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## **EAU CLAIRE ANNEXATION OF TOWN OF WASHINGTON IS NOT SUPPORTED**

~ For Immediate Release ~

### **Town of Washington, Eau Claire County, WI 02-21-2023.**

On Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, the City of Eau Claire Plan Commission held a public hearing regarding the proposed Orchard Hills petition to annex 438 acres from the Town of Washington. The Eau Claire Plan Commission vote to recommend approval to City Council of the Orchard Hills Annexation FAILED on a vote of 4-4. As a result the Eau Claire Plan Commission did not recommend approval.

On Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) determined that it was in the public interest for the land to remain in the Town of Washington. The DOA stated:

“The proposed annexation submitted to our office on March 01, 2023 has been reviewed and found to be against the public interest.”

The DOA letter is attached for detail and full reference.

The Town of Washington implores the Eau Claire City Council to adopt these findings and reject the Orchard Hills Annexation at the City’s March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Call to Action:**

The public is asked to weigh in on this ill-advised Orchard Hills Annexation petition. It is wrong for the community, threatens the collaboration and cooperation between the City and Town, and would be costly to both the residents of the Town of Washington and City of Eau Claire. Please contact City Council members today to voice your opposition to the Orchard Hills Annexation.