# Eau Claire County Land & Water Resource Management Plan 2023-2032

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Land & Water Conservation Board Meeting

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#### Eau Claire County Seymour Ludington Wilson Union Altoona (27) Fall Creek 85 12 53 Washington Lincoln Brunswick Bridge Creek 93 Pleasant Valley 37 Drammen Fairchild Offer Creek Clear Creek Fairchild\_ --- Major Arterial **Municipalities** Roads - Minor Arterial Eau Claire Interstate City COUNTY US Highway --- Local Town 4 Miles 721 Oxford Avenue --- Private Drive — State Highway Village Eau Claire, WI 54703

## **LCD Staff**



## Eau Claire County Statistics

Population – 105,710 (2020 Census)

Area – 637.9 square miles

44<sup>th</sup> Largest County in WI

- Primary crops: Corn, Soybeans, and forage
- Primary Livestock: Beef & Dairy
  - Also Hogs, Sheep, Chickens and Goats

## 2017-2021 Installed Conservation Practices

- Grassed Waterways 8
- Streambank Protection 8
- Well Abandonment 29
- Manure Storage Closure 10
- Stream Crossings 2
- Grade Stabilization Structures 1
- Pasture Pump 1

- Nutrient Management Plans approx.
   20,000 acres reviewed/written each year
- Erosion Control Permits average 29 per year
- Stormwater Permits average 7 per year



## **Conservation Programs**

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- Title 17.03 Farmland Preservation Program
- Title 17.04 Agricultural Performance Standards & Manure Management
- Conservation Engineering/Technical Assistance

#### Urban

- Title 17.05 Erosion Control
- Title 17.06 Stormwater Management
- Review of Certified Survey Maps NEW

#### Groundwater

Groundwater Advisory Committee: State of the Groundwater Report

#### Education

- Nutrient Management Farmer Education Workshops
- Prescribed Grazing Education NEW
- Initiate a Farmer Led Producer Group NEW
- Rain to Rivers
- Native Tree and Plant Sale: Over 1 million trees sold since 1982

## Conservation Highlights

- Successful Water Quality Trading Project
- 2020 No-till Drill Program: 2,249 acres planted
- Participate in MDV Funding
- EPA 9 Key Element Plan: Approved July 2017
- EPA Grant Demo Farm: Grant expires December 31, 2022
- Fall Creek Watershed Large Scale TRM Grant Expires December 31, 2022
- Fully staffed as of September 2022.

## WQT - Before





### THANK YOU!

## Thank you to Liz Usborne for her assistance and expertise!!

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