

# City acquires land for new water well

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West Bend now owns land on the south side of the city for a water well.

The city's Water Utility spent \$180,000 to buy 7 acres of industrial zoned land on Corporate Center Drive, in the West Bend Corporate Center from Continental Fund 52 LLC., said Jim Kell, utility superintendent.

The property is south of the West Bend Walmart Supercenter.

"It should be a good site for us," Kell said. "It's for the future. There is no spe-

cific date (to construct the well and pumping station.)"

The city currently has nine water wells. All are operating just fine, Kell said. The Corporate Center Drive site was bought for expansion needs.

"We wanted to preserve it as a well site so it doesn't get covered by some other development," Kell said.

The utility's nine wells pump water at rates ranging from 300 gallons to 1,500 gallons per minute, Kell said. The Corporate Center Drive will provide an 800 gallons per minute rate, he said.

In 2009, the Water Utility

announced plans to buy a 6.5-acre parcel from Horlamus Industries Inc., north of Highway NN and east of Highway P.

"That's another potential well site," Kell said.

The city continues to negotiate with Horlamus for the purchase of that land, he said.

Tests at the Horlamus site indicate it too will produce at a rate of 800 gallons per minute.

Over the years, the utility has investigated more than 20 exploratory wells throughout the city and surrounding townships looking

for suitable well sites, the utility superintendent has said.

David Buckley of real estate brokerage Cassidy Turley Barry said the transaction for the Corporate Center site was years in the making.

"This is a great site with the ability to serve the south side of West Bend's expanding development," Buckley said.

Buckley said he continues to market additional vacant parcels of land for sale in the West Bend Corporate Center.