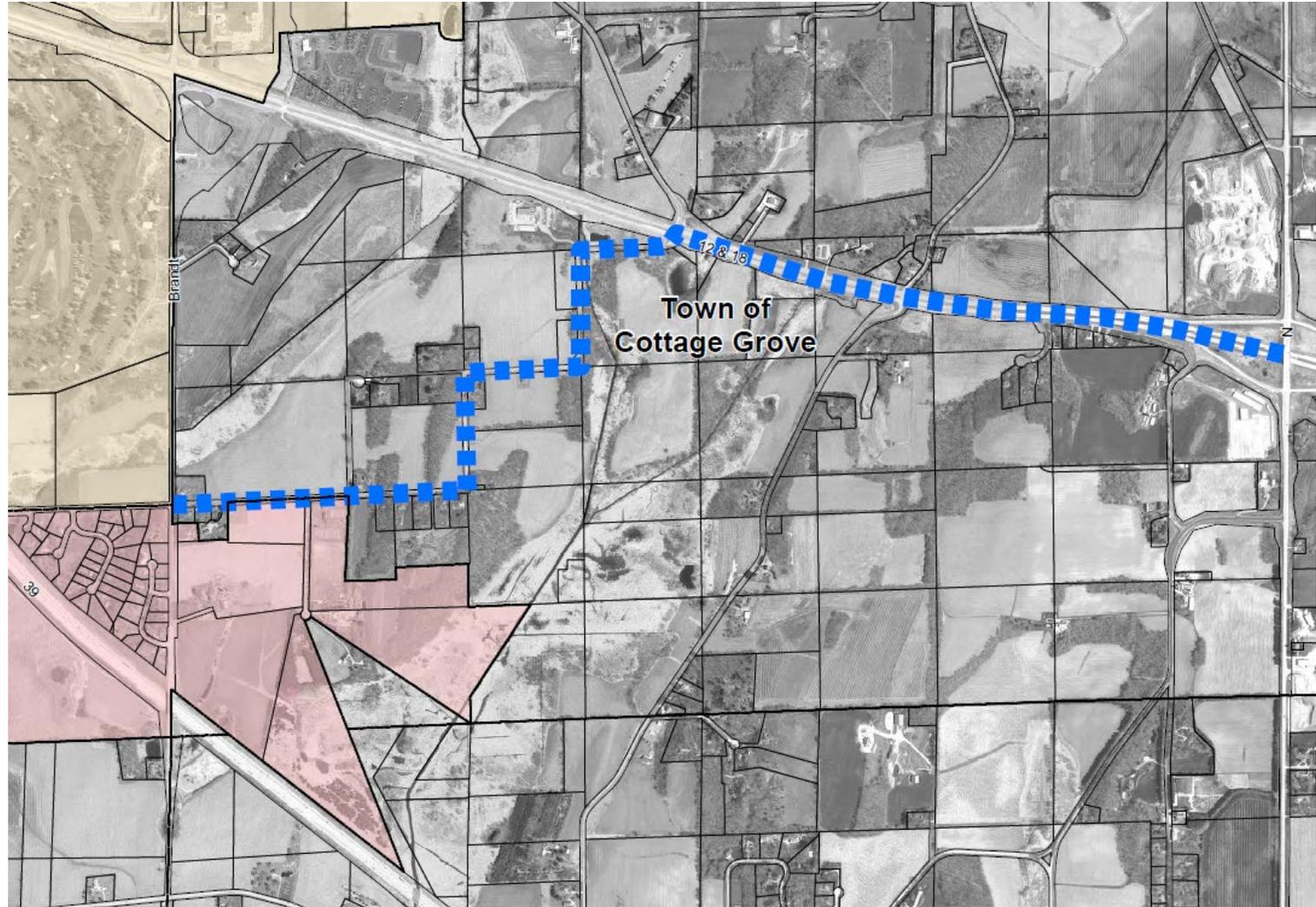
Preliminary IGA Concepts

- Establishes a boundary between Madison and McFarland (east of CTH AB) for the term of the agreement
- All other areas within the Town of Blooming Grove to be attached to the City of Madison per the existing Madison-Blooming Grove Agreement.



Long-Term Annexation Boundary east of CTH AB

- Madison prohibited from approving annexation petitions South of Siggelkow Road (blue line)
- McFarland prohibited from approving annexation petitions North of Siggelkow Road (blue line)
- Madison/Town of Cottage Grove IGA does not apply to McFarland



Preliminary IGA Concepts – Coordination/Review

- Addresses municipal communication requirements between Madison and McFarland regarding zoning or other land use hearings.
- Continues coordination of future transportation infrastructure projects (including pedestrian and bicycle), and joint implementation of recommendations from the 2025 Siggelkow Road Traffic Study.
- Includes provisions for the interface between Secret Places and future development on the adjacent property to the east:
 - Determining any potential street connections through future Memorandum of Understandings (MOU) during the development review process
 - Minimum 75' landscape buffer and 100' principal building setback for non-residential uses to Secret Places lot lines
 - Development review collaboration

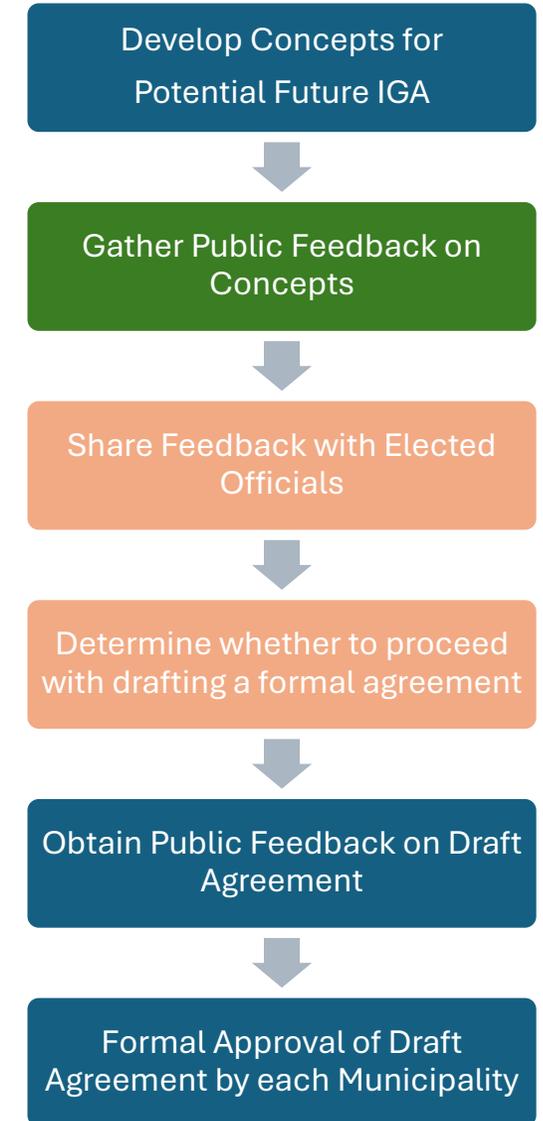
How would a Madison and McFarland IGA impact School District Boundaries?

- Adoption of an IGA **does not** change the boundaries of the Madison, McFarland or Monona School Districts, or require School Districts to change their boundaries.
- Any properties currently in the McFarland School District stay in the McFarland School District.
- If the IGA is adopted, McFarland intends to work with the three school districts to consider transfers from Madison and Monona to McFarland's school district in Areas A and C2 (Madison Utility parcels).
 - The purpose of the transfers would eliminate the need to create special ballots during elections for areas transferring from City of Madison to Village of McFarland that are primarily wetlands/floodplains or non-residential (Area A1).
 - This would only impact one existing home on Terminal Drive (Area A2) in the Madison School District.

Next Steps

Spring 2026:

- Provide summary report on feedback received at the four public information meetings to elected officials from both communities (report will be available for public review).
- Both municipalities will need to decide if they wish to proceed with next steps and begin the process of formally drafting an agreement based on the feedback received on the preliminary concepts.



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The screenshot shows the Village of McFarland website. The header includes the logo 'VILLAGE OF McFarland Naturally Connected' and navigation links for DEPARTMENTS, GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY, and HOW DO I... There is a search bar on the right. The main content area features a large image of a boat on a lake. A sidebar on the left lists various services like Building & Remodeling, Community Development Plans, and Economic Development. The main content area is titled 'Madison-McFarland Intergovernmental Agreement' and includes a 'Project Overview' section with text about the agreement and a 'Press Resources' section with contact information for Matt Schuenke and Andrew Bremer.

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<https://www.cityofmadison.com/dpced/planning/madison-mcfarland-intergovernmental-agreement/3950/>

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Madison-McFarland Intergovernmental Agreement

Project Overview

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Plans

Area Plans Sections ▾

- [Block 113 \(Brayton Lot\)](#)
- [Downtown Area Plan](#)
- [Madison-McFarland Intergovernmental Agreement](#)
- [South Park Street and West Badger Road Redevelopment](#)
- [Southeast Area Plan](#)
- [Southwest Area Plan](#)

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