

Cemeteries

There are four cemeteries located in the Town of Apple River (see *Map 5-2*). The western-most cemetery is owned by the Town. [As some rural congregations shrink, cemeteries can be abandoned when they close or consolidate with neighboring churches.](#) Often Towns are required to maintain them. The four cemeteries in the Town of Apple River have adequate available plots for foreseeable needs and additional cemeteries and not needed at this time.

Goals, Objectives, Programs, Policies, and Actions

Goal 1: Maintain existing facilities and utilities to adequately serve Apple River residents in a fiscally responsible manner.

Objectives

1. Provide basic facility and utility needs for Town residents.

Programs, Policies, and Actions:

1. Continue to work with surrounding communities and agencies to provide quality police, fire, and emergency medical services to the Town's residents and that complement the Town's Fire Department and First Responders services.
2. Revisit the Town clean up day where residents can bring in items for disposal for a reduced cost in order to help maintain orderly properties and reduce illegal dumping.
3. Encourage the use and development of facilities in neighboring communities.
4. Support telecommunications facilities that would better enable residents to establish home based businesses if the towers do not detract from the rural aesthetics of the Town.
5. Explore opportunities to share additional services or equipment needed in the future with surrounding communities.
6. [Evaluate the capacity of existing public facilities or services before considering new or expanded facilities or services.](#)
7. [Request Polk County to change cemeteries to a conditional use in every ordinance that they are a permitted use.](#)