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|  | Wisconsin Dept. of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection  Agricultural Resource Management Division  2811 Agriculture Drive, PO Box 8911  Madison WI 53708-8911  Phone: (608) 224-4608 | **Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM)** |
| **LWRM Plan Review Checklist**  *Wis. Stats.* § *92.10 & Wis. Adm. Code* § *ATCP 50.12.* | | |

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| **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) |  |  | | \_\_\_\_\_ | |
| **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 | | | \_\_\_\_\_ | |
| 1. Provide the date the county held a public hearing on the LWRM plan[[1]](#footnote-1) | | | \_\_\_\_\_ | |
| 1. 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]](#footnote-2) | | | \_\_\_\_\_ | |

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| **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: |  |  |  |
| 1. Soil erosion conditions in the county[[3]](#footnote-3), including: |  |  |  |
| 1. identification of areas within county that have high erosion rates or other soil erosion problems that merit action within the next 10 years |  |  | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| 1. Water quality conditions of watersheds in the county3, including: |  |  |  |
| 1. location of watershed areas, showing their geographic boundaries |  |  | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| 1. identification of the causes and sources of the water quality impairments and pollutant sources |  |  | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| 1. identification of areas within the county that have water quality problems that merit action within the next 10 years. |  |  | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| 1. Does the LWRM plan address objectives by including the following: |  |  |  |
| 1. specific water quality objectives identified for each watershed based upon the resource assessment, if available |  |  | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| 1. pollutant load reduction targets for the watersheds, if available |  |  | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |
| **IV. DNR CONSULTATION** | **Yes** | **No** | **Page** |
| 1. Did the county consult with DNR[[4]](#footnote-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 |  |  | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |

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| **V. Plan Implementation** | **Yes** | **No** | **Page** |
| 1. Does the LWRM plan include the following implementation components: : |  |  |  |
| 1. A voluntary implementation strategy to encourage adoption of farm conservation practices |  |  | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| 1. State and local regulations used to implement the plan |  |  | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| 1. Compliance procedures that apply for failure to implement the conservation practices in ATCP 50, ch. NR 151 and related local regulations |  |  | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| 1. Relevant conservation practices to achieve compliance with performance standards and prohibitions and to address identified water quality and erosion problems |  |  | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| 1. A system for meeting county responsibilities to monitor the compliance of participants in the farmland preservation program |  |  | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| 1. Does the LWRM plan (or accompanying work plan) estimate: 2. expected costs of implementing the plan including cost-sharing for conservation practices needed to achieve plan objectives 3. the staff time needed to provide technical assistance and education and outreach to implement the plan. |  |  | \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_ |
| 1. 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 |  |  | \_\_\_\_\_ |
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| **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 |  |  | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| 1. Does the LWRM plan describe coordination activities with local, state and federal agencies? |  |  | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| 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]](#footnote-5) do both of the following: |  |  |  |
| 1. Provide measurable performance benchmarks |  |  | NA |
| 1. Identify priorities |  |  | NA |
| 1. 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 |  |  | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_ |  |  |  |

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| **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: \_\_\_\_\_ | | | |

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| **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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

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. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)