

TOWN OF TROY RESOLUTION 2018-07
RESOLUTION ON NONCONTIGUOUS ANNEXATION OF LAND

Town of Troy
St. Croix County

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute 66.0223 allows for noncontiguous annexation of city-owned land under the conditions specified in Wis. Statute 66.0223 (1); and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute 66.0223 has been used to annex 291 acres of noncontiguous prime farmland in the Town of Troy, to be privately developed as a business/industrial park.

WHEREAS, the Town of Troy has challenged the annexation in circuit court, and now in the Wisconsin Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute 66.0223 could again be used to annex other non-contiguous city-owned land located in towns throughout the State of Wisconsin, for purposes of sale and transfer to private developers for private development.

WHEREAS, this will have a negative effect on towns throughout the State of Wisconsin because it will: a) undermine the contiguity requirement for annexation; b) undermine the town's significant role in extraterritorial zoning; and c) will undermine town efforts to negotiate cooperative boundary agreements with adjacent cities or villages; and


WHEREAS, The Wisconsin Towns Association (WTA) is committed to protecting the interests of the state's 1,257 towns and improving town government through **legislative lobbying efforts**;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Town of Troy urges the Wisconsin Towns Association to initiate legislative action to change the Wisconsin Statutes in such a way as to stop city or village-initiated annexations of **noncontiguous** city or village owned lands for the purpose of facilitating private development of the annexed land.

Dated this 12th day of July, 2018

Vote: Ayes 5

Noes 0



Dan Pearson, Town Chair

Attest:



Jennifer Clark, Town Clerk/Treasurer

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