



## Introduction

The Town of Drummond is located in northwest Wisconsin, Bayfield County, on Highway 63, between Cable and Grand View. Drummond became a town in 1882, the same time the railroad came into effect. The town is surrounded by the Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest, which makes up approximately 80 percent of the town. The town borders the Town of Barnes to the west, Delta to the north, Grand View to the east and Cable to the south. See Map 1, Base Map. According to the 2000 U.S. Census Bureau, the population of Drummond was 541, but the population greatly expands in the summer with cabin residents and tourists.



Drummond's 4-season recreational qualities, highly desirable lakes, rivers, and forestlands have so far sustained development demand from persons interested in relocating to the community, whether for second homes for recreational purposes, for purchasing property for investment purposes, or for retirement homes. Drummond's "northwoods character" and lake country ambiance continues to draw more permanent residents and visitors each year.

## Facts

- ◆ Drummond has a total area of 143.18 sq. miles (91,635.2 acres)
- ◆ 55 lakes totaling 3,179 acres
- ◆ Median age – 44 years
- ◆ Median household income - \$37,500
- ◆ Average household size – 2.34
- ◆ Top five issues identified in the Town of Drummond survey results include:
  1. Preserve and maintain rural "northwoods character"
  2. Preserve shorelines
  3. Protect wildlife habitat
  4. Protect surface and subsurface water quality
  5. Overdevelopment of lakeshore

## Background

In 1999, a ten-member land use planning committee was directed by the town board to guide a Town of Drummond land use planning process. The committee consisted of a cross section of property owners, both lakeshore and non-shoreland, along with town board members and local business interests. The land use planning committee spent nearly four years developing the land use Land Use Plan for the Town of Drummond. In January 2002 the Town of Drummond approved the "*Town of Drummond Land Use Plan.*" Some of the information included in that plan was utilized in the development of this comprehensive planning effort.

In July 2005, the Town of Drummond voted to create a comprehensive plan in compliance with SS.61.1001. In this effort, they contracted with Northwest Regional Planning Commission to guide them through the planning process. Over a 24-month period, the Town of Drummond Plan Commission created this document, "**The Town of Drummond Comprehensive Plan.**"