



Land and Water Conservation Board Agenda

October 4, 2022

The Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) will meet on **October 4, 2022**. The board will hold its official business meeting at 9:00 am via Microsoft Teams with the option to attend in person. To attend the meeting remotely, join by telephone at +1 608-571-2209 with Conference ID 900 245 601# or click the following Teams [hyperlink](#). The agenda for the meeting is shown below.

AGENDA ITEMS AND TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

- 1 Call the Meeting to Order – **Mark Cupp, LWCB Chair**
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Pledge of allegiance
 - c. Open meeting notice
 - d. Introductions, Acknowledgements
 - e. Approval of agenda
 - f. Approval of August 2, 2022 meeting minutes

- 2 Public appearances*

**Each speaker is limited to 5 minutes or less. Each speaker must complete a Public Appearance Request Card and submit it to a DATCP representative before the start of the meeting*

- 3 Recommendation for approval of LWRM Plan revision for Racine County
Chad Sampson, County Conservationist; Monte Osterman Land Conservation Committee Chair

- 4 Presentation of 2023 Joint Allocation Plan -
Jenni Heaton-Amrhein, DATCP and Joanna Griffin, DNR

- 5 DNR Presentation of Final Ranked Lists and Memos of Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Projects for CY 2023
Joanna Griffin, DNR

- 6 DNR Presentation of Final Ranked Lists and Memos of Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Projects for CY 2023
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*Mark Cupp, Chair; Bobbie Webster, Vice-Chair;
Monte Osterman, Secretary*

*Members: Andrew Buttles; Ron Grasshoff; Mike Hofberger; Bob Thome ; Brian McGraw
Andrew Potts; Brian Weigel; Jill Schoen*

- 7 Recommendation for approval of LWRM Plan revision for Dodge County
John Bohonek, County Conservationist; Larry Bischoff, Land & Water Conservation Committee Chair
- 8 Recommendation for approval of 5 year LWRM Plan review for Fond du Lac County -
Paul Tollard, County Conservationist; Dale Theel, Land Conservation Committee Chair
- 9 Introduction to the Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program (NOPP)
Jenni Heaton-Amrhein, DATCP
- 10 **Break**
- 11 Update on Land and Water Resource Management Program Evaluation
Tim Anderson, DATCP
- 12 LWCB Advisory Committee on Research - Committee Updates
Ron Grasshoff, LWCB and Zach Zopp, DATCP
- 13 Agency reports
 - a. FSA
 - b. NRCS
 - c. UW-CALS
 - d. UW Madison - Extension
 - e. WI Land + Water
 - f. DOA
 - g. DATCP
 - h. DNR
 - i. Member Updates
- 14 Planning for December 2022 LWCB Meeting -
Mark Cupp, LWCB
- 15 Adjourn

MINUTES
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

August 2, 2022
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Item #1 Call to Order—pledge of allegiance, open meeting notice, approval of agenda, approval of June 7, 2022 LWCB meeting minutes.

Call to Order

The Land and Water Conservation Board (Board) met via videoconference on **August 2, 2022**. The meeting was preceded by public notice as required by Wis. Stat. § 19.84. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Cupp at **9:00 am** and the pledge of allegiance was conducted.

Members and Advisors Present

Members: Mark Cupp, Bobbie Webster, Monte Osterman, Brian McGraw, Andrew Buttles, Mike Hofberger, Bob Thome, Brian Weigel, Andrew Potts, and Jill Schoen. A quorum was present.

Advisors: John Exo (Division of Extension – UW Madison), Francisco Arriaga (UW-CALS), Eric Allness (NRCS), Ian Krauss (FSA) and Matt Krueger (WI Land + Water).

Approval of Agenda

Cupp noted two revisions to the agenda as presented. For Item 11, *LWCB Standing Committee for Advising the UW-System*, John Exo, UW-Extension reported in place of Ron Grasshoff. For Item 13, the title should read *Planning for October 2022 LWCB Meeting*.

Motion

Osterman motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion

Hofberger motioned to approve the June 7, 2022 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Weigel, and the motion carried unanimously. The approved minutes shall be posted as the official meeting record for publication on the LWCB website.

Item #2 Public Appearances

No public appearance cards were submitted.

Item #3 Overview of Wisconsin Septage Program

Steve Warrner, Site Review Coordinator for DNR, presented to the Board on Wisconsin's Septage Program. The presentation to the Board is available online at the LWCB website lwcb.wi.gov under August 2, 2022.

Item #4 Recommendation for approval of 5-year Land and Water Resource Management Plan review for Sauk County

Lisa Wilson, Director, Melissa Schlupp, Conservation Manager, Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Department and Marty Krueger, Land Resources and Environment Committee Chair, formally requested a recommendation of approval from the Board regarding the County's 5-year LWRM plan review.

The County provided written answers to the Board's standardized questions, recent work plans and accomplishments, and other materials (available on LWCB's website: lwcb.wi.gov).

Motion

After a discussion between the Board and County representatives, Hofberger motioned to recommend approval of Sauk County's 5-year LWRM plan review, seconded by Osterman, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #5 Funding Sources for Soil and Water Conservation Programs

Andrew Potts, Executive Policy and Budget Manager for DOA, presented to the Board on Funding Sources for Soil and Water Conservation in Wisconsin. A copy of the presentation is available on the [LWCB's website](#) under the heading for the August 2, 2022 meeting.

Item #6 Presentation of the 2023 Joint Preliminary Allocation Plan

Jennifer Heaton-Amrhein, DATCP and Joanna Griffin, DNR presented to the Board the 2023 Joint Preliminary Allocation Plan. The 2023 Joint Preliminary Allocation Plan document is available online at the LWCB website within the August 2, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

Item #7 DNR Presentation of Preliminary Scores and Rankings of Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Projects for CY 2023

Joanna Griffin, DNR, presented to the Board the Scores and Rankings of Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Applications (UNPS) for CY 2023. The memo describing the preliminary 2023 Scores and Rankings of UNPS projects for CY 2023 is available within the August 2, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

Item #8 DNR Presentation of Preliminary Scores and Rankings of Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Projects for CY 2023

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Item #9 Presentation of 2021 Annual Soil and Water Conservation Report

Coreen Fallat, Agency Liaison for DATCP's Bureau of Land and Water Resources, presented to the Board on successes and outcomes of the 2021 Annual Soil and Water Conservation Report. A copy of the Report is available on the LWCB's website under [Wisconsin Report on Soil and Water Conservation](#).

Item #10 Introduction to Land and Water Resource Management Program Evaluation

Coreen Fallat, Agency Liaison for DATCP's Bureau of Land and Water Resources, informed the Board that they would be receiving a survey related to the Bureau's internal evaluation of the Land and Water Resource Management Program.

Item #11 LWCB Standing Committee for Advising the UW-System – Update and Recommendations

John Exo, UW-Extension and Zach Zopp, DATCP, presented to the Board on the meeting of the LWCB’s Standing Committee for Advising the University of Wisconsin System and the findings and recommendations of the committee convened after the June 2022 meeting. The cover memo given to the Board is available online at the LWCB website within the August 2, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

Advisor, Matt Krueger, recommended “the state of” be inserted in the Committee’s proposed purpose statement before the words “Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Board” to avoid confusion with WI Land + Water’s Board of Directors. The amended purpose statement reads “The Advisory Committee on Research purpose shall be to create, implement and oversee the process for the state of Wisconsin Land & Water Conservation Board to advise the University of Wisconsin System on research and outreach needs relating to soil & water conservation. The Committee will provide oversight of a sustainable, lasting process which involves all Board members and advisor organizations as part of the normal agenda of the Board.”

After a discussion between the Board and Standing committee representatives, Osterman made a motion to adopt the purpose statement as amended and to adopt the committee title of “LWCB Advisory Committee on Research”, seconded by McGraw, and the motion carried unanimously. Weigel made a motion to appoint the members of the LWCB standing committee, approved on June 7th 2022, to serve on the “LWCB Advisory Committee on Research” with terms concurrent with their regular LWCB appointment, seconded by Webster, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #12 Agency Reports

FSA- Ian Krauss submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the August 2, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

NRCS – Eric Allness submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the August 2, 2022 [meeting packet](#). In addition, Allness noted that Angela Biggs, State Conservationist, is still on detail to NRCS national headquarters in Washington, D.C. Jeff Vanderwilt is acting State Conservationist in her absence.

UW Extension- John Exo submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the August 2, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

UW CALs – Franciso Arriaga reported that new Dean of the University of Wisconsin-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Glenda Gillaspy, will start August 4th. An Agronomy Soil Field Days scheduled for August 31, 2022 at UW-Arlington Agricultural Research Station.

WI Land+Water- Matt Krueger reported that the association Board of Directors held elections in July. Bob Micheel, Monroe County, will remain President of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and Board Vice-Chair. Monte Osterman, Racine County, will retain his position as Vice President of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors and Board Chair. Conservation Training and Membership Services Manager, Penny Pohle retired. Isabelle Paulsen has replaced her in that role. Krueger discussed an association focus on budgetary matters related to the Soil and Water Resource Management Staffing Grants to support the critical workforce in county conservation departments.

DOA – Andrew Potts reported that the state agency budgets are due to DOA on September 15th.

DATCP – Brian Weigel submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the August 2, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

DNR – Jill Schoen submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the August 2, 2022 [meeting packet](#).

Member Updates- Monte Osterman reported that the US Water Alliance will be hosting the One Water Summit in Milwaukee between September 13th and 15th, 2022. Osterman will be representing the National Association of Conservation Districts at this meeting. Osterman attended the Summer Conservation Forum for the National Association of Conservation Districts in Puerto Rico in July. Osterman also reported on an initiative between NACD and the data company, HABITERRE. They have developed a model would estimate yields in crop fields that implement certain types of conservation practices. For more information contact Meg Leader with NACD.

Item #13 Planning for the October 2022 LWCB meeting

The Board should expect the following at the next LWCB meeting:

- 5-year Review Fond du Lac County
- Plan Revision for Dodge and Racine Counties
- 2023 Joint Allocation Plan
- Scores and Rankings of Target Runoff Management (TRM) Projects for CY 2023
- Scores and Rankings of Urban Nonpoint Source and Stormwater Management Projects for CY 2023
- Follow-up on Land and Water Resource Management Program Evaluation

Item #11 Adjourn

Motion

Potts motioned to adjourn, seconded by McGraw, and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Monte Osterman, Secretary

Date

Recorder: KS, DATCP

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM _____ **State of Wisconsin**

DATE: September 19, 2022

TO: Land and Water Conservation Board Members and Advisors

FROM: Lisa K. Trumble, DATCP *Lisa K. Trumble*
Resource Management Section,
Bureau of Land and Water Resources

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Approval of the *Racine County Land and Water Resource Management Plan*

Action Requested: This is an action item. The department has determined that the *Racine County Land and Water Resource Management Plan* meets applicable statutory and rule requirements and requests that the LWCB make a recommendation regarding approval of the plan consistent with the Board's guidance.

Summary: The plan is written as a 10 year plan, and if approved, the plan would remain in effect through December 31, 2032, and would be subject to a five-year review prior to December 31, 2027.

DATCP staff reviewed the plan using the checklist and finds that the plan complies with all the requirements of section 92.10, Wisconsin Statutes, and Chapter ATCP 50, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

To qualify for 10-year approval of its plan, Racine County must submit an annual work plan meeting DATCP requirements during each year of its 10-year plan approval.

Racine County held a public hearing on August 15, 2022, as part of its public input and review process. The Racine County Land Conservation Committee will present the LWRM plan for County Board approval after receiving a recommendation for approval from the LWCB.

Materials Provided:

- LWRM Plan Review Checklist
- Completed LWRM Plan Review form
- 2021 workplan with accomplishments and current 2022 workplan

Presenters: Chad Sampson, Racine County Conservationist
Monte Osterman, Land Conservation Committee Chair



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Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM)

LWRM Plan Review Checklist

Wis. Stats. § 92.10 & Wis. Adm. Code § ATCP 50.12.

County: RACINE

Date Plan Submitted for Review: 4/11/2022

I. ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Yes	No	Page
1. Did the county convene a local advisory committee that included a broad spectrum of public interests and perspectives (such as affected landowners, partner organizations, government officials, educational institutions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2
II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND COUNTY BOARD APPROVAL			Date(s)
1. Provide the dates that the local advisory committee met to discuss the development of the LWRM plan and the county plan of work			8/18/21, 10/13/21, 1/19/22
2. Provide the date the county held a public hearing on the LWRM plan ¹			8/15/22
3. Provide the date of county board approval of the plan, or the date the county board is expected to approve the plan after the LWCB makes its recommendation. ²			9/13/22
III. RESOURCE ASSESSMENT AND WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES	Yes	No	Page
1. Does the plan include the following information as part of a county-wide resource assessment:			
a. Soil erosion conditions in the county ³ , including:			
i. identification of areas within county that have high erosion rates or other soil erosion problems that merit action within the next 10 years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	6,66, Map 3
b. Water quality conditions of watersheds in the county ³ , including:			
i. location of watershed areas, showing their geographic boundaries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Map 17

¹ Appropriate notice must be provided for the required public hearing. The public hearing notice serves to notify landowners and land users of the results of any determinations concerning soil erosion rates and nonpoint source water pollution, and provides an opportunity for landowners and land users input on the county's plan. Individual notice to landowners is required if the landowners are referenced directly in the LWRM plan. DATCP may request verification that appropriate notice was provided.

² The county board may approve the county LWRM plan after the department approves the plan. The plan approved by the county board must be the same plan approved by the department. If the department requires changes to a plan previously approved by the county board, the department's approval does not take effect until the county board approves the modified plan.

³ Counties should support their analysis of soil and water conditions by referencing relevant land use and natural resource information, including the distribution of major soil types and surface topographic features, and land use categories and their distribution. Sec. ATCP 50.12(3)(b) requires that a county assemble relevant data, including relevant land use, natural resource, water quality and soil data.

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| ii. | identification of the causes and sources of the water quality impairments and pollutant sources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10-17,
App B |
| iii. | identification of areas within the county that have water quality problems that merit action within the next 10 years. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 42-45
70-72
viii |

2. Does the LWRM plan address objectives by including the following:

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| a. | specific water quality objectives identified for each watershed based upon the resource assessment, if available | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 42-45 |
| b. | pollutant load reduction targets for the watersheds, if available | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 42-45 |

Other comments: TMDL Development and watershed plans being pursued

IV. DNR CONSULTATION

Yes No Page

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| 1. | Did the county consult with DNR ⁴ to obtain water quality assessments, if available; to identify key water quality problem areas; to determine water quality objectives; and to identify pollutant load reduction targets, if any; and to review NR 151 implementation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 42-45 |
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Other comments: DNR is involved in several areas, see above

V. PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Yes No Page

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| 1. | Does the LWRM plan include the following implementation components: : | | | |
| a. | A voluntary implementation strategy to encourage adoption of farm conservation practices | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 62, ix |
| b. | State and local regulations used to implement the plan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 46-58 |
| c. | Compliance procedures that apply for failure to implement the conservation practices in ATCP 50, ch. NR 151 and related local regulations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 64 |
| d. | Relevant conservation practices to achieve compliance with performance standards and prohibitions and to address identified water quality and erosion problems | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | App A |
| e. | A system for meeting county responsibilities to monitor the compliance of participants in the farmland preservation program | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 61, 76 |

⁴ While requirements for DNR consultation may be satisfied by including relevant DNR representatives on the advisory committee, counties may also need to interact with DNR staff in central or regional offices to meet all of the consultation requirements. DNR may point counties to other resources to obtain information including consultants who can calculate pollutant load reduction targets.

2. Does the LWRM plan (or accompanying work plan) estimate:			
a. expected costs of implementing the plan including cost-sharing for conservation practices needed to achieve plan objectives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	88,WP
b. the staff time needed to provide technical assistance and education and outreach to implement the plan.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	88,WP
3. Does the LWRM plan describe a priority farm strategy designed to make reasonable progress in implementing state performance standards and conservation practices on farms appropriately classified as a priority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	62

Other comments:

VI. OUTREACH AND PARTNERING	Yes	No	Page
1. Does the LWRM plan describe a strategy to provide information and education on soil and water resource management, conservation practices and available cost-share funding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	67-69 81
2. Does the LWRM plan describe coordination activities with local, state and federal agencies?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	52-58 70-71 W.P.

Other comments:

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VII. WORK PLANNING AND PROGRESS MONITORING	Yes	No	Page
1. Does the county's most recent annual work plan ⁵ do both of the following:			
a. Provide measurable performance benchmarks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
b. Identify priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NA
2. Does the LWRM plan describe a strategy and framework for monitoring county progress implementing its plan including methodology to track and measure progress in meeting performance benchmarks and plan objectives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ix, 61, 64

Other comments: _

⁵ Counties must submit annual work plan by no later than April 15th of every year to meet the requirement in s. ATCP 50.12(2)(i) for counties to have multi-year work plans.

VIII. EPA SECTION 319 CONSIDERATIONS

1. IS THE COUNTY WORKING WITH DNR TO SEEK EPA APPROVAL OF THIS PLAN AS MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF A 9 KEY ELEMENT PLAN UNDER SECTION 319 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT: Currently have three active 9KE plans

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the above-referenced county LWRM plan based on the criteria required in s. ATCP 50.12, Wis. Admin. Code, and s. 92.10, Stats., and has determined that the plan meets the criteria for DATCP approval of this plan. This checklist review is prepared to enable the LWCB to make recommendations regarding plan approval, and for DATCP to make its final decision regarding plan approval.

Staff Signature: Lisa K. Trumble

Date: July 26, 2022



Land and Water Conservation Board
County Land and Water Resource Management Plan
Review of LWRM Plan Revisions

County: Racine

Implementation Covering Past Five Years and Future Directions

Answer these four questions in writing (not to exceed 4 pages)

1. Provide a representative number of accomplishments within the last five years that can be directly traced to activities identified in multiple work plans. For each accomplishment, explain how the planning process helped the county achieve its outcome, including planning adjustments that helped better target county activities.

The best management practices implemented over the last five years indicate the high demand and large workload for staff as we continue to attempt to meet client needs while continually moving them toward NR 151 and ag performance compliance. Our office typically completes 10 to 15 bond bmp's per year and 10 to 15 SEG practices per year utilizing SWRM and Federal funds. Over the last 5 years, we've assisted 91 separate landowners with SWRM cost-share funds on a variety of practices. Total construction costs of bond practices implemented from 2017 – 2021 is over one million dollars (no manure storage structures were built in Racine County over this period.) Racine County has received \$231,552 of transferred SWRM funds from other counties between 2017 and 2021 for the implementation of best management practices.

From 2016 - 2018, Racine County LWCD applied for and received a grant from the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's "Fund for Lake Michigan" for \$90,000 to install riparian buffers. This grant was allocated over three years to sign up 12 different landowners to install a total of 30 acres of buffers. Each landowner entered into a 15-year contract to take riparian land out of production to reduce runoff, protect water quality and increase wildlife habitat.

The Producer Led Program has become an effective tool for farmer education regarding the soil health movement. The Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County (WPCR) formed in the summer of 2017 with 6 farmers requesting assistance from the County to collaborate their efforts. In the last 5 years, this producer led group and the Racine County LWCD have held 5 summer field days and 5 winter workshops with an average attendance around 80 people at each event. The next Producer Led application will have 23 farmers participating as part of the WPCR. The WPCR also provides cost share for innovative cover crop practices using grant funds. There have been 57 contracts signed over the last five years to install cover crops on over 14,000 acres. Finally, the WPCR contracted with Racine County to utilize cropland at Case Eagle Park for research between conventional vs regenerative agriculture. This will be demonstrated at field days.

2. Identify any areas where the county was unable to make desired progress in implementing activities identified in recent work plans. For each area identified, explain the work plan adjustments that were made to refocus planned activities. If no areas are identified, explain how the county was able to make progress in all the areas planned.

Nutrient Management planning and updates could have more desired progress. Although, we annually utilize all SEG funds, we continually need to inform and educate farmers about the nutrient management planning requirements and opportunities. Although, many farmers are doing soil testing, it seems as though there is a disconnect between "only soil testing" and developing a "certified plan". We continually educate through mailings and one-on-one contacts. Also, there are not a lot of private sector CCA's located in Racine County, which makes planning a little more difficult for producers.

3. Describe the county's approach to implementation of its priority farm strategy including outreach, farm inventories and making use of multiple funding sources. How has the county evaluated the effectiveness of its priority farm strategy and used this information to improve implementation of the agricultural performance standards and conservation practices on farms?

The County's priority farm strategy included contacting farmers within the Water Quality Management Areas (WQMA's), all livestock operations, highly erodible lands and non-compliance farms based on staff evaluations. This strategy started in 2010 and has snowballed into an amount of work that at times seems impossible to get ahead of. Our GIS database records all farm evaluations, site visits, NR 151 compliance, nutrient management plans, bmp's installed, bmp's needed as well as year installed, cost, operation and maintenance agreements, etc. Database management is a very daunting task to include and maintain all of this information. The priority farm strategy continues, but is truly driven by the customers. Our office has daily conversations with the farmers, contractors, co-ops, CCA's and other agency staff to keep all projects, compliance and programs moving forward. The LWCD has a staff meeting every other week to keep all projects on track. The LWCD meets with NRCS and FSA staff about every month to six weeks to coordinate our efforts and make sure no one is left behind. Working with the Federal Agencies allows us to utilize multiple funding sources such as EQIP and CRP.

4. Provide representative examples that show changes in direction in the county's LWRM plan and annual work plans, with specific examples provided showing adjustments in goals, objectives or planned activities.

There are a few big changes in the last five years.

1. *The Producer Led Program and our collaboration with the Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County has led to a much stronger information and educational program for the farmers, elected officials, youth, lake associations, environmental non-profit organizations and the general public. This has strongly improved goal #4's objectives and planned actions.*

This collaboration has also led to the soil health movement. Each year, it seems a few more producers either go all in with no-till and cover crops, or they at least try to incorporate some of this innovation into their farming operation. Obviously, this improves water quality and erosion control which matches Goal #1.

2. *The Multi-Discharge Variance did not exist in the prior LWRM Plan. This program may not have as large an impact as our Producer Led Program, but it does provide about \$10,000 annually to the Land and Water Conservation office. This money is usually used on one best management practice per year to reduce runoff that is directly impacting waters of the State. This is reported on the DNR's BMP Implementation Tracking System (BITS) using the Spreadsheet Tool for Estimating Pollutant Loads (STEPL).*
3. *Soil Health is now a primary focus to reduce runoff. Cost share for cover crops and no-till was not utilized in the previous plans. The additional resources for cost-share to assist farmers into implementing a regenerative soil health system is complimentary to achieving water quality goals. Soil health and regenerative agriculture are the focus at Field Days and Workshops.*

Racine County's Case Eagle Park is being utilized for research and demonstrations. The goal is to provide in-field examples as well as show economic benefits to starting a regenerative agriculture system.

Annual Work Plans

Attach both of the following:

- a. The most current annual work plan, prepared in the current format from DATCP, and addresses all required items such as needed funding and staff hours.
- b. The work plan for the previous year that includes a column that identifies the progress in implementing the planned activities for that year.

Presentation Regarding County Resource Concerns

Prepare and present an 8-10 minute snapshot to the board regarding county resources and management issues. The county must prepare one of following as part of this brief presentation:

- a. A PowerPoint (showing what your county looks like, can include maps), or
- b. A hand out (2 page max)

Guidance on Board Review Process

The LWCB's review supplements, but does not replace compliance with the DATCP checklist for LWRM plan approval. This encourages and supports honest presentations from the county. The county is strongly encouraged to have the LCC chair or committee member be a part of the presentation to the Board to contribute policy and other insights to the discussion. The goal of the review is not to fail counties. The board recognizes the dynamic nature of the planning process. Board members are interested in how counties tackle priorities over time and how they respond to changing conditions in pursuing their priorities. The board will evaluate a county's planning and implementation based on how well the county balances and prioritizes the following: agricultural performance standards, other state priorities (impaired waters, FPP checks), and local priorities. When needed, the Board will provide constructive support to counties to improve the quality of their planning.

Land Conservation Committee Notification

The LCC was provided a completed copy of this form (including attachments) on: September 19, 2022.

Signature of Authorized Representative: M. D. Osterman Date: 9-19-2022
(e.g. County Conservationist, LCC chair)

Send completed form and attachments to:
Lisa.Trumble@wi.gov

**RACINE COUNTY 2021 ANNUAL WORK PLAN
LOCALLY-IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES**

Table 1: Planned activities and performance measures by category

CATEGORY (goal and objective from LWRM plan can be added in each category)	PLANNED ACTIVITIES WITH BENCHMARKS If applicable identify focus areas, e.g. HUC 12 watershed code (examples of types of “planned activities” in italics)	PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS (examples in italics)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Cropland</i> 		
Cropland, soil health and/or nutrient management	<i>Grassed Waterways</i> <i>NM Plans (new)</i> <i>NM Plans (updates)</i> <i>WASCOBS</i> <i>Grade Stabilization</i> <i>Cover Crops</i>	<i>5,000 Linear Feet- 9,956 ft</i> <i>5,000 Acres- 2,462 ac</i> <i>2,000 Acres- 2110 updated acres</i> <i>10 Each- 2 each</i> <i>3 Each- 4 each</i> <i>3,000 Acres- 2,219 reported</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Livestock</i> 		
Livestock	<i>Barnyard Runoff Control</i> <i>Roof Runoff System</i> <i>Animal Waste Storage</i> <i>Clean Water Diversion</i> <i>Stream Crossing</i>	<i>1 Each- 0</i> <i>1 Each- 0</i> <i>1 Each- 0</i> <i>500 Feet- 1,400 ft</i> <i>100 Feet- 20 ft</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Water quality</i> 		
Water quality/quantity (other than activities already listed in other categories)	<i>Streambank/Shoreline Protection</i> <i>Well Decommissioning</i> <i>Riparian Buffers</i>	<i>500 Feet- 677 ft</i> <i>1 Each- 0</i> <i>10 acres- 40 ac</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Forestry</i> 		
Forestry	None	None- 0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Invasive</i> 		
Invasive species	<i>SEWISC Program</i>	<i>Annual Mapping and Monitoring Completed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Wildlife</i> 		
Wildlife-Wetlands-Habitat (other than forestry or invasive species)	<i>Wetland restoration</i> <i>Wildlife damage program</i> <i>Tree and plant sales</i>	<i>5 Acres 0</i> <i>3 Site Inspections, 1 LCC meeting to approve prices, budget- 1 meeting</i> <i>39,000 Trees sold to 310 customers- 31,700 trees/ 298 customers</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Urban</i> 		
Urban issues	<i>Shoreland construction site erosion control</i>	<i>77 Site Inspections- 64 sites</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Watershed</i> 		
Watershed strategies	<i>Eagle Lake Planning Group</i> <i>Root Pike WIN</i>	<i>3 meetings, one stream restoration project completed- 2 meetings</i> <i>4 meetings, multiple projects, partnerships- 1 meeting</i>

**RACINE COUNTY 2021 ANNUAL WORK PLAN
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	<i>Producer-led</i>	<i>12 members, 1 workshop, 1 field day, Soil Health Education- 19 members, 1workshop, 1 field day</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Other</i> 		
Other	<i>Non-metallic mining</i>	<i>7 Plan Reviews and 7 Inspections- 8 reviews and inspections</i>

Table 2: Planned activity related to permits and ordinances

Permits and Ordinances	Plans/application reviews anticipated	Permits anticipated to be issued
Feedlot permits	NA	NA
Manure storage construction and transfer systems	1 0	1 0
Manure storage closure	1 0	1 0
Livestock facility siting	0 0	0 0
Nonmetallic/frac sand mining	8 8	8 8
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	70 64	70 64
Shoreland zoning	0 0	0 0
Wetlands and waterways (Ch. 30)	0 0	0 0
Other		

Table 3: Planned inspections

Inspections	Number of inspections planned
Total Farm Inspections	30 18
For FPP	4 6
For NR 151	30 18
Animal waste ordinance	3 5
Livestock facility siting	0 0
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	70 64
Nonmetallic mining	7 8

**RACINE COUNTY 2021 ANNUAL WORK PLAN
LOCALLY-IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES**

Table 4: Planned outreach and education activities

Activity	Number
Tours	0 1
Field days	1 1
Trainings/workshops	1 1
School-age programs (camps, field days, classroom)	1 1
Newsletters	4 4
Social media posts	0 2
News release/story	2 2

Table 5: Staff Hours and Expected Costs (staff can be combined or listed individually)

Staff/Support	Hours	Costs
<i>County Conservationist</i>	2080	\$106,000 (salary and fringe)
<i>Engineering Tech</i>	2080	\$\$93,000 (salary and fringe)
<i>Conservation Planner</i>	2080	\$65,000 (salary and fringe)
Other Costs		\$25,000
Cost Sharing (can be combined)		
<i>Bonding</i>	<i>N/A</i>	\$75,000 \$70,333
<i>SEG</i>	<i>N/A</i>	\$125,000 (w transfer to Racine) \$85,928
<i>MDV</i>	<i>N/A</i>	\$10,000 \$9,988.68
<i>SEG Innovation</i>		\$12,550

**RACINE COUNTY 2022 ANNUAL WORK PLAN
LOCALLY-IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES**

Table 1: Planned activities and performance measures by category

CATEGORY (goal and objective from LWRM plan can be added in each category)	PLANNED ACTIVITIES WITH BENCHMARKS If applicable identify focus areas, e.g. HUC 12 watershed code (examples of types of “planned activities” in italics)	PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS (examples in italics)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cropland</i> 		
Cropland, soil health and/or nutrient management	<i>Grassed Waterways</i> <i>NM Plans (new)</i> <i>NM Plans (updates)</i> <i>WASCOBS</i> <i>Grade Stabilization</i> <i>Cover Crops</i>	<i>5,000 Linear Feet</i> <i>5,000 Acres</i> <i>2,000 Acres</i> <i>10 Each</i> <i>3 Each</i> <i>5,000 Acres</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Livestock</i> 		
Livestock	<i>Barnyard Runoff Control</i> <i>Roof Runoff System</i> <i>Animal Waste Storage</i> <i>Clean Water Diversion</i> <i>Stream Crossing</i>	<i>1 Each</i> <i>1 Each</i> <i>1 Each</i> <i>500 Feet</i> <i>100 Feet</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Water quality</i> 		
Water quality/quantity (other than activities already listed in other categories)	<i>Streambank/Shoreline Protection</i> <i>Well Decommissioning</i> <i>Riparian Buffers</i>	<i>500 Feet</i> <i>1 Each</i> <i>10 acres</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Forestry</i> 		
Forestry	None	None
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Invasive</i> 		
Invasive species	<i>SEWISC Program</i>	<i>Annual Mapping and Monitoring</i>
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Watershed strategies	<i>Eagle Lake Planning Group</i> <i>Root Pike WIN</i> <i>Producer-led</i>	<i>3 meetings, one stream restoration project completed</i> <i>4 meetings, multiple projects, partnerships</i> <i>24 members, 1 workshop, 1 field day, Soil Health Education</i>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Other</i> 		
Other	<i>Non-metallic mining</i>	<i>7 Plan Reviews and 7 Inspections</i>

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Manure storage closure	1	1
Livestock facility siting	0	0
Nonmetallic/frac sand mining	8	8
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	70	70
Shoreland zoning	0	0
Wetlands and waterways (Ch. 30)	0	0
Other		

Table 3: Planned inspections

Inspections	Number of inspections planned
Total Farm Inspections	30
For FPP	4
For NR 151	30
Animal waste ordinance	3
Livestock facility siting	0
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	70
Nonmetallic mining	8

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Table 4: Planned outreach and education activities

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School-age programs (camps, field days, classroom)	1
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News release/story	2

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<i>Conservation Planner</i>	2080	\$67,000 (salary and fringe)
Other Costs		\$25,000
Cost Sharing (can be combined)		
<i>Bonding</i>	<i>N/A</i>	\$55,000
<i>SEG</i>	<i>N/A</i>	\$90,000
<i>MDV</i>	<i>N/A</i>	\$10,000



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Secretary Randy Romanski

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM _____ **State of Wisconsin**

DATE: September 23, 2022

TO: Land and Water Conservation Board Members and Advisors

FROM: Jennifer Heaton-Amrhein, DATCP
Bureau of Land and Water Resources Management

SUBJECT: *2023 Final Joint Allocation Plan for the Soil and Water Resource Management Program and the Nonpoint Source Program*

Recommend Action: This is an action item. Staff request that the Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) recommend approval of the 2023 Final Joint Allocation Plan.

Procedural Summary: On July 22, 2022 DATCP provided a link to the 2023 Preliminary Joint Allocation Plan and Environmental Assessment (EA) to interested parties, including county land conservation departments and current and former DATCP grant cooperators. Interested parties were advised of their opportunities to comment on the preliminary allocation including the option of submitting written comments by September 6, 2022. Three written comments were submitted.

Allocation Summary: The *2023 Final Joint Allocation Plan* provides details on how both the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will allocate \$22,357,043 of available nonpoint grant funds to county land conservation committees and other project cooperators. This plan does not include DNR award of grants to cities, towns, and villages for projects under ss. 281.65 or 285.66, Wis. Stats.

The Final Allocation Plan makes the following changes from the preliminary allocation:

- Funds were moved from Kewaunee County's SEG cost-share allocation to create an NMFE award of \$9,000. This leaves a SEG cost-share award of \$6,000.
- A correction was made to Chart 1 to reflect the total staffing requests received.
- A bullet was added to the SEG "Future Funding Directions" to support expanding eligible activities for stipends for Tier 2 NMFE recipients.
- DNR worked with Outagamie County staff to determine the best split of DNR Sec. 319 Account (Federal) funds between local assistance and cropping practices and offered the county additional DNR Bond revenue from s.20.866(2)(f) to come closer to the full funding request for the project.

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As part of the allocation process, DATCP prepared an environmental assessment (EA). The EA found that DATCP's proposed allocation is not a major action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and concluded that an environmental impact statement is not required.

Materials Provided:

- 2023 Final Joint Allocation Plan
- Environmental Assessment for 2023 Joint Allocation Plan

Presenter: Jennifer Heaton-Amrhein (DATCP)

2023 Joint Allocation Plan

Final

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Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program and Nonpoint Source Program



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Summary of Changes to the 2023 Joint Allocation Plan

The DATCP portion of the final plan includes the following changes from the preliminary allocation plan:

- DATCP reallocated \$9,000 of Kewaunee County’s SEG award to NMFE. This decreases their SEG cost-share award to \$6,000. Kewaunee County asked for this adjustment.
- The staffing unmet request amount in Chart 1 was corrected to reflect the total of all staffing funding requested, not just the first three positions for each county. This change makes Chart 1 consistent with the methodology used in previous allocation plans.
- A bullet was added to the SEG “Future Funding Directions” to suggest expanding eligible activities for stipends for Tier 2 NMFE recipients.

The DNR portion of the final plan includes the following changes from the preliminary allocation plan:

- DNR worked with Outagamie County staff to determine the best split of the DNR Sec. 319 Account (Federal) funds between local assistance and cropping practices and offered the county additional DNR Bond Revenue from s. 20.866(2)(f) to come closer to the full funding request for the project.

Approval Signatures

DATCP has determined that the action described in this allocation plan for the 2023 soil and water resource management grant program shown in [Table A](#) conforms to the applicable DATCP provisions of s. 92.14, Wis. Stats, and ATCP 50, Wis. Administrative Code. DATCP reserves the right to reallocate grant funds unexpended by recipients.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2022

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Randy Romanski, Secretary

DNR has determined that the actions described in this allocation plan for the 2023 allocations of DNR funds shown in [Table B](#) conforms with the provisions of ss. 281.65 and 281.66, Wis. Stats.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2022

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Preston D. Cole, Secretary

Introduction

The allocations identified in this plan provide counties and others with grant funding for conservation staff and support costs, landowner cost-sharing, and runoff management projects. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) are making these allocations to protect Wisconsin's soil and water resources, consistent with the objectives in chs. 92 and 281, Wis. Stats.

DATCP is allocating grants to county land conservation committees (counties) and other project cooperators in 2023 through the Soil and Water Resource Management Program ([Table A](#)). DNR is allocating grants to counties through the Targeted Runoff Management (TRM), the NR 243 Notice of Discharge (NOD), and Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Construction Projects (UNPS Construction) Grant programs ([Table B](#)).

For 2023, a total of \$22,357,043 is allocated based on the state budget for the 2021-23 biennium. [Table C](#) summarizes all allocations, by grantee. Organized by funding category, Chart 1 on page 3, summarizes grant fund requests, unmet funding requests, and allocation amounts. Chart 2 on page 3, shows the allocation categories by funding sources. *If required, these allocations may be adjusted based on reductions or lapses in appropriations or authorizations.*

Funding Sources and Allocation Requests

CHART 1: GRANT REQUESTS AND ALLOCATIONS			
Funding Category	Total Requests	Unmet Requests	Allocation Amounts
DATCP			
County Staff/Support	\$18,775,068	\$7,495,068	\$11,280,000
LWRM Cost-Share (B)	\$7,039,500	\$3,493,759	\$3,545,741
Bond Reserve (B)	\$250,000	\$0	\$250,000
LWRM Cost-Share (SEG)	\$2,769,100	\$644,000	\$2,125,100
Project Contracts (SEG)	\$1,030,859	\$80,000	\$950,859
Innovation Grants (SEG)	\$362,415	\$38,356	\$324,059
NMFE Grants (SEG)	\$174,982	\$0	\$174,982
SUBTOTAL	\$30,401,924	\$11,751,183	\$18,650,741
DNR			
UNPS Planning	NA	NA	NA
UNPS Construction	\$0	NA	NA
TRM	\$4,407,798	\$1,701,496	\$2,706,302
NOD Reserve (B)			\$1,000,000
SUBTOTAL	\$4,407,798	\$1,701,496	\$3,706,302
TOTAL			\$22,357,043

CHART 2: FUNDING SOURCES	
Staff and Support Grants	
\$7,480,800	DATCP SEG from s. 20.115(7)(qe)
\$3,799,200	DATCP GPR from s. 20.115(7)(c)
\$11,280,000	DATCP Subtotal
\$45,000	DNR SEG from s.20.370(6)(aq)
\$376,546	DNR Sec. 319 Account (Federal)
\$421,546	DNR Subtotal
\$11,701,546	TOTAL Staff & Support Grants
Cost-Share Grants	
\$3,545,741	DATCP Bond from s. 20.866(2)(we)
\$250,000	DATCP Bond (Reserve) from s. 20.866(2)(we)
\$2,125,100	DATCP SEG from s. 20.115(7)(qf)
\$5,920,841	DATCP Subtotal
\$3,042,297	DNR Bond Revenue from s. 20.866(2)(tf)
\$55,000	DNR SEG from s. 20.370(6)(aq)
\$187,459	DNR Sec. 319 Account (Federal)
\$3,284,756	DNR Subtotal
\$9,205,597	TOTAL Cost-Share Grants
Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE) & Other Project Cooperator (OPC) Grants	
\$174,982	DATCP SEG (NMFE) from s. 20.115(7)(qf)
\$950,859	DATCP SEG (OPC) from s. 20.115(7)(qf)
\$324,059	DATCP SEG (Innovation) from s.20.115(7)(qf)
\$1,449,900	TOTAL NMFE & Other Grants
\$22,357,043	Grand Total

DATCP Allocations

Staff and Support

The allocation under this category provides county staff and support funding. Grant awards are consistent with the terms of the 2023 grant application and instructions located at https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SWRMSect6.aspx.

Funds Available

The allocation amount listed in [Table A-1](#) consists of annual appropriations of \$3,799,200 in GPR funds and \$7,480,800 in SEG funds “for support of local land conservation personnel under the soil and water resource management program.” DATCP has no underspending from prior years to increase this allocation.

Grant Awards

Grants are awarded using the following formula:

Tier 1

DATCP is exercising its discretion under ch. ATCP 50.32(5) to award each county a \$75,000 base grant.

Tier 2

DATCP will allocate the remaining \$5,880,000 using a modified version of the formula designed to meet the goal in s. 92.14(6)(b), Wis. Stats., of funding 100, 70 and 50 percent of the costs of three staff positions in each county. As modified, the formula allows counties to claim department heads, technicians and engineers as their first positions (entitled to 100 percent funding) only if they work over 95% on eligible conservation activities.

DATCP makes Tier 2 awards in three rounds in an attempt to meet the statutory goal. For round one, DATCP will fully fund county requests for their first position at the 100% rate. Due to an increase in the allocation for the 2021-2023 budget cycle for round two, DATCP will fund 100% of the county requests for their second position at the 70% rate. Additionally, after funding the first two positions for each county at the maximum rate, there will be a small allocation for third positions. Dividing the balance between the 70 counties that requested funding for a third position, DATCP will award approximately 5% of the requested amount. [Table A-1](#) provides round-by-round details of the Tier 2 allocation for each county.

Unmet Need for Staff and Support Funds

Despite an increase to the appropriation, DATCP requires an additional \$2.2 million appropriated to reach the goal of providing 50% of the third position; nearly \$7.5 million

additional would be needed to meet the goal of 50% of any additional staff persons under s. 92.14(6)(b). Even with increases in funding, counties are anticipated to contribute a significant part of the staffing costs. For example, in 2021, counties provided funding to pay 205 of the 378 conservation staff employed statewide.

Reallocation and Redirection

DATCP approves Menominee County's request to reallocate up to \$8,000 to the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin on the condition that county provides a report on the use of the reallocated funds.

Future Funding Directions

DATCP awards grants for a county's first position only if the staff is actively engaged in qualified conservation activities. Also, DATCP requires annual work planning and reporting in order to qualify for DATCP funding. These requirements build county conservation capacity and better account for the performance of conservation activities using state funds. If sufficient additional staffing funding is made available in the future to fully fund the statutory goal in s. 92.14(6)(b), DATCP may consider further adjustments to the grant formula to advance the goals of capacity building and accountability without compromising the basic funding for county staff. If additional funding is provided moving forward, DATCP could consider the amount of DATCP programming a county supports, such as nutrient management farmer education, farmland preservation, CREP, or livestock siting, in determining how funds are allocated.

In the future, DATCP could ensure that counties maintain adequate conservation delivery capacity by requiring that a county's second or third position be engaged in providing high level conservation support as a technician with conservation engineering practitioner certification or as a planner qualified to write nutrient management plans. Also, DATCP could preclude a county from claiming a department head as its second or third position if the county has listed a department head in its first position. To reward county performance, the staffing grant formula could be modified to provide additional payments for counties that are making reasonable progress in implementing their annual work plans. If adjustments to the staffing formula are made in the future, DATCP will proceed with caution and only after input from counties, mindful of the challenges, even with increases in the appropriation.

With the increase in the allocation expiring with the 2023 Allocation, the funding available for the staffing allocation could drop by up to \$2.3 million. This would have a negative impact on counties who have had four years of enhanced staffing awards, allowing new staff to be hired. Without consistency in the staffing funding allocation, counties face challenges in growing their outreach and management abilities due to staffing shortages.

Bond Revenue Cost-Sharing

The allocations under this category provide cost-sharing to resolve discharges on farms, address priority non-point runoff projects, and provide counties grants for landowner cost-

sharing. Unless otherwise noted below, grant awards are consistent with the terms of the 2023 grant application and instructions (see page 4 for the link to these documents).

Bond Funds Available

The allocation amount listed on page one consists of \$3.5 million (half of DATCP's \$7.0 million authorization in the 2021-23 budget), with the following adjustments:

- Decrease the amount by \$250,000 for an engineering reserve fund
- Increase the amount by \$295,741 using unspent bond funds previously allocated.

Grant Awards

Bond Reserve Projects

DATCP will allocate \$250,000 to an engineering reserve primarily for the purpose of funding projects to address discharges on farms including regulatory animal waste response (NR 243) projects in cooperation with DNR. Some funds may be used for priority projects related to extreme weather events or other non-runoff related projects. These projects are usually higher cost and funds are awarded first come, first serve using a separate process that includes completing a form for engineering reserve projects and projects over \$50,000 as well as obtaining a recommendation from DATCP engineering staff.

DATCP will allocate \$3,545,741 in bond funds to counties for landowner cost-sharing. DATCP makes county awards by first providing base funding, and then awarding funds based on criteria related to county performance and need.

After providing each county \$10,000 in base funding, DATCP awards the remaining \$2,825,741 using two performance-based criteria (a 3-year record of cumulative spending of cost-share funds, and a 3-year average of underspending of cost-share funds) and one needs-based criteria (farmland acres based on 2017 Census of Agriculture data). Minor manual adjustments are then made to the allocation, if needed.

[Table A-2](#) shows each county's total award amount and the factors that contributed to the county's award.

Unmet Need for Bond Cost-Share Funds

DATCP's allocation provided 50% of the bond funds requested, leaving \$3,493,759 in unfunded county requests. A shortfall in bond funds has practical implications to implement state and local priorities including farm runoff standards. Of particular concern, cost-share dollars are not keeping pace with increased costs for conservation practices and expanded priorities reflected in the new ch. NR 151.075 targeted performance standard.

Future Funding Directions

In response to the impact of unusual weather events during 2018 and 2019, the SWRM program managers determined the best way to ensure future allocations are not unfairly impacted is to eliminate the inclusion of extended underspending in the bond award calculations for grant cycles for 2021, 2022, 2023. After this three year period, the matter will be reassessed. Additionally, as bond funding has stayed the same and costs have increased, underspending by counties has dropped to almost nothing. Therefore, that criteria is less meaningful when awarding funds than in previous years.

DATCP may update the review of applications and awards process using a rubric to score applications and supporting information. The criteria would stay the same – underspending, acres of farmland and positive spending – but the interpretation of the data may be updated.

SEG Fund Allocation

The allocations under this category provide funding for (1) landowner cost-sharing for soft practices including nutrient management (NM), (2) farmer and related training involving NM, (3) NM implementation support and other projects of statewide importance and 4) innovation projects. Unless otherwise noted below, grant awards are consistent with the terms of the 2023 grant application and instructions (see page 4 for the link to these documents).

Funds Available

The total allocated for SEG programming is a \$4,675,000 “for cost-sharing grants and contracts under the soil and water resource management program under s. 92.14” with the following adjustments:

- A decrease of \$1,000,000 as a result of a redirection of funds for producer-led watershed protection grants.
- A reserve of \$100,000 to support the newly established nitrogen optimization pilot program and the cover crop rebate program, or for the DATCP database upgrade. If funds are not needed for these programs, they will be reallocated as cost-share funds to existing grantees, or to completely fund innovative grants, other project cooperator requests, or in support of other projects supporting nutrient management implementation.

Of the \$3,575,000 available for allocation, \$2,125,100 will be provided to counties for landowner cost-sharing, \$174,982 will be awarded for farmer NM training, \$324,059 will be given to counties for innovation grants and \$950,859 will be awarded to project cooperators for training and support services. The majority of funding awarded in this category directly benefits farmers and other landowners by providing NM cost-sharing and farmer training.

Landowner Cost-Sharing

DATCP provides grants to counties primarily for cost-sharing NM plans to meet the 2015 Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) 590 Standard. Some of these funds may be used to cost-share (a) cover crops and other cropping practices to implement a NM plan, and (b) for “hard practices” with DATCP approval if the county’s grant contract authorizes such use.

Sixty counties applied for \$2,769,100 in grants, and DATCP will award \$2,125,100 to applicants based on ranking determined by the following scoring criteria:

- Up to 20 points based on acres covered by Farmland Preservation Zoning and Agriculture Enterprise Areas.
- Up to 20 points based on the extent of impaired waters located in each county.
- Up to 30 points based on a county’s participation in NM planning and implementation as demonstrated by specific employee positions, inclusion of NM planning in the 2022 work plans, providing educational opportunities related to NM planning, soil testing, or plan renewal.
- Up to 30 points based on a county’s total three-year positive spending on NM cost-sharing for the previous year.

DATCP relies on data in its possession to score county applications based on the four funding criteria. Counties are ranked according to their cumulative score (up to 100 points) and are organized into five groups for allocation purposes. Counties receive the highest maximum preliminary award for their grouping, unless a county requests a lower amount. The five award groups are listed in Chart 3.

Group	Maximum Award	Maximum Awards in Groups
1	\$95,000	1 of 1
2	\$75,000	7 of 10
3	\$65,000	7 of 29
4	\$35,000	1 of 15
5	\$15,000	2 of 5

Funds were then manually adjusted in a few cases to provide additional SEG funding to counties who requested larger allocations and have demonstrated an ability to spend it, or to limit funds going to counties who have a proclivity of transferring all SEG funds. In no case did the award exceed a county’s request or the maximum of \$95,000. [Table A-3](#) enumerates each county’s score, grouping, and grant award. The term “N/A” identifies the twelve counties that did not apply for funds. [Table A](#) also reflects amounts allocated to each county under the “SEG Cost-Sharing” column. Without prior approval from DATCP, counties may spend up to 50% of SEG cost-share allocation on cropping practices. With prior approval from DATCP, counties may spend up to 50% of their cost-share SEG allocation on bondable practices in support of nutrient management plan implementation. Counties may request additional flexibility to use the funds with DATCP approval.

NMFE Training Grants

For 2023, DATCP fully funded all Nutrient Management Farmer Education requests, in the amounts listed in Chart 4.

All grant recipients must sign a contract with DATCP that incorporates the requirements of Ch. ATCP 50.35 and commits the project to developing NM plans that meet the 2015 NRCS 590 standards. Three of the awards also include funds to purchase laptops for training.

Chart 4: NMFE Grant Awards	
Organization	Total Award
Calumet Co	\$1,100
CVTC	\$19,960
Douglas Co.	\$1,200
Eau Claire Co.	\$10,800
Kewaunee Co.	\$9,000
Lafayette Co.	\$19,050
Langlade Co.	\$11,200
Manitowoc Co.	\$7,700
Marathon (Tylr, Clrk, Lcln, Wd)	\$32,410
NWTC	\$11,262
Ozaukee Co.	\$2,500
Trempealeau Co.	\$20,000
Vernon Co. / WTC	\$27,300
Washington Co.	\$1,500
Total	\$174,982

Statewide Projects: Project Cooperator Grants

In addition to supporting NMFE training, DATCP uses its SEG appropriation for projects that contribute to statewide conservation goals, meeting the following grant priorities in Ch. ATCP 50.30(3):

- fund cost-effective activities that address and resolve high priority problems;
- build a systematic and comprehensive approach to soil erosion and water quality problems;
- contribute to a coordinated soil and water resource management program and avoid duplication of effort.

DATCP has targeted the following areas for funding: nutrient management implementation activities including SnapPlus, support for statewide training of conservation professionals, development and support of technical standards, and coordinated activities in AEAs and impaired waters.

In the cooperator subcategory of Nutrient Management Implementation Support, DATCP received a tiered application from the UW-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. The tier 1 request totals \$580,000 and tier 2 request totals \$660,000. DATCP will fund the UW-CALS request as follows: (1) \$300,000 for maintaining and improving education and training (2) \$280,000 for SnapPlus maintenance and development. The support for the A2809 calculator is included within this funding.

Funding the UW CALS Nutrient and Pest Management Program supports the development of a digital, self-paced, interactive, interview-based NM planning workbook with an updated NM curriculum. The workbook will be obtained online or on a thumb drive but will also be available as a printed document. The UW CALS project will also include the continued development of training videos to be linked into the interactive workbook and the SnapPlus NM software program.

In the training and technical standard support category of project cooperators, DATCP will provide the following funding:

- Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WI Land+Water) is awarded \$241,610. The funds are intended to build statewide capacity to deliver and coordinate conservation training including implementation of recommendations of the statewide interagency training committee (SITCOM). Funding also supports activities to promote accountability and achievements among county conservation programs. Finally, a focus on enhancing state conservation delivery will be facilitated through statewide conservation initiatives and by fostering state and local priorities.
- The Standards Oversight Council (SOC) is awarded the full \$40,000 requested. This award recognizes the high costs for maintaining statewide capacity to develop and maintain technical standards for conservation programs, as well as the Council’s specific support of DATCP standards.
- Up to \$3,500 is awarded to the host county for costs related to Conservation Observance Day.

DATCP received three other applications for cooperator funds:

- UW-Extension – Natural Resource Educators. Request: \$30,699. Award: \$30,699. This award will provide regional support to the producer-led watershed groups.
- UW-GNHS – Support of Silurian data: \$37,699, Award: \$37,699. This project is required in order to house data verifying depth to bedrock.
- UW-SFAL – Support of Soil Lab services: Request: \$17,351. Award: \$17,351. This project will support the NM soil lab certification program.

Innovation Grants

With the 2023 SWRM grant application, counties were invited to submit Innovation Grant requests for new ways to approach land and water conservation. Thirteen applications were received from counties and \$362,415 SEG funds were requested. A total of \$324,059 is awarded shown in Chart 5.

Chart 5: Innovation Awards			
Innovation Grant	Amount	Innovation Grant	Amount
Calumet County	\$33,750	Manitowoc County	\$21,925
Columbia County	\$19,500	Marathon County	\$25,000
Door County	\$4,740	Ozaukee County	\$36,644
Eau Claire County	\$3,500	Polk County	\$9,000

Fond du Lac County	\$50,000	Racine County	\$25,000
Langlade County	\$50,000	Waupaca County	\$45,000
TOTAL AWARDED		\$324,059	

Projects were scored by four raters on a 20 point scale that considered alignment with the program goals, a logical plan, the proposed budget and previous funding. Three Innovation Grant proposals are fully funded based on the level of innovation: Calumet County, Columbia County, and Fond du Lac County. These projects are not only innovative but also could provide models for other counties and programs moving forward. Three requests were for less than \$5,000, and therefore were fully funded: Door County, Eau Claire County and Manitowoc County interseeding. Five additional applications were funded to ensure continuation of progressing projects within the counties: Langlade County, Manitowoc County harvestable buffers, Polk County, Racine County and Waupaca County. Due to scoring lower in the rankings and the competition for funding, Marathon County and Ozaukee County were partially funded.

The 2023 cooperator awards are documented in the lower section of [Table A](#). All award recipients are required to sign grant contracts that incorporate the requirements of s. ATCP 50.35, and include significant accountability measures.

Unmet Need for Cost-Share Funding

DATCP will provide about 77% of the SEG funding requested by counties for cost-sharing, which is \$644,000 less than the requested amounts. While the cost-share funding aligns with county spending, the average total spent by counties annually over the past several years is significantly less than what was allocated. The department hopes that the continued additional flexibility provided will increase the amount of cost-sharing utilized by counties.

Future Funding Directions

DATCP continues to consider how it can best apply its SEG funding to improve conservation and implement conservation practices.

There is a growing interest in cropping practices where SEG funds could be targeted to improve soil health and watershed management, specifically cover crops and reduced/no-till practices. Looking forward, practices such as harvestable buffers, small grains projects, rotational grazing, cropping practices that improve climate resiliency, precision agriculture, and carbon credit processing will be emphasized.

To the extent that DATCP will spend SEG funding to support NM planning and implementation, the department will use feedback from counties and other stakeholders to determine which, if any, of the following strategies are possible and could be used:

- Allow cost-sharing for cropping practices for farms without a NM plan, but with a farm assessment.

- Create a soil health program that includes targeted funding specifically for soil health practices.
- Create soil health outreach module, to be taught alongside or in addition to the Nutrient Management Planning modules.
- Create a mentorship program to facilitate learning and better understanding of NM between producers and their plan writers.
- Provide funds to regional support groups to provide agronomic and conservation compliance assistance for FPP and other state priorities.
- Set aside funds to support SWRM program technology. With an aging database paired with ever-changing program needs, DATCP is seeking technological support and solutions more frequently. Funding a modern database system would also allow DATCP to track and target its funding more effectively, and potentially allow for tracking of the conservation impacts of the program across the state.
- Expand eligible activities for stipends for Tier 2 NMFE recipients.

Regarding the allocation of SEG funds specifically for nutrient management cost-sharing, DATCP remains interested in refining the formula for awarding county cost-sharing and the policies surrounding its use.

Before making major changes to what is funded and how it is distributed, DATCP will engage stakeholders to develop a workable approach. The counties can share insights on approaches to effectively target cost-sharing and increase farmer participation.

DNR Allocations

DNR's portion of this final allocation provides funding to counties through three programs:

- 1) Targeted Runoff Management (TRM)
- 2) Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management (UNPS), and
- 3) Notice of Discharge (NOD).

[Table B](#) shows the final allocation to each county grantee for TRM and UNPS-Construction. Additionally, NOD reserves are established as specific county allocations are unknown at this time.

Funding Sources

Allocations for TRM projects and NOD projects are from bond revenue appropriated under s. 20.866(2)(tf), Wis. Stats., Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 funds, and segregated funds appropriated under s. 20.370(6)(aq), Wis. Stats.

Allocations to counties for UNPS-Construction projects, when requested, are from segregated funds appropriated under s. 20.866(2)(th), Wis. Stats.

Allocations to counties for UNPS-Planning projects, when requested, are from segregated funds appropriated under s. 20.370(6)(dq), Wis. Stats.

Note: DNR will also provide TRM grants and UNPS-Construction grants to non-county grantees. Wisconsin Statutes do not require that non-county grantees be listed in this allocation plan.

- For all grant programs, funds will be considered “committed” when a grantee has returned to the DNR a signed copy of the grant agreement.
- For the TRM program, grant agreements not signed by the deadline may be rescinded by DNR, and the associated grant funds may be used to fund other eligible projects in rank order based on project scores. If, for any reason, funds committed through this allocation plan become available after March 31, 2023, these funds may be held to fund projects selected in the next grant cycle.

1. TRM Final Allocation

The DNR allocates up to \$2,706,302 to counties for cost sharing of TRM projects during calendar year 2023. This amount is adequate to fully fund the estimated state share for 5 out of 8 eligible county Small-Scale TRM applications. Additionally, this amount is adequate to fully fund the estimated state share for 3 out of the 6 eligible county Large-Scale TRM applications, and partially fund one additional Large-Scale TRM application. As shown in Chart 1, there is \$1,701,496 of unmet needs for county TRM projects.

The maximum cost-share amount that can be awarded for a single Small-Scale TRM project is \$225,000. The maximum cost-share amount that can be awarded for a single Large-Scale TRM project is \$600,000.

TRM allocations made through this plan will be reimbursed to grantees during calendar years 2023 through 2024 for Small-Scale projects and through 2025 for Large-Scale projects. Project applications are screened, scored, and ranked in accordance with s. 281.65(4c), Wis. Stats. Adjustments to grant amounts may occur to account for eligibility of project components, cost-share rates, or ch. NR 151 enforcement action at the time that DNR negotiates the actual grant agreement with an applicant.

2. UNPS Final Allocation

DNR has implemented an alternating schedule for both UNPS-Planning and UNPS-Construction grants. The UNPS-Planning grants are solicited in odd years, and the UNPS-Construction grants are solicited in even years. The maximum cost-share amount that can be awarded for a UNPS-Construction grant is \$150,000, with an additional \$50,000 for land acquisition. The maximum cost-share amount that can be awarded for a UNPS-Planning grant is \$85,000.

UNPS grant awards will be reimbursed to grantees during calendar years 2023 and 2024. Project applications have been screened, scored, and ranked in accordance with s. 281.66, Wis. Stats.

CONSTRUCTION. The DNR did not receive any applications from counties for cost sharing of UNPS-Construction projects during the calendar year 2023 grant cycle.

PLANNING. UNPS-Planning grant applications were not solicited in 2022 for the 2023 award cycle. The UNPS-Planning grant application will be available in early 2023 for 2024 awards.

3. Notice of Discharge Program

A. Background

DNR issues notices of discharge (NOD) and notices of intent (NOI) under ch. NR 243, Wis. Adm. Code; this code regulates animal feeding operations. DNR has authority under s. 281.65(4e), Wis. Stats., to provide grant assistance for NOD and NOI projects outside of the competitive TRM process. DNR is authorized to award grants to governmental units, which in turn enter into cost-share agreements with landowners that have received an NOD or NOI.

Cost-share assistance is provided to landowners to meet the regulatory requirements of an NOD issued under ch. NR 243, Wis. Adm. Code. In some cases, cost-share assistance must be offered before enforcement action can be taken. In other cases, DNR is not required to provide cost sharing but may do so at its discretion. DNR has several permitting and enforcement options available under ch. NR 243 if landowners should fail to meet the conditions of the NOD.

B. NOD Final Allocation

This Preliminary Allocation Plan establishes a reserve of \$1,000,000 for NOD projects during calendar year 2023. The reserve includes funds for structural practices in eligible locations. DNR may use its discretion to increase this reserve if needed. To receive a grant award, a governmental unit must submit an application to DNR that describes a specific project and includes documentation that an NOD or NOI has either already been issued or will be issued by DNR concurrent with the grant award. Once DNR issues a grant to the governmental unit to address an NOD or NOI, DNR will designate a portion of the reserve specifically for that project.

DNR will require that county grantees commit funds to a cost-share agreement with the landowner within a timeframe that is consistent with the compliance schedule in the NOD. The county grantee shall use the grant award to reimburse the landowner for costs incurred during the grant period, which may extend beyond calendar year 2023. If the landowner fails to install practices listed in the cost-share agreement within the timeframe identified, DNR will terminate its grant with the county, leaving the landowner to correct the problems identified in the NOD without the benefit of state cost sharing.

Fund balances from terminated NOD grants and projects completed under budget may be returned to the reserve account and made available to other NOD applicants. Reserve funds remaining at the end of calendar year 2023 may either be carried over for the calendar year 2024 NOD reserve account or may be allocated for calendar year 2023 or 2024 TRM projects.

Attachments

Tables

Table A: DATCP Allocations									
STAFFING AND COST-SHARE ALLOCATIONS									
County	DATCP Staffing & Support Allocation	LWRM Plan Implementation		Total DATCP Allocation	County	DATCP Staffing & Support Allocation	LWRM Plan Implementation		Total DATCP Allocation
		Bond Cost-Sharing	SEG Cost-Sharing				Bond Cost-Sharing	SEG Cost-Sharing	
Adams	148,693	43,000	65,000	256,693	Marathon	183,559	70,000	95,000	348,559
Ashland	142,842	50,000	40,000	232,842	Marinette	165,620	55,000	60,000	280,620
Barron	163,647	58,000	10,000	231,647	Marquette	169,939	43,000	65,000	277,939
Bayfield	141,926	50,000	8,000	199,926	Menominee	95,087	20,000		115,087
Brown	182,710	48,000	20,000	250,710	Milwaukee	76,554	15,000		91,554
Buffalo	126,351	60,000	20,000	206,351	Monroe	156,919	59,000	50,000	215,919
Burnett	122,659	33,000	20,000	175,659	Oconto	170,230	48,000		218,230
Calumet	197,782	40,000	30,000	267,782	Oneida	129,010	39,000		168,010
Chippewa	202,731	65,000	70,000	337,731	Outagamie	219,102	55,000	65,000	339,102
Clark	161,889	64,500	75,000	301,389	Ozaukee	178,612	53,500	25,000	257,112
Columbia	146,920	68,000	75,000	289,920	Pepin	104,565	39,000	40,000	183,565
Crawford	137,818	55,000	8,000	200,818	Pierce	168,208	60,000	20,000	248,208
Dane	247,461	65,000	75,000	387,461	Polk	161,239	50,000		211,239
Dodge	176,702	53,000	20,000	249,702	Portage	181,735	59,000		240,735
Door	178,571	50,000	30,000	258,571	Price	103,314	43,000		146,314
Douglas	134,888	30,000	5,000	169,888	Racine	189,031	58,500	90,000	337,531
Dunn	191,041	56,000	20,000	267,041	Richland	122,273	55,000	20,000	197,273
Eau Claire	177,773	47,000	65,000	289,773	Rock	171,739	65,000	75,000	311,739
Florence	76,554	34,000		110,554	Rusk	115,573	43,000	40,000	198,573
Fond du Lac	186,197	40,000	20,000	246,197	Saint Croix	181,352	51,000	35,000	267,352
Forest	115,787	20,000	15,000	150,787	Sauk	182,261	66,500	60,000	308,761
Grant	129,865	70,000		199,865	Sawyer	112,855	29,000	8,000	149,855
Green	166,475	71,500	20,000	257,975	Shawano	157,137	44,000	20,000	221,137
Green Lake	191,649	50,000	30,000	271,649	Sheboygan	170,106	55,000	15,000	240,106
Iowa	159,612	45,000	40,000	244,612	Taylor	148,312	65,241	40,000	253,553
Iron	133,256	44,000	100	177,356	Trempealeau	126,524	66,500	30,000	223,024
Jackson	159,655	63,500	0	223,155	Vernon	154,494	66,500	75,000	295,994
Jefferson	184,269	35,000	12,000	231,269	Vilas	143,107	33,000		176,107
Juneau	155,020	44,000	20,000	219,020	Walworth	189,764	55,000	20,000	264,764
Kenosha	148,997	34,000	5,000	187,997	Washburn	131,070	43,000	6,000	180,070
Kewaunee	190,786	48,000	6,000	244,786	Washington	152,223	37,000	10,000	199,223
LaCrosse	181,602	45,000	20,000	246,602	Waukesha	208,933	33,000		241,933
Lafayette	118,478	63,000		181,478	Waupaca	165,542	63,500	80,000	309,042
Langlade	102,999	29,000	12,000	143,999	Waushara	180,627	43,000	25,000	248,627
Lincoln	98,257	42,000	1,000	141,257	Winnebago	185,481	42,000	70,000	297,481
Manitowoc	170,194	55,000	75,000	300,194	Wood	175,847	54,000	54,000	283,847
					Reserve		250,000		250,000
					Sub-Totals	\$11,280,000	\$3,795,741	\$2,125,100	\$17,200,841
PROJECT COOPERATOR ALLOCATIONS									
UW-CALS				580,000	Nutrient Management Farmer Education				174,982
WI Land + Water (WLWCA)				241,610	Innovation Grants				324,059
Standard Oversight Council (SOC)				40,000					
Conservation Observation Day				3,500	Sub-Total Cooperator Allocation				\$1,449,900
UW-GNHS				37,699					
UW Ext - Cons. Training				30,699					
UW-SFAL				17,351					
PROGRAM ALLOCATION TOTALS				TOTAL	\$11,280,000	\$3,795,741	\$2,125,100	\$18,650,741	

Table A-1: Staff and Support Tier 1, Tier 2, Rounds One, Two, Three

County	Tier 1	Tier 2									2023 DATCP Staffing and Support Allocation
	Base Allocation	First Position at 100%(Round 1)	Round 1 Award	Adjusted Award (Tier 1 + Round 1)	Second Position at 70%(Round 2)	Eligible Round 2 Award	Round 2 Award at 99% of 70%	Adjusted Award (Tier 1 + Round 1&2)	Third Position at 50%(Round 3)	Round 3 Award	
Adams	75,000	\$88,065.00	13,065	88,065	\$59,074.00	59,074	59,074	147,139	33,436	1,554.00	148,693
Ashland	75,000	\$83,796.00	8,796	83,796	\$57,492.00	57,492	57,492	141,288	36,543	1,554.00	142,842
Barron	75,000	\$94,992.00	19,992	94,992	\$67,101.00	67,101	67,101	162,093	45,292	1,554.00	163,647
Bayfield	75,000	\$86,342.00	11,342	86,342	\$54,030.00	54,030	54,030	140,372	37,902	1,554.00	141,926
Brown	75,000	\$111,414.00	36,414	111,414	\$69,742.00	69,742	69,742	181,156	43,091	1,554.00	182,710
Buffalo	75,000	\$77,037.00	2,037	77,037	\$47,760.00	47,760	47,760	124,797	16,912	1,554.00	126,351
Burnett	75,000	\$77,070.00	2,070	77,070	\$44,035.00	44,035	44,035	121,105	17,516	1,554.00	122,659
Calumet	75,000	\$122,218.00	47,218	122,218	\$74,010.00	74,010	74,010	196,228	52,703	1,554.00	197,782
Chippewa	75,000	\$116,306.00	41,306	116,306	\$84,871.00	84,871	84,871	201,177	49,322	1,554.00	202,731
Clark	75,000	\$98,723.00	23,723	98,723	\$61,612.00	61,612	61,612	160,335	39,136	1,554.00	161,889
Columbia	75,000	\$87,105.00	12,105	87,105	\$58,261.00	58,261	58,261	145,366	41,567	1,554.00	146,920
Crawford	75,000	\$79,192.00	4,192	79,192	\$57,072.00	57,072	57,072	136,264	28,809	1,554.00	137,818
Dane	75,000	\$146,438.00	71,438	146,438	\$99,443.00	99,443	99,443	245,881	62,776	1,580.00	247,461
Dodge	75,000	\$110,611.00	35,611	110,611	\$64,537.00	64,537	64,537	175,148	40,945	1,554.00	176,702
Door	75,000	\$107,952.00	32,952	107,952	\$69,065.00	69,065	69,065	177,017	49,095	1,554.00	178,571
Douglas	75,000	\$83,346.00	8,346	83,346	\$49,988.00	49,988	49,988	133,334	24,577	1,554.00	134,888
Dunn	75,000	\$112,673.00	37,673	112,673	\$76,814.00	76,814	76,814	189,487	52,790	1,554.00	191,041
Eau Claire	75,000	\$108,745.00	33,745	108,745	\$67,474.00	67,474	67,474	176,219	45,982	1,554.00	177,773
Florence	75,000	\$57,776.00	-	75,000	\$6,575.00	-	-	75,000	9,278	1,554.00	76,554
Fond du Lac	75,000	\$115,358.00	40,358	115,358	\$69,285.00	69,285	69,285	184,643	37,535	1,554.00	186,197
Forest	75,000	\$83,544.00	8,544	83,544	\$30,689.00	30,689	30,689	114,233	15,727	1,554.00	115,787
Grant	75,000	\$76,946.00	1,946	76,946	\$51,365.00	51,365	51,365	128,311	34,799	1,554.00	129,865
Green	75,000	\$108,327.00	33,327	108,327	\$56,594.00	56,594	56,594	164,921	24,175	1,554.00	166,475
Green Lake	75,000	\$117,036.00	42,036	117,036	\$73,059.00	73,059	73,059	190,095	49,693	1,554.00	191,649
Iowa	75,000	\$105,904.00	30,904	105,904	\$52,154.00	52,154	52,154	158,058	36,085	1,554.00	159,612
Iron	75,000	\$77,773.00	2,773	77,773	\$53,929.00	53,929	53,929	131,702	10,568	1,554.00	133,256
Jackson	75,000	\$98,846.00	23,846	98,846	\$60,809.00	60,809	60,809	159,655			159,655
Jefferson	75,000	\$113,324.00	38,324	113,324	\$69,391.00	69,391	69,391	182,715	42,355	1,554.00	184,269
Juneau	75,000	\$92,464.00	17,464	92,464	\$61,002.00	61,002	61,002	153,466	32,752	1,554.00	155,020
Kenosha	75,000	\$113,576.00	38,576	113,576	\$33,867.00	33,867	33,867	147,443	14,431	1,554.00	148,997
Kewaunee	75,000	\$119,203.00	44,203	119,203	\$70,029.00	70,029	70,029	189,232	38,203	1,554.00	190,786
LaCrosse	75,000	\$110,378.00	35,378	110,378	\$69,670.00	69,670	69,670	180,048	46,526	1,554.00	181,602
Lafayette	75,000	\$71,507.00	-	75,000	\$45,417.00	41,924	41,924	116,924	26,534	1,554.00	118,478
Langlade	75,000	\$82,520.00	7,520	82,520	\$18,925.00	18,925	18,925	101,445	12,541	1,554.00	102,999
Lincoln	75,000	\$83,740.00	8,740	83,740	\$12,963.00	12,963	12,963	96,703	7,548	1,554.00	98,257
Manitowoc	75,000	\$115,754.00	40,754	115,754	\$52,886.00	52,886	52,886	168,640	36,992	1,554.00	170,194

Table A-1: Staff and Support Tier 1, Tier 2, Rounds One, Two, Three

County	Tier 1	Tier 2									2023 DATCP Staffing and Support Allocation
	Base Allocation	First Position at 100% (Round 1)	Round 1 Award	Adjusted Award (Tier 1 + Round 1)	Second Position at 70% (Round 2)	Eligible Round 2 Award	Round 2 Award at 99% of 70%	Adjusted Award (Tier 1 + Round 1&2)	Third Position at 50% (Round 3)	Round 3 Award	
Marathon	75,000	\$110,275.00	35,275	110,275	\$71,730.00	71,730	71,730	182,005	50,803	1,554.00	183,559
Marinette	75,000	\$97,541.00	22,541	97,541	\$66,525.00	66,525	66,525	164,066	43,696	1,554.00	165,620
Marquette	75,000	\$110,357.00	35,357	110,357	\$58,028.00	58,028	58,028	168,385	25,468	1,554.00	169,939
Menominee	75,000	\$37,898.00	-	75,000	\$57,189.00	20,087	20,087	95,087			95,087
Milwaukee	75,000		-	75,000	\$50,994.00	-	-	75,000	23,283	1,554.00	76,554
Monroe	75,000	\$107,863.00	32,863	107,863	\$47,502.00	47,502	47,502	155,365	32,060	1,554.00	156,919
Oconto	75,000	\$104,687.00	29,687	104,687	\$63,989.00	63,989	63,989	168,676	36,974	1,554.00	170,230
Oneida	75,000	\$80,582.00	5,582	80,582	\$46,874.00	46,874	46,874	127,456	8,915	1,554.00	129,010
Outagamie	75,000	\$132,404.00	57,404	132,404	\$85,144.00	85,144	85,144	217,548	42,468	1,554.00	219,102
Ozaukee	75,000	\$106,356.00	31,356	106,356	\$70,702.00	70,702	70,702	177,058	45,314	1,554.00	178,612
Pepin	75,000	\$43,449.00	-	75,000	\$59,562.00	28,011	28,011	103,011	21,137	1,554.00	104,565
Pierce	75,000	\$98,468.00	23,468	98,468	\$68,186.00	68,186	68,186	166,654	45,226	1,554.00	168,208
Polk	75,000	\$104,325.00	29,325	104,325	\$55,360.00	55,360	55,360	159,685	36,392	1,554.00	161,239
Portage	75,000	\$114,243.00	39,243	114,243	\$65,938.00	65,938	65,938	180,181	45,345	1,554.00	181,735
Price	75,000	\$62,307.00	-	75,000	\$39,453.00	26,760	26,760	101,760	9,604	1,554.00	103,314
Racine	75,000	\$114,522.00	39,522	114,522	\$72,955.00	72,955	72,955	187,477	36,058	1,554.00	189,031
Richland	75,000	\$75,537.00	537	75,537	\$45,182.00	45,182	45,182	120,719	24,783	1,554.00	122,273
Rock	75,000	\$100,322.00	25,322	100,322	\$69,863.00	69,863	69,863	170,185	41,558	1,554.00	171,739
Rusk	75,000	\$60,944.00	-	75,000	\$53,075.00	39,019	39,019	114,019	24,052	1,554.00	115,573
Saint Croix	75,000	\$101,067.00	26,067	101,067	\$78,731.00	78,731	78,731	179,798	36,272	1,554.00	181,352
Sauk	75,000	\$111,899.00	36,899	111,899	\$68,808.00	68,808	68,808	180,707	47,296	1,554.00	182,261
Sawyer	75,000	\$68,736.00	-	75,000	\$42,565.00	36,301	36,301	111,301	20,091	1,554.00	112,855
Shawano	75,000	\$102,293.00	27,293	102,293	\$53,290.00	53,290	53,290	155,583	31,235	1,554.00	157,137
Sheboygan	75,000	\$100,028.00	25,028	100,028	\$68,524.00	68,524	68,524	168,552	45,089	1,554.00	170,106
Taylor	75,000	\$97,029.00	22,029	97,029	\$49,729.00	49,729	49,729	146,758	33,095	1,554.00	148,312
Trempealeau	75,000	\$63,324.00	-	75,000	\$61,646.00	49,970	49,970	124,970	37,584	1,554.00	126,524
Vernon	75,000	\$96,633.00	21,633	96,633	\$56,307.00	56,307	56,307	152,940	35,289	1,554.00	154,494
Vilas	75,000	\$89,605.00	14,605	89,605	\$51,948.00	51,948	51,948	141,553	31,459	1,554.00	143,107
Walworth	75,000	\$116,531.00	41,531	116,531	\$71,679.00	71,679	71,679	188,210	47,080	1,554.00	189,764
Washburn	75,000	\$85,011.00	10,011	85,011	\$44,643.00	44,643	44,643	129,654	1,416	1,416.00	131,070
Washington	75,000	\$97,487.00	22,487	97,487	\$53,182.00	53,182	53,182	150,669	29,950	1,554.00	152,223
Waukesha	75,000	\$138,010.00	63,010	138,010	\$69,369.00	69,369	69,369	207,379	36,337	1,554.00	208,933
Waupaca	75,000	\$96,379.00	21,379	96,379	\$67,609.00	67,609	67,609	163,988	47,544	1,554.00	165,542
Waushara	75,000	\$111,897.00	36,897	111,897	\$67,176.00	67,176	67,176	179,073	45,185	1,554.00	180,627
Winnebago	75,000	\$117,925.00	42,925	117,925	\$66,002.00	66,002	66,002	183,927	45,225	1,554.00	185,481
Wood	75,000	\$118,390.00	43,390	118,390	\$55,903.00	55,903	55,903	174,293	34,819	1,554.00	175,847
Totals	5,400,000	6,910,325	1,719,384	7,119,384	4,226,352	4,051,948	4,051,948	11,171,332	2,392,238	108,668	11,280,000

Table B: Total DNR Final Allocations					
County	Targeted Runoff Mgmt. BMP Construction	Local Assistance Funding for Large Scale TRM	Urban NPS & Storm Water Mgmt. BMP Construction	Urban NPS & Storm Water Mgmt. Planning	Total DNR Final Allocations
Marathon	\$243,958	\$97,583	\$0	\$0	<u>\$341,541</u>
Marinette	\$225,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	<u>\$225,000</u>
Outagamie	\$355,216	\$130,000	\$0	\$0	<u>\$485,216</u>
Polk	\$372,407	\$148,963	\$0	\$0	<u>\$521,370</u>
Rusk	\$419,425	\$45,000	\$0	\$0	<u>\$464,425</u>
Trempealea	\$218,750	\$0	\$0	\$0	<u>\$218,750</u>
Washington	\$225,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	<u>\$225,000</u>
Waupaca	\$225,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	<u>\$225,000</u>
DNR NR243 NOD Reserve					\$1,000,000
Total	\$2,284,756	\$421,546	\$0	\$0	\$3,706,302

*The reserve amounts for TRM and UNPS Grants are estimated because the grants have not yet been awarded.

Table C: Summary of DATCP and DNR Allocations							
County	Staffing & Support from DATCP and DNR	Cost-Sharing from DATCP and DNR	Total Allocation of DATCP and DNR Funding	County	Staffing & Support from DATCP and DNR	Cost-Sharing from DATCP and DNR	Total Allocation of DATCP and DNR Funding
Adams	148,693	108,000	256,693	Marinette	165,620	340,000	505,620
Ashland	142,842	90,000	232,842	Marquette	169,939	108,000	277,939
Barron	163,647	68,000	231,647	Menominee	95,087	20,000	115,087
Bayfield	141,926	58,000	199,926	Milwaukee	76,554	15,000	91,554
Brown	182,710	68,000	250,710	Monroe	156,919	109,000	265,919
Buffalo	126,351	80,000	206,351	Oconto	170,230	48,000	218,230
Burnett	122,659	53,000	175,659	Oneida	129,010	39,000	168,010
Calumet	197,782	70,000	267,782	Outagamie	349,102	475,216	824,318
Chippewa	202,731	135,000	337,731	Ozaukee	178,612	78,500	257,112
Clark	161,889	139,500	301,389	Pepin	104,565	79,000	183,565
Columbia	146,920	143,000	289,920	Pierce	168,208	80,000	248,208
Crawford	137,818	63,000	200,818	Polk	310,202	422,407	732,609
Dane	247,461	140,000	387,461	Portage	181,735	59,000	240,735
Dodge	176,702	73,000	249,702	Price	103,314	43,000	146,314
Door	178,571	80,000	258,571	Racine	189,031	148,500	337,531
Douglas	134,888	35,000	169,888	Richland	122,273	75,000	197,273
Dunn	191,041	76,000	267,041	Rock	171,739	140,000	311,739
Eau Claire	177,773	112,000	289,773	Rusk	160,573	502,425	662,998
Florence	76,554	34,000	110,554	Saint Croix	181,352	86,000	267,352
Fond du Lac	186,197	60,000	246,197	Sauk	182,261	126,500	308,761
Forest	115,787	35,000	150,787	Sawyer	112,855	37,000	149,855
Grant	129,865	70,000	199,865	Shawano	157,137	64,000	221,137
Green	166,475	91,500	257,975	Sheboygan	170,106	70,000	240,106
Green Lake	191,649	80,000	271,649	Taylor	148,312	105,241	253,553
Iowa	159,612	85,000	244,612	Trempealeau	126,524	315,250	441,774
Iron	133,256	44,100	177,356	Vernon	154,494	141,500	295,994
Jackson	159,655	63,500	223,155	Vilas	143,107	33,000	176,107
Jefferson	184,269	47,000	231,269	Walworth	189,764	75,000	264,764
Juneau	155,020	64,000	219,020	Washburn	131,070	49,000	180,070
Kenosha	148,997	39,000	187,997	Washington	152,223	272,000	424,223
Kewaunee	190,786	54,000	244,786	Waukesha	208,933	33,000	241,933
LaCrosse	181,602	65,000	246,602	Waupaca	165,542	368,500	534,042
Lafayette	118,478	63,000	181,478	Waushara	180,627	68,000	248,627
Langlade	102,999	41,000	143,999	Winnebago	185,481	112,000	297,481
Lincoln	98,257	43,000	141,257	Wood	175,847	108,000	283,847
Manitowoc	170,194	130,000	300,194	DATCP NR243 Res.		250,000	250,000
Marathon	427,517	262,583	690,100	DNR NR243 Res.		1,000,000	1,000,000
				Sub-Totals	11,847,921	9,059,222	20,907,143
OPERATOR ALLOCATIONS							
UW-CALS			580,000	Nutrient Management Farmer Education			174,982
WI Land + Water (WLWCA)			241,610	Innovation Grants			324,059
Standard Oversight Council (SOC)			40,000				
Conservation Observation Day			3,500	Sub-Total Cooperator Allocation			\$1,449,900
UW-GNHS			37,699				
UW Ext - Cons. Training			30,699				
UW-SFAL			17,351				
PROGRAM ALLOCATION TOTALS					11,847,921	9,059,222	22,357,043

Table A-2: County Bond Cost-Share Awards

County	Bond				County	Bond			
	19-21 Cumulative Average Under-Spending*	2017 Census Acres**	19-21 Cumulative Total Dollars Spent***	Award		19-21 Cumulative Average Under-Spending*	2017 Census Acres**	19-21 Cumulative Total Dollars Spent***	Award
Adams	0.0000%	117,206	\$104,256	\$43,000	Marathon	0.0000%	473,147	\$193,600	\$70,000
Ashland	0.0000%	52,428	\$188,786	\$50,000	Marinette	0.4584%	133,068	\$172,576	\$55,000
Barron	11.3754%	305,604	\$172,903	\$58,000	Marquette	0.0000%	113,183	\$114,719	\$43,000
Bayfield	0.0000%	81,041	\$186,695	\$50,000	Menominee	0.0000%	290	\$60,000	\$20,000
Brown	0.0000%	192,007	\$131,959	\$48,000	Milwaukee	0.0000%	6,990	\$6,042	\$15,000
Buffalo	0.4217%	293,130	\$183,462	\$60,000	Monroe	0.5144%	300,659	\$187,844	\$59,000
Burnett	1.1463%	89,237	\$56,261	\$33,000	Oconto	0.0000%	189,898	\$138,002	\$48,000
Calumet	7.9340%	153,858	\$101,281	\$40,000	Oneida	0.0000%	34,670	\$112,726	\$39,000
Chippewa	0.0201%	356,176	\$160,913	\$65,000	Outagamie	0.0000%	236,963	\$155,600	\$55,000
Clark	0.0000%	451,035	\$185,144	\$64,500	Ozaukee	0.0000%	59,299	\$207,006	\$53,500
Columbia	0.0000%	304,058	\$181,265	\$68,000	Pepin	1.0753%	106,881	\$114,705	\$39,000
Crawford	0.0000%	210,550	\$170,653	\$55,000	Pierce	0.0000%	233,188	\$191,992	\$60,000
Dane	0.0000%	506,688	\$150,539	\$65,000	Polk	0.0000%	256,114	\$137,056	\$50,000
Dodge	0.5545%	405,992	\$96,370	\$53,000	Portage	2.1435%	280,410	\$184,569	\$59,000
Door	0.0000%	114,508	\$189,819	\$50,000	Price	0.0138%	89,203	\$123,173	\$43,000
Douglas	0.0000%	69,759	\$31,243	\$30,000	Racine	0.0000%	127,496	\$242,059	\$58,500
Dunn	0.0000%	348,301	\$116,563	\$56,000	Richland	0.0000%	220,843	\$153,980	\$55,000
Eau Claire	0.0000%	172,256	\$95,229	\$47,000	Rock	0.0000%	353,505	\$192,435	\$65,000
Florence	0.0000%	18,609	\$144,150	\$34,000	Rusk	0.0001%	136,062	\$128,361	\$43,000
Fond du Lac	2.3815%	317,371	\$97,279	\$40,000	Saint Croix	0.0009%	279,191	\$116,116	\$51,000
Forest	37.9287%	38,084	\$24,689	\$20,000	Sauk	0.0000%	298,906	\$212,541	\$66,500
Grant	0.0000%	600,324	\$175,219	\$70,000	Sawyer	1.3500%	46,009	\$96,876	\$29,000
Green	0.0000%	292,368	\$202,956	\$71,500	Shawano	0.7383%	247,241	\$118,067	\$44,000
Green Lake	0.0000%	126,751	\$181,999	\$50,000	Sheboygan	0.0000%	195,938	\$168,120	\$55,000
Iowa	0.0000%	360,134	\$139,832	\$45,000	Taylor	0.0851%	225,856	\$201,223	\$65,241
Iron	0.0000%	9,200	\$148,086	\$44,000	Trempealeau	0.0003%	329,916	\$269,158	\$66,500
Jackson	0.0000%	248,342	\$352,279	\$63,500	Vernon	0.0000%	337,086	\$202,455	\$66,500
Jefferson	0.2504%	221,355	\$58,144	\$35,000	Vilas	0.0000%	5,652	\$72,814	\$33,000
Juneau	2.1103%	175,417	\$113,768	\$44,000	Walworth	0.0000%	192,422	\$190,678	\$55,000
Kenosha	7.2100%	77,782	\$95,776	\$34,000	Washburn	0.0000%	73,773	\$142,053	\$43,000
Kewaunee	0.0000%	170,405	\$110,924	\$48,000	Washington	0.0000%	126,146	\$48,955	\$37,000
LaCrosse	0.0070%	144,334	\$128,264	\$45,000	Waukesha	1.4320%	97,460	\$64,510	\$33,000
Lafayette	0.0242%	342,518	\$192,017	\$63,000	Waupaca	0.0000%	201,603	\$211,378	\$63,500
Langlade	5.6447%	116,386	\$83,032	\$29,000	Waushara	0.0000%	135,306	\$119,209	\$43,000
Lincoln	0.0000%	78,293	\$86,140	\$42,000	Winnebago	0.0000%	162,052	\$75,964	\$42,000
Manitowoc	0.1761%	231,609	\$178,917	\$55,000	Wood	0.0000%	220,891	\$147,298	\$54,000
					TOTAL				\$3,545,741

Each County was given a base of \$10,000 to help counties receive closer to their requested amount. The following criteria were also applied to finalize a county's BOND award.

*Graduated awards based on 3-yr avg underspending, excluding extended underspending, year 3 of 3: 0% = \$10,000, 0.5-2.99% = \$6,000, 3-10% = \$2,000, >10% = \$0.

**Graduated awards based on 2017 Census acres: 350,000 or more=\$30,000; 250,000-349,999=\$23,000; 150,000-249,999=\$15,000, 50,000-149,999=\$10,000, <50,000=\$6,000.

***Graduated awards based on 3-yr cumulative spending: \$200K+ = \$28,500, \$150K-199,999=\$20,000, \$100K-\$149,999 = \$13,000, \$20K-\$99,999 = \$7,000, <\$20,000 = \$0

County Name in Italics = County transferred funds awarded in prior grant year

County Name Shaded: County awarded the amount of its request, which was less than the maximum grant award.

Table A-3: County SEG Cost-Share Awards

County	Ranking and Award			County	Ranking and Award		
	Score	Grouping	Award		Score	Grouping	Award
<i>Adams</i>	50	3	\$65,000	Marathon	100	1	\$95,000
Ashland	50	3	\$40,000	Marinette	50	3	\$60,000
Barron	55	3	\$10,000	Marquette	70	3	\$65,000
<i>Bayfield</i>	35	4	\$8,000	Menominee	0	0	NA
Brown	65	3	\$20,000	Milwaukee	0	0	NA
Buffalo	65	3	\$20,000	Monroe	70	3	\$50,000
Burnett	45	4	\$20,000	Oconto	0	0	NA
Calumet	60	3	\$30,000	Oneida	0	0	NA
Chippewa	60	3	\$70,000	Outagamie	55	3	\$65,000
<i>Clark</i>	80	2	\$75,000	<i>Ozaukee</i>	55	3	\$25,000
Columbia	85	2	\$75,000	Pepin	55	3	\$40,000
Crawford	30	4	\$8,000	Pierce	35	4	\$20,000
Dane	90	2	\$75,000	Polk	0	0	NA
Dodge	65	3	\$20,000	Portage	0	0	NA
Door	60	3	\$30,000	Price	0	0	NA
Douglas	25	4	\$5,000	Racine	65	3	\$90,000
Dunn	65	3	\$20,000	<i>Richland</i>	40	4	\$20,000
<i>Eau Claire</i>	70	3	\$65,000	Rock	85	2	\$75,000
Florence	0	0	NA	Rusk	35	4	\$40,000
Fond du Lac	90	2	\$20,000	Saint Croix	50	3	\$35,000
Forest	20	5	\$15,000	<i>Sauk</i>	75	2	\$60,000
Grant	0	0	NA	Sawyer	0	0	\$8,000
Green	40	4	\$20,000	Shawano	40	4	\$20,000
Green Lake	65	3	\$30,000	Sheboygan	65	3	\$15,000
Iowa	75	2	\$40,000	Taylor	55	3	\$40,000
Iron	5	5	\$100	Trempealeau	65	3	\$30,000
<i>Jackson</i>	15	5	\$0	Vernon	75	2	\$75,000
<i>Jefferson</i>	60	3	\$12,000	Vilas	0	0	NA
Juneau	30	4	\$20,000	Walworth	50	3	\$20,000
Kenosha	25	4	\$5,000	Washburn	5	5	\$6,000
Kewaunee	50	3	\$6,000	Washington	40	4	\$10,000
La Crosse	60	3	\$20,000	Waukesha	0	0	NA
Lafayette	0	0	NA	Waupaca	85	2	\$80,000
Langlade	45	4	\$12,000	Waushara	45	4	\$25,000
Lincoln	25	4	\$1,000	Winnebago	55	3	\$70,000
Manitowoc	95	2	\$75,000	Wood	55	3	\$54,000
TOTAL							\$2,125,100
County Name in Italics = County transferred funds awarded in prior grant year NA= County did not apply for SEG funds				County Name Shaded = County awarded the amount of its request, which was less than the maximum grant award			

Allocation Plan Dictionary

Chapter 92: Statute of Wisconsin law establishing soil and water conservation and animal waste management.

ATCP 50: State administrative rule that provides the framework to cost-share conservation practices including nutrient management plans; describes the parameters for grants for conservation practices; identifies the costs to be included in cost-share grants to landowners; identifies conservation practice standards available for cost-sharing; defines the requirements for a land and water resource management plan; establishes the process and priorities for allocating grants to support county conservation efforts; describes conservation compliance requirements for the farmland preservation program; describes the process to certify conservation engineering practitioners; establishes qualifications for nutrient management planners; allows for certification of soil and manure testing laboratories; ensures access to education and training opportunities.

Agricultural Enterprise Areas: A locally identified area of contiguous agricultural lands that has received designation from the state (DATCP), at the joint request of landowners and local governments through a petition, to qualify it as important to preserve and invest in. As a part of the state's Farmland Preservation Program, AEAs strive to support local farmland protection goals and enable landowners to sign voluntary 15-year farmland preservation agreements.

Bond: Bond authority is appropriated to the department through the state's biennial budget

process. Bonds can only be used to fund projects with a minimum of a 10-year life span. County LCDs uses bonding for cost-sharing of hard practices. If bonds are not used, they stay with the department and the program and can be reallocated for use in future years.

DATCP: Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. Administers many conservation programs that are implemented by counties including the soil and water resource management grant program, producer-led watershed program, farmland preservation program, agricultural enterprise areas, nutrient management farmer education program, conservation reserve enhancement program, land and water resource management planning program, livestock siting program, drainage program, and conservation engineering support.

DNR: Department of Natural Resources. Administers the TRM and UNPS grant programs. Responsible for agricultural and nonagricultural performance standards and manages the WPDES permit program for concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs).

Farmland Preservation Program (FPP): Program through which counties are encouraged to plan for agricultural and agricultural-related uses; local governments may adopt zoning ordinances that restrict lands to agricultural or agricultural-related uses; landowners and local governments may jointly petition for an agricultural enterprise area (AEA) to qualify local areas important to Wisconsin's agricultural and economic future; landowners may enter into a farmland preservation agreement with the state for farms within an AEA to commit to keeping all or a part of their farm in agricultural use and to implement farm conservation

practices for 15 years; participating landowners must implement applicable soil and water conservation standards (see ATCP 50.04)* to qualify for an income tax credit. ***Note:** *Landowners of farmland subject to a farmland preservation agreement must meet the soil and water conservation standards in place at the time the agreement was signed. Contact the department for assistance in determining which standards apply to a specific agreement.*

GPR: General Purpose Revenue. GPR is funding that comes from the state's income and sales tax revenues. These dollars are very flexible and can be used for most purposes. In relation to the joint allocation plan, DATCP has a small GPR appropriation that helps fund the staffing grants. When the Governor calls for budget cuts from agencies, GPR is usually the money that is targeted for reductions since it can legally be used for any purpose. GPR is allocated on an annual basis and if it is not used it lapses back to the general fund and is not available for the program to use.

Hard Practices: Hard Practices are conservation practices that have a lifespan of at least 10 years, such as streambank stabilization, manure storage, well abandonment, managed grazing systems and others. Bond funding can only be used to cost-share hard practices. SEG funding can also be used to fund hard practices with permission from DATCP. SEG funding is not the preferred funding source for hard practices since that money is the only available funding for soft practices and OPCs.

LCC: Land Conservation Committee. Committee of county-board elected officials that oversee the LCD departments.

LCD: Land Conservation Department. County government department that receives staffing and cost-share grants from DATCP and DNR to implement soil and water conservation programs at the local level. In some counties, the department may go by a slightly different name such as soil and water conservation department, planning and land conservation department, etc.

LWRM: Land and Water Resource Management Plan. Each county must have an approved LWRM plan in order to receive funding from DATCP and DNR as part of the joint allocation plan. An approved LWRM plan ensures a county is eligible for staffing grants and a base amount of bond funding. DATCP coordinates the LWRM planning program. LWRM plans are approved by the LWCB for 10 years, with a progress check-in after 5 years.

NMFE: Nutrient Management Farmer Education. NMFE is a grant program funded through SWRM's SEG appropriation. The NMFE program provides grants to counties and technical colleges to deliver training for farmers to write their own NM plans. Funding from the NMFE program can go to farmer incentives, soil tests and training materials.

OPC: Other Project Cooperators. OPCs include non-county entities such as the University of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Land+Water that receive SEG grants from the SWRM program in order to advance the SWRM programs. OPC grants are often used for training and infrastructure services. The OPC recipients and the size of the grants have changed over time as needs have changed.

PL or PLWPG: Producer Led Watershed Program. The PL watershed grant program

funds farmer-led projects intended to reduce nonpoint source pollution and improve water quality. By statute, the PL watershed grant program is funded via the SWRM SEG account and is capped at \$1,000,000 annually.

SEG: Segregated Funds. Segregated funds are collected from fees and held in designated funds for specific purposes under state law. In relation to the joint allocation plan, the Environmental Fund is the source of the segregated funds. The joint allocation plan has two uses for segregated funds. One appropriation designates some segregated funds to the staffing allocation. The second appropriation of segregated funds is for “aids” that explicitly excludes county conservation staffing and is used for nutrient management and other soft practice cost-sharing, training and other related purposes. \$1,000,000 is also directed to Producer-Led Watershed Grants. SEG funds are allocated on an annual basis and if not used they lapse back to the Environmental Fund and are not available to the program to use.

SnapPlus: Soil Nutrient Application Planner is the computer program Wisconsin landowners and agronomists use to develop a compliant NM plan. The UW SnapPlus team developed, maintains, and offers technical assistance on SnapPlus.

Soft Practices: Soft practices are those conservation practices that are implemented on an annual or short-term basis. Soft practices include nutrient management planning, cover crops, residue management, contour farming, and strip-cropping, among others. Soft practices can only be cost-shared with SEG funding.

SWRM: Soil and Water Resource Management Program. The SWRM program is DATCP’s signature grant program that provides staffing and cost-share grants to county LCDs. The SWRM funding is distributed through the annual joint allocation plan process.

TRM: Targeted Runoff Management. The TRM program is a DNR competitive grant program for targeted nonpoint source pollution projects. TRM grants use bond funds allocated through the joint allocation plan

UNPS & SW: Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management: The UNPS & SW program is a DNR competitive grant program for urban nonpoint source pollution projects. UNPS grants use bond funds allocated through the joint allocation plan.

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The purpose of this assessment is to comply with 1.11(2), Stats. and ATCP 3.02, Wis. Adm. Code regarding the consideration of environmental impacts. This assessment finds that the *2023 Final Allocation Plan* will have no significant negative environmental impact and is not a major state action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. No environmental impact statement is necessary under s. 1.11(2), Stats. and ATCP 3.03, Wis. Adm. Code.

Date _____ By _____
Jennifer Heaton-Amrhein
Land and Water Resources Bureau
Agricultural Resource Management Division

The decision indicating that this document is in compliance with s. 1.11, Stats. and ATCP 3.02, Wis. Adm. Code is certified by the Administrator of the Agricultural Resource Management Division.

Date _____ By _____
Brian Weigel, Administrator
Agricultural Resource Management Division

I. The Nature and Purpose of the Proposed Action

Each year, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) allocates grant funds to counties and others for the purpose of supporting county conservation staff, landowner cost-sharing, and other soil and water resource management (SWRM) activities. DATCP SWRM grant funds are allocated in accordance with ch. 92.14, Stats. and ch. ATCP 50.28, Wis. Adm. Code. The details of DATCP's proposed actions are set forth in charts and tables in the 2023 Joint Allocation Plan that accompanies this environmental assessment.

II. Foreseeable Environmental Effects of the Proposed Action

The SWRM grant program operates in every county in Wisconsin. The program funds a range of activities that protect surface and ground waters throughout the state, primarily through the installation of conservation practices across 14.3 million acres of Wisconsin's farmland. Counties are required to have DATCP-approved land and water resource management (LWRM) plans as an eligibility condition for grants. Each county's LWRM plan determines the nature and scope of conservation activities in the area and natural resources influenced by DATCP funds.

A. Immediate Effects

The SWRM grant has two primary components, including county staffing and cost-sharing for conservation practices. Through support for conservation staff and landowner cost-sharing, the proposed allocation plan is intended to result in actions on farms and other areas that reduce soil erosion, prevent farm runoff, improve soil health, increase nutrient management planning, and reduce the risk of pollution of surface and ground water.

County Staffing: For the 2021-2023 biennium, the annual funding for conservation staff was \$11.03 million for 2022 and \$11.28 million for 2023. Staffing grants enable counties to hire and retain conservation staff who have the experience and technical skills required to implement county resource management plans, including:

- Compliance with state agricultural performance standards
- Facilitate landowner participation in state and federal cost-share programs
- Ensure cross-compliance of farmers in the farmland preservation program (FPP)
- Support the development of technical standards, nutrient management planning, training, and coordination between the public and private sector.

Cost-sharing for conservation practices: Each year, counties use cost-share funds to address state and local priorities identified in their local plans. In 2020 and 2021, counties spent approximately \$5.3 million in DATCP funds to install cost-shared practices. Table A highlights the top conservation practices utilizing cost-sharing funds spent by counties in 2020 and 2021.

Table A: Cost-Share Expenditure Comparison				
Conservation Practice	2020 Cost-Share Dollars Spent (in 100,000s)	2020 Units of Practice Installed	2021 Cost-Share Dollars Spent (in \$100,000s)	2021 Units of Practice Installed
Barnyard Runoff Control	0.90	6 systems	0.3	3 systems
Closure of Manure Storage System	3.9	51 closed	3.9	49 closed
Cover and Green Manure	0.60	1,964 acres	2.6	7,343 acres
Grade Stabilization	2.90	41 structures	2.7	43 structures
Livestock Fencing	0.80	52,374 feet	1.2	74,062 feet
Nutrient Management Planning	13.0	35,179 acres	15.0	40,120
Prescribed Grazing /Permanent Fencing	1.30	121,891 feet	1.3	101,394 feet
Residue Management	0.10	627 acres	0.3	1,643 acres
Streambank and Shoreline Protection	6.40	34,837 feet	6.3	19,175 feet
Waterway Systems	6.50	136 acres	5.5	106 acres

B. Long-Term Effects

Over time, DATCP’s annual financial support of county staff and other project cooperators, including the University of Wisconsin System and Wisconsin Land and Water, has built and sustained a statewide conservation infrastructure that delivers the following benefits:

- Outreach and education
- Development of conservation technologies, such as SNAP Plus nutrient management planning software, and training programs to effectively use these technologies
- Technical and engineering assistance that ensures proper design and installation of conservation practices
- Resource management planning that addresses local and state priorities, with an emphasis on annual work planning and reporting
- Permitting and other regulation of livestock farms that require properly designed manure storage and nutrient management plans

- Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) administration that protects valuable resources and promotes conservation compliance
- Producer-Led watershed administration and technical assistance.

Long-term state commitment to farmer cost-sharing determines the extent to which conservation practices are installed.

C. Direct Effects

DATCP cost-share grants result in the installation of conservation practices and capital improvements on rural and agricultural lands for the purpose of protecting soil, water, and human health. Staffing grants to counties and other project cooperator grants secure access to technical assistance that supports conservation efforts, including conservation engineering and nutrient management planning.

D. Indirect Effects

Installed conservation practices not only improve resources in the immediate area, but also benefit surrounding areas, including resources located downstream from the installed practice. For example, nutrient management and cropping practices implemented on fields upstream from a lake can reduce sediment and nutrients deposits in surface waters and provide additional protection for groundwater. Installed practices may have secondary benefits, such as shoreline buffers, which control runoff, impede erosion, and increase wildlife habitat.

Issues may also arise if a cost-shared practice is not maintained or is improperly abandoned. Manure storage facilities that are not properly abandoned or emptied may present a water quality threat, unless they are closed in accordance with technical standards.

E. Cumulative Effects

While it is difficult to accurately gauge the cumulative effects, it is clear that SWRM grant funds play an integral part in supporting a comprehensive framework of federal, state, and local resource management programs. With the staffing allocation for the 2021-2023 biennium, DATCP grant dollars funded 205 of the 378 conservation employees across the state. These employees help create many conservation programs that have positive impacts on our natural resources.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP): CREP provides eligible landowners with financial assistance to install conservation practices on marginal cropland in riparian areas. As of early 2022, approximately 73,118 acres were enrolled under CREP agreements and easements, with 7,186 acres under CREP easements and the remainder under CREP 15-year agreements. Of those enrollments, 41,436 acres are currently under active agreements. The conservation benefits of the practices installed on the active agreements (e.g. riparian buffers and filter strips) include 727 miles of streams buffered with an estimated phosphorus annual

removal of 82,250 pounds, nitrogen annual removal of 44,270 pounds, and sediment removal of 40,474 tons.

Alignment of complimentary programs: Helped leverage and strategically align complementary programs using state funds. This includes DNR’s continued annual funding in 2022 for Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Projects, providing more than \$3.48 million to counties for cost-sharing ten small-scale and four large-scale projects. DNR allocated \$1.295 million for farms issued a notice of discharge. DNR continued annual funding in 2022 for Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Planning Projects, providing more than \$150,402 to counties for cost-sharing two projects.

Program	Number of Projects	Sum of Total Amount Awarded
Large-scale TRM	4	\$439,628
Small-scale TRM	10	\$3,040,403
Urban Storm Water Construction	2	\$150,402

Grant funding: Since its inception in 2015, DATCP has awarded more than \$4.2 million in Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grants to 41 groups in watersheds across the state, providing funding to 36 producer-led groups in 2022. Grants provided through SWRM help counties and the University of Wisconsin System provide technical assistance to 34 active producer-led groups. These groups have implemented conservation practices on 978,881 acres across Wisconsin, leading to an estimated reduction of 124,134 pounds of phosphorus and 182,044 tons of soil erosion from farm fields.

IV. Persons, Groups, and Agencies Affected by the Activity

A. Those Directly Affected

County Conservation Programs and Cooperators: The proposed allocation plan provides funding to support 72 county conservation programs. The staffing grant allocation for the 2021-2023 biennium will enable DATCP to provide 100% of the first position in each county and 70% of the second position. For 2023, 70 of 72 counties will receive some funding for a third position. Two counties did not request funding for a third position.

Landowners who are direct beneficiaries: Farmers and other landowners rely on many services, including technical assistance provided by conservation staff that are funded with DATCP grants. They also benefit from cost-sharing to install conservation practices. Long-term use of some conservation practices, such as nutrient management planning, may have a positive impact on the finances of a landowner by helping plan needed purchases to maximize crop yield while minimizing fertilizer and pesticide requirements.

Other county residents: County residents benefit from resource management planning, permitting, and other services provided by county conservation staff that are funded through DATCP grants. For example, through information and education efforts, a county can help non-farm residents manage lawn fertilizers, encourage diversity in lawns, improve backyard wildlife habitat, control invasive species, and minimize construction site erosion.

Farm-related businesses: Farm supply organizations, nutrient management planners, soil testing laboratories, agricultural engineers, and construction contractors benefit from state grants to counties. Landowners who receive cost-share funding purchase goods and services from these entities.

B. Those Significantly Affected

The allocation benefits those landowners whose soil and water resources are improved or protected because of the activities funded by DATCP. The benefits may include the protection of drinking water and improving soil health and stability. Landowners with properties located downstream of lands with nutrient and sediment delivery runoff problems benefit from conservation practices that reduce these problems. Certain measures, such as nutrient management plans and protective cropping practices, can help protect drinking water wells that serve neighboring landowners and communities. The public benefits from conservation practices that protect water resources, and promote natural resources.

V. Significant Economic and Social Effects of the Proposed Action

DATCP's proposed Joint Allocation Plan will have economic and social benefits. DATCP grants support cost-sharing and technical assistance that enable farmers and other landowners to meet their conservation goals and maintain eligibility for state program benefits, including tax credits from the farmland preservation program. By providing financial support to meet state runoff standards for farms, DATCP cost-sharing helps farmers with the cost of compliance.

The economics of installing conservation practices vary with each farmer and the type of practices involved. To receive cost-sharing, farmers usually pay 30% of the costs (10% in the case of economic hardship) to install a practice. Non-agricultural practices are capped at 50% cost-share.

Producers often need to adjust their management routines associated with the adoption of conservation practices. With these changes, farmers face new challenges, including the potential for reduced productivity. However, farmers implementing these practices tend to see long-term benefits from savings on labor and fertilizer, as well as improved soil health that can lead to yield gains.

From the standpoint of local economies, grant funds will generate demand for the purchase of goods and services to design, install, and maintain conservation practices. The farm-related businesses listed in IV. A. will directly benefit from this increased demand.

Socially, DATCP allocations provide needed support for the farming community and others as those participants take an active role in the protection and preservation of natural and agricultural resources. Through the increased adoption of conservation measures, farmers and other landowners can ensure continued acceptance by rural communities as responsible and conscientious neighbors. Improved water quality enhances recreational opportunities and protects the scenic rural landscape, which are essential features to tourism.

VI. Controversial Issues Associated with the Proposed Action

The preliminary 2023 joint allocation plan and draft environmental assessment were presented to the Land and Water Conservation Board at its August 2, 2022 meeting, and was posted for public comment from August 3, 2022 to September 6, 2022. DATCP received no comments on this environmental assessment and three technical corrections to the final allocation plan. DATCP made these technical corrections in the final allocation plan.

VII. Possible Alternatives to the Proposed Action

A. No action

Taking no action on the proposed allocations is inconsistent with legal requirements. DATCP and DNR are statutorily mandated to provide grant assistance for their respective programs through an annual allocation, as long as the state appropriates the funds.

B. Change the Amounts Allocated

The awards made in the allocation plan are based on specific grant criteria and reflect the input and consensus of the counties. In addition, the awards were reviewed through a public process.

VIII. Mitigation of Adverse Environmental Effects

These allocations are anticipated to have positive environmental and human health outcomes. Any adverse effects are anticipated to be of an indirect and minor nature that can be mitigated. DATCP minimizes potential adverse environmental impacts through construction runoff control requirements, outreach and training, and adherence to technical standards.

DATE: October 4, 2022

TO: Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) and Advisors

FROM: Joanna Griffin
Watershed Management Bureau, DNR

SUBJECT: DNR Scoring and Ranking of Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) Applications for Calendar Year (CY) 2023 Funding

Recommended Action: DNR staff request that the Land and Water Conservation Board make recommendations on the DNR proposed funding of TRM applications.

Summary: The DNR, pursuant to s. 281.65(4c)(b), Wis. Stats., is informing the LWCB of the Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) grant application scores for projects to be considered for CY 2023 grant funding. Scoring results for projects being considered for calendar year (CY) 2023 funding are presented in the attached tables.

Chapter NR 153, Wis. Adm. Code, which governs the TRM Grant Program, became effective on January 1, 2011, and includes four separate TRM project categories as noted below. Projects are scored individually and ranked against other projects in the same category. Once total available funding is determined, funds are allocated among the four project categories. The maximum possible awards are \$225,000 for Small-Scale projects and \$600,000 for Large-Scale projects.

Scoring and Ranking Summary to Date:

A. Small-Scale Non-TMDL

- Three (3) applications were submitted and are eligible for grant consideration.
- Funding requests for the applications total \$668,750.
- Based on available funding, the Department proposes to allocate \$443,750 to fully fund two (2) of the three (3) projects in this category.

B. Small-Scale Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

- Six (6) applications were submitted and are eligible for grant consideration.
- Funding requests for the applications total \$1,053,634.
- Based on available funding, the Department proposes to allocate \$644,667 to fully fund four (4) of the six (6) projects in this category.

In these categories of Small-Scale Non-TMDL and Small-Scale TMDL, adjustments were made once the total available funding was determined. The attached tables show the preliminary rank order of applications. A requirement in s. NR 153.20(2)(d)3.b., Wis. Adm. Code, states that no one applicant may receive multiple grants that exceed 20% of the total available funding in a given project category. Applicants on the ranked list whose total funding requests exceed 20% of the total available funding will be awarded funds for the projects that do not exceed 20% and the

balance of the applicant's requests will be moved to the bottom of the ranked list; additional funding is provided only after all other eligible projects have first been funded.

C. Large-Scale Non-TMDL

- One (1) application was submitted and is eligible for consideration.
- The funding request for this application totals \$404,750.
- Based on available funding, the Department proposes to allocate \$404,750 to fully fund the one (1) project in this category.

D. Large-Scale TMDL

- Seven (7) applications were submitted and are eligible for consideration.
- Funding requests for these applications total \$3,603,657.
- Based on available funding, the Department proposes to allocate \$1,936,127 to fully fund three (3) of the seven (7) and partially fund one of the seven (7) projects in this category.
- The final Large-Scale TMDL TRM ranked list includes the following changes from the preliminary ranked list.
 - DNR worked with Outagamie County staff to determine the best split of the DNR Sec. 319 Account (Federal) funds between local assistance and cropping practices and offered the county additional DNR Bond Revenue from s. 20.866(2)(tf) to come closer to the full funding request for the project.

The following process was used to score and rank projects and make funding decisions:

1. All projects were scored and then ranked by score for each project category.
2. For Small-Scale TMDL and Small-Scale Non-TMDL applications only, the highest scoring application from each DNR region that is above the median score in each of the two project categories was identified and moved ("region boost") to the top of the ranked list.

The Department will include final allocations to counties for TRM projects in the *CY 2023 Joint Final Allocation Plan*. Once the *2023 Joint Final Allocation Plan* is signed, DNR will develop grant agreements for successful applications. During the grant agreement development process, funding amounts may be adjusted as necessary to reflect final cost-share rates and eligible project components.

Materials Provided:

*Table of Total Allocations by funding source and County Allocations by funding source
CY 2023 Small-Scale Non-TMDL TRM Scoring by Project Category & Rank
CY 2023 Small-Scale TMDL TRM Scoring by Project Category & Rank
CY 2023 Large-Scale Non-TMDL TRM Scoring by Project Category & Rank
CY 2023 Large-Scale TMDL TRM Scoring by Project Category & Rank*

All Large-Scale and Small-Scale TRM Applications

	Proposed Allocation		
	Bonding	319	Seg
Structural BMPs (including force account and engineering)	\$2,495,341	\$0	\$5,000
Non-Structural Practices (e.g., cropping)	\$0	\$406,573	\$50,000
Local Assistance	\$0	\$427,380	\$45,000
Total TRM	\$2,495,341	\$833,953	\$100,000

Large-Scale and Small-Scale TRM Applications from Counties

	Proposed Allocation - Counties		
	Bonding	319	Seg
Structural BMPs (including force account and engineering)	\$2,042,297	\$0	\$5,000
Non-Structural Practices (e.g., cropping)	\$0	\$304,625	\$50,000
Local Assistance	\$0	\$259,380	\$45,000
Total TRM	\$2,042,297	\$564,005	\$100,000

TRM Scoring by Project Category & Rank for 2023

Table 1. Small-Scale Non-TMDL Project Applications

Rank	Applicant	Project Name	Region	Score	Region Boost	Total Eligible Project Costs	Total State Share Requested	Cumulative Requested	Total State Share Proposed	Cumulative Proposed
1	Trempealeau County	Lundberg/Giese Manure Pt	WCR	100.1	No	\$218,750	\$218,750	\$218,750	\$218,750	\$218,750
2	Marinette County	Zeitler Farm Manure Management	NER	86.4	No	\$374,936	\$225,000	\$443,750	\$225,000	\$443,750
3	Oconto County	Buckfoot Farm	NER	66.9	No	\$519,583	\$225,000	\$668,750	\$225,000	

*Region Boost with score equal to or greater than median of 86.4

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Table 2. Small-Scale TMDL Project Applications

Rank	Applicant	Project Name	Region	Score	Region Boost	Total Eligible Project Costs	Total State Share Requested	Cumulative Requested	Total State Share Proposed	Cumulative Proposed
1	Washington County	Sager Manure Storage	SER	141	No	\$228,358	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$225,000
2	Waupaca County	Blankschien Farms	NER	135.7	No	\$277,810	\$225,000	\$450,000	\$225,000	\$450,000
3	St. Joseph, Town	Church Street Ravine	WCR	135	No	\$188,990	\$134,992	\$584,992	\$134,992	\$584,992
4	Rusk County	Justin Hamholm Feedlot & VTA	NOR	115	No	\$59,675	\$59,675	\$644,667	\$59,675	\$644,667
5	Outagamie County	Olson's Best Dairy	NER	69.1	No	\$454,934	\$213,467	\$858,134	\$213,467	
6	Washington County**	Gehring View Farms Manure Storage	SER	127	No	\$257,237	\$195,500	\$1,053,634	\$195,500	

*Region Boost with score equal to or greater than median of 131.

**This grant was moved to the bottom of the list due to the requirement in s. NR 153.20(2)(d)3.b., Wis. Adm. Code, states that no one applicant may receive multiple grants that exceed 20% of the total available funding in a given project category.

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Table 3. Large-Scale Non-TMDL Project Applications

Rank	Applicant	Project Name	Region	Score	Total Eligible Project Costs	Total State Share Requested	Cumulative Requested	Total State Share Proposed	Cumulative Proposed
1	Rusk County	Devils Creek Watershed Project	NOR	91.4	\$446,715	\$404,750	\$404,750	\$404,750	\$404,750

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Table 4. Large-Scale TMDL Project Applications

Rank	Applicant	Project Name	Region	Score	Total Eligible Project Costs	Total State Share Requested	Cumulative Requested	Total State Share Proposed	Cumulative Proposed
1	Marathon County	Fenwood Creek Watershed Project (Phase II)	WCR	186.3	\$462,708	\$341,541	\$341,541	\$341,541	\$341,541
2	Green Lake Sanitary District	Big Green Lake Watershed Best Management Practices Grant	NER	170	\$588,000	\$588,000	\$929,541	\$588,000	\$929,541
3	Polk County	Polk LWRM Plan Implementation in the Balsam Lake Watershed	NOR	167.2	\$521,371	\$521,370	\$1,450,911	\$521,370	\$1,450,911
4	Outagamie County	Apple Creek Large Scale TRM #2	NER	157.3	\$622,701	\$535,780	\$1,986,691	\$485,216	\$1,936,127
5	Outagamie County	Plum and Kankapot Creeks #3	NER	155.1	\$596,965	\$596,965	\$2,583,656		
6	Big Round Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District	Big Round Lake Water Quality Goal Plan Implementation / Lake St. Croix TMDL Implementation	NOR	144	\$2,189,390	\$600,000	\$3,183,656		
7	Dodge County	Wildcat Creek Watershed	SCR	130.9	\$420,000	\$420,000	3,603,656		

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DATE: October 4, 2022

TO: Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) and Advisors

FROM: Joanna Griffin
Watershed Management Bureau, DNR

SUBJECT: DNR Scoring and Ranking of Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management (UNPS) Applications for Calendar Year (CY) 2023 Funding

Recommended Action: DNR staff request that the Land and Water Conservation Board make recommendations on the DNR proposed funding of UNPS applications.

Summary: Through this memo, the DNR is informing the LWCB of Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management (UNPS) grant application scores for projects to be considered for calendar year (CY) 2023 grant funding. Scoring results for projects being considered for CY 2023 funding are presented in the attached table.

The DNR funds UNPS projects under authority of s. 281.66, Wis. Stats. The purpose of this program is to control polluted runoff from urban project areas. Funds may be used for two types of projects: 1. Construction projects (may also include land acquisition) and 2. Planning projects. Each project type has its own application process and funding source. Consequently, construction projects and planning projects do not compete against each other for funding.

Beginning in January 2016, the DNR began implementing an alternating schedule for UNPS Planning and UNPS Construction grants. UNPS Construction grant applications were solicited in 2022 for the CY 2023 award cycle. The UNPS Planning grant application will be available in 2023 for CY 2024 awards. Due to the alternating schedule for the UNPS grants, only the scoring and ranking summary for UNPS Construction projects is provided here.

Scoring and Ranking Summary to Date for UNPS – Construction Projects:

The maximum state cost share per successful application is \$150,000 plus an additional \$50,000 for land acquisition.

- Twenty-seven (27) applications were submitted; all, except for one, are eligible for funding.
- Grant requests for the 26 eligible applications for the UNPS bond revenue total \$3,129,332.
- Based on available funding, the Department proposes to allocate \$2,081,007 in bond revenue to fully fund requests for nineteen (19) of the twenty-six (26) projects.
- Additionally, DNR's Clean Water Fund Loan Program received funding from the USEPA Sewer Overflow and Storm Water Reuse Municipal Grants Program. DNR is awarding these funds to eligible UNPS grant applicants (<https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/sewer-overflow-and-stormwater-reuse-municipal-grants-program>). With this additional funding (\$1,179,840), DNR will be able to fund three of the UNPS-Construction projects at 100%. These projects are identified with an * below in the table.

The attached table shows the current rank order of applications. However, a requirement in s. NR 155.20(2)(b), Wis. Adm. Code, states that no one applicant may receive multiple grants that exceed 20% of the total available funding in a given project category. Applicants on the ranked list whose total funding requests exceed 20% of the total available funding may be awarded funds for the projects that do not exceed 20%; the balance of the applicant's requests are moved to the bottom of the ranked list. Additional funding is provided to those projects moved to the bottom of the ranked list only after all other eligible projects have been funded. Therefore, adjustments to the rank order may be made once total available funding is determined.

Once the *2023 Joint Final Allocation Plan* is signed, the DNR will develop grant agreements for successful applications. During the grant agreement development process, funding amounts may be adjusted as necessary to reflect final cost-share rates and eligible project components.

Materials Provided:

Table with proposed allocations

UNPS-Construction Scoring and Rank for CY 2023

	Proposed Allocation		
	City	Village	Town
Bond Revenue	\$1,690,092	\$328,365	\$62,550
OSG Funding	\$684,200	\$495,640	
Total	\$2,374,292	\$824,005	\$62,550

UNPS Construction Scoring by Rank for 2023

Rank	Applicant	Region	Project Name	Score	State Share	Cumulative
1	Bellevue, Village	NER	Continental Drive Storm Water Management Facility Construction	123.2	\$199,900	\$199,900
2	Stoughton, City	SCR	Hydrodynamic Separator at Riverfront Development	117.5	\$138,000	\$337,900
3	Milwaukee Board of School Directors*	SER	Greener, Healthier Schoolyards- Kluge Elementary	111.2	\$471,500	\$809,400
4	Kaukauna, City	NER	Company Woods Pond	110	\$85,224	\$894,624
5	Wausau, City	WCR	Strawberry Fields Dry to Wet Pond Conversion	108	\$149,000	\$1,043,624
6	Milwaukee Board of School Directors*	SER	Greener, Healthier Schoolyards - Milwaukee German Immersion School	107.8	\$512,500	\$1,556,124
6	Slinger, Village*	SER	Slinger Speedway Storm Water Improvements	107.8	\$553,485	\$2,109,609
6	Whitefish Bay, Village	SER	High Efficiency Street Sweeper	107.8	\$38,417	\$2,148,026
7	Cedarburg, City	SER	Willowbrooke Park Pond	105.6	\$61,250	\$2,209,276
8	Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District	SER	30th Street Corridor Wet Weather Relief Phase 2 Stormwater West Basin	104.5	\$150,000	\$2,359,276
9	Watertown, City	SCR	Watertown Yard Waste Site Biofilter	102.3	\$150,000	\$2,509,276
10	Beaver Dam, City	SCR	Pearl Street Pond	100.1	\$149,000	\$2,658,276
10	Shorewood Hills, Village	SCR	Shorewood Hills High Efficiency Street Sweeper	100.1	\$32,203	\$2,690,479
10	Watertown, City	SCR	Watertown Catch Basins in 2023 Street Project Area	100.1	\$49,785	\$2,740,264
11	Menasha, City	NER	Brin Underground Pond	97.9	\$149,999	\$2,890,263
12	Madison, City	SCR	GI Pilot Study	95.7	\$101,304	\$2,991,567
12	Madison, City	SCR	High-Efficiency Sweeper Purchase	95.7	\$56,730	\$3,048,297
13	Algoma, Town	NER	Bellhaven Lane Pond	94.6	\$62,550	\$3,110,847
14	Oconomowoc, City	SER	Oconomowoc Industrial Park Wet Pond	92.4	\$150,000	\$3,260,847
15	Bellevue, Village	NER	Hoffman Storm Water Management Facility Construction	91.3	\$199,900	\$3,460,747
15	Menomonee Falls, Village	SER	Menomonee River Parkway Pond	91.3	\$150,000	\$3,610,747
15	Wauwatosa, City	SER	2023-2024-Replacement of Stormwater Inlets with Catch Basins	91.3	\$149,900	\$3,760,647
16	Green Lake Sanitary District	NER	Sugar Loaf Stormwater Pond	89.1	\$99,000	\$3,859,647
17	Brookfield, Town	SER	Wray Park Forebay	79.2	\$68,999	\$3,928,646
18	South Milwaukee, City	SER	Heritage Reserve Storm Water Detention Pond	69.3	\$150,000	\$4,078,646
19	Norway, Town	SER	Storm Water Improvements South of Elm Lane	63.8	\$150,000	\$4,228,646

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*= OSG Funding recipient

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM _____ **State of Wisconsin**

DATE: September 7, 2022

TO: Land and Water Conservation Board Members and Advisors

FROM: Lisa K. Trumble, DATCP *Lisa K. Trumble*
Resource Management Section,
Bureau of Land and Water Resources

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Approval of the *Dodge County Land and Water Resource Management Plan*

Action Requested: This is an action item. The department has determined that the *Dodge County Land and Water Resource Management Plan* meets applicable statutory and rule requirements and requests that the LWCB make a recommendation regarding approval of the plan consistent with the Board's guidance.

Summary: The plan is written as a 10 year plan, and if approved, the plan would remain in effect through December 31, 2032, and would be subject to a five-year review prior to December 31, 2027.

DATCP staff reviewed the plan using the checklist and finds that the plan complies with all the requirements of section 92.10, Wisconsin Statutes, and Chapter ATCP 50, Wisconsin Administrative Code.

To qualify for 10-year approval of its plan, Dodge County must submit an annual work plan meeting DATCP requirements during each year of its 10-year plan approval.

Dodge County held a public hearing on August 22, 2022, as part of its public input and review process. The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee will present the LWRM plan for County Board approval after receiving a recommendation for approval from the LWCB.

Materials Provided:

- LWRM Plan Review Checklist
- Completed LWRM Plan Review form
- 2021 workplan with accomplishments and current 2022 workplan

Presenters: John Bohonek, Dodge County Conservationist
Larry Bischoff, Land & Water Conservation Committee Chair



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Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM)

LWRM Plan Review Checklist

Wis. Stats. § 92.10 & Wis. Adm. Code § ATCP 50.12.

County: DODGE

Date Plan Submitted for Review: 6/8/2022

I. ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Yes	No	Page
1. Did the county convene a local advisory committee that included a broad spectrum of public interests and perspectives (such as affected landowners, partner organizations, government officials, educational institutions)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	9
II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND COUNTY BOARD APPROVAL	Date(s)		
1. Provide the dates that the local advisory committee met to discuss the development of the LWRM plan and the county plan of work	11/30/21 1/26/22		
2. Provide the date the county held a public hearing on the LWRM plan ¹	8/22/22		
3. Provide the date of county board approval of the plan, or the date the county board is expected to approve the plan after the LWCB makes its recommendation. ²	Oct.		
III. RESOURCE ASSESSMENT AND WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVES	Yes	No	Page
1. Does the plan include the following information as part of a county-wide resource assessment:			
a. Soil erosion conditions in the county ³ , including:			
i. identification of areas within county that have high erosion rates or other soil erosion problems that merit action within the next 10 years	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	8, Ch.3
b. Water quality conditions of watersheds in the county ³ , including:			
i. location of watershed areas, showing their geographic boundaries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	37-38
ii. identification of the causes and sources of the water quality impairments and pollutant sources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ch3&4

¹ Appropriate notice must be provided for the required public hearing. The public hearing notice serves to notify landowners and land users of the results of any determinations concerning soil erosion rates and nonpoint source water pollution, and provides an opportunity for landowners and land users input on the county's plan. Individual notice to landowners is required if the landowners are referenced directly in the LWRM plan. DATCP may request verification that appropriate notice was provided.

² The county board may approve the county LWRM plan after the department approves the plan. The plan approved by the county board must be the same plan approved by the department. If the department requires changes to a plan previously approved by the county board, the department's approval does not take effect until the county board approves the modified plan.

³ Counties should support their analysis of soil and water conditions by referencing relevant land use and natural resource information, including the distribution of major soil types and surface topographic features, and land use categories and their distribution. Sec. ATCP 50.12(3)(b) requires that a county assemble relevant data, including relevant land use, natural resource, water quality and soil data.

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| iii. identification of areas within the county that have water quality problems that merit action within the next 10 years. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8, Ch 3&4 |
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2. Does the LWRM plan address objectives by including the following:

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| a. specific water quality objectives identified for each watershed based upon the resource assessment, if available | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ch. 3 |
| b. pollutant load reduction targets for the watersheds, if available | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ch. 3 |

Other comments:

IV. DNR CONSULTATION

Yes No Page

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| 1. Did the county consult with DNR ⁴ to obtain water quality assessments, if available; to identify key water quality problem areas; to determine water quality objectives; and to identify pollutant load reduction targets, if any; and to review NR 151 implementation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9 |
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Other comments: DNR and DATCP staff met with county staff

V. PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Yes No Page

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| 1. Does the LWRM plan include the following implementation components: : | | | |
| a. A voluntary implementation strategy to encourage adoption of farm conservation practices | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 72-74 |
| b. State and local regulations used to implement the plan | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 75-78 |
| c. Compliance procedures that apply for failure to implement the conservation practices in ATCP 50, ch. NR 151 and related local regulations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 75 |
| d. Relevant conservation practices to achieve compliance with performance standards and prohibitions and to address identified water quality and erosion problems | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 86-87 |
| e. A system for meeting county responsibilities to monitor the compliance of participants in the farmland preservation program | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 74, 81 |
| 2. Does the LWRM plan (or accompanying work plan) estimate: | | | |
| a. expected costs of implementing the plan including cost-sharing for conservation practices needed to achieve plan objectives | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | WP 90 |
| b. the staff time needed to provide technical assistance and education and outreach to implement the plan. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | WP 90 |

⁴ While requirements for DNR consultation may be satisfied by including relevant DNR representatives on the advisory committee, counties may also need to interact with DNR staff in central or regional offices to meet all of the consultation requirements. DNR may point counties to other resources to obtain information including consultants who can calculate pollutant load reduction targets.



Land and Water Conservation Board
County Land and Water Resource Management Plan
Review of LWRM Plan Revisions

County: Dodge

Implementation Covering Past Five Years and Future Directions

Answer these four questions in writing (not to exceed 4 pages)

1. Provide a representative number of accomplishments within the last five years that can be directly traced to activities identified in multiple work plans. For each accomplishment, explain how the planning process helped the county achieve its outcome, including planning adjustments that helped better target county activities.

Access Road - 460 feet; Animal Trails and Walkways - 1,260 feet; Critical Area Planting - 2.11 acres; Diversion - 6,810 feet; Grassed Waterway - 5.69 acres; Lined Waterway - .12 acres; Manure Storage Closure - 8; Nutrient Management Plans - 250 acres; Waste Storage Facility - 14; Waste Transfer - 3; Well Abandonment - 4; Wrote 2, 9-Key element watershed plans; Started a 5 year county wide ground water monitoring program via well testing. The conservation practices are mostly to meet FPP requirements. Some practices are from problem spots we see during our transect survey. The 9-Key watershed plans were written in watersheds that we haven't done a lot of work in in the past. We have been doing well water sampling for several years, but only a couple townships at a time. The county wide testing came about after hearing other counties doing similar projects and talking with Kevin Masarik from UW-Stevens Point.

2. Identify any areas where the county was unable to make desired progress in implementing activities identified in recent work plans. For each area identified, explain the work plan adjustments that were made to refocus planned activities. If no areas are identified, explain how the county was able to make progress in all the areas planned.

An area we have struggled in is using the Multi-discharge variance money. We have landowners interested, after the designs are completed and the cost-share agreement is prepared, some of them get hesitant and back out. Another area we identified that could be improved is our Education and Outreach. We are trying to add a new staff position that would focus on Education and Outreach in 2023. We have the support of our committee for this.

3. Describe the county's approach to implementation of its priority farm strategy including outreach, farm inventories and making use of multiple funding sources. How has the county evaluated the effectiveness of its priority farm strategy and used this information to improve implementation of the agricultural performance standards and conservation practices on farms?

Our implementation strategy is 1. complaints with an NR151 violation verified. 2. Farmland Preservation new participants. 3. Farmland Preservation current participants. 4. Farms located in impaired waters. 5. All other farms as time and resources permit. The vast majority of our workload is with Farmland Preservation participants. We see this through staff progress reports and annual reports to the county board and DATCP.

4. Provide representative examples that show changes in direction in the county's LWRM plan and annual work plans, with specific examples provided showing adjustments in goals, objectives or planned activities.

The CAC made only a couple of minor changes when identifying resources concerns from the current plan. The biggest changes in Dodge County over the last several years has been the formation of our Farmer-Led group "Dodge County Farmers for Healthy Soil, Healthy Water", the development and approval of two 9-Key element watershed plans, and our 5 year county wide well testing program. Our future annual work plans will focus more in these areas.

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The LWCB's review supplements, but does not replace compliance with the DATCP checklist for LWRM plan approval. This encourages and supports honest presentations from the county. The county is strongly encouraged to have the LCC chair or committee member be a part of the presentation to the Board to contribute policy and other insights to the discussion. The goal of the review is not to fail counties. The board recognizes the dynamic nature of the planning process. Board members are interested in how counties tackle priorities over time and how they respond to changing conditions in pursuing their priorities. The board will evaluate a county's planning and implementation based on how well the county balances and prioritizes the following: agricultural performance standards, other state priorities (impaired waters, FPP checks), and local priorities. When needed, the Board will provide constructive support to counties to improve the quality of their planning.

Land Conservation Committee Notification

The LCC was provided a completed copy of this form (including attachments) on: 6-27-2022

Signature of Authorized Representative:
(e.g. County Conservationist, LCC chair)



Date: 8-16-22

Send completed form and attachments to:
Lisa.Trumble@wi.gov

DODGE COUNTY 2021 ANNUAL WORK PLAN
LOCALLY IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES

Table 1: Planned activities and performance measures by category

CATEGORY (goal and objective from LWRM plan can be added in each category)	PLANNED ACTIVITIES WITH BENCHMARKS If applicable identify focus areas, e.g. HUC 12 watershed code (examples of types of “planned activities” in italics)	PRACTICES INSTALLED IN 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Cropland</i> 		
Cropland, soil health and/or nutrient management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>-Install 3 acres of Grassed Waterways</i> <i>-Install 2 acres of Critical Area Stabilization</i> <i>-5,000 new acres of NM plans</i> <i>-5,000 new acres of cover crops</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>-Installed 1.1 acres Grassed Waterways</i> <i>-Installed 0.5 acres Critical Area Plantings</i> <i>-1,343 new acres of NM plans</i> <i>-6,300 new acres of Cover Crops</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Livestock</i> 		
Livestock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>-1 new manure storage facility</i> <i>-2 old manure storage facilities closed</i> <i>-Inspect 20 existing permitted manure storage structures</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>-3 Manure Storage Facilities installed</i> <i>-2 Waste Storage Facilities Closed</i> <i>-Installed 1,260 feet Animal Trails</i> <i>-20 feet Stream Crossing installed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Water quality</i> 		
Water quality/quantity (other than activities already listed in other categories)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>-Install 130 acres riparian buffers through CREP</i> <i>-Monitor County Wide Well Testing Program</i> <i>-Conduct Stream Monitoring in Sinissippi Lake-Rock River Watershed</i> <i>-5 idle rural wells closed</i> <i>-Install 300 feet Streambank/shoreline protection</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>-Installed 199 acres CREP Buffers</i> <i>-397 Wells tested in our County Wide Program</i> <i>-Created an agreement with Rock River Coalition to do monitoring in Dodge County for streams, lakes and aquatic invasive species</i> <i>-27 rural wells closed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Farmland Preservation</i> 		
Farm inspections to implement state performance standards and prohibitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>-Conduct 150 farm inspections and document compliance status for FPP participation</i> <i>-sign up 2,000 acres new to the program</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>-conducted 148 farm inspections for FPP</i> <i>-FPP increased by 1,748 acres</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Multi Discharge Variance</i> 		
Pounds of Phosphorous runoff reduced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>-reduced tillage</i> <i>-cover crops</i> <i>-streambank protection</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>-No practices were installed in 2021 with MDV funding.</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Wildlife</i> 		
Wildlife-Wetlands-Habitat (other than forestry or invasive species)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Wildlife damage program</i> <i>Tree and plant sales</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>-2 Wildlife Damage claims for a total of \$4,583</i> <i>-56 Deer donated for the Venison Donation Program = 1,360 lbs of meat donated to the local food pantries</i> <i>-22,700 trees, shrubs and tree tubes sold through our local tree sale program</i>

**DODGE COUNTY 2021 ANNUAL WORK PLAN
LOCALLY IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES**

- *Watershed*

HUC-12 #402 and #403

<p>Watershed strategies</p>	<p><i>P-compliance TMDL coordination Producer-led Transect Survey 9-Key Element Plan</i></p>	<p><i>-Our Producer-Led group held 4 events in 2021 with 261 attendees. -Provided \$23,300 for cover crop incentive payments resulting in 3,169 acres cover crops planted, 987 tons of soil saved and 1,082 pounds of Phosphorus runoff reduction. -Our Transect Survey has shown a 29% soil loss reduction in the last 10 years.</i></p>
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DODGE COUNTY 2022 ANNUAL WORK PLAN
LOCALLY IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES

Table 1: Planned activities and performance measures by category

CATEGORY (goal and objective from LWRM plan can be added in each category)	PLANNED ACTIVITIES WITH BENCHMARKS If applicable identify focus areas, e.g. HUC 12 watershed code (examples of types of “planned activities” in italics)	PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS (examples in italics)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cropland</i> 		
Cropland, soil health and/or nutrient management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Install 3 acres of Grassed Waterways -Install 2 acres of Critical Area Stabilization -5,000 new acres of NM plans -5,000 new acres of cover crops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of staff hours expended for training, design and installation Type and units of practice(s) installed Amount of cost-share dollars spent # lbs of sediment reduced (using any approved method) # lbs of P reduced (using any approved method) # lbs of N reduced (using any approved method) # acres of cropland in compliance with a performance standard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Livestock</i> 		
Livestock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -1 new manure storage facility -2 old manure storage facilities closed -Inspect 20 existing permitted manure storage structures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of staff hours expended for training, design and installation Type and units of practice(s) installed Amount of cost-share dollars spent # lbs of sediment reduced (using any approved method) # lbs of P reduced (using any approved method) # lbs of N reduced (using any approved method) # of livestock facilities in compliance with a performance standard
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Water quality</i> 		
Water quality/quantity (other than activities already listed in other categories)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Install 130 acres riparian buffers through CREP -Monitor County Wide Well Testing Program -Conduct Stream Monitoring in Sinissippi Lake-Rock River Watershed -5 idle rural wells closed -Install 300 feet Streambank/shoreline protection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acres of buffers installed # lbs of sediment reduced (using any approved method) # lbs of P reduced (using any approved method) # lbs of N reduced (using any approved method) # of wells tested # of wells closed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Farmland Preservation</i> 		
Farm inspections to implement state performance standards and prohibitions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Conduct 150 farm inspections and document compliance status for FPP participation -sign up 2,000 acres new to the program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> # of inspections performed # of compliance certificates, compliance schedules or letters issued # of new COC's issued
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Multi Discharge Variance</i> 		
Pounds of Phosphorous runoff reduced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Install 3 acres of Grassed Waterways -Install 2 acres of Critical Area Stabilization -3,000 new acres of NM plans -2,000 new acres of cover crops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Type and units of practice(s) installed Amount of cost-share dollars spent # lbs of sediment reduced (using any approved method) # lbs of P reduced (using any approved method) # lbs of N reduced (using any approved method) # acres of cropland in compliance with a performance standard

**DODGE COUNTY 2022 ANNUAL WORK PLAN
LOCALLY IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES**

- *Wildlife*

Wildlife-Wetlands-Habitat (other than forestry or invasive species)	<i>Wildlife damage program Tree and plant sales</i>	<i># of claims and dollars spent Number of trees and shrubs sold</i>
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- *Watershed*

HUC-12 #402 and #403

Watershed strategies	<i>P-compliance TMDL coordination Producer-led Transect Survey 9-Key element Plan</i>	<i>Number of meetings attended/presentations given Modeling completed Number of partner contacts made Information system/tracking developed Number of partnership development activities accomplished # lbs of sediment reduced (using any approved method) # lbs of P reduced (using any approved method) # lbs of N reduced (using any approved method)</i>
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Table 2: Planned activity related to permits and ordinances

Permits and Ordinances	Plans/application reviews anticipated	Permits anticipated to be issued
Feedlot permits	0	0
Manure storage construction and transfer systems	1	1
Manure storage closure	2	2
Livestock facility siting	1	0
Nonmetallic/frac sand mining	0	0
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	0	0
Shoreland zoning	0	0
Wetlands and waterways (Ch. 30)	0	0
Other	0	0

**DODGE COUNTY 2022 ANNUAL WORK PLAN
LOCALLY IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES**

Table 3: Planned inspections

Inspections	Number of inspections planned
Total Farm Inspections	<i>150</i>
For FPP	<i>150</i>
For NR 151	<i>150</i>
Animal waste ordinance	15
Livestock facility siting	0
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	0
Nonmetallic mining	0

Table 4: Planned outreach and education activities

Activity	Number
Tours	2
Field days	2
Trainings/workshops	2
School-age programs (camps, field days, classroom)	0
Newsletters	3
Social media posts	3
News release/story	8

Table 5: Staff Hours and Expected Costs (staff can be combined or listed individually)

Staff/Support	Hours	Costs
<i>County Conservationist</i>	<i>2080</i>	<i>\$110,611</i>
<i>4 Technicians</i>	<i>2080 x 4</i>	<i>\$318,638</i>
<i>Administrative Assistant</i>	<i>2080</i>	<i>\$60,507</i>
Cost Sharing (can be combined)		
<i>Bonding</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$50,500</i>
<i>SEG</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>MDV</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$23,000</i>

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM _____ **State of Wisconsin**

DATE: August 31, 2022

TO: Land and Water Conservation Board Members and Advisors

FROM: Lisa K. Trumble, DATCP *Lisa K. Trumble*
Resource Management Section,
Bureau of Land and Water Resources

SUBJECT: Five Year Review of the *Fond du Lac County Land and Water Resource Management Plan*

Recommended Action: This is an action item. The LWCB should determine whether the county has met the LWCB's criteria for a five-year review of a LWRM plan approved for ten years. If the LWCB makes a formal determination that the county has failed to meet these criteria, DATCP will automatically modify its order to terminate approval of the county's plan effective December of this year.

Summary: The Fond du Lac County land and water resource management plan has been approved through December 31, 2027, contingent on a five-year review conducted prior to December 31, 2022. In advance of the five-year review, Fond du Lac County has completed a DATCP approved form designed to implement the LWCB's reference document dated October 27, 2021, and the criteria for conducting a five-year review. The county has provided written answers to four questions regarding past and future implementation, has provided the required work planning documents, and has appropriately involved the Land Conservation Committee.

Materials Provided:

- Completed Five Year Review Form and Supporting Documents
- 2021 Annual Workplan with Accomplishments
- 2022 Annual Workplan

Presenter: Paul Tollard, County Conservationist, Fond du Lac County LWCD
Dale Theel, Land Conservation Committee Chair



Land and Water Conservation Board County Land and Water Resource Management Plan Review of LWRM Plan Revisions

County: Fond du Lac

Implementation Covering Past Five Years and Future Directions

Answer these four questions in writing (not to exceed 4 pages)

- 1. Provide a representative number of accomplishments within the last five years that can be directly traced to activities identified in multiple work plans. For each accomplishment, explain how the planning process helped the county achieve its outcome, including planning adjustments that helped better target county activities.**

Fond du Lac County's Land and Water Resource Management Plans have largely highlight implementation of watershed focused activities, the implementation of the NR151 Soil and Water Conservation Standards through the Farmland Preservation Program, the adoption of nutrient management plans, and the implementation of ordinances as major activities to improve the county land and water resources.

When the most recent plan was adopted, there were primarily three watershed-focused initiatives in the county, the Pipe Creek Watershed, the Green Lake Watershed and the Winnebago Waterways Program project area. These watersheds were prioritized by the department based on local support as well as support from other agencies and organizations for more focused efforts. Since then, the department has added the Milwaukee River Watershed RCPP Project and the Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance's Multi-County Winnebago Waterways Program has completed a Lake Management Plan for Lake Winnebago and is nearing completion of the 9-key element plans for the entire Winnebago Waterways Project area. The department ranks the implementation of conservation projects higher that are located in the priority watershed areas of the county.

An example of focused watershed efforts by the department is the currently ongoing in the Pipe Creek Watershed. Beginning in 2014, the LWCD has been focusing efforts in the Pipe Creek Watershed to work with farmers to implement numerous conservation practices. In 2019, the LWCD completed a 9-Key Element watershed plan for the Pipe Creek Watershed to further help focus implementation efforts. In 2020, the LWCD was successful with acquiring a 3-year grant with the Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance to implement cover crops, no-till planting and low disturbance manure applications with two farmers on 450 acres in the watershed. These two farmers agreed to participate with this program and share progress with other area farmers. In 2021, the department was awarded a DNR TRM grant to address streambank erosion on Pipe Creek and continue to fund needed practices though out the watershed. These projects also utilize cost share funding provided by Fond du Lac County for conservation practices.

All 21 townships in Fond du Lac County have Farmland Preservation Zoning. Fond du Lac County currently has 880 Farmland Preservation Certificates of Compliance covering 167,932 acres. The LWCD completes roughly 225 evaluation for compliance with NR151 standards for the FPP program annually. Farms that require on-site evaluations are contacted and scheduled each summer. Sites that do not require a site visit are completed though out the year. In 2016, Fond du Lac County invested in software to

aid in the implementation and tracking of the Farmland Preservation Program and certificates issued in the county. This software allows the department to not only track status of certificates, but also see visually where the compliance with FPP and Soil and Water Conservation Standards is in the county.

In 2021, Fond du Lac County had 182,451 acres of nutrient management plans in county, which covers approximately 73% of the cropland in the county. Fond du Lac County expanded its Ascent software to add the nutrient management module for tracking nutrient management plan implementation in the county.

Beginning in 2020, the LWCD began utilizing multiple social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube to share program and conservation project updates. The utilization of social platforms allows the public to see projects before, during, and after construction through the eye of a drone where in the past they may not have been visible to the public.

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Outreach agricultural performance standards to landowners outside of FPP or landowners without an NMP has been becoming a recent challenge due to lack of data in the county and existing staff workload. Being able to now see where land that is in FPP and who has a nutrient management plan is important for Ag Performance Standard outreach in the county. The LWCD now has a newer database that utilizes GIS parcel information for tracking which aids in focusing outreach efforts to landowners that are not that are not in FPP or do not have an NMP in the county.

- 3. Describe the county's approach to implementation of its priority farm strategy including outreach, farm inventories and making use of multiple funding sources. How has the county evaluated the effectiveness of its priority farm strategy and used this information to improve implementation of the agricultural performance standards and conservation practices on farms?**

Fond du Lac County's priority farm strategy has been to focus on implementation of agricultural performance standards based on participation in the Farmland Preservation Program and the farm type and size. The high participation by landowners in FPP in the county and number of farms with NMP's in the county has aided in the success of achieving and maintaining a high percentage of compliance with agricultural performance standards in the county. While this is the overall priority farm strategy, the additional focus of current watershed efforts in the county further focuses outreach for compliance. Typically, a watershed is assessed for the level of compliance with soil and water conservation standards as part of the initial watershed planning and implementation, and compliance can be incorporated in to watershed objectives.

Landowner complaints also result in an assessment for compliance with agricultural performance standards. This was the case with a recently completed NOD project for a dairy farm in the county.

- 4. Provide representative examples that show changes in direction in the county's LWRM plan and annual work plans, with specific examples provided showing adjustments in goals, objectives or planned activities.**

Current LWCD activities all fall as priorities under the current Land & water Resource Management Plan. At times, the LWCD may reprioritize department activities base on other county priorities, but activities are outlined as priorities in the current Land & Water Resource Management Plan.

Annual work plans have progressively been showing the increased watershed specific activities. As more 9-key element plans are completed within the county, there have been opportunities for implementation with assistance from other agencies and organizational conservation partners.

Fond du Lac County has been providing its own cost sharing for conservation practices since 2015. This cost share funding has been essential with selling and ultimately getting more conservation on the ground, especially in the priority watershed areas of the county. County cost share funding has led to the development of the Fond du Lac County Soil Health Cost Share Program to assist Fond du lac County farmers with adopting more innovative soil health conservation practices that are not typically cost shared through other funding sources. This program has been used a model by other counties and has been partially funded in 2022 by the SWRM Innovation Grant funding.

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The LWCB's review supplements, but does not replace compliance with the DATCP checklist for LWRM plan approval. This encourages and supports honest presentations from the county. The county is strongly encouraged to have the LCC chair or committee member be a part of the presentation to the Board to contribute policy and other insights to the discussion. The goal of the review is not to fail counties. The board recognizes the dynamic nature of the planning process. Board members are interested in how counties tackle priorities over time and how they respond to changing conditions in pursuing their priorities. The board will evaluate a county's planning and implementation based on how well the county balances and prioritizes the following: agricultural performance standards, other state priorities (impaired waters, FPP checks), and local priorities. When needed, the Board will provide constructive support to counties to improve the quality of their planning.

Land Conservation Committee Notification

The LCC was provided a completed copy of this form (including attachments) on: 8-4-2022

Signature of Authorized Representative: Dale A. J. Rod **Date:** 8-2-22
(e.g. County Conservationist, LCC chair)

Send completed form and attachments to:

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**Fond du Lac County 2021 ANNUAL WORK PLAN
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• *Water quality*

<p>Water quality/quantity (other than activities already listed in other categories)</p> <p><u>LWRMP, page #53-57.</u></p> <p><u>LWRMP, page #63.</u></p> <p><u>LWRMP, page #37.</u></p>	<p>1. <i>Provide technical and administrative assistance for CREP contracts.</i></p> <p>2. <i>Provide technical assistance and administration for conservation practices and soil health program through the Fond du Lac County cost share program.</i></p> <p>3. <i>Administer CSA's and provide technical assistance for soft and hard practices in watersheds</i></p>	<p><i>Type and units of practice(s) installed. See attached</i></p> <p><i>Amount of cost-share dollars spent. \$306,678</i></p> <p><i># lbs of sediment reduced (using any approved method) 48.5 Tons</i></p> <p><i># lbs of P reduced (using any approved method) 343.4 lbs</i></p>
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	<p><i>funded through the Multi-Discharge Variance Program (Pipe Creek Watershed HUC12#40302030303, Rock River Watershed HUC12#070900010203, South Branch Manitowoc River HUC12#040301010401).</i></p> <p>4. <i>Implement the DNR TRM Grant in the Pipe Creek Watershed for streambank restoration with three landowners.</i></p> <p>5. <i>Continue implementation of the Pipe Creek 9KE plan.</i></p> <p>6. <i>Continue implementation of the Pipe Creek Watershed EPA GLRI Grant for nutrient reduction to Pipe Creek and Lake Winnebago.</i></p> <p>7. <i>Complete implementation of Pipe Creek Harvestable Buffer initiative with Alliance for the Great Lakes.</i></p> <p>8. <i>Provide technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of a Lake Protection Grant for installation of conservation practices in the Big Green Lake Watershed (HUC12#40302010901).</i></p> <p>9. <i>Provide information and support for the development of a 9KE plan for the Big Green Lake Watershed.</i></p> <p>10. <i>Support ongoing local citizen water quality monitoring efforts in the Rock River Watershed.</i></p> <p>11. <i>Continue effort and support to reduce nutrient and sediment runoff in the Milwaukee River Watershed through the MMSD-RCPP project and other funding sources as they become available.</i></p> <p>12. <i>Provide information and support to partners on the implementation of the Winnebago Waterways Lake Management Plan.</i></p> <p>13. <i>Provide information and technical assistance for the implementation of the Winnebago Waterways 9KE plan.</i></p>	
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• *Forestry*

<p>Forestry</p>	<p>1. Continue to coordinate the county tree sale program.</p> <p>2. Assist WDNR with annual tree sale distribution.</p> <p>3. Continue to coordinate with Lakeshore Invasive Species Management Area- LISMA on</p>	<p><i>Number of trees sold through the county tree sale program.</i> <i>17,000 trees sold through 2021 Fond du Lac County Tree Sale.</i></p>
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		<i>terrestrial invasive species management</i>	
• Invasive			
<p>Invasive species <u>LWRMP, page #104. Goal: Minimize the Threat and Spread of Exotic & Invasive Species.</u> <i>Objectives:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support activities like the Bridge Snapshot Field Day to educate landowners about the ecological and economic impacts of exotic & invasive species. 2. Continue to partner with lake and conservation organizations to identify and promote proper management techniques of exotic & invasive plants and organisms to reduce their spread. 3. Provide information and education to lakeshore owners and lake organizations about the benefits of development of Lake Management Plans have include exotic and invasive species management coordination 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the Bridge Snap Shot Field Day to monitor AIS. 2. Support coordination of AIS efforts on the Lake Winnebago system through the Fox/Wolf Watershed Alliance. 3. Continue to coordinate with Lakeshore Invasive Species Management Area (LISMA) on terrestrial invasive species management. 4. Provide support to Glacierland RC&D for Phragmites Control Project. 	<p><i>Number of surveys completed.</i> <i>Number of control efforts implemented/sites treated. See Attached AIS efforts in 2021.</i></p> <p><i>Worked with Lakeshore Invasive Species Management Association LISMA network to send out information and assist with the coordination of Phramities Control in the county.</i></p>	
• Wildlife			
<p>Wildlife-Wetlands-Habitat (other than forestry or invasive species) <u>LWRMP, page #104. Goal: Restore and Preserve Critical Fish & Wildlife Habitats.</u> <i>Objectives:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify critical fish and wildlife habitats to landowners for protection and/or restoration. 2. Identify relic native prairie reservoirs, such as pastures, cemeteries, old railroad grades, etc. for preservation or expansion. 3. Continue the implementation of the Fond du Lac County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance to protect critical fish and wildlife habitat and vegetation. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue partnerships on the implementation of the Rock River Watershed Project HUC12#70900010207) to promote vegetative riparian buffers and other wildlife habitat through programs such as CREP and SAFE. 2. Administer the local portion of the Wildlife Damage Program for Fond du Lac County. 3. Administer the annual Tree Sale program. 	<p><i># Acres of new CREP Buffers. 55.5 acres of new CREP buffers</i></p> <p><i># Acres of new SAFE habitat</i></p> <p><i># of trees sold. 17,000 trees sold through the 2021 county tree sale</i></p>	

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• *Urban*

<p>Urban issues</p> <p><u>LWRMP, page #102.</u> Goal: Minimize the impacts of land disturbing and land development activities within the county.</p> <p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue implementation of the Fond du Lac County Erosion Control and Stormwater Management Ordinances to reduce sedimentation and overland flow from construction sites and development. 2. Minimize urban sprawl and protect prime farmland by promoting comprehensive land use planning. 3. Minimize the loss of prime agricultural lands by continuing to promote and administer the Farmland Preservation Program. 4. Preserve and protect lakeshores, stream corridors, wetlands and wildlife habitats by continuing to enforce the County’s Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. 5. Continue to promote and provide technical assistance for the establishment of vegetative buffers and wildlife habitat through the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and the State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Program. <p><u>LWRMP, page #102.</u> Goal: Minimize Impacts of Runoff from Urban Areas.</p> <p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to coordinate activities with municipalities in Fond du Lac County to reduce runoff of pollutants to surface waters. 2. Promote best management practices such as rain gardens and rain barrels that increase infiltration and reduce peak flows 3. Provide technical assistance to protect shoreline and stream banks from erosion in urban areas. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Administer the County’s Construction Site Erosion Control & Stormwater Management Ordinance.</i> 2. <i>Administer the Ag and Household Clean Sweep Collection day.</i> 	<p><i>Number of site visits- 13</i></p> <p><i>Number of plans reviews-16 plan reviews</i></p> <p><i>Number of permits issued- 16 permits issued</i></p> <p><i>Number of compliance issues resolved- 1</i></p> <p><i>Lbs/Gallons of hazardous waste collected.at event – 13,105 lbs of Household Waste & 4,297 lbs of Ag Waste.</i></p> <p><i>Number of cars at event - 101</i></p>
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<p>4. Reduce runoff from construction sites through the continued implementation of the Fond du Lac County Erosion Control Ordinance.</p> <p>5. Educate homeowners on ways to reduce the over application of fertilizers & pesticides.</p>		
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• *Watershed*

<p>Watershed strategies</p> <p><u>LWRMP, page #53-57.</u></p> <p><u>LWRMP, page #63.</u></p> <p><u>LWRMP, page #37.</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue implementation of the Pipe Creek Watershed 9 Key element Plan (HUC12#40302030303). 2. Complete development of 9 key element plans for the Taycheedah Creek Watershed (HUC12#40302030302), Deneveu Creek Watershed (HUC12#40302030301) Parsons Creek-East Branch Fond Du Lac River (HUC12#040302030203), Sevenmile Creek-East Branch Fond Du Lac River (HUC12#040302030202), Village of Rosendale-Fond Du Lac River (HUC12#040302030201), Eldorado Marsh-Fond Du Lac River (HUC12#040302030204), Van Dyne Creek-Frontal Lake Winnebago (HUC12#040302030103), Willow Harbor-Frontal Lake Winnebago (HUC12#040302030102). 3. Participate on the Winnebago Waterways Program steering team to develop a comprehensive Lake Management Plan for the Winnebago System. 4. Continue Implementation of Lake Management Planning efforts in the Green Lake Watershed. (HUC12#040302010901). 5. Provide support and information for the development of a 9 key element plan for Green Lake Watershed. ((HUC12#040302010901) 6. Coordinate with the Green Lake Sanitary District on the implementation of a DNR Lake Protection Grant in the Green Lake Watershed (HUC12#040302010901). 7. Continue effort and support to reduce nutrient and sediment runoff in the Milwaukee River Watershed through RCPP and other funding sources as they become available. 	<p><i>Number of meetings attended/presentations given Modeling completed. 16 quarterly steering team meetings attended for the Big Green Lake Watershed, Winnebago Waterways Steering Team, and The Milwaukee River RCPP Steering Team. 4 Steering Team meeting for the Winnebago Waterways Executive Meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Number of partner contacts made</i></p> <p><i>Information system/tracking developed.</i></p> <p><i>Number of partnership development activities accomplished. Lake Management Plan for Lake Winnebago was developed by Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance. 9-key Element Plans were also developed for 32 HUC 12 watersheds in the Winnebago Waterways Project Area.</i></p> <p><i>A 9-key element plan for the Green Lake Watershed was developed.</i></p>
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- *Other*

Other		
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Table 2: Planned activity related to permits and ordinances

Permits and Ordinances	Plans/application reviews anticipated	Permits anticipated to be issued	Completed
Feedlot permits	N/A	N/A	N/A
Manure storage construction and transfer systems	2	2	0
Manure storage closure	2	2	1
Livestock facility siting	N/A	N/A	0
Nonmetallic/frac sand mining	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	10	10	16
Shoreland zoning	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wetlands and waterways (Ch. 30)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other	N/A	N/A	N/A

Table 3: Planned inspections

Inspections	Number of inspections planned	Completed
Total Farm Inspections	235	128
For FPP	225	128
For NR 151	225	128
Animal waste ordinance	2	0
Livestock facility siting	N/A	N/A
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	10	9
Nonmetallic mining	N/A	N/A

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Table 4: Planned outreach and education activities

Activity	Number	Completed
Tours	1	0
Field days	3	2
Trainings/workshops	2	0
School-age programs (camps, field days, classroom)	1	1
Newsletters	6	0
Social media posts	1400	1400
News release/story	6	6

Table 5: Staff Hours and Expected Costs (staff can be combined or listed individually)

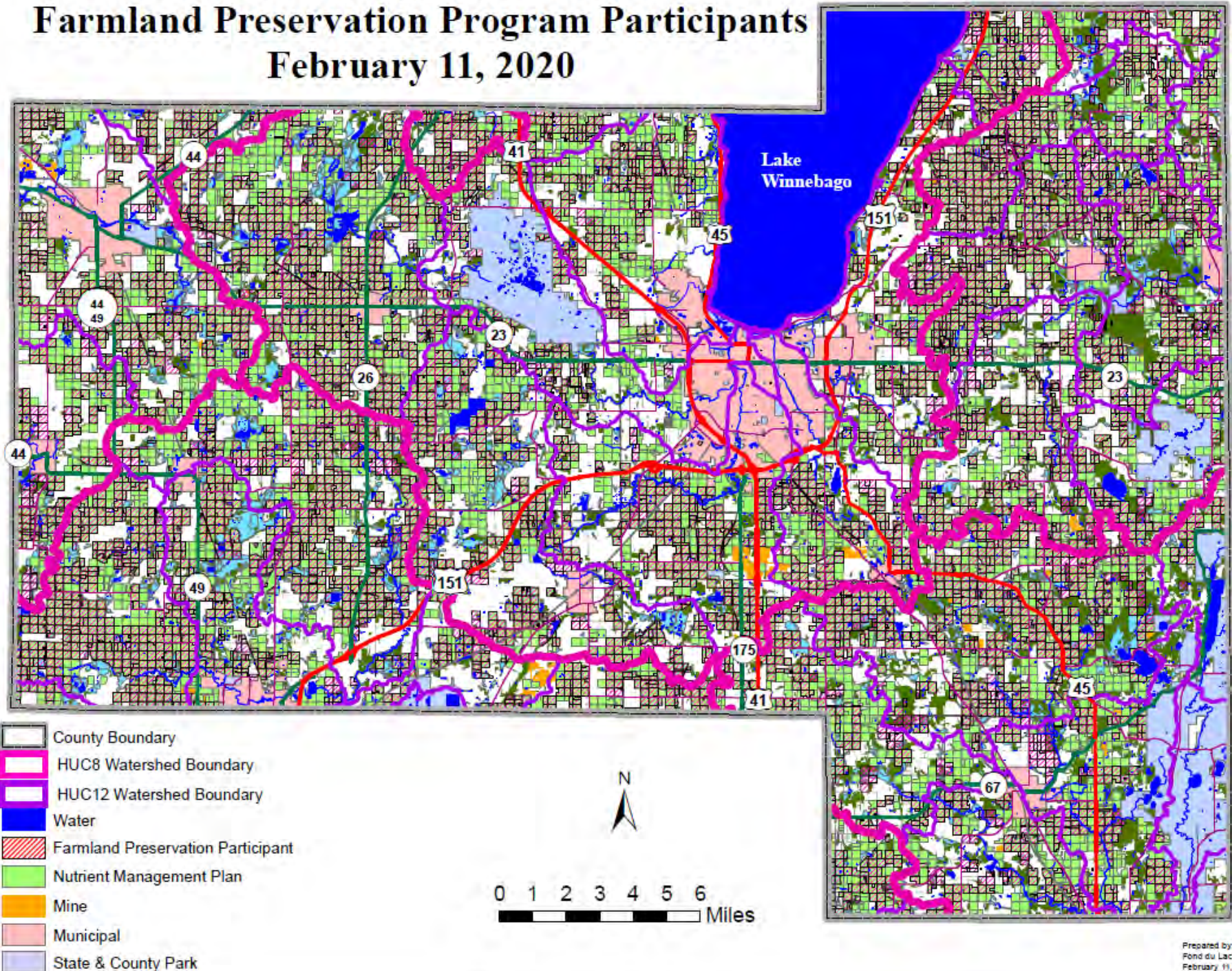
Staff/Support	Hours	Costs
County Conservationist	2088	\$114,114
Agronomist	2088	\$100,109
Watershed Coordinator	1670	\$74,577
Farmland Preservation Technician	2088	\$73,093
Conservation GIS Technician	2088	\$72,981
Conservation Engineering Tech	2088	\$65,740
Watershed Outreach Coordinator	2088	\$65,740
Conservation Engineering Tech	2088	\$58,033
Administrative Assistant	1040	\$23,662
Soil conservationist	740	\$10,000
Cost Sharing (can be combined)		
<i>Bonding</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$40,000</i>
<i>SEG</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>MDV</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$37,454</i>
<i>Fond du Lac County</i>		<i>\$223,150</i>
<i>Alliance for the Great Lakes</i>		<i>\$24,808</i>
<i>DNR TRM Grant</i>		<i>\$364,000</i>
<i>GLRI Grant</i>		<i>\$135,000</i>

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2021 Estimated Projects, Costs, Funding as of 3/25/2021

Practices	# of Practice	# of CSA's	Estimated Project Cost	COUNTY CSA AMT	COUNTY SOIL HEALTH	SWRM BOND	SWRM SEG	Sum of Winn MDV 2021	Sum of Rock MDV 2021	Sum of ALLIANCE CSA AMT	Sum of DNR CSA AMT
Cover Crop	25.7	1	\$642.50		\$93.00						
Demo Farm		1						\$2,667.70			
Diversion & Waterway	1	1	\$5,145.00	\$4,630.50							
Grade Stabilization			\$30,000.00	\$7,000.00		\$9,260.38			\$7,279.62		
Grassed Waterway	1.32	3	\$45,000.00	\$22,000.00		\$15,000.00					
Harvestable Buffer	16.4	3	\$30,850.00							\$24,600.00	
Misc/BMP Repairs	1	1	\$900.00	\$810.00							
Nutrient Management	836.304	13	\$33,452.16				\$30,372.16				
Pond, Diversion, WASCOB	1	1	\$25,000.00								
Soil Health	525.3	7	\$16,002.00		\$16,042.00						
Stream Crossing/Heavy Use Protection		1									
Streambank	1	4	\$125,000.00								
Waste Facility Abandonment	3	3	\$15,923.00			\$7,646.10					
Waterway Repairs	2.5	1	\$4,970.00	\$4,970.00							
Waterway with Rock Crossing	1	1									
Well Decommissioning	7	7	\$9,999.39	\$394.89		\$1,525.00					
Wetland Scrape	2	2									
Waterway	2	1		\$26,307.00		\$6,093.00					
Stream Crossing	38	1	\$5,259.29			\$3,681.50					
Allocated Soil Health Funds Remaining				\$23,865.00							
TRM Streambank			\$200,000.00	\$50,000.00							
Grand Total	1464.524	52	\$548,143.34	\$139,977.39	\$16,135.00	\$43,205.98	\$30,372.16	\$2,667.70	\$7,279.62	\$24,600.00	

Nutrient Management Plans and Farmland Preservation Program Participants February 11, 2020



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• *Water quality*

<p>Water quality/quantity (other than activities already listed in other categories)</p> <p><u>LWRMP, page #53-57.</u></p>	<p>1. <i>Provide technical and administrative assistance for CREP contracts.</i></p> <p>2. <i>Provide technical assistance and administration for conservation practices and soil health program through the Fond du Lac County cost share program.</i></p>	<p><i>Type and units of practice(s) installed</i></p> <p><i>Amount of cost-share dollars spent</i></p> <p><i># lbs of sediment reduced (using any approved method)</i></p> <p><i># lbs of P reduced (using any approved method)</i></p>
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<p><u>LWRMP, page #63.</u> <u>LWRMP, page #37.</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. <i>Administer CSA's and provide technical assistance for soft and hard practices in watersheds funded through the Multi-Discharge Variance Program (Pipe Creek Watershed)</i> 4. <i>Implement the DNR TRM Grant in the Pipe Creek Watershed for streambank restoration with three landowners.</i> 5. <i>Continue implementation of the Pipe Creek 9KE plan.</i> 6. <i>Continue implementation of the Pipe Creek Watershed EPA GLRI Grant for nutrient reduction to Pipe Creek and Lake Winnebago.</i> 7. <i>Provide technical and administrative assistance for the implementation of a Lake Protection Grant for installation of conservation practices in the Big Green Lake Watershed (HUC12#40302010901).</i> 9. <i>Provide assistance for the implementation of the Big Green Lake Management Plan and Watershed 9KE plan.</i> 10. <i>Support local citizen water quality monitoring efforts.</i> 11. <i>Continue effort and support to reduce nutrient and sediment runoff in the Milwaukee River Watershed through the MMSD-RCPP project and other funding sources as they become available.</i> 12. <i>Provide information and support to partners on the implementation of the Winnebago Waterways Lake Management Plan.</i> 13. <i>Provide information and technical assistance for the implementation of the Winnebago Waterways 9KE plan.</i> 	
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• *Forestry*

<p>Forestry</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Continue to coordinate the county tree sale program.</i> 2. <i>Assist WDNR with annual tree sale distribution.</i> 3. <i>Continue to coordinate with Lakeshore Invasive Species Management Area- LISMA on terrestrial invasive species management</i> 	<p><i>Number of trees sold through the county tree sale program.</i></p>
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• *Invasive*

<p>Invasive species <u>LWRMP, page #104. Goal: Minimize the Threat and Spread of Exotic & Invasive Species.</u> <i>Objectives:</i> 1. Support activities like the Bridge Snapshot Field Day to educate landowners about the ecological and economic impacts of exotic & invasive species. 2. Continue to partner with lake and conservation organizations to identify and promote proper management techniques of exotic & invasive plants and organisms to reduce their spread. 3. Provide information and education to lakeshore owners and lake organizations about the benefits of development of Lake Management Plans have include exotic and invasive species management coordination</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support the Bridge Snap Shot Field Day to monitor AIS. 2. Support coordination of AIS efforts on the Lake Winnebago system through the Fox/Wolf Watershed Alliance. 3. Continue to coordinate with Lakeshore Invasive Species Management Area (LISMA) on terrestrial invasive species management. 4. Provide support for invasive species management by continuing partnerships with organizations like Glacierland RC&D. 	<p><i>Number of surveys completed</i> <i>Number of control efforts implemented/sites treated</i></p>
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• *Wildlife*

<p>Wildlife-Wetlands-Habitat (other than forestry or invasive species) <u>LWRMP, page #104. Goal: Restore and Preserve Critical Fish & Wildlife Habitats.</u> <i>Objectives:</i> 1. Identify critical fish and wildlife habitats to landowners for protection and/or restoration. 2. Identify relic native prairie reservoirs, such as pastures, cemeteries, old railroad grades, etc. for preservation or expansion. 3. Continue the implementation of the Fond du Lac County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance to protect critical fish and wildlife habitat and vegetation.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Search out cost share funding and provide technical assistance for vegetative buffers and restored wetlands in priority areas of the county. 2. Continue partnerships on the implementation of the Rock River Watershed Project HUC12#70900010207) to promote vegetative riparian buffers and other wildlife habitat through programs such as CREP and SAFE. 3. Administer the local portion of the Wildlife Damage Program for Fond du Lac County. 4. Administer the annual Tree Sale program. 5. Provide technical assistance for the establishment of native prairie grasses on the newly acquired Fond du Lac County Ledge Conservation Area. 	<p><i># Acres of new buffers.</i> <i># Acres of new habitat</i> <i># of trees sold</i></p>
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• *Urban*

<p>Urban issues</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Administer the County's Construction Site Erosion Control & Stormwater Management 	<p><i>Number of site visits</i> <i>Number of plans reviews</i></p>
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<p><u>LWRMP, page #102.</u> Goal: Minimize the impacts of land disturbing and land development activities within the county.</p> <p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue implementation of the Fond du Lac County Erosion Control and Stormwater Management Ordinances to reduce sedimentation and overland flow from construction sites and development. 2. Minimize urban sprawl and protect prime farmland by promoting comprehensive land use planning. 3. Minimize the loss of prime agricultural lands by continuing to promote and administer the Farmland Preservation Program. 4. Preserve and protect lakeshores, stream corridors, wetlands and wildlife habitats by continuing to enforce the County's Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. 5. Continue to promote and provide technical assistance for the establishment of vegetative buffers and wildlife habitat through the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and the State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) Program. <p><u>LWRMP, page #102.</u> Goal: Minimize Impacts of Runoff from Urban Areas.</p> <p><i>Objectives:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to coordinate activities with municipalities in Fond du Lac County to reduce runoff of pollutants to surface waters. 2. Promote best management practices such as rain gardens and rain barrels that increase infiltration and reduce peak flows 3. Provide technical assistance to protect shoreline and stream banks from erosion in urban areas. 4. Reduce runoff from construction sites 	<p><i>Ordinance.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. <i>Administer the Ag and Household Clean Sweep Collection day.</i> 	<p><i>Number of permits issued</i></p> <p><i>Number of compliance issues resolved</i></p> <p><i>Lbs/Gallons of hazardous waste collected.at event</i></p> <p><i>Number of cars at event</i></p>
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<p>through the continued implementation of the Fond du Lac County Erosion Control Ordinance.</p> <p>5. Educate homeowners on ways to reduce the over application of fertilizers & pesticides.</p>		
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• *Watershed*

<p>Watershed strategies <i>LWRMP, page #53-57.</i> <i>LWRMP, page #63.</i> <i>LWRMP, page #37.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Continue implementation of the Pipe Creek Watershed 9 Key element Plan to reduce sediment and phosphorus runoff reaching Pipe Creek and Lake Winnebago (HUC12#40302030303).</i> 2. <i>Continue to implement the Pipe Creek Watershed GLRI Project with farmers, Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance and other partners.</i> 3. <i>Begin implementation of the Eldorado Marsh 9KE plan with funding through US EPA and WDNR.</i> 4. <i>Complete development of 9 key element plans for the Taycheedah Creek Watershed (HUC12#40302030302), Deneveu Creek Watershed (HUC12#40302030301) Parsons Creek-East Branch Fond Du Lac River (HUC12#040302030203), Sevenmile Creek-East Branch Fond Du Lac River (HUC12#040302030202), Village of Rosendale-Fond Du Lac River (HUC12#040302030201), Eldorado Marsh-Fond Du Lac River (HUC12#040302030204), Van Dyne Creek-Frontal Lake Winnebago (HUC12#040302030103), Willow Harbor-Frontal Lake Winnebago (HUC12#040302030102).</i> 5. <i>Participate on the Winnebago Waterways Program steering team to implement the Lake Management Plan for the Winnebago System.</i> 6. <i>Continue Implementation of Lake Management and 9KE Planning efforts in the Green Lake Watershed. (HUC12#040302010901).</i> 7. <i>Provide support and information for the development of a 9 key element plan for Green Lake Watershed. ((HUC12#040302010901)</i> 8. <i>Coordinate with the Green Lake Sanitary</i> 	<p><i>Number of meetings attended/presentations given</i></p> <p><i>Modeling completed</i></p> <p><i>Number of partner contacts made</i></p> <p><i>Information system/tracking developed</i></p> <p><i>Number of partnership development activities accomplished</i></p>
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	<p><i>District on the implementation of a DNR Lake Protection Grant in the Green Lake Watershed (HUC12#040302010901).</i></p> <p>9. <i>Continue coordination with MMSD and other partners on the implementation of the RCPP project for the Milwaukee River Watershed Project to reduce nutrient and sediment runoff in the Milwaukee River Watershed (HUC10#04040003)</i></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Other</i> 		
Other		

Table 2: Planned activity related to permits and ordinances

Permits and Ordinances	Plans/application reviews anticipated	Permits anticipated to be issued
Feedlot permits	N/A	N/A
Manure storage construction and transfer systems	2	2
Manure storage closure	2	2
Livestock facility siting	N/A	N/A
Nonmetallic/frac sand mining	N/A	N/A
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	10	10
Shoreland zoning	N/A	N/A
Wetlands and waterways (Ch. 30)	N/A	N/A
Other	N/A	N/A

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Table 3: Planned inspections

Inspections	Number of inspections planned
Total Farm Inspections	235
For FPP	225
For NR 151	225
Animal waste ordinance	2
Livestock facility siting	N/A
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	10
Nonmetallic mining	N/A

Table 4: Planned outreach and education activities

Activity	Number
Tours	1
Field days	3
Trainings/workshops	2
School-age programs (camps, field days, classroom)	1
Newsletters	6
Social media posts	500
News release/story	6

Table 5: Staff Hours and Expected Costs (staff can be combined or listed individually)

Staff/Support	Hours	Costs
County Conservationist	2088	\$112,521
Watershed Coordinator	1664	\$74,577
Agronomist	2088	\$71,218
Conservation GIS Technician	2088	\$71,929
Conservation Engineering Tech	2088	\$59,191
Watershed Outreach Coordinator	2088	\$66,423
Conservation Engineering Tech	2088	\$59,191
Conservation Specialist - FPP	2088	\$58,114
Administrative Assistant	1040	\$23,429
Soil conservationist	740	\$10,000

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Cost Sharing (can be combined)		
<i>DATCP SWRM Bonding</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$40,000</i>
<i>DATCP SWRM SEG</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>Remaining Multi-discharge Variance Funding</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$14,092</i>
<i>DNR Targeted Runoff Management</i>		<i>\$266,977</i>
<i>Fond du Lac County Cost Share Program</i>		<i>\$236,167</i>
<i>EPA GLRI Funding</i>		<i>\$135,000</i>
<i>ARPA Funding</i>		<i>TBD</i>

2022 LWCD Conservation Project List as of 4-8-2022

Practice	Description	No.	Unit
Nutrient Management	ATCP 50.78	32.33	acres
Nutrient Management	ATCP 50.78	20.02	acres
Nutrient Management	ATCP 50.78	11.37	acres
Nutrient Management	ATCP 50.78	60.63	acres
Nutrient Management	ATCP 50.78	99.98	acres
Nutrient Management	ATCP 50.78	6.85	acres
Nutrient Management	ATCP 50.78	7.65	acres
Nutrient Management	ATCP 50.95	163	ac
Prairie Restoration	Seeding & Establishment	10	ac
Prairie Strip	Seeding & Establishment	3.2	ac
Soil Health	equipment modification	1	ea
Soil Health	soil samples		
Soil Health	cover crop, red tillage	199.5	acres
Soil Health	Fall Cover, Interseeding, Sample	102	ac
Soil Health	Tier 1 Equip Mod, Sample	1	ea
Soil Health	Tier 1 Equip Mod, Sample	1	ea
Soil Health	Fall Cover, Interseeding, Plant Inn, Sample	110	ac
Soil Health	Summer Cover, Sample	79	ac
Soil Health	Summer Cover, Sample	40	ac

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Soil Health	Summer cover, Fall cover, Sample	147	ac
Soil Health	Tier 1 Equip Mod, Sample	1	ea
Soil Health	Alternative Fall Cover, Sample	75	ac
Soil Health	interseeding, tier 2 equip mod, Sample	37.5	ac
Soil Health	Reduced Tillage	252	ac
Soil Health	Fall Cover	117.5	ac
Soil Health	Fall Cover, Summer Cover	64.9	ac
Soil Health	Fall Cover, Plant Innovation, Radishes w/Winter Wheat	149.8	ac
Soil Health	Soil Health analysis only	1	ea
Soil Health	Tier 1 Equip Mod, Sample	1	ea
Soil Health	Summer cover, tier 2 mod, sample	68.83	ac
Soil Health	Fall cover	66	ac
Soil Health	soil samples	2	ea
Soil Health	soil samples		ea
Streambank Restoration			
Waterway	Grassed Waterway	2.7	acres
Waterway with Rock Crossing	Waterway with Rock Crossing	1	ea
Well Decommissioning	ATCP 50.97	1	ea
Well Decommissioning	ATCP 50.97	1	ea
Wetland Restoration	Wetland Restoration & Conservation Cover	1	ea

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM _____ **State of Wisconsin**

DATE: September 23, 2022

TO: Land and Water Conservation Board (“LWCB” or “Board”) Members and Advisors

FROM: LWCB Advisory Committee on Research

SUBJECT: Committee Status Update - Advising the University of Wisconsin System (UW-System) on Needed Research and Educational Programs Relating to Soil & Water Conservation.

On September 6th, 2022 the Advisory Committee on Research (Committee) met to deliberate on matters pertaining to the implementation of the LWCB’s process to advise the UW-System on needed research and educational programs relating to soil and water conservation. The Committee is not requesting actions from the LWCB at this time, but wishes to provide the Board with an overview of their deliberations from their recent meeting.

As directed by the Board, the Committee is planning to initiate an outreach campaign this October to gather outside input on the current needs within the field of soil and water conservation research and education. The outreach campaign will consist of a letter and email to stakeholders requesting their opinions on the most pressing soil and water conservation research and education needs facing their respective interests at this time. The Committee plans to first solicit this information from four groups of stakeholders including in-state agencies, county conservation departments, non-profits and the private sector. After this initial round of solicitations, the Committee will then reach out to various colleges within the UW-System to gather similar information.

Other Committee Updates

- 1) The Committee plans to next gather in November 2022. At this gathering, the Committee will discuss the stakeholder feedback collected, re-engage with stakeholders as required and make plans to process the collected feedback.
- 2) Department legal counsel advised the Committee to issue public notice prior to future meetings in accordance with Wis. Stat. 19.84 and record future meetings in accordance with Wis. Stat. 19.88(3). Henceforth, future meetings of the Committee will comply with Wis. Stat. 19.84 and Wis. Stat. 19.88(3).

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 3, 2022

TO: LWCB members and advisors

FROM: Ian Krauss

SUBJECT: FSA Program Updates for October LWCB Meeting

- Conservation Reserve Program
 - The Federal Fiscal Year ended on September 30th; meaning offers for Signups 57 and 58 must have FSA approval.
 - County Offices are preparing to send out annual rental payments to CRP participants; those should be issued within the next two weeks.
 - Early figures show around 15,500 acres enrolled in FY22 with around 10,000 acres being re-enrolled. During this same period, around 17,500 acres expired.
 - FSA is still awaiting authorization for the next Continuous Signup to allow FSA to begin taking offers; this includes offers for CREP, SAFE, and HELI.
- Fall Acreage Reporting
 - The deadline for fall acreage reporting of fall seeded small grains is November 15th. Reminder, acres reported as cover crop can be harvested for hay or be grazed; they cannot be used for seed or grain. Fall seeded small grains harvested for forage or that are grazed cannot be revised to a cover crop after the Crop Reporting deadline.
- ARC/PLC
 - 2023 ARC/PLC enrollment starts on October 17th.

NRCS Wisconsin Quarterly Update



Environmental Quality Incentives Program

EQIP is the primary program available to farmers for farm and woodland conservation work, offering payments for over 90 basic conservation practices. Applications are accepted on a continuous, year-round basis. Applications received by November 4, 2022 will be evaluated and considered for potential funding in Fiscal Year 2023. Contact Melissa Bartz, melissa.bartz@usda.gov, for more information.

Conservation Stewardship Program

CSP provides assistance to landowners who practice good stewardship on their land and are willing to take additional steps over the next five years to further enhance their stewardship efforts. Applications are accepted on a continuous year-round basis. Applications received by February 10, 2023, will be evaluated and considered for funding in Fiscal Year 2023 for CSP Classic sign-up. Contact Melissa Bartz, melissa.bartz@usda.gov, for more information.

Regional Conservation Partnership Program

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program promotes coordination between NRCS and its partners to deliver conservation assistance to producers and landowners. NRCS provides assistance to producers through partnership agreements and through pro-program contracts or easement agreements. Current active projects for water quality improvement are located within the Ocono-mowoc River, Milwaukee River and Yahara River watersheds, Driftless Area to improve fish and wildlife habitat, stream and riparian habitat, and select counties in Northern Wisconsin to improve Golden-winged and Kirtland’s warblers’ habitats, and select areas of Southern Wisconsin to improve soil health and protect agriculturally productive farmland. Contact Melissa Bartz, melissa.bartz@usda.gov, for more information.

Agricultural Conservation Easement Program

The Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP) focuses on restoring and protecting wetlands, conserving productive agricultural lands and conserving grasslands. Landowners are compensated for enrolling their land in easements. Applications for the ACEP are taken on a continuous basis, and they are ranked and considered for funding one time a year. The outlook for FY23 is good with potential additional funding sources for 2023 projects. The application deadline for 2023 ACEP proposals and projects will likely be October 31, 2022. Contact Greg Kidd, greg.kidd@usda.gov, for more information.

NRCS Programs Financial Update			
Program		FY21	FY22
Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	Financial Assistance Allocation	\$ 30.5 M ^a	\$32.4 M ^c
	Contracts	1,070 ^a	1057 ^c
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	Financial Assistance Allocation	\$18.1 M	\$15.8 M ^c
	New Contracts	228	271 ^c
	Renewal Contracts	250	217
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program—Agricultural Land Easements (ACEP—ALE)	Financial Assistance Allocation	\$507,000	\$404,088
	Parcels	4	3
	Acres	334	260
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program—Wetland Reserve Easements (ACEP—WRE)	Financial Assistance Allocation	\$2.8 M	\$3.3 M
	Easements	5	5
	Acres	544	478
Emergency Watershed Protection Program—Floodplain Easements (EWPP—FPE)	Financial Assistance Reserve	\$3.4 M	
	Proposed Easements	6	
	Proposed Acres	416	
Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)	Financial Assistance Allocation	\$1.3 M	\$1,673,446
	Contracts	88	95 ^c
	Acres	2,100	385.2 ^c

^aIncludes initiatives and special funding.
^bInitiatives and special funding allocations have not been determined yet.
^cFunding decisions not yet complete for the fiscal year.

University of Wisconsin Division of Extension Releases Lower Fox Demonstration Farm Network Impact Evaluation Report

The University of Wisconsin Division of Extension has released the Fox Demo Farms Impact Evaluation Report, which describes the role of the Fox Demo Farms in prompting farmers associated with the project, as well as farmers who are not directly associated with the project, to adopt conservation practices within the Lower Fox River watershed. Fox Demo Farms are a Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) project funded through NRCS. Visit <https://fyi.extension.wisc.edu/foxdemofarms/>.

Collaborative Tribal Publication

The NRCS in partnership with the WTCAC announced a new collaborative publication, Wisconsin Tribal Conservation: Stewardship for the Future, is available online, highlighting successful conservation efforts with the 11 federally recognized Tribes of Wisconsin. Six other USDA agencies and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) are also partnering to highlight the protection and restoration of natural resources on Wisconsin Tribal lands. Visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/wi/newsroom/factsheets/ to download the publication.

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USDA Report Shows a Decade of Conservation Trends

A new U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) report shows use of no-till, crop rotations, more efficient irrigation methods and advanced technologies have climbed in recent years. The report from USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) demonstrates progress made through voluntary conservation over a 10-year period. Findings from the report will inform future conservation strategies, including USDA's efforts to tackle the climate crisis. For more information visit <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/news/wi/newsroom/releases/>.

2021 NRCS Wisconsin Conservation Highlights and Results

In the 2021 Annual Report, you will see snapshots of our approach in getting conservation practices on the ground to use our land productively. You'll learn about conservation results and highlights of the work we do, which is strongly focused on meeting Farm Bill responsibilities. In the 2021 Success Story Highlights, you'll meet farmers and landowners from across the state who partner to implement conservation. These NRCS customers are investing in their operations and local communities to provide food, fiber and energy, creating a more sustainable future for all of us. Read the two products online at www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/wi/newsroom/factsheets/.

Women in Conservation Celebrated in Wisconsin

Highlighting the historic stewardship of women conservation professionals and educators, in addition to the increasing prominence of women owning and managing land in Wisconsin, Governor Tony Evers has proclaimed July 18–24, 2022, as Wisconsin Women in Conservation Week. For the second year in a row, Governor Evers has officially declared a week in July in observance of Wisconsin Women in Conservation. The dedication shares its name with the statewide group Wisconsin Women in Conservation (WiWiC), a collaborative effort led by the Michael Fields Agricultural Institute in partnership with Renewing the Countryside, Marbledseed, Wisconsin Farmers Union, and NRCS. WiWiC seeks to bring together Wisconsin women landowners to connect and learn about conservation practices, resources and funding opportunities. Visit <https://www.wiwic.org/>.





DATCP REPORT
Bureau of Land and Water Resources
October 2022

Soil and Water Resources Management Grants

- The 2023 Final Allocation Plan will be presented to the Land and Water Board at the October 2022 meeting.
- Requests to transfer grant funds between counties are due to DATCP by December 1, 2022.

Commercial Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program and Crop Insurance rebates for planting cover crops.

- Agricultural producers are eligible for the commercial nitrogen optimization pilot program! If you are working with a producer, producer-led group or a group of producers who might be interested in participating, look for the RFP that we anticipate will be released in October.
- DATCP has \$800,000 in funding available to offer Crop Insurance rebates for planting cover crops in 2023 on 2022 cover crops. Acreage that already received cost-sharing or incentive payments for cover crops in 2022 is not eligible for this year's rebate program. Program information will be available on a website to be launched later in October at covercrops.wi.gov.

Conservation Engineering

- The next training related to the revised NRCS stream standards is scheduled. If you work on streambank protection and/or stream restoration projects, it is recommended you attend this free training. Reach out to your area engineering contact for additional details.
 - Stream Site Assessment – Field Day, Sauk County Farm, Oct. 6, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

Nutrient Management News

- County staff – The **2022 Nutrient Management Survey** (previously the NMStats Spreadsheets) is due by **October 15th**. We have received **20** responses so far. Reach out to Cody Calkins (cody.calkins@wisconsin.gov) if you have any questions or need assistance tabulating your responses.
- NEW!-There is a brand-new Nutrient Management Training Webpage where you can find links to previously recorded trainings: [DATCP Home Nutrient Management Training \(wi.gov\)](http://DATCP Home Nutrient Management Training (wi.gov)) More to come!
- If you haven't yet requested any Runoff Risk Advisory Forecast magnets or keychains, send a request to Andrea Topper (andrea.topper@wisconsin.gov) with the amount you'd like.

Land and Water Conservation Board-LWRM Plans

- The October 4th meeting of the Land and Water Conservation Board will be a hybrid meeting (in person and Microsoft Teams). To join the meeting remotely, use this meeting link. Fond du Lac County will present a 5-year review of their current LWRM plan. Dodge and Racine Counties will present plan revisions.
- Counties working on LWRM plan revisions and reviews for the December 6th LWCB meeting include Eau Claire, Richland, Outagamie and Buffalo.
- The LWCB recently created a standing committee to advise the Board on its duty to advise the University of Wisconsin System annually on needed research and educational programs relating to soil and water conservation. This committee is known as the Advisory Committee on Research (Committee). This October, the Committee will begin to solicit input from various stakeholders, including county LCD's, on the soil and water conservation research and education topics they believe are most critical to their interests.
 - Committee meetings are held virtually on the first Tuesday of every other month at 9am, on months that do not coincide with normal meetings of the LWCB. Contact zach.zopp@wisconsin.gov for questions or more information on the Committee

Farmland Preservation Program and Agricultural Enterprise Areas

- Farmland Preservation Program staff will work with counties to craft outreach initiatives focused on areas of interest for renewable energy projects that are eligible for, or enrolled in, FP. Contact DATCPWorkingLands@wisconsin.gov to discuss needs or examples.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- State Agreement Submittal Deadline 11/4/2022 for Payments in 2022: Friday, November 4th, 2022 is the deadline for submitting completed CREP agreements (LWR-283) to DATCP to ensure they make it through processing for State payments before the end of the calendar year. Agreements submitted to DATCP after that date may be processed and paid after January 1, 2023. If a landowner wants to claim their State CREP payment on 2022 taxes it will need to be paid prior to December 31, 2022.
- Check Your Forms: Please check that you are using the correct 15 Year Agreement (LWR-283), Perpetual Easement Application (LWR-209), and instruction forms. The current version of these forms are dated 07/21 in the upper left hand corner of the first page. DATCP will no longer accept LWR-283's or LWR-209's that are versions older than 07/2021, so be sure to use the most recent and updated forms. Up to date forms are all on the [CREP For Counties webpage](#).

Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grant (PLWPG) Program

- This winter the Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grants Workshop will be held on December 13th 2022, rather than in February 2023. All groups funded in 2022 are required to attend the workshop as part of their grant obligation (at least one farmer and one collaborator). The workshop will be held at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells, WI. Formal invites with registration information will be send out in October to the watershed groups. Contact dana.christel@wisconsin.gov with any questions.

DATCP Staff Updates

- The Soil and Watershed Management Section is in the final stages of hiring the Soil and Watershed Health Conservation Specialist position. A hiring announcement will be sent to partners, hopefully in early October.

DATE: October 4, 2022

TO: LWCB members and advisors

FROM: Jill Schoen, DNR

SUBJECT: DNR Update, August 2022 - September 2022, for October LWCB meeting

CAFO Program Update

DNR's CAFO program helped with outreach at the 2022 Farm Technology Days event in Clark County. Staff used a watershed model to depict how land use management impacts water quality. Over 46,000 people attended the event.

The CAFO program has revised its Environmental Analysis Questionnaire (EAQ) for permit applications which includes a short screening page for all applicants. The EAQ cover page and screening page must be submitted with every permit application. The EAQ is part of the DNR's CAFO permit application process and helps to meet the department's requirements under the Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act (WEPA). In addition to the screening page, the revised EAQ:

- Minimizes redundant requests for information provided in other application documents.
- Provides clearer and more concise questions, along with weblinks to information sources and supporting materials.
- Focuses on information that more clearly meets the DNR's requirements under WEPA, reducing the need for follow-up requests and clarifications.

Surface Water Grant Program Update

This year, the department expects over 200 applications from eligible applicants for over \$6M in available funding to support projects that protect and restore waterbodies and prevent aquatic invasive species. In early August, the Surface Water Grant program sent a newsletter to over 2,000 subscribers along with a press release advertising the upcoming pre-application deadline of Sept. 15 and prompting counties and other eligible applicants to submit a pre-application to establish eligibility for the 2022-2023 grant cycle. The press release may be viewed at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/newsroom/release/61306>. The newsletter provided additional detail on how to apply and how to obtain an eligibility determination for implementation and AIS control projects. Sign up for the GovDelivery mailing list and find more information on the Surface Water Grant website at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/aid/SurfaceWater.html>.

2023 NPS Grant Update (see also Final Ranked Lists and Memos in October meeting packet)

Grant Category	# Eligible Applications	Total Funding Requested \$	# Proposed Grants Funded	Proposed \$ Allocated
Small-Scale TRM TMDL	6	\$1,053,634	4	\$644,667
Small-Scale TRM Non-TMDL	3	\$668,750	2	\$443,750
Large-Scale TRM TMDL	7	\$3,603,657	4	\$1,936,127
Large-Scale TRM Non-TMDL	1	\$404,750	1	\$404,750
UNPS-Construction	26	\$3,260,847	19	\$3,260,847
All Grants	43	\$8,991,638	30	\$6,690,141

Percent of Grants Proposed to be Funded
(All funding sources and grant types combined)

