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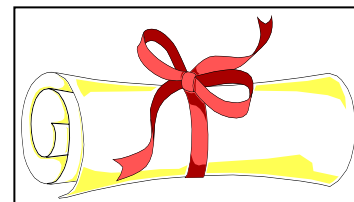


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You are encouraged to take part in the Commencement ceremony to receive the congratulations of your committee chair and the rest of the university community.

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ABSTRACT

THE SUCCESSFUL AND UNSUCCESSFUL COMPONENTS OF A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY: A CASE STUDY OF THE TOWN OF DUNN AND TOWN OF GRAND CHUTE, WISCONSIN

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The concept of sustainable community development is a new idea among communities worldwide which are striving to reach a state of sustainability. Sustainable development was mentioned in the late 1970's and early 1980's and then forgotten until it was reiterated in the early 1990's. It will more than likely continue to be a community theme well into the future. There have been numerous attempts to define sustainable community development from the first United Nations Conference on Human Environment in 1972 to the United Nations World Commission on Environment and Development in 1987, during the 1992 Earth Summit, and more recently the work of the President's Council on Sustainable Development.

Creating a sustainable community can be a difficult task not only because it is a new idea but because every community is different in terms of its environmental, social, and economic components. Finding the correct balance among these components is critical for a community to progress in a direction of sustainability. However, despite these challenges, several communities worldwide have moved in a more sustainable direction. Waitakere City, New Zealand, and Seattle, Washington, are two good examples of the sustainable community movement.

Using the three components of sustainable community development, both the towns of Dunn and Grand Chute have been critiqued. This involves weighing the town's status as to where they stand in achieving a sustainable balance among environmental, social, and economic aspects of sustainable community development. Both municipalities were also critiqued using sustainability indicators for each component of sustainable development and then ranked using a "sustainability meter" to indicate the rank each community earned for a particular indicator and component. The conclusion is that the Town of Dunn is more sustainable environmentally but not economically when compared to the Town of Grand Chute. Overall, the towns of Dunn and Grand Chute are very close in sustainability rank for the social and economic components.

Many factors play a role in Dunn's sustainability success. These include their early adoption of a land use plan, a very successful PDR program, and strong land use regulations. On the other hand, Grand Chute only recently adopted a land use plan well after major developments were established in the town and it still continues to struggle with the hardships of allowing major development to occur without strict land use measures.

