



Figure 14: Redfield, IA Future Land Use Map

Annexation

When considering the current and future land uses within the community, annexation is an important aspect of land development that needs to be considered. Annexation is the legal process for expanding a city’s municipal boundaries as outlined in Chapter 368 of the Code of Iowa. All forms of annexation, except voluntary annexations outside an urbanized area, must be approved in accordance with the Administrative Rules in Chapter 263 of the Iowa Administrative Code.

Under Iowa law, annexation is a legal process by which some property located in an unincorporated area of a township may become part of a neighboring city or village. The property must be “contiguous to” (next to and touching) the existing city or village boundary lines to qualify for annexation.

Annexing land into the community gives the City of Redfield more land to develop and accommodate the needs of the current and future residents. Identifying areas of viable annexation for both the short-term and long-term future of the community can assist in the growth of the city.

During the planning process, areas have been identified as viable annexation areas to become a part of the City of Redfield. These areas are identified within Figure 3: Redfield, IA Future Annexation Areas and are separated into short-term and long-term annexation areas. These separate determinations for each of the annexation areas show what land is more ready to be developed in the short-term (10 years or less) and the long-term (more than 10 years). Further defining the short-term and long-term annexation areas, the difference between the two designations is that the short-term annexation area has the capability for utility extensions and connections currently and can be developed in the short-term. The long-term annexation area has a higher difficulty of connection to utilities from the City of Redfield and