



Land and Water Conservation Board Agenda

April 1, 2025

The Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) will meet on **April 1, 2025**. The board will hold its official business meeting at 9:00 am via Microsoft Teams and at 2811 Agriculture Drive, Boardroom 106, Madison, WI 53718. To attend the meeting remotely, join by telephone at +1 608-571-2209 with Conference ID 996 114 191# 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 February 4, 2025 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*

- 4 Recommendation for approval of LWRM Plan revision for Lafayette County
**Erica Sauer, County Conservationist; Max Blackbourn, Conservation Technician;
Laney Finkelmeyer, Conservation Specialist; Jed Grant, Land Conservation Committee
Chair**

- 5 Recommendation for approval of LWRM 5-Year Review for Marathon County
**Kirstie Heidenreich, County Conservationist; Matt Repking, Conservation Analyst;
Mike Ritter, Environmental Resources Committee Vice Chair**

- 6 Balancing on-farm economic incentives with water quality benefits
Jeffrey Hadachek, UW-Madison

*Mark Cupp, Chair; Monte Osterman, Vice Chair
Brian McGraw, Secretary*

*Members: Andrew Buttles; Ron Grasshoff; Rebecca Clarke; Mike Hofberger; D.J. Nichols
Andrew Potts; Tim Anderson; Jason Knutson*

- 7 Recommendation for approval of LWRM 5-Year Review for Jefferson County
Patricia Cicero, Director Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation Department; Joe Strupp, Resource Conservationist; Meg Turville-Heitz, Land and Water Conservation Committee Chair

- 8 Extension of DATCP Projects from 2024 into 2025; Report on Transfers and Reallocations of 2024 Cost-share dollars (written report only)
Susan Mockert, DATCP

- 9 LWCB Advisory Committee on Research-Committee Updates

- 10 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

- 11 Planning for June 2025 LWCB Meeting -
Mark Cupp, LWCB

- 12 Adjourn

MINUTES
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

February 4, 2025
2811 Agriculture Drive, Board Room &
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Item #1 Call to Order—pledge of allegiance, open meeting notice, approval of agenda, approval of December 3, 2024, LWCB meeting minutes.

Call to Order

The Land and Water Conservation Board (Board) met in person at 2811 Agriculture Drive, Madison WI 53718 and over Microsoft Teams on **February 4, 2025**. 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, Monte Osterman, Brian McGraw, Andy Buttles, Mark Witecha for Tim Anderson, Andrew Potts, Ron Grasshoff, Mike Hofberger, and Jason Knutson. A quorum was present.

Advisors: Nathan Fikkert (NRCS), Amber Radatz (UW-Extension), Ian Krauss (FSA) and Matt Krueger (WI Land + Water)

Approval of Agenda

Motion

McGraw motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Knutson, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Cupp requested to adjust the start time of the December 3, 2024 meeting as reflected in the minutes. Buttles noted he was present for the meeting and that needed to be reflected in the minutes.

Motion

Potts motioned to approve the December 3, 2024, meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Witecha, 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 Election of 2025 Officers

The Board conducted an election of officers from the floor in the following order:

Nomination for Secretary

Osterman nominated McGraw as Secretary, seconded by Potts. Knutson motioned to close nominations for Secretary, seconded by Witecha. The LWCB Chair closed nominations. McGraw was elected to serve as 2025 LWCB Secretary by a unanimous voice vote.

Nomination for Vice Chair

McGraw nominated Osterman as Vice Chair, seconded by Potts. McGraw motioned to close nominations for Vice Chair, seconded by Potts. The LWCB Chair closed nominations. Osterman was elected to serve as 2025 LWCB Vice Chair by a unanimous voice vote.

Nomination for Chair

Chair Cupp turned the election process over to Vice Chair Osterman. Knutson nominated Cupp as Chair, seconded by Hofberger. McGraw motioned to close nominations for Chair, seconded by Potts. The LWCB Vice Chair closed nominations. Cupp was elected to serve as 2025 LWCB Chair by a unanimous voice vote.

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

Kurt Calkins, Columbia County Land & Water, Planning & Zoning Department Director, and Andrew Fischer, Ag., Extension, Land & Water Conservation 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 Columbia County’s 5-year LWRM plan review, seconded by Grasshoff, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Paul Backhaus, Washington County Conservationist, and Denis Kelling, Land Use & Planning Committee Chair, Tina Pridemore, Committee Representative, 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, Osterman motioned to recommend approval of Washington County’s 5-year LWRM plan review, seconded by McGraw, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #6 Farm Sustainability Rewards Project

Ben Becker, Wisconsin’s Green Fire, presented an introduction to the Farm Sustainability Rewards Project.

Item #7 Recommendation for approval of 5-year Land and Water Resource Management Plan review for Ozaukee County

Katie Voegler, Ozaukee County Conservationist and Director for the Land & Water Management Department, and Rob Holyoke, Natural Resources 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 Ozaukee County's 5-year LWRM plan review, seconded by McGraw, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #8 LWCB Advisory Committee on Research- Committee Updates

Grasshoff reported that the Committee met on January 7, 2025 and reviewed feedback from Chelsea Zegler's presentation at the October 2024 meeting (*The Zone of Interaction: Assessing water quality risk through Soil Sampling- A Participatory Research Project*), the committee work plan and future educational opportunities. Advisor Dr. Francisco Arriaga helped staff connect with UW Faculty Members Paul Mitchell and Jeffrey Hadachek to invite them present on socio-economic incentives and thresholds to motivate change in behavior in agriculture and conservation.

Item #9 Agency Reports

- a. FSA- Krauss submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the February 4, 2025 [meeting packet](#). In addition, Krauss reported that FSA is waiting on updates related to the farm bill for further information on program enrollment periods.
- b. NRCS- Fikkert submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the February 4, 2025 [meeting packet](#). In addition, Fikkert reported that NRCS is working through normal program deadlines, IRA and BIL programming are paused, and the agency is currently operating with a hiring freeze.
- c. WI Land + Water- Krueger reported that the association has started advocacy efforts surrounding county conservation staff funding and is seeking an increase in total funding and base; the conference is coming in March and that elections for land conservation committee members to the LWCB were administered electronically in 2024, as a result there was a 20% increase in participation over prior in-person elections.
- d. DOA- Potts reported the Governor's budget is anticipated to be released February 18th; the Governor has announced a PFAS plan.
- e. DATCP- Witecha submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the February 4, 2025 [meeting packet](#).
- f. DNR- Knutson submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the February 4, 2025 [meeting packet](#).

Item #11 Planning for the April 1, 2025 LWCB meeting

The Board should expect the following at the next LWCB meeting, which will be a hybrid meeting:

- Plan Revision for Lafayette County
- Plan Reviews for Jefferson and Marathon Counties
- LWCB Advisory Committee on Research Updates
- Socio-economic incentives and thresholds to motivate change in behavior in agricultural conservation by Paul Mitchell and Jeff Hadachek, UW-Madison

Item #12 Adjourn

Motion

Osterman motioned to adjourn, seconded by Grasshoff, and the motion carried unanimously. The business meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

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CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM _____ **State of Wisconsin**

DATE: April 1, 2025

TO: Land and Water Conservation Board Members and Advisors

FROM: Hailey Roessler, DATCP
Resource Management Section,
Bureau of Land and Water Resources

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

Action Requested: This is an action item. The department has determined that the *Lafayette 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, 2035, and would be subject to a five-year review prior to December 31, 2030.

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

Lafayette County held a public hearing on February 6, 2025, as part of its public input and review process. The Lafayette 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
- 2024 workplan with accomplishments and current 2025 workplan

Presenters: Erica Sauer, County Conservationist
Max Blackburn, Conservation Technician
Laney Finkelmeyer, Conservation Specialist
Jed Grant, 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: Lafayette

Date Plan Submitted for Review: 4/1/2025

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"/>	<u>2,3</u>
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			08/08/2024
2.	Provide the date the county held a public hearing on the LWRM plan ¹			02/06/2025
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			May 2025
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"/>	<u>24-27</u>
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"/>	<u>14</u>
ii.	identification of the causes and sources of the water quality impairments and pollutant sources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	15-18

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.

iii. Identification of areas within the county that have water quality problems that merit action within the next 10 years. 34-35; _50_

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

- a. specific water quality objectives identified for each watershed based upon the resource assessment, if available 15-19 ;51
- b. pollutant load reduction targets for the watersheds, if available NA

Other comments:

IV. DNR CONSULTATION

Yes No Page

1. Did the county consult with DNR⁴ 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: _____

V. PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Yes No Page

1. Does the LWRM plan include the following implementation components: :

- a. A voluntary implementation strategy to encourage adoption of farm conservation practices 58, 52-53
- b. State and local regulations used to implement the plan _59; 53-56
- c. Compliance procedures that apply for failure to implement the conservation practices in ATCP 50, ch. NR 151 and related local regulations _59_
- d. Relevant conservation practices to achieve compliance with performance standards and prohibitions and to address identified water quality and erosion problems _64_66
- e. A system for meeting county responsibilities to monitor the compliance of participants in the farmland preservation program _58_

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 Work Plan
- b. the staff time needed to provide technical assistance and education and outreach to implement the plan. _61_Workplan

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.

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| 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"/> | 54-57-58 |
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Other comments: _____

VI. OUTREACH AND PARTNERING

Yes No Page

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| 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"/> | 56-57 |
| 2. Does the LWRM plan describe coordination activities with local, state and federal agencies? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 52-56
57 |

Other comments: _____

VII. WORK PLANNING AND PROGRESS MONITORING

Yes No Page

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| 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"/> | _____ |

Other comments: _____

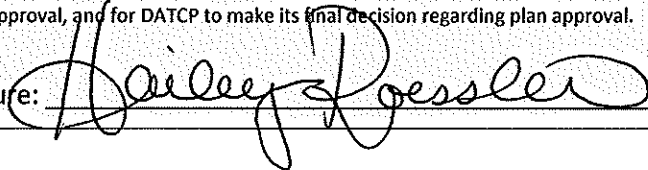
VIII. EPA SECTION 319 CONSIDERATIONS

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: **No**

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: _____

2/5/2025

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.



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

County: Lafayette

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.

Over the last 5 years, 2020-2024, Lafayette County LCPZD mainly utilized the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP) to work with county farmers to establish, implement and maintain NR 151 compliance. Currently, there are 265 program participants (64,700 total acres) with an average of 66 farm spot checks (average 13,786 acres) done each year. Even when being understaffed, compliance checks were still completed when it's still viewed as a daunting task.

Although there has been a drop in Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE) Program, some participants have moved to hiring private agronomists or have tenants taking over nutrient management. Given these circumstances, the LCPZD still holds 4 SNAP+ updates/meetings a year with a cumulative average farmer attendance of 16 participants. LCPZD continues to apply for the NMFE Grant and received an additional SEG innovation grant for 2025 to hopefully garner more participation in FPP and nutrient management.

Over the last 5 years, approximately \$366,520 in SWRM structural funds (\$118,280 from reserve fund 2021/2022) and Lafayette County tax levy funds were used to cost share voluntary landowner BMP installation. In addition, LCPZD also used to offer cost-sharing for cover crops through county funds, but the LCC decided to terminate the program due to lack of new producers trying out the program. In 2020-2022 there were 549 new acres of cover crop trials funded. Through the county budgeting process over the last 5 years, this fund has been reduced from \$10,000 to \$5,000 annually and now is typically used to fund projects that the SWRM grant cannot fund. The following practices have been implemented with SWRM/County cost-sharing in the last 5 years:

- Well Decommissioning – 29
- Manure Storage Closure - 9
- Stream Crossing – 4
- Streambank Stabilization – 4
- Grassed Waterway – 2
- Manure Storage – 2
- Roof & Cover – 1 (for barnyard)
- Grade Stabilization Structure – 1 (NRCS Partnered)

- Rotational Grazing – 1 (Interior fence, waterline, new seeding establishment)

LCPZD also received a substantial amount of MDV funding which we are working towards allocating to future projects.

Since the release of the SWIGG study results in 2022, the LCPZD has been working towards getting the public's awareness on groundwater. LCPZD staff has been meeting collaboratively with Iowa and Grant County to do more targeted outreach and education in regards to groundwater protection and nutrient management. There has also been a positive increase in awareness of well water testing, decommissioning of old wells and better septic system maintenance and tracking.

Significant time and effort has also gone into updating the manure storage ordinance since the NRCS 313 standard change. There were issues and disagreements among the LCC, other county board members and the public on whether the size exemption should remain as laid out in the prior version of Lafayette County's ordinance. With the results of the SWIGG study in 2022, there was more receptiveness to updating the manure storage ordinance. With this update there was a compromise to allow current structures/systems that were exempt from prior permitting to exist as is, as long as there wasn't any evidence of the system/structure causing a resource concern. Moving forward, all storage and transfer systems would be required to be engineered to NRCS standards and follow the county permitting process. In the prior ordinance, there was a lack in enforceable measures, which were also added into the new version of the ordinance in addition with certain NR 151 standards to allow better local enforcement of the certain NR 151 standards that the LCC felt were common violations. Since the adoption of the new ordinance in, 9 systems/structures have been permitted in the last 2 years with 7 permitted in the 3 years prior to the ordinance change. This spring, we expect to have 3 additional applications for permits and expect 2 to 3 additional applications in the remainder of 2025.

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.

The LCPZD has honestly been in turmoil in the last 5 years with a continuation of extreme challenges the department faces every year.

In 2020, the former department head directed that the County Trail Coordinator duties were to be added to the Conservation Technician's duties. Later into the year, the Farmland Preservation Specialist left and the county board decided to not refill the position putting those duties on the Conservation Technician and the department head. Next at the end of October, the department head and administrative assistant were fired and the administrative assistant duties were combined with the UW-Extension Administrative Assistant and UW-Extension staff were moved into the space where the LCPZD resided making a very cramped workspace to house the 3 full time employees and additional UW-Ext. educators that would work in Lafayette County from time to time. During this time the Conservation Technician served as the interim department head as well which covers zoning and sanitation in addition to conservation.

In February 2021, the new department head was hired and the Technician returned to normal duties with the addition of the County Trails and Farmland Preservation duties. At the beginning of March, the administrative assistant resigned and the Technician had to assume those duties until a replacement was hired in May. During this year, the technician had to fill in for the department head due to COVID hospitalization and the technician had COVID as well which took him out for a week of work. During this year, LCPZD had to also take on a more hands on approach to administering operation of the county park due to a dwindling volunteer support.

In January 2022, the administrative assistant resigned and the Technician again assumed those duties until the beginning of March when a replacement was hired. At the end of 2022, the county board decided to move the LCPZD and UW-Extension staff out of the USDA service center to the current office location. This has caused working in collaboration with NRCS or FSA on CREP and other federal programs or other collaborative efforts difficult.

In 2023 during the budgeting process, we are able to gain back the administrative assistant to be 100% in our department separately from UW-Extension and re-assigned as Assistant Zoning Administrator and gain another position as the Conservation Specialist. At this point the department felt we were on track to being somewhat functional as a department again going into 2024.

In 2024, the Conservation Specialist (formerly known as Farmland Preservation Specialist) was hired. During the budgeting process, to make the request more appealing to the county board, the Technician also took on additional duties as the Tri-County Trail Coordinator which oversees the 57.5 miles of trail that runs through Lafayette County and into Green & Iowa Counties. It was expected that this position would only take up not as much time (similar to the County Trails duties), but it was discovered that grant reimbursements were not applied for yet, totaling \$141,105 with the oldest delinquent grant from 2015. This took over 34 hours to rectify by going through old records to obtain the proper documentation for the reimbursements. Like other records and processes in the LCPZD, the Tri-County Trails documents and records were not organized and processes were not standardized, which is another work in progress to fix. Later on in the year, our Assistant Zoning Administrator transferred to another department in the county. At this point, the county board was going to not allow the position to be re-filled. Eventually a compromise was had and the position was allowed to be re-filled at a part time role in the department.

In conclusion, the last 5 years there was a lot of turmoil, so goals achieved basically came down to making this department function properly again as we went through poorly managed records along with processes and rules not being followed correctly in the past. Accordingly, we've had to go back, correct files as needed, educate the public about our program rules and proper processes that must be followed. Over this period, the department structure and roles have had to evolve as we have had to rebuild the department from square one. Collectively as of now, this department oversees Land Conservation, Planning & Zoning, County Parks, County Trails and Tri-County Trails.

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?

As shown on pages 57-58 of the 2025-2036 plan revision, the LCPZD is looking at a more multifaceted approach in order to hone in on priority areas for implementation. With prior department administration, a priority strategy was never really formulated or executed. In the last 5 years, the main driver has been the Farmland Preservation Program for focusing priority work to get new enrollment. A secondary priority has been the implementation of the updated manure storage ordinance and educating the public on groundwater quality & protection due to the SWIGG study results. This has resulted in an increase of idle manure storage closure and decommissioning of wells to protect groundwater

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.

Staffing has been the largest driver in shifting the direction of executing conservation on the ground. Since the variability in staffing levels in the last 5 years, goals & priorities would shift year to year with dealing with events such as extreme NR 151 violations requiring enforcement or NRCS projects needing additional funding. Second to that has been the SWIGG study results. Using those results as backing into why we have our regulations and chasing additional funding has been supportive of our department to move forward in progress towards our goals.

Please consider answering the following optional question (not to exceed 1 page)

1. The LWCB is interested in learning how county conservation staff are addressing changing weather patterns. To this end, the LWCB reached out to WI Land+Water for guidance, see the [WI Land+Water memo](#) dated for October 28, 2020. Your response to the following question will be appreciated.

Is climate change resiliency contained in your LWRM plan (Yes or No). If yes, indicate with page number(s) or statement(s) where within the LWRM plan it is located and please consider the factors below, as examples, in your answer.

- a. *Plants and natural communities (forests, wetlands, prairies, invasive species)*
- b. *Soil and agriculture*
- c. *Weather (growing season, seasonal temperatures, precipitation)*
- d. *Infrastructure*
- e. *Land owners (residents)*
- f. *Water resources (groundwater and surface water quality and quantity)*
- g. *Fisheries*
- h. *Wildlife*
- i. *Human health and recreation*

Answer Below

Climate is addressed in our 2025-2036 revision on page 12. It is our opinion that Lafayette County residents consist of a broad range in acceptance of climate change. Due to climate being usually treated as a controversial topic, we typically stay out mentioning that specific phrasing. Instead, we support practices and land uses that will be resilient to climate change impacts. It also did not rise to a high priority based off our Citizen's Advisory Committee, but we felt that it should still be addressed in our plan as climate can impact our agricultural productions greatly and not just our land and water resource protection efforts..

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:

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



Date: 3-4-25

Send completed form and attachments to:

Lisa.Trumble@wi.gov

**LAFAYETTE COUNTY 2024 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"> - <i>Waterway & Contour Strips</i> - <i>Host Spring and Fall NMP Classes</i> - <i>Cropland to pasture conversion</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Provide technical assistance for implementation ✓</i> - <i>50 new acres of cropland in compliance with NM standard 0ac.</i> - <i>68.5 68 acres of rotational grazing implemented ✓</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Livestock</i> 		
Livestock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Manure Storage Closure Implementation</i> - <i>Roof Runoff System installation</i> - <i>Stream Crossing installation</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>7 implemented across the county 3 implemented</i> - <i>2 Installed on one farm 0 implemented</i> - <i>2 Installed in the county 0 implemented</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>CREP</i> - <i>Well Abandonment</i> - <i>Streambank Protection</i> - <i>Tri-County Meetings (Grant, Iowa, Lafayette)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Continue to administer program & promote to landowners ✓</i> - <i>7 implemented across the county 6 implemented</i> - <i>400' at 2 sites 0' implemented</i> - <i>Continued coordination, education, and outreach in regards to SWIGG study continuation / build off results ✓</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Invasive</i> 		
Invasive species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Invasive species control, education and outreach</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Continue MOU and contracted implementation with Upper Sugar River Watershed Association ✓</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>Tree & shrub sale</i> - <i>Wildlife damage program</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>4,750 trees and shrubs sold 5,450 sold & 16,762 planted using county tree planters</i> - <i>Continue to administer program w/ USDA-APHIS & DNR ✓</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Watershed</i> 		
Watershed strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Continue working with Producer-Led Watershed Group Lafayette Ag Stewardship Alliance (LASA)</i> - <i>Revising LWRM Plan</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Attend board meetings, act as a partner and provide technical assistance on conservation practices ✓ Attended a few meetings and one field day</i>

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		-Meetings with stakeholders and update LWRM plan ✓
• Other		
Other	Non-Metallic Mining	Continued site inspections and expect one new permit application. <i>New site delayed for application for 2025 consideration</i>

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	6 / 5	6 / 5
Manure storage closure	7 / 3	7 / 3
Livestock facility siting	2 / 0	2 / 0
Nonmetallic/frac sand mining	1 / 0	1 / 0
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	n/a	n/a
Shoreland zoning	4 / 3	4 / 3
Wetlands and waterways (Ch. 30)	n/a	n/a
Other	n/a	n/a

Table 3: Planned inspections

Inspections	Number of inspections planned
Total Farm Inspections	62 / 63
For FPP	62 / 63
For NR 151	0 / 2
Animal waste ordinance	6 / 5
Livestock facility siting	2 / 0
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	n/a
Nonmetallic mining	19 / 4

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Table 4: Planned outreach and education activities

Activity	Number
Tours	0
Field days	0
Trainings/workshops	4 – Nutrient Management Trainings, 1 – Soil Health w/ American Farmland Trust ✓
School-age programs (camps, field days, classroom)	1 – Tri-County Soil Judging in Grant County ✓ Poster Contest – 7 total submitted
Newsletters	0
Social media posts	5 0 – social media page not established
News release/story	3 – FPP outreach articles / possible success stories 0 completed

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

Staff/Support	Hours	Costs
County Conservationist (60%)	1248	\$73,932.61 ✓
Conservation Technician (100%)	2080	\$71,820.41 ✓
Conservation Specialist (100%)	2080	\$59,659.31 ✓
Cost Sharing (can be combined)		
SWRM	N/A	\$121,677.42 (\$54,477.42 from FY23) \$58,450.53 (\$56,073 of FY24 extended to FY25)
COUNTY	N/A	\$5,000 \$0
NMFE	N/A	\$21,911.80 (\$12,161.80 from FY23) \$2,555

Additional projects/tasks completed in 2024 that were not originally planned for:

- Manure Storage Ordinance Revision
- Livestock Siting Ordinance Revision
- Worked with Economic Development Department on Economic impact report on recreation/trails in Lafayette County
- Tri-County Trail Coordinator Oversight

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cropland</i> 		
Cropland, soil health and/or nutrient management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Grassed Waterway</i> - <i>Host Spring and Fall NMP Classes</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>2 farms with new waterways installed</i> - <i>1 new farm enrolled in NMFE class</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Livestock</i> 		
Livestock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Manure Storage Installation</i> - <i>Manure Storage Closure Implementation</i> - <i>Stream Crossing Installation</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>1 installed</i> - <i>1 implemented across the county</i> - <i>2 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>CREP</i> - <i>Well Abandonment</i> - <i>Streambank Protection</i> - <i>Hydrologic Restoration</i> - <i>Tri-County Meetings (Grant, Iowa, Lafayette)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Continue to administer program & promote to landowners</i> - <i>5 implemented across the county</i> - <i>300' installed</i> - <i>1 project completed with NRCS & Trout Unlimited</i> - <i>Continued coordination, education, and outreach in regards to SWIGG study continuation / build off results</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Invasive</i> 		
Invasive species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Invasive species control, education and outreach</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Continue MOU and contracted implementation with Upper Sugar River Watershed Association</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>Tree & shrub sale</i> - <i>Tree & shrub planter</i> - <i>Wildlife damage program</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>5,000 trees and shrubs sold</i> - <i>County planters (2) used to plant 5,000 trees & shrubs</i> - <i>Continue to administer program w/ USDA-APHIS & DNR</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Watershed</i> 		
Watershed strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Continue working with Producer-Led Watershed Group Lafayette Ag Stewardship Alliance (LASA)</i> - <i>Mapping NR 151 compliance</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Attend board meetings, act as a partner and provide technical assistance on conservation practices</i> - <i>Produce a baseline shapefile to assist the department in tracking NR 151 implementation and where to focus future efforts in the county</i>

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- *Other*

Other	<i>Non-Metallic Mining Farmland Preservation Plan County Ordinance Updates</i>	<i>Continued site inspections and expect one new permit application. Begin work on revising plan Revise sanitary ordinance for increased groundwater protection</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	n/a	n/a
Manure storage construction and transfer systems	7	6
Manure storage closure	1	1
Livestock facility siting	1	1
Nonmetallic/frac sand mining	1	1
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	n/a	n/a
Shoreland zoning	5	5
Floodplain zoning	1	1
Wetlands and waterways (Ch. 30)	n/a	n/a
Other	n/a	n/a

Table 3: Planned inspections

Inspections	Number of inspections planned
Total Farm Inspections	76
For FPP	74
For NR 151	2
Animal waste ordinance	6
Livestock facility siting	1
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	n/a
Nonmetallic mining	15

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Table 4: Planned outreach and education activities

Activity	Number
Tours	0
Field days	1
Trainings/workshops	4 – Nutrient Management Trainings
School-age programs (camps, field days, classroom)	1 – Tri-County Soil Judging in Green County 1 – Poster Contest
Newsletters	0
Social media posts	5 & Establish Social Media Page
News release/story	1 – FPP outreach articles / possible success story

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

Staff/Support	Hours	Costs
County Conservationist – FT (60%)	1248	\$74,690.78
Conservation Technician – FT (100%)	2080	\$80,183.64
Conservation Specialist – FT (100%)	2080	\$65,663.99
Assistant Zoning Administrator – PT (9%)	145	\$13,691.64
	Total:	\$234,230.05
Cost Sharing (can be combined)		
SWRM	N/A	\$116,073 (\$56,073 from FY24)
COUNTY	N/A	\$5,000
NMFE	N/A	\$9,750
SEG Innovation Grant	N/A	\$5,000

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM _____ State of Wisconsin

DATE: April 1, 2025

TO: Land and Water Conservation Board Members and Advisors

FROM: Katy Smith, DATCP
Land & Resource Management Section,
Bureau of Land and Water Resources

SUBJECT: Five Year Review of the *Marathon 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 Marathon County land and water resource management plan has been approved through December 31, 2030, contingent on a five-year review conducted prior to December 31, 2025. In advance of the five-year review, Marathon 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
- 2024 Annual Workplan with Accomplishments
- 2025 Annual Workplan

Presenters: Kirstie Heidenreich, County Conservationist; Matt Repking, Conservation Analyst;
Mike Ritter, Environmental Resources Committee Vice Chair



Land and Water Conservation Board County Land and Water
Resource Management Plan
Five Year Review of LWRM Plans

County: Marathon

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 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.**

- **Fenwood Creek Watershed (Nine-Key Element Priority Watershed):**

Our work plans have continually focused on highly prioritizing Fenwood Creek Watershed farms. In the past five years, we have started the Fenwood Creek Pilot Project, which is a non-prescriptive approach to incentivize farmers to voluntarily reduce their phosphorus index on their fields to half of the State Standards. Through this pilot project, we are able to successfully reduce several thousands of pounds of phosphorus and thousands of tons of sediment per year in the watershed.

We have also successfully applied for a three-year Large-Scale Targeted Runoff Management from the WI DNR, and have spent almost \$350,000 through that program to work with Fenwood watershed farms. We have visited almost every single agricultural and/or riparian property in this watershed, to encourage landowners to adopt conservation practices.

In 2023, our department helped a watershed event titled “Moving Fenwood Forward,” which was geared towards any landowner in the watershed that owned 10+ acres. We developed a logo, a free t-shirt, and offered a free dinner, while landowners could come listen to different conservation options for their land, and hear about all the people and resources available to help them. We invited NRCS, Pheasants Forever, UW-Extension, Grassland 2.0, Big Eau Pleine Citizens Organization, Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation, and local seed companies/agronomists. Over 130 landowners attended, and it was a huge success. Our work plan identified outreach for a new round of large-scale TRM grant funding, and we set planning perimeters for how many landowners we could reach each year.

The planning process helped Marathon County achieve intended outcomes in the Fenwood due to the County setting specific phosphorus reduction and education/outreach goals. Each year we have had to adjust our targets to meet our LWRM Plan goals, and our County’s Strategic Plan, which stated we need to reduce the phosphorus by 20% in our priority watershed.

- **“Promote and Grow the Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)”:**

Marathon County always prioritizes this program in its Annual Work Plans and in the LWRM Plan. With about 400 participants in FPP, we plan out approximately 75-100 farm inspections per year, with a continual goal of renewing expired contracts or gaining new FPP contracts. We write in to our work plans that we will continue to meet with townships and landowners to grow the program, and we are able to do this throughout the year due to work plan goals that are set.

We were able to update and adopt the newest version of our Farmland Preservation Plan in 2024, which was a heavy lift and a huge accomplishment. We completely revamped the format and approach to the plan and received excellent feedback on the project. We planned for the updates over approximately two years so that we would have adequate time to gather new data and public input.

- **Managed Grazing Program**

We have been able to successfully run a thriving managed grazing program by having a full-time Grazing Analyst, who we work with to set specific goals in our annual work plans. We are typically able to write around ten new grazing plans per year, with our program dedicated to increased education and outreach activities. The pasture walk program has continued to remain vital, as our staff works to include new topics and new farmers each year to highlight.

One pivot we have had to make in our planning is that we have learned over the past few years that we cannot aim for a high acreage count with managed grazing, as many of our new graziers have limited access to farmland. It has worked better for us to set our goals around new farmers reached or who are willing to try grazing on a small scale. There is also about 50% of our graziers that are simply expanding their grazing operation, which is another adjustment we have to make when planning for new graziers.

- **Growing Community Engagement**

EPPIC Producer-Led Group: In the past five years, our department has continued to access grant money (through NRCS) to fund a full-time position that serves as the Coordinator for EPPIC. The county has assisted EPPIC in developing their first-ever website in 2024 (<https://www.eaupleinepartnership.com/>), and holding annual events (such as “Common Ground,” which routinely has 100 attendees). The county also hosts field days and “Shop Talks” with EPPIC, and together we have been successful in reaching hundreds of landowners a year.

2. Identify any areas where the county was unable to make desired progress in implementing activities identified in multiple 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.

Marathon County has typically been able to make progress on all of the areas planned within work plans. The department is fortunate enough to have eight full-time staff members with combined conservation experience of approximately 110 years in the conservation field. The institutional knowledge of having three senior staff with 10, 25+, and 35+ years of experience in Marathon County is invaluable. The department has also shifted to a cross-training approach over the last three years, which has helped tremendously for production of work and staff’s general knowledge. Several years ago we realized we had a “stratified” department, with half of the department being young professionals, and the other half being senior staff. We developed a Mentorship Program with about a dozen various “training modules,” that the senior staff taught classroom and field sessions for. Our training modules included sessions on our Animal Waste Ordinance, Farmland Preservation, CREP, Livestock Siting, Nutrient Management, Manure Spills, Communication, File documentation and organization, and more. The end result has essentially been like putting our young professionals in a greenhouse, and having our senior staff’s knowledge and skills passed along to them is perhaps one of the greatest gifts they will ever receive. We now have a department where all eight of us could essentially carry out any task or fill in for any position if needed. WI Land + Water worked with us to host the first-ever Young Conservation Professionals Training in 2024, which we hosted in Marathon County at the Big Eau Pleine County Park. We worked with them to develop a day of training (in hard and soft skills) for new staff, and we had 100 young professionals in attendance (many within their first year of conservation experience).

We have also been able to continually be successful due to a supportive Land Conservation Committee, Department Director, and County Administrator. Marathon County believes very strongly in core values (including honesty, kindness, and respect), and has created a culture of support and encouragement in which any team can thrive.

3. Describe how the county’s work plans implement its priority farm strategy and the effectiveness of county actions implementing agricultural performance standards and conservation practices on farms. In particular, the county should describe outreach, farm inventories, and additional funds that were pursued to implement its strategy.

Our Priority Farm Strategy as listed in our LWRM Plan is as follows:

“Currently there is high demand for administrative, technical, cost-sharing, and regulatory services administered through CPZ. The two highest priority objectives to meet plan goals are:

• Implementation of priority cropland Best Management Practices (BMPs) which support the five principles of soil health, listed above, include but are not limited to cover crops, no-till and conservation tillage, managed grazing, grassed waterways, clean water diversions, perennial forages, manure spreading during low-risk times of the year, and implementing nutrient management plans.

• Implementation of NR 151 Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions.”

The Marathon County Conservation Department has continually prioritized the above excerpt in its Annual Work Plans and in day-to-day staff time and production. We secured \$50,000 for a grant titled “Every Farmer Incentive Program,” which cost-shares soil health practices. We also secured multiple Nature Conservancy Innovation Grants (two \$10,000 grants) for edge-of-field practices. Mississippi River Basin Good Idea Mini Grant for \$10,000 which installs trials of various types of buffers. EPA’s “Small Communities, Big Challenges” Grant provided us with \$33,000 to convert conventional cropland to prairie, surrounding municipal wells of a small village with high nitrates. We have also received multiple DNR Surface Water Grants over the last few years, which have totaled almost half a million dollars. We continually get grants renewed with the National Association of Conservation District (NACD) for about \$100,000/year for staff funding, and Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has given us another \$500,000+ over five years for a staff position. Because we produce results and meet goals as a team, we have been very fortunate to receive outside funding instead of just relying on DATCP funding that all conservation departments receive in Wisconsin.

Our department typically receives some of the most SEG funds in Wisconsin from DATCP (around \$100,000/year) for nutrient management and agronomic practices because we work with so many landowners each year to meet “implementation of priority cropland BMPS.” Two of our conservation staff are CCAs (certified crop advisors), so they have been able to help carry the heavy load of many cost-share contracts and education/outreach related to NMPs. We continue to offer free Nutrient Management Training each year for farmers in the first quarter of the year, and in 2024 we were able to get Portage County to join our multi-county nutrient management team.

We adopted NR 151 Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions in to our most recent revisions of our Animal Waste Management Ordinance, and that has assisted us in bringing additional farms in to compliance with these requirements. We carry out at least 20 NR 151 farm inspections per year, on top of our 75-100 Farmland Preservation farm inspections.

4. Provide representative examples that show changes in direction for work planning in the upcoming five years, with specific examples provided showing adjustments in planned activities in the county’s most recent work plan.

Our 2025 Work Plan was the first year that we included a focus on activities related to manure application during high risk (frozen, snow covered or saturated) soil conditions (which would include making changes to our Animal Waste Management Ordinance). This has been written in to LWRM Plans in the past, along with several other strategic planning documents, but no action has been taken on it over the last two decades. We are currently engaged with our Land Conservation Committee to develop limitations for winter applied manure. We wrote in to our plan that we would like to hold at least 3-4 educational sessions about winter applied manure and how to reduce runoff.

We are also making the shift towards trying to expand our incentive-based Phosphorus Index reduction programs. Our Fenwood Pilot Project only has enough funding for five farms (using WI DNR Multi-Discharger Variance funding), and we would like to offer this program county-wide. In 2020-2023, we attempted to seek funding through the WI Legislature, only to come up short after both the Assembly and Senate Committees on the Environment voted “yes” to our bill, but the bill did not make it to the floor for a vote. In 2025 we applied for a grant with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for \$1.5 million to offer our pilot program throughout the whole Big Eau Pleine Watershed, which is most of Western Marathon County. We

have a goal in our work plan of applying for at least one more similar grant this year, which is something we have not included in previous work plans.

Our Lakes Program is also becoming more robust and moving towards new and innovative activities instead of standard lake group and shoreline work. With receiving a \$100,000 DNR Surface Water Grant in 2024, we will install new aerators in Big Eau Pleine reservoir, develop a local manure runoff advisory system, begin a beach testing program, and conduct a fish movement study in the Big Eau Pleine reservoir. We will also complete one point intercept study on a Marathon County lake (on the east side of the County), which has never been done before through our department.

Lastly, our Groundwater Program has really taken off over the past two years, and we are including activities in our work plan that have never been done before by our department. We are working to update Marathon County's Groundwater Plan and have it completed by December 2025. We are also working with the WEAL Lab at UW-Stevens Point to build a "dashboard" on the Marathon County website to share data with citizens on the (summarized by town) results of 1,000 private well tests. In 2024, we were able to work with landowners to complete 1000 private well tests to develop our first set of baseline well water data for the county. We want to continue administering a private well/groundwater testing program and develop a mechanism to carry this out. We are also setting aside staff time to increase efforts using the "#MarathonMethod" to notify landowners within 0.25 miles of a contaminated well of the occurrence, and encourage them to get their wells tested. One last "big lift" in our newly developed groundwater program, is to use our EPA grant funds to assist the Village of Athens with converting approximately 60 acres of cropland surrounding their municipal wells to prairie and perennial grasses.

Annual Work Plans

Attach both of the following:

- a. The most current annual work prepared by the county.
- b. The work plan for the previous year that includes a column that identifies the progress in implementing the planned activities for that year.

Board Review Process

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. Counties have the option to prepare a brief presentation to illustrate their successes and future priorities.

Land Conservation Committee Notification

The LCC was provided a completed copy of these questions (including attachments) on: 2/28/2025

Signature of Authorized Representative:  Date: 2/28/2025

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cropland</i> 			
Cropland, soil health and/or nutrient management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nutrient management planning, farmer education (NMFE Administration), compliance requirements. ○ Partner with on-farm and farmer-led pasture walks, no-till field days. ○ Hold “common ground” event with community water quality stakeholders ○ Develop and implement grazing plans on 500 acres-transition plan 500 acres of existing acres to new managers. ○ Promote and grow the Farmland Preservation Program of Marathon County. Ensure nearly 400 claimants meet eligibility requirements. ○ Continue effort in Fenwood Watershed utilizing MDV funds in project area for superior farming systems ○ Windshield survey of Fenwood Watershed ○ No-till drill rental program-rent out and maintain three drills for county no-till drill rental program ○ Install 300 new feet of riparian buffers; primarily in the Big Eau Pleine Watershed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hold 2-3 farmer education classes. Meet all 590 ordinance requirements on all 590 planned acres of cropland in the county, approximately 70% of acreage. ○ Add 2000 new 590 acres in county ○ 7000# lbs of P reduced (using any approved method) ○ 176,000 acres of cropland in compliance with 590 performance standard by the end of 2023. ○ Perform on farm performance standard reviews for up to 90 participants) per year to ensure farms meet eligibility requirements and to also provide a review for farmers wanting to enter the program Farmland Preservation Program. ○ Renovate 500 acres of cropland and pastureland through no-till seeding utilizing drills rented out through county program and other recognized methods. ○ Add 700 new acres of no-till farming in the county 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Held <i>4 farmer education classes</i> and included a new Portage Co location (cancelled due to low enrollment) ○ Added in <i>3,151 new acres</i> in NMPs by targeting farms with runoff and/or groundwater concerns. Increased acres of cropland in <i>compliance with 590 standards to 181,836 acres.</i> ○ Continued Fenwood Pilot Program which led the majority of P reduction efforts in 2024 (<i>8,980 total lbs of P 2017-2024</i>) ○ Completed <i>97 farm performance reviews</i> in 2024 (FPP and farm inspections) ○ <i>373 Acres</i> of no-till seeding done using Marathon County’s no-till drill ○ New acres of no-till were at <i>479 acres</i>, but included approximately <i>300 acres of reduced tillage as well.</i> ○ <i>Soil health was continually implemented in to all of our outreach and education activities throughout 2024</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Livestock</i> 			
Livestock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Administer Livestock Facility licensing ordinance ○ Administer Animal Waste Management ordinance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Abandon 3 manure pits ○ Build 1 new manure pit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Abandoned 10 manure pits; prioritizing those with</i>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop managed grazing plans for 8 new farms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inspect all livestock licensed facilities for compliance with licensing standards-17 farms ○ Ensure compliance with all ordinance requirements based upon manure or runoff complaints ○ 500 new acres are planned to managed grazing ○ 400 new acres implement managed grazing ○ 500 acres of existing managed grazing acreage is improved 	<p>resource concerns (depth to water table or pits constructed w/out permits)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assisted landowners with installing <i>10 new pits</i> ○ Inspected <i>18 livestock siting farms</i> (added 1 new farm) ○ Responded to <i>30 complaints</i> related to manure/runoff concerns ○ <i>224 new managed grazing acres</i> (staff in year 2 of position); technical assistance provided to approx.. 30 landowners. <i>20,355 linear feet of new fencing installed.</i>
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• *Water quality*

<p>Water quality/quantity (other than activities already listed in other categories)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Grow CREP program ● Test 1000 private wells through new Groundwater testing program ● Test 50 farm wells through new farm well testing program ● Citizen monitoring: Grow the WAV (Water Action Volunteers Program) in Marathon County to include two new streams ● Grow Marathon County Lake Groups ● Work with DNR to conduct a study on groundwater quantity in Western Marathon County ● Work with DATCP to begin an atrazine study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use Marathon County Funds (\$200,000) to test another 500 private wells (1000 wells total in 2023-2024) ● Begin updating MC's 2001 Groundwater Plan and form County Groundwater Workgroup – hold 6 meetings ● Locate and host 10 WAV stream testing sites; recruit at least 10 new volunteers to stream test ● Have landowners sign at least 10 new CREP contracts ● Hold at least one outreach event for our Eastern Lakes program ● Finalize and utilize buffer and gully inventory in Fenwood Creek Watershed ● Work w/ DATCP to test at least 20 wells for atrazine in atrazine prohibition areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>A huge push</i> for CREP accomplished <i>33 new acres in 2024!</i> Our county has not seen this many new acres in many years. ● Kicked off a brand new county-wide groundwater program and <i>tested 1,001 private wells</i> ● Applied for & received UW-Ext grant for farm worker private water testing & <i>tested 54 farm wells</i> ● Expanded the WAV program to <i>25 volunteers and added in two new streams</i> ● Worked w/ DNR Groundwater Chief to give presentation to County Board on quantity issues ● Partnered with Ken Potrykus at DATCP and <i>completed atrazine testing in our 2 prohibition areas</i>
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• *Forestry*

<p>Forestry</p>	<p>Barker Island Shoreland Restoration Project</p> <p>Administer tree planter rental program. (Marathon County rents out two tree planters for large scale tree planting efforts by private landowners.)</p> <p>Cooperate with the DNR in relation to forestry efforts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct at least 3 invasive species removal work days on Barker Island • Use a DNR Lakes Grant to install 50 native shoreland species on Barker Island • Assist at least 5 landowners in renting the tree planter • Assist at least 3 landowners with woodland invasive species site visits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barker Island project completed in 2023 and is continuing to be evaluated/inspected going forward • New signs installed on Barker Island for invasive species identification • Tree planter made available to Marathon Co residents • Worked with Golden Sands RC&D to implement invasive species program
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• *Invasive*

<p>Invasive species</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to develop a Marathon County purple loosestrife campaign • Contract out AIS work with Golden Sands RC&D. • Lakes are monitored and treated for AIS in the county as part of lake management plans. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Map at least 100 purple loosestrife locations • Work with Golden Sands to identify landowners to rear purple loosestrife beetles (at least 3 landowners) • Raise purple loosestrife beetles on Marathon County property (3 children's swimming pools) • Monitor and attempt to control AIS in 30 water bodies of Marathon County. All funding is from DNR grants and in kind match from Marathon County. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued to grow GIS data on purple loosestrife locations & <i>shared geospatial data</i> with Golden Sands RC&D • Partnered with Golden Sands RC&D to have <i>three beetle rearing locations</i> in the county • Raised 2 children's swimming pools of beetles (6 pots per pool) and partnered with UW Ag Research Station to dig up all new plants to rear the beetles in • Partnered with Golden Sands RC&D to monitor and control AIS • Two Conservation technicians attend AIS trainings and assist Vilas County in lake monitoring (to learn techniques for Marathon)
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• *Wildlife*

<p>Wildlife- Wetlands-Habitat (other than forestry or invasive species)</p>	<p>Administer the Wildlife damage and abatement program through contract with APHIS Wildlife Services</p> <p>Wetland restoration</p>	<p>Protect farmers from crop damage on all affected acres</p> <p>Work with at least one landowner on a wetland restoration in the Big Eau Pleine Watershed</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Partnered with APHIS Wildlife Services for wildlife/crop damage and held 3 meetings in 2024 checking in with them and our DNR Wildlife Services partners. ○ Identified one wetland
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		Work with at least one CREP contract to use a CP-23 (wetland restoration) instead of just a filter strip	restoration site. Worked with WI DNR to begin wetland restoration and the project was stalled/terminated due to red tape.
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• *Urban*

Urban issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage the North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition along with Marathon County’s MS4 permit • Insure shoreland owners have restoration plans for earth disturbance in the shoreland area. • Require documentation of DNR permits for disturbances over 1 acre. 	Ensure compliance with permit requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Marathon Co. Planner worked on compliance for MS4 permit and discussed potential phosphorus trading with conservation staff ○ Conservation technician <i>assisted 5 shoreland landowners with restoration plans</i> (design and technical assistance). ○ Information on DNR erosion control permits provided to all landowners installing animal waste storage.
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• *Watershed*

Watershed strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue implementation of Fenwood Creek Watershed project (TRM-nine key element plan) (HUC-070700021602)-utilizing MDV funds and large-scale TRM grant • Continue on Year 4 of the Fenwood Creek Pilot Program • Implement DNR watershed grant and DATCP producer-led grant in co-operation with the Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation (EPPIC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fenwood Creek: Continue Information and education efforts along with implementation of planned farmstead and cropland practices. Hold at least 1 outreach dinner targeting 100 landowners. Hold at least 1 field day targeting 50 landowners. • Give at least 5 presentations on our Fenwood Creek Pilot Program • Reduce an additional 7,000 pounds of P in the Fenwood using cover crops, no till, and buffers • EPPIC producer led group: Hold 4 field events. Contact 30 landowners to develop conservation/nutrient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed year 2 of 3 Large-Scale TRM Grant for Fenwood Creek watershed – completed three grassed waterway projects, 310 new acres of cover crops; 55 no till acres, and 1 manure pit closure) • Reduced P by 2,605lbs in the Fenwood using TRM & CREP dollars • Reduced P by 1,711lbs using MDV funds (1219 acres) • Worked 861 staff hours in the Fenwood Creek Watershed • Continued the Fenwood Creek Pilot Project with <i>all 5 participants re-enrolling</i> • Various staff gave 7 presentations on our Fenwood Creek Pilot Program around
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		<p>management plans (spend \$25,000 in producer-led incentives)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implement 3-4 demonstration sites with producer led grant 	<p>the state</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated with EPPIC producer-led group to <i>host 6 field events and 3 Shop Talks</i>; spent \$25,000 in producer-led incentives for soil health and \$20,000 in private grants for buffer practices (that were also demonstration sites) • Hosted a regional event for all lake groups and producer-led groups in the WI River Basin, called “WI River Basin Bash” and had 100 attendees.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Other</i> 			
<p>Other</p>	<p>Administer Non-metallic mining Ordinance for Marathon County</p> <p>Continue Big Eau Pleine Reservoir Plan action items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue permit requirements, review and inspect 130 +/- NMM sites for compliance with ordinance requirements. (fully funded by fees from operators) • Work with partners in the Big Eau Pleine to install new aerators (received \$175,000 in county funding to purchase them in 2023) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marathon Co. Zoning Department inspected approx. 130 NMM sites • Continued working with Big Eau Pleine Partners on work to install new aerators in reservoir. • Secured DNR Surface Water Grant to begin a fish movement study in the Big Eau Pleine reservoir – working with Big Eau Pleine partners to administer aspects. Marathon Co. Conservation Technician will take the lead on the fish movement study along with DNR fish biologist. • Began beach testing (bacteria) in Big Eau Pleine County Park • Assisted several landowners with small-scale prairie installations (Technical assistance/no cost-share).

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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	N/A	N/A
Manure storage construction and transfer systems	2	2
Manure storage closure	3	3
Livestock facility siting	2	2
Nonmetallic/frac sand mining	3	3
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	0	0
Shoreland zoning	150	150
Wetlands and waterways (Ch. 30)	1	1
Other		

Table 3: Planned inspections

Inspections	Number of inspections planned
Total Farm Inspections	150
For FPP	70
For NR 151	5
Animal waste ordinance	20
Livestock facility siting	17
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	0
Nonmetallic mining	135

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Table 4: Planned outreach and education activities

Activity	Number
Tours	2
Field days	10
Trainings/workshops	12
School-age programs (camps, field days, classroom)	15
Newsletters	6
Social media posts	50
News release/story	3

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

Staff/Support	Hours	Costs
<i>Conservation staff supported by revenue other than DATCP/DNR</i>	13,728	\$456,293.59
<i>Conservation staff supported by revenue from DATCP/DNR</i>	4,160	\$204,057.58
		<i>Total Staffing Costs: \$660,351.17</i>
		See SWRM 2024 grant application for details
Cost Sharing (can be combined)		
<i>Bonding</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$75,500</i>
<i>SEG</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$95,000</i>
<i>MDV</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$45,000</i>
<i>Every farmer Incentive Program (DATCP Supp. SEG)</i>		<i>\$50,000</i>
<i>DNR TRM Grant</i>		<i>\$350,000</i>
<i>DATCP Producer-Led Grant</i>		<i>\$30,000</i>
<i>The Nature Conservancy Innovation Grant</i>		<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Mississippi River Basin Good Idea Mini Grant</i>		<i>\$10,000</i>

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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> 		
<p>Cropland, soil health and/or nutrient management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Educate public and farmers about winter applied manure runoff risks. ○ Develop limitations for winter applied manure. ○ Nutrient management planning, farmer education (NMFE Administration), compliance requirements. ○ Partner with on-farm and farmer-led pasture walks, no-till field days. ○ Hold “Common Ground” event with community water quality stakeholders ○ Develop and implement grazing plans on 500 acres/transition plan 500 acres of existing acres to new managers. ○ Promote and grow the Farmland Preservation Program of Marathon County. Ensure nearly 400 claimants meet eligibility requirements. ○ Continue effort in Fenwood Creek HUC-12 Watershed, utilizing DNR MDV funds in project area for superior farming systems ○ No-till drill rental program-rent out and maintain three drills for county no-till drill rental program ○ Install 300 new feet of riparian buffers; primarily in the Big Eau Pleine Watershed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hold 3-4 educational sessions about winter applied manure and how to reduce runoff ○ Develop more strict winter manure spreading restrictions to incorporate into the county Animal Waste Ordinance. ○ Hold 3 farmer education classes. Meet all 590 ordinance requirements on all 590 planned acres of cropland in the county, approximately 60% of acreage. ○ Add 2000 new 590 acres in county ○ 5000# lbs of P reduced (using any approved method) ○ 182,000 acres of cropland in compliance with 590 performance standard by the end of 2025. ○ Perform on farm performance standard reviews for up to 90 participants) per year to ensure farms meet eligibility requirements and to also provide a review for farmers wanting to enter the program Farmland Preservation Program. ○ Renovate 500 acres of cropland and pastureland through no-till seeding utilizing drills rented out through county program and other recognized methods. ○ Add 500 new acres of no-till farming in the County ○ Apply for two new grants to fund the expansion of incentive-based Phosphorus Index reduction programs ○ Work with at least five landowners on increased implementation of their NMPs (field checks, manure logs, manure testing, etc).
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Livestock</i> 		
<p>Livestock</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Administer Livestock Facility licensing ordinance ○ Administer Animal Waste Management ordinance ○ Develop managed grazing plans for 8 new farms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Abandon 3 manure pits ○ Build 1 new manure pit ○ Inspect all livestock licensed facilities for compliance with licensing standards-18 farms / collect and review quarterly reports from licensed facilities ○ Ensure compliance with all ordinance requirements based upon manure or runoff complaints

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 500 new acres are planned to managed grazing ○ 400 new acres implement managed grazing ○ Run BARNY analysis on all livestock facilities in Fenwood Creek (priority) watershed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Water quality</i> 		
<p>Water quality/quantity (other than activities already listed in other categories)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grow CREP program ○ Work with UWSP staff to interpret data from 1000 private well tests. ○ Continue administering private well/groundwater testing program ○ Seek out new and innovative ways for outreach to landowners regarding well testing ○ Connect Marathon County landowners to testing and funding for contaminated wells ○ Continue to host and lead the WAV (Water Action Volunteers Program) program in Marathon County ○ Grow Marathon County Lake Groups ○ Collaborate with the Marathon County Health Department on beach testing of the Big Eau Pleine Reservoir ○ Seek funding to continue Total Phosphorus monitoring of streams in the Big Eau Pleine Watershed ○ Continue to work with a Marathon County village to address high nitrates in municipal wells 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increase CREP program by 10 acres in 2025. ○ Update Marathon County’s Groundwater Plan and have it completed by December 2025. ○ Build a “dashboard” on the Marathon County website to share data with citizens on the (summarized by town) results of 1,000 private well tests. ○ Work with Marathon County landowners to apply for ARPA Well Compensation Grants for new wells or water treatment systems ○ Increase efforts using the “#MarathonMethod” to notify landowners within 0.25 miles of a contaminated well of the occurrence, and encourage them to get their wells tested... mail at least 2,000 landowners notices. ○ Citizen monitoring: Grow the WAV (Water Action Volunteers Program) in Marathon County to include two new streams and four new volunteers ○ Engage with Marathon County Lake Groups on two new projects ○ Complete one point intercept study on a Marathon County lake (on the east side of the County) ○ Test the Big Eau Pleine County Park beach for bacteria and e.coli weekly during May-September ○ Using DNR funding, test the Big Eau Pleine Watershed at 4 points for Total Phosphorus and compile data ○ Using EPA grant funds, assist the Village of Athens with converting approx.. 60 acres of cropland surrounding their municipal wells to prairie and perennial grasses.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Forestry</i> 		
<p>Forestry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Administer tree planter rental program. (Marathon County rents out tree planters for large scale tree planting efforts by private landowners). ○ Cooperate with the DNR in relation to forestry efforts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assist at least 5 landowners in renting the tree planter ○ Assist at least 3 landowners with woodland invasive species site visits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Invasive</i> 		
<p>Invasive species</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue to develop a Marathon County purple loosestrife campaign 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Map at least 100 purple loosestrife locations ○ Work with Golden Sands to identify landowners to rear

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		Eau Pleine reservoir, develop a local manure runoff advisory system, begin a beach testing program, and conduct a fish movement study in the Big Eau Pleine reservoir.
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• *Other*

Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Administer Non-metallic mining Ordinance for Marathon County ○ Continue Big Eau Pleine Reservoir Plan action items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue permit requirements, review and inspect 130 +/- NMM sites for compliance with ordinance requirements. (fully funded by fees from operators) ○ Work with partners in the Big Eau Pleine to install new aerators (received \$175,000 in county funding to purchase them in 2023)
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		<i>Total Staffing Costs: \$585,000.00</i>
		See SWRM 2025 grant application for details
Cost Sharing (can be combined)		
<i>Bonding</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$73,454</i>
<i>SEG</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$95,000</i>
<i>MDV</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$27,798</i>
<i>DNR TRM Grant</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>\$350,000</i>
<i>DATCP Producer-Led Grant</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>\$26,000</i>
<i>The Nature Conservancy Innovation Grant</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Mississippi River Basin Good Idea Mini Grant</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>

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<i>EPA "Small Communities, Big Challenges" Grant</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>\$33,000</i>
<i>NACD (National Association of Conservation Districts)</i>	<i>800</i>	<i>\$100,000</i>
<i>NRCS Technical Assistance Grant (2024-2029)</i>	<i>500 hours/year</i>	<i>\$571,775</i>
<i>DNR Surface Water Grant (2024 award)</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>\$99,000</i>

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM _____ State of Wisconsin

DATE: April 1, 2025

TO: Land and Water Conservation Board Members and Advisors

FROM: Katy Smith, DATCP
Land & Resource Management Section,
Bureau of Land and Water Resources

SUBJECT: Five Year Review of the *Jefferson 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 Jefferson County land and water resource management plan has been approved through December 31, 2030, contingent on a five-year review conducted prior to December 31, 2025. In advance of the five-year review, Jefferson 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
- 2024 Annual Workplan with Accomplishments
- 2025 Annual Workplan

Presenters: Patricia Cicero, Director Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation Department;
Joe Strupp, Resource Conservationist; Meg Turville-Heitz, Land and Water Conservation Committee Chair



Land and Water Conservation Board
County Land and Water Resource Management Plan
Five Year Review of LWRM Plans

County: Jefferson

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 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 Jefferson County 2021-2030 Land and Water Resources Management Plan and subsequent work plans were written not only to implement existing programs and projects, but also to recommend potential actions to protect and enhance our land and water resources. As opportunities present themselves, and when program requirements change, the LWCD incorporates changes into our work plan. For the most part, refinements or adjustments tend to be minor. However, in the last 5 years, there have been some opportunities that have led to major accomplishments.

For many years, we have provided groundwater testing information to landowners. Despite the lack of funding, we knew that we should include work plan goals of understanding the quality of our groundwater and achieving more well water testing throughout the County. In 2023, funding became available through the American Rescue Plan Act that enabled us to contract with UW-Stevens Point to complete a well water quality inventory, final report, and online dashboard. These achievements have also fostered a partnership with the Jefferson County Health Department as we jointly work to provide well water quality education and resources.

One of the main missions of all land and water conservation departments is to implement conservation practices to protect soil health and water quality. We have made great progress in this work through two means: partnering with a farmer-led group (Jefferson County Soil Builders), and using funds available from the Department of Natural Resource's Multi-Discharger Variance Program. As these opportunities emerged, we adjusted the workplan to incorporate them in order to achieve greater conservation on the land. Since 2021, these program have achieved 5,734.7 acres of cover crops and 66.1 acres of pasture establishment. Our work with the Jefferson County Soil Builders has also increased education on cover crops through field days, workshops, and farmer-to-farmer conversations. The ultimate goal is to have cover crops be a practice that farms adopt as part of their typical crop rotation.

The LWCD historically had a GIS and Land Use Technician in our office. In 2022, that individual was moved to the County's Land Information Department. This move enabled the LWCD to re-assess our department needs which included a review of our Land and

Water Resource Management Plan goals and activities. As a result we reformatted the position to work on a number of programs with a restoration specialization. Duties include reviewing non-metallic mine reclamation plans; providing technical expertise and education on habitat and wetland protection, enhancement, and restoration; and providing education on terrestrial invasive species management. This new position not only expanded our capacity to work on conservation projects and programs, but it also added much needed restoration expertise in our office.

2. Identify any areas where the county was unable to make desired progress in implementing activities identified in multiple 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.

Several years ago, we had a staff member who worked with the Highway Department staff to not only educate them about invasive species, but also help them create/refine their plans for control of invasive species in the right-of-ways. We included this activity in multiple work plans (classified under the outreach and education section). However, due to staffing changes, we haven't been able to do this work in the last 3 years. With a newer staff member on board and acclimated to their job, we plan to re-start this activity in the near future.

3. Describe how the county's work plans implement its priority farm strategy and the effectiveness of county actions implementing agricultural performance standards and conservation practices on farms. In particular, the county should describe outreach, farm inventories, and additional funds that were pursued to implement its strategy.

Our County has a large enrollment in the Farmland Preservation Program - approximately 60% of farms are in compliance. Therefore, our priority farm strategy concentrates on the land that is not enrolled in the Farmland Preservation Program. The priority farm strategy is as follows:

1. Farms receiving a notice from the DNR requiring them to come into compliance with the Agricultural Performance Standards.
2. Farms that have significant problems with manure management identified by the LWCD or other cooperating agency.
3. Farms that have cropland erosion compliance issues in excess of tolerable soil loss as identified by the LWCD or a cooperating agency.
4. Farms located within a watershed with a nine key element plan (when developed).
5. Farms with land in water quality management areas that also have livestock.
6. Farms located in watersheds draining to "Impaired Waters" that are impaired due to sediment or nutrients. Because the watersheds of these impaired waters essentially cover the entire county, the only farms that will be included as "priorities" in these watersheds are defined as being within the WQMA of the impaired water.

The Jefferson County LWCD has been effective in having farms meet standards with the priority farm strategy. When staff is implementing the annual spot-checks for the Farmland Preservation Program, they will not only inventory the FPP farms, but will also note any concerns on non-FPP farms. When there is an incident or a complaint, LWCD staff informs

landowners about actions needed to come into compliance including funding options. Currently we are working with 2 landowners on achieving compliance with standards.

4. Provide representative examples that show changes in direction for work planning in the upcoming five years, with specific examples provided showing adjustments in planned activities in the county's most recent work plan.

Given the completion of a groundwater study in Jefferson County, we will be working to expand education and outreach on groundwater quality. The recommendations of the study will help guide us as we plan products and outreach. We have a presentation planned in April 2025 for the public to learn about the results of the study. We also plan to develop a fact sheet that explains the results of the study. We will continue to encourage citizens to test their wells and offer screening of wells for nitrates, in which results determine whether we recommend lab analysis of their well water. Given that arsenic levels are higher than expected, especially in 2 towns, we will not only be encouraging citizens county-wide to test for arsenic, but we will be targetting the 2 towns with outreach and education on the importance of testing their well water for arsenic. Overall, we will be expanding our efforts to have landowners understand the importance of regularly sampling their well water for bacteria, nitrate, and arsenic as well as provide them with information on next steps if results are higher than human health standards.

Our office is a collaborator and fiscal agent for the farmer-led group the Jefferson County Soil Builders. This year marks the 4th year that they have received a DATCP grant. Our work with them changes depending on their goals and activities. We will continue to update our work plans accordingly because we value the work they do in expanding education and adoption of cover crops.

In the last 2 years, our county has been partnering with the City of Watertown and the Rock River Coaition on the Watertown Waterways Improvement Program. This is a water quality trading program for the City's stormwater permit through the Department of Natural Resources. The first water quality trade was accomplished in 2024. The LWCD engaged farmers, modeled reductions in phosphorus and total suspended solids, and ensured standards were met with the installation and maintenance of a harvestable filter strip. Getting this first practice completed is a result of many meetings and significant work by LWCD and City staff. This accomplishment also laid the foundation for future trades. Our future workplans will include more specifics on the number of practices that will be planned for implementation each year as well as the number of annual inspections to confirm the practices continue to meet standards.

Annual Work Plans

Attach both of the following:

- a. The most current annual work prepared by the county.
- b. The work plan for the previous year that includes a column that identifies the progress in implementing the planned activities for that year.


Board Review Process

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. Counties have the option to prepare a brief presentation to illustrate their successes and future priorities.

Land Conservation Committee Notification

The LCC was provided a completed copy of these questions (including attachments) on:
February 19, 2025.

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

 Date: 2/19/25

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

JEFFERSON COUNTY 2024 ANNUAL WORK PLAN - ACCOMPLISHMENTS
LOCALLY IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES

Table 1: Planned activities and performance measures by category

CATEGORY	PLANNED ACTIVITIES WITH BENCHMARKS If applicable identify focus areas, e.g. HUC 12 watershed code	ACTUALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cropland</i> 		
Cropland, soil health and/or nutrient management	Implement FPP Program	163 FPP field inspections, 618 Annual FPP certifications processed, 6 Notices of Noncompliance, 2 noncompliance's resolved
	Implement Ag Performance Standards Hold NMP class & update classes Practice installation	171 NR 151 compliance determinations (165 in compliance) 11 participants in NMP classes 1,785.2 acres of cover crops installed 15 acres of pasture established from row crops 2 harvestable filter strips – 10.1 acres total
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Livestock</i> 		
Livestock	Review livestock siting applications Investigate any manure handling/spreading issues	1 livestock siting amendment reviewed and found to be complete 6 investigations: operator & complainant educated, any noncompliance is being addressed
	Manure spreader calibrations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Water quality</i> 		
Water quality/quantity (other than activities already listed in other categories)	Practice installation CREP Citizen/LWCD stream monitoring	Final report issued to DNR on Health Lakes practices CREP: 1 re-enrollment, 2 property owner transfers, 1 buyout Stream monitoring: 20 monitors at 12 sites, 4 monitors sampling nutrients at 9 sites Measure stream flow on Rock Lake inlet streams to develop a rating curve and determine phosphorus loading
	Citizen/LWCD lake monitoring Well testing and closure education	Lake monitoring: 8 monitors at 7 sites 1 lake monitoring training 50 wells screened for nitrates (by LWCD and Health Dept) and provided well testing information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Invasive</i> 		
Invasive species	Oversee CBCW program on Rock Lake Train CBCW inspectors Train volunteers on AIS monitoring	CBCW = 420.25 hours at 4 boat launches 1 CBCW refresher training 1 AIS monitoring training Zebra mussel population monitoring: 4 sites on Lake Ripley, 4 sites on Rock Lake
	Conduct aquatic plant inventories Spiny water flea sampling Assist landowner with control grant Coordinate Snapshot Day Inspect AIS boat launch signage	2 - Lower Spring Lake, Rock Lake's Millpond 1 phragmites control project (herbicide treatment & planting) 3 sites visited by volunteers 30 public access sites inspected

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	Provide AIS materials to bait shops	5 bait shops provided information Obtained materials for 7 boot brush stations and 3 boat cleaning stations that will be installed in 2025 10 landowners assisted with invasive species management
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Wildlife</i> 		
Wildlife-Wetlands-Habitat (other than forestry or invasive species)	Wildlife damage program Tree and shrub sales	Served as the pass through for the program 4,700 trees & shrubs sold, 7 species Rock Lake Wetland Study – performed in partnership with DNR: survey work on wetland plants and communities, data management, and creation of maps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Watershed</i> 		
Watershed strategies	Producer-led groups Multi-Discharger Variance Program	Jefferson County Soil Builders: 2 field days, 1 winter workshop held in partnership with 4 other producer-led groups including the Rock River Regenerative Graziers. Implemented cover crops and pasture establishment (numbers in Cropland table). Finalized plans for 2023 & 2024 funds. Estimated phosphorus reductions with SNAP Plus for implemented projects. Submitted annual report.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Other</i> 		
Other	Solar farms Agricultural Conservation Easement purchase Watertown Waterway Improvement Program (water quality trading for stormwater permit)	Solar: Reviewed post construction stormwater report and provided feedback. Reviewed and provided input on proposed county solar ordinance. Completed work needed for purchase that is planned for 2025 2 harvestable filter strips: modeled phosphorus and sediment reductions, confirmed practice installed to standard, and performed inspections

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Table 2: Planned activity related to permits and ordinances

Permits and Ordinances	Plans/application reviews completed	Permits issued
Feedlot permits		
Manure storage construction and transfer systems		
Manure storage closure	0	0
Livestock facility siting (new permits)	0	0
Livestock facility siting (amendments)	1	1
Nonmetallic/frac sand mining	0	0
Stormwater and construction site erosion control		
Shoreland zoning	3	
Wetlands and waterways (Ch. 30)		
Other		

Table 3: Planned inspections

Inspections	Number of inspections implemented
Total Farm Inspections	
For FPP	163
For NR 151	171
Animal waste ordinance	0
Livestock facility siting	1
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	1 solar farm site, multiple visits
Nonmetallic mining	24 active sites, 6 inactive sites
Agricultural Conservation Easements	10 easements
Watertown Waterways Improvement Program	5
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	13

Table 4: Planned outreach and education activities

Activity	Number Accomplished	Notes
Tours		
Field days	2	Collaborating with the Jefferson County Soil Builders
Trainings/workshops/presentations	16	5 stream monitoring training, 2 lake sampling training, 1 Snapshot Day event, 2 AIS monitoring training, 2 events to share AIS educational materials, 3 NMP update/training classes, 1 workshop with Jefferson County Soil Builders
School-age programs (camps, field days, classroom)	2	4 th Grade Farm Tour – PACE education done by LWCC member and volunteer Fort Atkinson High School – stream monitoring, watershed education
Newsletters	2	1 FPP newsletters, 1 newsletter for farmer-written NMP
Social media posts	16	5 AIS posts, 6 producer-led, 2 cost sharing, 3 road salt awareness
News release/story	5	3 AIS, 2 cost sharing

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

Staff/Support	Hours	Actual Costs
County Conservationist	2080	\$141,001.30
Resource Conservationist	2080	\$116,036.74
Resource Conservationist	2080	\$81,138.57
Resource Conservationist	2080	\$81,605.15
Water Resources Management Specialist	2080	\$81,231.21
Administrative Specialist	2080	\$75,475.99
Clean Boats, Clean Waters Inspector	193.50	\$3,124.58
Clean Boats, Clean Waters Inspector	128.25	\$2,070.93
Clean Boats, Clean Waters Inspector	140.50	\$2,268.76
Cost Sharing (can be combined)		
Bonding	N/A	\$35,000 (contracted in 2024, installation planned in 2025)
SEG	N/A	
MDV	N/A	\$41,763
Producer-Led (DATCP \$)	N/A	\$19,398 (2023 \$), \$29,600 (2024 \$)
Donation for Rock Lake Watershed	N/A	

**JEFFERSON COUNTY 2025 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	Implement FPP Program Implement Ag Performance Standards Hold NMP class & update classes Conservation practice installation	620 Annual FPP certifications processed 154 FPP & NR 151 field checks 8 participants in NMP classes 2,000 acres of cover crops installed 15 acres of pasture established from row crops 2 harvestable filter strips
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Livestock</i> 		
Livestock	Review livestock siting applications Investigate any manure handling/spreading issues	Siting applications are found to be complete All issues investigated, and operator & complainant educated
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Water quality</i> 		
Water quality/quantity (other than activities already listed in other categories)	Practice installation CREP Citizen/LWCD stream monitoring Citizen/LWCD lake monitoring Stream flow determinations Lake Ripley Grant projects (if funded) Groundwater education	2 shoreland gardens, 1 rain gardens, CREP: 2 re-enrollments, 2 new enrollments Stream monitoring: 24 monitors at 14 sites; 4 monitors performing nutrient sampling at 9 sites Lake monitoring: 8 monitors at 7 sites. Internal loading of phosphorus on Rock Lake 1 lake monitoring training Measure stream flow on Rock Lake inlet streams to develop a rating curve and determine phosphorus loading Multiple surveys, map creation, and public meeting 6-8 events: provide groundwater education (nitrate screening tool, well testing kits & information, groundwater quality information, treatment options information) 1 well closure implemented
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Forestry</i> 		
Forestry		Worked with 1 Managed Forest Law landowner is discuss proper forestry management techniques and provided DNR and contractor contacts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Invasive</i> 		
Invasive species	Implement CBCW program on Rock Lake Train CBCW inspectors Train volunteers on AIS monitoring Zebra mussel population monitoring Conduct aquatic plant inventories	400 hours at 4 boat launches 1 CBCW training 2 AIS monitoring training 4 samplers on Rock Lake and 4 samplers on Lake Ripley 3 - Lower Spring Lake, Lake Ripley, and Bean Lake

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	Coordinate Snapshot Day Inspect AIS boat launch signage Provide AIS materials to bait shops	3 sites visited by volunteers 20-30 public access sites inspected 5 bait shops provided information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wildlife</i> 		
Wildlife-Wetlands-Habitat (other than forestry or invasive species)	Wildlife damage program Tree and shrub sales	15 Participants, 1-5 claims processed 5,400 trees & shrubs sold
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Urban</i> 		
Urban issues		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Watershed</i> 		
Watershed strategies	Producer-led groups Multi-Discharger Variance Program	Serve as fiscal agent and collaborator for Jefferson County Soil Builders. Implement their cost-sharing programs. Coordinate with the Rock River Regenerative Grazers on their programming Implement cover crops, pasture establishment, and harvestable buffers (#'s in Cropland table). Estimate P reductions with SNAP Plus for implemented projects. Submit annual report.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Other</i> 		
Other	Solar farms Agricultural Conservation Easement purchase Watertown Waterway Improvement Program (water quality trading for stormwater permit) Rock Lake Wetland Survey	Inspections to ensure Development Agreement is being followed 1 purchase of 98 acres Engage farmers; offer practices including harvestable filter strips, filter strips, barnyard runoff control; design practices; work to get them contracted with City of Watertown; model phosphorus and sediment reductions; inspect installations Provide education on results of survey

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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		
Manure storage construction and transfer systems		
Manure storage closure	0-1	0-1
Livestock facility siting (new permits)	0-1	0-1 (by Zoning)
Livestock facility siting (amendments)	1-2	1-2 (amendment accepted by Zoning)
Nonmetallic/frac sand mining	1	1
Stormwater and construction site erosion control		
Shoreland zoning	3-4 planting plan reviews	
Wetlands and waterways (Ch. 30)		
Other		

Table 3: Planned inspections

Inspections	Number of inspections planned
Total Farm Inspections	
For FPP	
For NR 151	
Animal waste ordinance	0-1
Livestock facility siting	1-2
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	1-2 solar farm sites, multiple visits
Nonmetallic mining	33-34
Agricultural Conservation Easements	10-11 easements
Watertown Waterways Improvement Program	4-6
Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program	12-14

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Table 4: Planned outreach and education activities

Activity	Number	Notes
Tours	1	Southern Area Tour
Field days	4	Collaborating with the Jefferson County Soil Builders
Trainings/workshops/presentations	14	1 invasive species in ROW & parks, 3 stream monitoring training, 1 lake monitoring training, 1 Snapshot Day event, 2 AIS monitoring training, 3 NMP update/training classes, 1 workshop with Jefferson County Soil Builders and Rock River Regenerative Graziers; 2 presentations on the results of the Rock Lake Wetlands survey
Groundwater Education Events	6-8	Fort Atkinson Wellness Day, Groundwater Public Meeting, Sustain Jefferson Earth Day event, Human Society Furry 5k, Health Department Open House, Jefferson County Fair, other opportunities
School-age programs (camps, field days, classroom)	2	2 High School water resources education 4 th Grade Farm Tour – PACE education
Newsletters	2	1 FPP newsletter, 1 newsletter for farmer-written NMP
Social media posts	14	5 AIS posts, 5 producer-led, 2 cost sharing, 2 misc
News release/story	13	3 AIS, 4 producer-led, 2 cost sharing, 2 groundwater, 2 misc

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

Staff/Support	Hours	Costs
County Conservationist	2080	\$155,733
Resource Conservationist	2080	\$126,250
Resource Conservationist	2080	\$91,964
Resource Conservationist	2080	\$86,949
Water Resources Management Specialist	2080	\$88,754
Administrative Specialist	2080	\$82,753
3 Clean Boats, Clean Waters Inspectors	452	\$7,420
Cost Sharing (can be combined)		
Bonding	N/A	\$64,500 (includes 2024 carryover)
SEG	N/A	\$12,000
MDV	N/A	\$60,000
Producer-Led (DATCP grant)	N/A	\$17,000
Donation for Rock Lake Watershed	N/A	\$4,900

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM _____ State of Wisconsin

DATE: March 21, 2025

TO: Land and Water Conservation Board Members and Advisors

FROM: Susan Mockert, DATCP
Land Water Resources Bureau

SUBJECT: DATCP extension of 2024 cost-share and other grants into 2025

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This is an action item. The LWCB should recommend the extension of \$1,958,358.55 in 2024 grant funds for county cost-share projects into 2025. The LWCB should further recommend the following extensions of 2024 SEG funds into 2025:

- \$43,951.87 to the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WI Land+Water)
- \$14,085 to UW-SFAL
- \$54,187.50 to UW CALS
- \$86,176 to UW-Soil Lab/Matt Ruark for support of the NOP program
- \$173,355.68 to 16 recipients of Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE) grants
- \$90,431.76 to five recipients of Innovation grants

DATCP ACTION ON COST-SHARE EXTENSION REQUESTS: Counties may request a one year extension for cost-share projects if their requests meet s. ATCP 50.34(6), Wis. Admin. Code and they have funds remaining to extend.

Attachment A1 is an aggregate of the dollar amounts for all county extension requests for cost-share projects, providing the total dollar amount recommended for extensions in each category. By signing Attachment A1, the Secretary approves the total extension amounts for each county by fund type, and also the extension amounts for other project cooperator grants. Extended cost-share funds become pooled and available for use to pay costs related to any extended project cost-shared with the same fund type.

In Attachment A2, county extension requests are divided into three groups based on the type of funds (Bond or SEG or GPR) used to cost-share the project. Detailed within each group are the projects for which a county has requested an extension along with the specific amount of cost-share funds the county would like to extend. In regard to each project for which an extension is requested, DATCP may take any of the following actions:

1. Extend the project for the amount requested.
2. Extend the project for an amount less than the amount requested if the county lacks the remaining funds to cover its request or requests less than the contract amount.
3. Not extend the project if the county was fully reimbursed for the project after submitting its extension request.
4. Deny the extension request for other reasons.

DATCP records the specific action taken for each project in the gray-shaded columns in Attachment A2.

TABLE 1: COST-SHARE PROJECT EXTENSION REQUESTS AND TREATMENT (By Fund Type)			
	GPR	SEG	BOND
EXTENSION REQUESTS SUBMITTED*	198	77	1
PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR EXTENSION**	193	77	1
PROJECTS REIMBURSED AFTER REQUEST SUBMITTED	4	0	0
PROJECTS NOT EXTENDED FOR OTHER REASONS	1	0	0
*Counties may withdraw extension requests and these are not counted in the total of requests submitted. **Specific extension amounts are listed in Attachment A2.			

Table 1, organized by fund type, contains the total number of (1) the extension requests submitted by counties, (2) the projects recommended for extension, (3) projects for which an extension is not necessary because the county received reimbursement pending action on an extension request, and (4) projects not extended for other reasons.

DATCP ACTION ON OPC REQUESTS FOR EXTENSIONS: Cooperators may request one-year extensions of their projects pursuant to s. ATCP 50.35. DATCP will take the following actions regarding extension requests received from cooperators:

WI Land+Water requested an extension of \$43,951.87 involving its statewide training support, county accountability, facilitation of statewide conservation goals, and related support activities. DATCP is recommending an extension of \$43,951.87, which is the remaining unspent balance.

UW-CALS requested an extension of \$54,187.50 for producer-led program outreach and support. DATCP is recommending an extension of \$54,187.50, which is the remaining unspent balance.

UW-SFAL requested an extension \$14,085 for the soil lab certification program to implement a double blind study. DATCP is recommending an extension of \$14,085, which is the remaining unspent balance.

UW NOP requested an extension of \$86,176 to support the UW systems obligations to the nitrogen optimization pilot grant program. DATCP is recommending an extension of \$86,176, which is the remaining unspent balance.

NMFE grant recipients requested a total extension of \$173,843.11 for statewide nutrient management farmer education trainings. DATCP is recommending an extension of \$173,355.68, which is the remaining unspent balance, as follows:

NMFE Chippewa Valley Tech College	\$30,000.00
NMFE Columbia County	\$7,236.41
NMFE Dane County	\$8,639.53
NMFE Douglas Ashland Bayfield Iron Counties	\$23,644.45
NMFE Eau Claire County	\$1,162.00
NMFE Glacierland RC&D	\$10,799.62
NMFE Kewaunee County	\$1,653.58
NMFE Manitowoc County	\$4,739.87
NMFE Marathon County	\$600.00
NMFE Marquette County	\$9,804.05
NMFE Ozaukee County	\$1,602.49
NMFE Sawyer County	\$14,119.44
NMFE Southwest Wisconsin Tech College	\$20,000.00
NMFE Taylor Marathon Lincoln Clark Wood Portage Counties	\$16,045.00
NMFE Trempealeau County	\$2,409.24
NMFE Vernon County	\$20,900.00

Innovation Grant recipients requested a total extension of \$90,431.76. DATCP is recommending an extension of \$90,431.76, which is the remaining unspent balance as follows:

Grantee	Extend
Innov Dane County	\$32,362
Innov Fond du Lac County	\$12,720
Innov Manitowoc County	\$20,150
Innov Racine County	\$25,000
Innov Wood County	\$199.76

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

- Chart 2A, Chart 2B: Structural/SEG Allocated and Extended Unspent Funds
- Attachment A1: Addendum to 2025 Joint Final Allocation Plan
- Attachment A2: Extension of SWRM Grant Projects from 2024 to 2025 (for Bond and SEG and GPR Cost-Share Funds)

PRESENTER: Susan Mockert, DATCP

Table 2A: Structural CS Grants - Underspending Trends

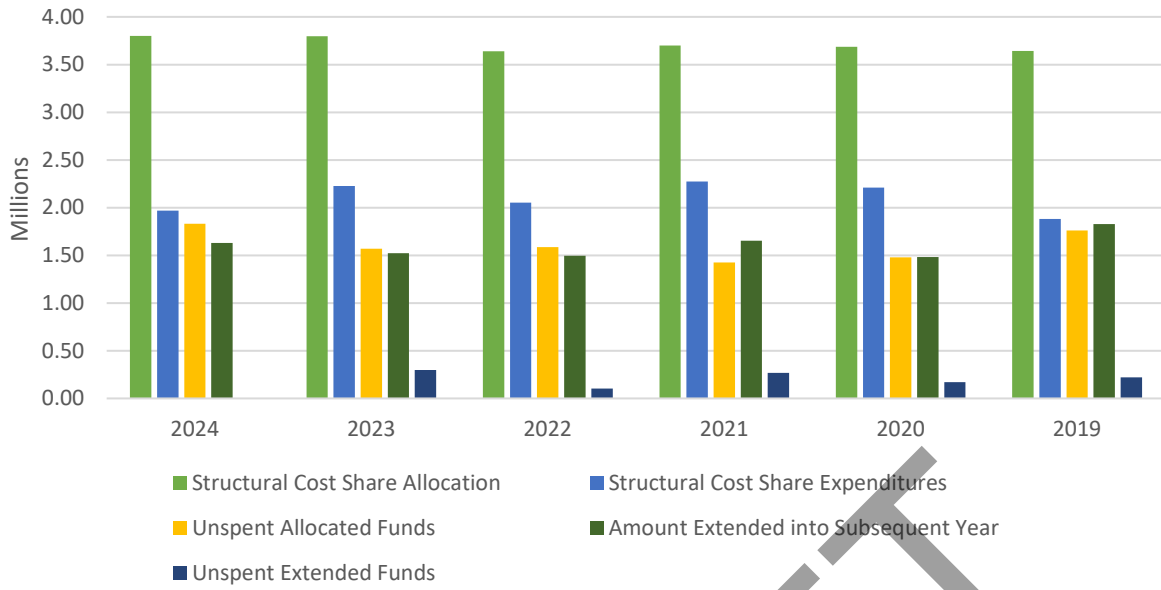
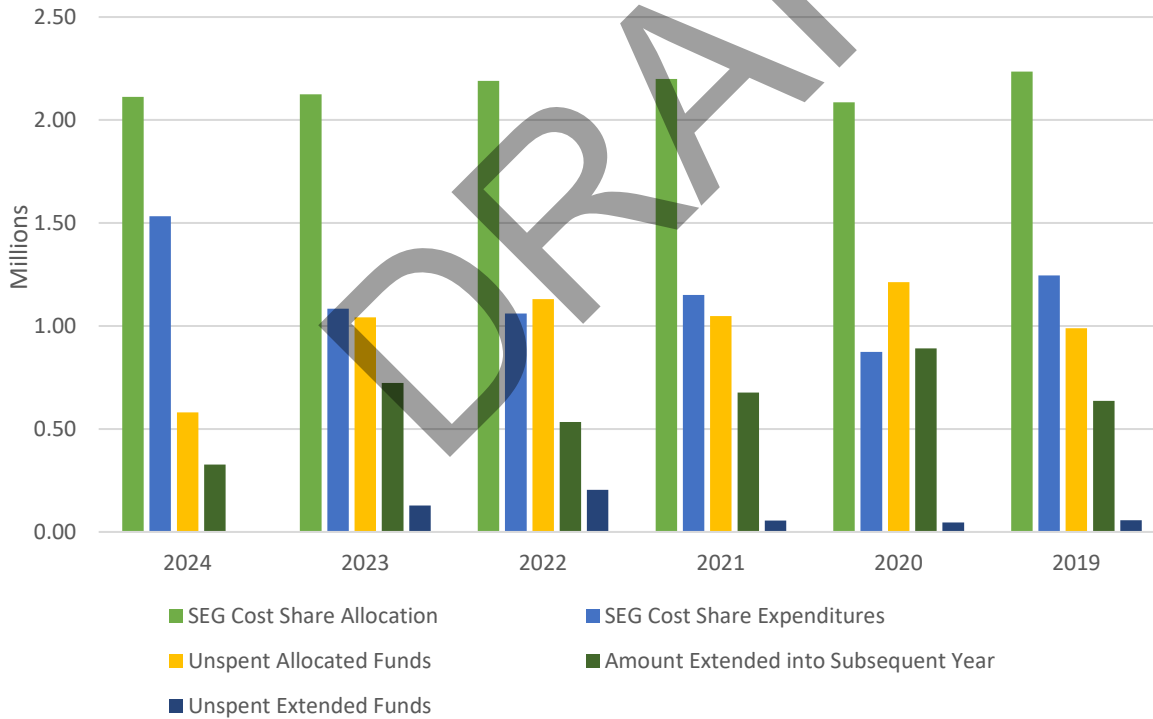


Table 2B: SEG CS Grants - Underspending Trends



Addendum to 2025 Joint Final Allocation Plan (2025)

GPR Cost-Share		
County	Total LWRM Requests for Extension	Total Recommended to be Approved for Extension
Adams	\$13,325.00	\$13,325.00
Barron	\$23,181.20	\$23,181.20
Brown	\$30,563.75	\$22,200.00
Buffalo	\$11,340.00	\$11,340.00
Burnett	\$29,495.00	\$29,495.00
Calumet	\$12,979.57	\$11,870.14
Chippewa	\$3,305.50	\$3,305.50
Clark	\$19,010.04	\$12,909.29
Columbia	\$37,900.00	\$33,103.50
Crawford	\$29,407.00	\$28,846.35
Dane	\$32,811.35	\$24,799.85
Dodge	\$3,880.00	\$3,880.00
Door	\$58,250.00	\$56,200.00
Douglas	\$13,199.82	\$10,568.30
Dunn	\$21,006.00	\$21,006.00
Eau Claire	\$7,000.00	\$857.32
Florence	\$52,540.00	\$52,540.00
Fond du Lac	\$23,500.28	\$20,128.57
Forest	\$15,920.70	\$15,920.70
Grant	\$71,200.00	\$71,200.00
Green Lake	\$18,186.00	\$7,634.10
Iowa	\$39,732.60	\$30,674.27
Iron	\$15,615.86	\$15,615.86
Jackson	\$126,300.00	\$76,874.33
Jefferson	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
Kenosha	\$12,938.01	\$12,938.01
Kewaunee	\$38,956.00	\$38,956.00
Lafayette	\$57,123.84	\$54,670.01
Lincoln	\$27,452.50	\$27,452.50
Manitowoc	\$37,891.51	\$37,266.79
Marathon	\$94,610.91	\$60,196.12
Marinette	\$47,838.00	\$47,838.00
Menominee	\$5,300.00	\$5,300.00
Monroe	\$24,829.60	\$24,130.00
Oconto	\$22,630.00	\$22,630.00
Oneida	\$35,979.47	\$35,979.47
Outagamie	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
Ozaukee	\$48,607.10	\$44,107.10
Pepin	\$27,300.00	\$27,300.00
Pierce	\$35,070.00	\$32,279.00
Polk	\$32,304.44	\$24,603.87
Portage	\$77,503.83	\$44,902.95
Price	\$38,376.56	\$38,376.56
Racine	\$44,429.38	\$44,429.38
Richland	\$11,088.00	\$3,998.16
Rock	\$31,752.78	\$31,752.78
Saint Croix	\$5,067.71	\$5,067.71
Sauk	\$7,542.73	\$7,542.73
Sawyer	\$24,570.00	\$24,570.00
Shawano	\$27,444.90	\$27,444.90
Sheboygan	\$2,625.00	\$2,625.00

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Taylor	\$33,988.45	\$33,988.45
Trempealeau	\$22,232.00	\$22,232.00
Vernon	\$5,823.38	\$5,823.38
Vilas	\$35,160.00	\$31,200.00
Walworth	\$33,292.00	\$12,458.06
Washburn	\$38,866.00	\$38,600.00
Washington	\$20,650.43	\$20,650.43
Waukesha	\$18,900.62	\$18,900.62
Waupaca	\$106,711.60	\$29,006.86
Waushara	\$26,210.00	\$20,399.87
Winnebago	\$60,398.00	\$26,575.22
Wood	\$16,243.50	\$10,182.63
Total GPR Cost Share	\$2,002,357.92	\$1,628,849.84
SEG Cost-Share		
Bayfield	\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00
Buffalo	\$3,282.00	\$3,282.00
Clark	\$840.00	\$840.00
Columbia	\$4,350.00	\$4,350.00
Dane	\$4,432.00	\$2,777.00
Green Lake	\$8,528.00	\$1,146.55
Iowa	\$11,898.24	\$11,644.60
Kewaunee	\$6,280.00	\$6,280.00
Langlade	\$6,712.40	\$2,484.40
Marathon	\$2,043.30	\$2,043.30
Marquette	\$20,520.00	\$20,520.00
Monroe	\$49,000.00	\$49,000.00
Ozaukee	\$8,784.00	\$8,784.00
Pepin	\$8,460.80	\$8,460.80
Racine	\$53,923.00	\$53,923.00
Rock	\$7,348.00	\$3,021.80
Sauk	\$6,375.00	\$6,301.20
Vernon	\$64,560.00	\$64,560.00
Walworth	\$22,812.00	\$20,000.00
Washington	\$2,040.00	\$2,040.00
Waupaca	\$1,006.65	\$1.00
Waushara	\$4,525.00	\$1,640.00
Winnebago	\$49,014.60	\$49,014.60
Total SEG Cost Share	\$352,534.99	\$327,914.25
Bond Cost-Share		
Saint Croix	\$1,594.46	\$1,594.46
Total Bond Cost Share	\$1,594.46	\$1,594.46

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SEG Programming		
	Total Requests for Extension	Total Recommended to be Approved for Extension
Other Project Cooperators		
NMFE Chippewa Valley Tech College	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
NMFE Columbia County	\$7,236.41	\$7,236.41
NMFE Dane County	\$8,639.53	\$8,639.53
NMFE Douglas, Ashland, Bayfield, Iron Counties	\$23,644.45	\$23,644.45
NMFE Eau Claire County	\$1,162.00	\$1,162.00
NMFE Glacierland RC&D	\$11,287.05	\$10,799.62
NMFE Kewaunee County	\$1,653.58	\$1,653.58
NMFE Manitowoc County	\$4,739.87	\$4,739.87
NMFE Marthon County	\$600.00	\$600.00
NMFE Marquette County	\$9,804.05	\$9,804.05
NMFE Ozaukee County	\$1,602.49	\$1,602.49
NMFE Sawyer County	\$14,119.44	\$14,119.44
NMFE Southwest Wisconsin Tech College	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
NMFE Taylor, Marathon, Wood, Clark, Lincoln, Portage Counties	\$16,045.00	\$16,045.00
NMFE Trempealeau County	\$2,409.24	\$2,409.24
NMFE Vernon County	\$20,900.00	\$20,900.00
Innov Dane County	\$32,362.00	\$32,362.00
Innov Fond du Lac County	\$12,720.00	\$12,720.00
Innov Manitowoc County	\$20,150.00	\$20,150.00
Innov Racine County	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Innov Wood County	\$199.76	\$199.76
WI L+W	\$43,951.87	\$43,951.87
UW SFAL	\$14,085.00	\$14,085.00
UW CALS	\$54,187.50	\$54,187.50
UW NOP	\$86,176.00	\$86,176.00
Total Other Project Cooperators SEG	\$462,675.24	\$462,187.81

Entity	Total LWRM and OPC Requests for Extension	Total Recommended to be Approved for Extension
County Cost-Share	\$2,356,487.37	\$1,958,358.55
Other Project Cooperators	\$462,675.24	\$462,187.81
Grand Totals	\$2,819,162.61	\$2,420,546.36

Approved:
DATCP Secretary
Date

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GPR Cost-Share						
County	CSA#	Name	Reason*	Request	Recommended Approval Amount	Explanation of Difference Between Request and Recommended Approval Amount
Adams	SWRM 2024-02	Geoff & Jacqueline Hale	C	\$13,325.00	\$13,325.00	
Barron	24BC001	Thomas M & April L Stoveren	B	\$7,445.20	\$7,445.20	
Barron	24BC026	Norman H & Judith A Busse	B	\$8,736.00	\$8,736.00	
Barron	24BC035	William B Gill Trust	A	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	
Brown	LWP-328	Irvin J & Sherry A Saharsky	B	\$12,950.00	\$12,950.00	
Brown	LWP-330	Philip F Lee	A	\$17,613.75	\$9,250.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Buffalo	LWRM 2024-04	Traun Farms	A	\$11,340.00	\$11,340.00	
Burnett	2024-05	David D & Louise A Dornbusch	A	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
Burnett	2024-08	Fairview Dairy Farm Inc	A	\$19,495.00	\$19,495.00	
Calumet	2024-2	William Jr Curry	A	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	
Calumet	2024-5	Paul E, Robert H, Frederick J Harder	B	\$488.25	\$488.25	
Calumet	2024-6	Kenneth J & Susan L Juckem Rev Living Trust	A	\$3,991.32	\$2,881.89	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Chippewa	SWRM24-36	Darrell & Darlene Schneider & Sonnentag	A	\$3,305.50	\$3,305.50	
Clark	2024-02	Trust Agreement of Alan William Jonett and Connie Lorraine Foye Jonett PhD	A	\$6,100.75	\$0.00	Project completed by 12/31. No extension required.
Clark	2024-10	Joann M Pankratz	A	\$4,209.29	\$4,209.29	
Clark	2024-11	Joseph H Raupp	C	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	
Clark	2024-15	Rasmussen Acres LLC	C	\$700.00	\$700.00	
Columbia	LW-04-2024	Roger & Tamara Weiland	B	\$33,000.00	\$33,000.00	
Columbia	LW-05-2024	Mark S & Theresa L Reed Hemling	B	\$4,900.00	\$103.50	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Crawford	SWRM-06-2024	Jeremy & Dessa Caya	B	\$1,050.00	\$489.35	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Crawford	SWRM-09-2024	Hammell Land LLC	C	\$10,332.00	\$10,332.00	
Crawford	SWRM-10-2024	Jones Trust	C	\$6,125.00	\$6,125.00	
Crawford	SWRM-11-2024	Mark & Kati Forsythe	C	\$5,950.00	\$5,950.00	
Crawford	SWRM-12-2024	Albert & Peggy Thompson	C	\$5,950.00	\$5,950.00	
Dane	2024LCD041	Wyskonsin LLC	B	\$2,607.50	\$2,607.50	
Dane	2024LCD051	D&A Farm LLC	B	\$4,157.47	\$4,157.47	
Dane	2024LCD053	Gerald Koch	B	\$8,011.50	\$0.00	Project completed by 12/31. No extension required.
Dane	2024LCD054	Ben & Meghann Grove	B	\$4,034.88	\$4,034.88	
Dane	2024LCD132	Dane County Park	B	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	
Dodge	LWR-2024-006	Dodge County Fair Association	A	\$2,880.00	\$2,880.00	
Dodge	LWR-2024-007	Nehls Brothers Farms Ltd	B	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Dodge	LWR-2024-009	Daniell F & Susan M Bird	B	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Door	LW-24-07	Allen S & Amy Ann Wery	B	\$58,250.00	\$56,200.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Douglas	2024-02-LWRM	Trochinski Family Cabin Irrevocable Trust	B	\$13,199.82	\$10,568.30	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Dunn	LWRP-2024-10	Roger Kassera	B	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
Dunn	LWRP-2024-11	Thomas & Sandra Lierman	B	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	
Dunn	LWRP-2024-12	Stanley & Linda Larson	B	\$4,900.00	\$4,900.00	
Dunn	LWRP-2024-13	Jason & Lisa Pelnar	B	\$4,281.00	\$4,281.00	
Dunn	LWRP-2024-5	William & Laure Stokke	B	\$2,275.00	\$2,275.00	
Dunn	LWRP-2024-9	Jeffrey Grundeman	B	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	
Eau Claire	BD-24-01	Wayne & Mary Nelson	A	\$7,000.00	\$857.32	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Florence	24-02-01	Town of Aurora	A	\$52,540.00	\$52,540.00	
Fond du Lac	737-2024	Tim & Elaine Reчек	C	\$658.24	\$658.24	
Fond du Lac	741-2024	Weldon & Susan Peterson	C	\$22,842.04	\$19,470.33	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Forest	2024-01	James Pavek	A	\$4,015.00	\$4,015.00	
Forest	2024-02	Katherine L & Rebecca J Bloom & Brem	A	\$11,905.70	\$11,905.70	
Grant	2024-01	Nick & Jessica Leibfried	C	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	
Grant	2024-02	Doug & Maria Leibfried	C	\$6,823.25	\$6,823.25	
Grant	2024-03	Brooke & Jocelyn Grinde	C	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	
Grant	2024-04	Vosberg Irrevocable Trust	C	\$7,811.73	\$7,811.73	
Grant	2024-05	Steve & Karen Wiencek	C	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	
Grant	2024-06	Karen Yelinek	C	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	
Grant	2024-07	Adams Revocable Trust	C	\$6,565.02	\$6,565.02	
Green Lake	2024-06	Frederick Family Farms LLC	A	\$18,186.00	\$7,634.10	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Iowa	LW 24-03	Nadia & Chad Albers & Backes	A	\$12,595.00	\$12,595.00	
Iowa	LW 24-09	Alex & Amy Trollop	B	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	
Iowa	LW 24-10	Carol Nelson	C	\$3,528.00	\$3,528.00	
Iowa	LW 24-11	Donald G Potterton Irrevocable Trust	C	\$7,992.60	\$7,992.60	
Iowa	LW 24-14	Chauvinist Pig Inc	C	\$4,900.00	\$4,900.00	
Iowa	LW 24-15	Brun Joint Revocable Trust	C	\$9,667.00	\$608.67	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Iron	2024-01-LWRM	Town of Sherman	A	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	
Iron	2024-02-LWRM	James Clement	A	\$2,615.86	\$2,615.86	
Iron	2024-03-LWRM	Town of Pence	A	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Jackson	2024-327	Jeffrey T & Lynn C Martalock-Wensel	C	\$7,350.00	\$7,350.00	
Jackson	2024-330	Cal Smokowicz	C	\$77,500.00	\$28,074.33	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Jackson	2024-331	Mark A & Brenda R Miles	C	\$8,050.00	\$8,050.00	
Jackson	2024-332	Thomas W & Jennifer E Langan	C	\$4,900.00	\$4,900.00	
Jackson	2024-333	Anthony & Sadie Gelder	C	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	
Jackson	2024-334	Robert A Koranda	C	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	
Jackson	2024-335	Antal Family Revocable Trust	C	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Jefferson	LW-02-24	Herbert J & Pamela A Altenburg Trust	C	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	
Kenosha	KEN2024-02	Bartholomew Ament	B	\$12,938.01	\$12,938.01	

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Kewaunee	24-369	Allen & Anne Kulhanek	B	\$18,516.00	\$18,516.00	
Kewaunee	24-371	Luxemburg Farm LLC	B	\$20,440.00	\$20,440.00	
Lafayette	SWRM-24-01	Gary & Cindy Schumacher	B	\$2,313.84	\$2,313.84	
Lafayette	SWRM-24-06	Terry A & Jennifer A Edge	B	\$1,260.00	\$1,260.00	
Lafayette	SWRM-24-07	Rodney S & Lana A Kuenzi Revocable Trust	B	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
Lafayette	SWRM-24-10	Dennis & Margaret Guenzler	B	\$1,050.00	\$0.00	Project completed by 12/31. No extension required.
Lafayette	SWRM-24-12	Wedig Brothers Farms LLC	A	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	
Lafayette	SWRM-24-13	Tyrel T & Kristin E Douglas	B	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	
Lafayette	SWRM-24-14	James A & Stephanie A Montgomery	B	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	
Lafayette	SWRM-24-15	Adam H & Ashley A Moore	B	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	
Lafayette	SWRM-24-16	Barbara & Duane, Phillip & Jacqueline Butters & Austin	C	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	
Lafayette	SWRM-24-17	Dust to Dust LLC	A	\$5,500.00	\$4,096.17	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Lincoln	2024-03	Lincoln County	A	\$15,600.00	\$15,600.00	
Lincoln	2024-05	Nathaniel Weisenfeld	B	\$11,852.50	\$11,852.50	
Manitowoc	24-983	Hutterer Dairy LLC	B	\$29,256.51	\$29,256.51	
Manitowoc	24-986	Dennis & Rachel Vogt	B	\$8,635.00	\$8,010.28	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Marathon	2024-03	Maria & Bradley D Larson	A	\$14,784.30	\$5,743.23	Portion of requested extension has been paid.
Marathon	2024-19	Dvorak Lumber Company Inc	A	\$9,411.49	\$9,411.49	
Marathon	2024-21	Gordon Trust Single Revocable Living Trust	B	\$24,894.80	\$24,894.80	
Marathon	2024-22	Michael A & Gina N Redetzke	A	\$5,220.08	\$5,220.08	
Marathon	2024-23	Kevin & Angela Traska	A	\$3,328.24	\$1,300.43	Portion of requested extension has been paid.
Marathon	2024-24	Shimek-Rasmussen Trust	A	\$29,937.00	\$11,526.09	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Marathon	2024-26	Valerie M Greenberg	A	\$4,935.00	\$0.00	Project completed by 12/31. No extension required.
Marathon	2024-27	Joseph M III & Christina M Tomandl	A	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00	
Marinette	LWP-43	Drees Dairy Farm LLC	B	\$47,838.00	\$47,838.00	
Menominee	2024-03	Tom & Joan Vanselow	B	\$5,300.00	\$5,300.00	
Monroe	G-11-2024	Paul & Lynette Schmitz	B	\$9,243.92	\$9,243.92	
Monroe	G-12-2024	Misna East town Dairy LLC	A	\$5,948.82	\$5,249.22	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Monroe	G-7-2024	Scott R & Doreen M Dahl	A	\$7,942.86	\$7,942.86	
Monroe	G-8-2024	Tom & Shari Laffredi	B	\$1,694.00	\$1,694.00	
Oconto	LWR-126	Grade Living Trust	A	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	
Oconto	LWR-128	James & Sherry Zahn Trust Agreement	A	\$15,130.00	\$15,130.00	
Oneida	2025-01	Town of Newbold	A	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	
Oneida	2025-02	Richard & Ronita Bur	A	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	
Oneida	2025-03	Thomas & Julie Wendt	A	\$12,979.47	\$12,979.47	
Outagamie	2024-LWRM-04	Ralph Zibell	C	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Ozaukee	2024-2	Rick Lanser	A	\$9,000.00	\$4,500.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Ozaukee	2024-3	Neal Maciejewski	B	\$7,089.30	\$7,089.30	
Ozaukee	2024-4	George & Deborah Roberts Family LLC	B	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	
Ozaukee	2024-5	Community Terrace Inc	B	\$7,907.10	\$7,907.10	
Ozaukee	2024-6	Double M Acres LLC	A	\$6,200.00	\$6,200.00	
Ozaukee	2024-7	Mark & Michelle Blumenberg	B	\$5,410.70	\$5,410.70	
Pepin	596-LWRM-24	Brenda Anderson	B	\$3,850.00	\$3,850.00	
Pepin	597-LWRM-24	Ronald Caturia	B	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	
Pepin	598-LWRM-24	John Meade	B	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	
Pepin	599-LWRM-24	Troy Gates	B	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	
Pepin	600-LWRM-24	Brenda Anderson	B	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	
Pierce	03LWRM2024	Donald Rodewald	A	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	
Pierce	05LWRM2024	Michael & Victoria Cobian	A	\$2,520.00	\$2,520.00	
Pierce	11LWRM2024	Ralph & Patricia Ginsbach Rev Trst	A	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00	
Pierce	12LWRM2024	Theodore K & Shirley Place	A	\$17,850.00	\$15,059.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Polk	LWRD-24-207	Maxwell & Shauna Musial	C	\$32,304.44	\$24,603.87	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Portage	24-05	Ryan A Peters	A	\$13,735.58	\$13,735.58	
Portage	24-06	Joseph M & Ann Marie Cisewski	A	\$6,639.50	\$6,639.50	
Portage	24-07	Jason J Disher	A	\$18,305.00	\$18,305.00	
Portage	24-08	Teng & Nhia Vang Moua	A	\$38,823.75	\$6,222.87	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Price	LW-24-01	Wounded Warriors in Action	B	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	
Price	LW-24-02	Paul & Joan Schoenfeld	A	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	
Price	LW-24-03	James Wilbur & Rebecca Hickerson	B	\$9,499.00	\$9,499.00	
Price	LW-24-05	James D & Margaret Hickerson	B	\$12,377.56	\$12,377.56	
Racine	LWRM 378	Robert D & Judy L Grove Rev Trst	B	\$7,700.00	\$7,700.00	
Racine	LWRM 379	Bear Country Holdings LLC	B	\$17,300.00	\$17,300.00	
Racine	LWRM 439	David R & Rhonda J Smerchek Rev Tst	B	\$6,429.38	\$6,429.38	
Racine	LWRM 445	Shelly Voight	C	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	
Racine	LWRM 453	Matthew & Jessica Wied	C	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
Richland	9-24	Dennis A & Margie K Dosch	C	\$11,088.00	\$3,998.16	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Rock	LR-I.24	Mark J Madson Living Trst	A	\$3,640.00	\$3,640.00	
Rock	LR-L.24	Mark S & Christine Metcalf Rev Trst	C	\$2,253.12	\$2,253.12	
Rock	LR-M.24	Eric Komprood Rev Liv Trst	A	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	
Rock	LR-N.24	Janet Lebron & Stephanie Moser	C	\$5,274.50	\$5,274.50	
Rock	LR-O.24	Tom & Donna Sayre Farms LLC	C	\$6,384.00	\$6,384.00	
Rock	LR-P.24	Barlass Jerseys LLC	C	\$1,657.15	\$1,657.15	
Rock	LR-Q.24	Edward Quaerna Rev Trst	C	\$5,544.01	\$5,544.01	
Saint Croix	56-24-527	Our Family LLP	B	\$5,067.71	\$5,067.71	
Sauk	LW-24-02	Arlene M Engert Trust & James C Davis	B	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	
Sauk	LW-24-03	Allen & Deborah Geeser	B	\$4,542.73	\$4,542.73	
Sawyer	24-02	Amy J & James Clancy	A	\$5,670.00	\$5,670.00	
Sawyer	24-03	Tameling Family Tst	A	\$4,350.00	\$4,350.00	
Sawyer	24-04	Thomas R & Christine M Patrick	A	\$4,800.00	\$4,800.00	

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Sawyer	24-05	Steven S Broback Rev Tst	A	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00	
Sawyer	24-08	Karl F & Terri A Lundeen Tst	A	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
Shawano	59-24-02	Synergy Dairy LLC	A	\$10,616.90	\$10,616.90	
Shawano	59-24-03	Chad & Laurie Przybylski	A	\$2,044.00	\$2,044.00	
Shawano	59-24-04	Bradley R Krueger	A	\$14,784.00	\$14,784.00	
Sheboygan	335	Maywood Environmental Park Trust	B	\$2,625.00	\$2,625.00	
Taylor	LWP-24-03	Christopher & Megan Hargot	B	\$21,669.48	\$21,669.48	
Taylor	LWP-24-08	John & Jean Brost	B	\$6,027.28	\$6,027.28	
Taylor	LWP-24-10	Grass Dairy LLC	B	\$6,091.69	\$6,091.69	
Taylor	LWP-24-11	Irene Offord	B	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Trempealeau	9494	R&R Suchla LLC	A	\$6,044.20	\$6,044.20	
Trempealeau	9495	Roger & Mary Ann Eichman	B	\$9,480.80	\$9,480.80	
Trempealeau	9496	Oak Ridge Dairies LLP	B	\$6,707.00	\$6,707.00	
Vernon	2024-10	Curtis & Leslie Bakkum	A	\$1,068.38	\$1,068.38	
Vernon	2024-11	Bruce & Ryan Peterson	A	\$4,755.00	\$4,755.00	
Vilas	2024-01RC	William H and Gail Joanne Baar II	B	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Vilas	2024-02	Keith R DAgostino Trust & Julie A DAgostino Trust	B	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	
Vilas	2024-03	James F & Ann Cochran Willer	C	\$6,660.00	\$6,660.00	
Vilas	2024-04	Hillcrest Condominium Association	C	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	
Vilas	2024-05	Wayne E Bernahl Trst	C	\$7,500.00	\$3,540.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Walworth	LW24-04	Shodeen Family Property Co LLC	B	\$10,500.00	\$1.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Walworth	LW24-05	B & J Tree Service Inc	B	\$11,872.00	\$11,872.00	
Walworth	LW24-06	Richard V & Jo Ellen K Getka	B	\$10,920.00	\$585.06	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Washburn	66-24-01	Lynda Apel	A	\$3,950.00	\$3,950.00	
Washburn	66-24-02	James R Daley	A	\$4,300.00	\$4,300.00	
Washburn	66-24-03	Jeff & Jennifer Nellis	A	\$5,750.00	\$5,750.00	
Washburn	66-24-04	Bruce & Rachelle Schiller	A	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	
Washburn	66-24-05	Tony & Brigitte Windingstad	A	\$4,250.00	\$4,250.00	
Washburn	66-24-06	Keith A Klipp	A	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	
Washburn	66-24-09	Michael J Widiker	B	\$9,492.00	\$9,492.00	
Washburn	66-24-10	Stephen Widiker	B	\$2,524.00	\$2,258.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Washington	LWRM-24-05	Brian M & Lesa L Staehler	A	\$6,660.43	\$6,660.43	
Washington	LWRM-24-06	Chad Johnson	A	\$13,990.00	\$13,990.00	
Waukesha	2024-13	Waukesha County Parks Division	C	\$18,900.62	\$18,900.62	
Waupaca	LW-24-07	Joseph V & Katrina M Artz	B	\$34,123.60	\$29,003.86	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Waupaca	LW-24-08	Sharon K Oleary Land Tst	A	\$4,788.00	\$1.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Waupaca	LW-24-09	Justin Hintz	B	\$35,000.00	\$1.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Waupaca	LW-24-10	CARDA Farms, LLC	B	\$32,800.00	\$1.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Waushara	70-24-16	James & Bonita Jarvis	B	\$14,710.00	\$14,710.00	
Waushara	70-24-17	Glenn & Wendy Werner	A	\$7,500.00	\$1,689.87	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Waushara	70-24-3	Samuel J & Melissa L Wood	A	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
Winnebago	LW-24-01	Ronald & Linda Wachholz	A	\$6,093.50	\$6,093.50	
Winnebago	LW-24-02	Albright Brothers LLC	A	\$17,554.50	\$17,554.50	
Winnebago	LW-24-03	Ledgerock Dairy LLC	A	\$36,750.00	\$2,927.22	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Wood	24-LWRM-06	Michelle Strobel	B	\$3,406.75	\$3,406.75	
Wood	24-LWRM-10	Garrett & Cara Jones	B	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	
Wood	24-LWRM-27	Michael & Mary Krohn	A	\$11,336.75	\$5,275.88	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Count:	198		Totals	\$2,002,357.92	\$1,628,849.84	

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SEG Cost-Share						
County	CSA#	Name	Reason*	Request	Recommended Approval Amount	Explanation of Difference Between Request and Recommended Approval Amount
Bayfield	BCSEG-02-24	Luke & Anneli Schraufnagel	A	\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00	
Buffalo	S-2024-01-CC	Jacob & Kimberly Reidt	C	\$978.00	\$978.00	
Buffalo	S-2024-02-CC	Michael, Peter & Susan Lyga, Poeschl Trust	C	\$2,304.00	\$2,304.00	
Clark	2024-03	Roger A & Kimberly M Ehlers	C	\$840.00	\$840.00	
Columbia	CC-13-2024	Scott A & Laura, Benjamin & Meghann	A	\$4,350.00	\$4,350.00	
Dane	2024LCD131	David J & Patricia A Judd	B	\$4,432.00	\$2,777.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Green Lake	2024-NM-02	Morris & Leta Vinz	C	\$8,528.00	\$1,146.55	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Iowa	NM 24-07	Harrington Brothers	A	\$3,507.00	\$3,507.00	
Iowa	NM 24-08	Timothy, Steven, Joannie, Linda Harrington	A	\$1,755.25	\$1,755.25	
Iowa	NM 24-09	Timothy & Steven Harrington	A	\$2,599.10	\$2,599.10	
Iowa	NM 24-15	Alan & Jolene Kolb	C	\$4,036.89	\$3,783.25	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Kewaunee	24-372	Alan L & Tonya Ledvina	B	\$6,280.00	\$6,280.00	
Langlade	2024-08-AG	Roger & Mary Jo Breitenfeldt	C	\$6,712.40	\$2,484.40	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Marathon	2024-02-SEG	John & Patricia Utecht	C	\$2,043.30	\$2,043.30	
Marquette	27-24	Greg, Jason, & Travis Lindner	A	\$20,520.00	\$20,520.00	
Monroe	S-1-2024	Bruce & Vicki Peterson	B	\$2,640.00	\$2,640.00	
Monroe	S-2-2024	Alan Ferries Revocable Trust & Deborah Ferries Revocable Trust	B	\$39,000.00	\$39,000.00	
Monroe	S-3-2024	James & Julie Olson	B	\$2,520.00	\$2,520.00	
Monroe	S-4-2024	Roland & Vicki Koenig	B	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	
Monroe	S-5-2024	Randy & Susan Kelly	B	\$2,240.00	\$2,240.00	
Ozaukee	2024-6s	James & Mary Eischen	C	\$8,784.00	\$8,784.00	
Pepin	585-SEG-24	Richard Traun	B	\$2,259.60	\$2,259.60	
Pepin	586-SEG-24	Bryan Brunner	B	\$6,201.20	\$6,201.20	
Racine	LWRM 441	August J & Laverne V Storck Trst; Laverne Storck Trst; Laverne V Storck Survivors's Trst	C	\$31,089.40	\$31,089.40	
Racine	LWRM 447	Mark & Heidi Dahl	C	\$6,400.00	\$6,400.00	
Racine	LWRM 449	Greenmonte Farms Inc	C	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	
Racine	LWRM 452	John Vos	C	\$2,433.60	\$2,433.60	
Rock	LR-04_24	Little Rock Acres LLC	C	\$7,348.00	\$3,021.80	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Sauk	CC-24-07	Sauk County	A	\$6,375.00	\$6,301.20	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Vernon	2024-54	Justin & Darel Daniels Trst	A	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	
Vernon	2024-55	Eric Nestingen	A	\$1,680.00	\$1,680.00	
Vernon	2024-61	Terry & Dean Heffner	A	\$960.00	\$960.00	
Vernon	2024-62	Pamela D Gasper Trst	A	\$4,880.00	\$4,880.00	
Vernon	2024-63	Shamrock Farms Trst	A	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Vernon	2024-64	Christopher & Jill Krause	A	\$2,040.00	\$2,040.00	
Vernon	2024-65	David & Ann Krause	A	\$1,880.00	\$1,880.00	
Vernon	2024-66	Scott & Mary Ann Herlitzke Trst	A	\$4,120.00	\$4,120.00	
Vernon	2024-67	K&M Herlitzke Farms LLC	A	\$12,640.00	\$12,640.00	
Vernon	2024-68	Valley View Farms Trst	A	\$800.00	\$800.00	
Vernon	2024-69	James P Allen Trst	A	\$1,280.00	\$1,280.00	
Vernon	2024-70	Three Farms LLC	A	\$12,520.00	\$12,520.00	
Vernon	2024-71	Daniel Herlitzke-LaCrosse Cty	A	\$1,080.00	\$1,080.00	
Vernon	2024-72	Jamie Lenser-LaCrosse Cty	A	\$1,440.00	\$1,440.00	
Vernon	2024-73	LaCrosse Rifle Club-LaCrosse Cty	A	\$840.00	\$840.00	
Vernon	2024-74	Michael & Lori Roach-LaCrosse Cty	A	\$1,680.00	\$1,680.00	
Vernon	2024-75	Shady Maple Inc-LaCrosse Cty	A	\$880.00	\$880.00	
Vernon	2024-76	T&L Jones Trust of 2006-LaCrosse Cty	A	\$520.00	\$520.00	
Vernon	2024-78	Three Farms LLC-LaCrosse Cty	A	\$4,280.00	\$4,280.00	
Vernon	2024-79	Keith & Marilyn Herlitzke	A	\$4,720.00	\$4,720.00	
Vernon	2024-80	Kurt & Margaret Pfuhl	A	\$520.00	\$520.00	
Walworth	LW24-07	Janet Hutton & Donna Marshall	C	\$3,636.00	\$824.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Walworth	LW24-08	Kenneth Newman Trust	C	\$13,328.00	\$13,328.00	
Walworth	LW24-09	Maclean Farm #2	C	\$3,504.00	\$3,504.00	
Walworth	LW24-10	Mark & Mary Mullikin	C	\$2,344.00	\$2,344.00	
Washington	LWRM-24-09	RASF Property LLC	A	\$2,040.00	\$2,040.00	
Waupaca	LW-24-68	Daniel J & Rith Ann Boerst	C	\$1,006.65	\$1.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Waushara	70-24-16	James & Bonita Jarvis	B	\$600.00	\$600.00	
Waushara	70-24-8	Robert Krentz	A	\$3,925.00	\$1,040.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Winnebago	SEG-24-01	Richard L Wisniewski	C	\$3,816.40	\$3,816.40	
Winnebago	SEG-24-02	Richard P Larsen Rev Tst et al	C	\$889.20	\$889.20	
Winnebago	SEG-24-04	Richard P Potratz	C	\$14,221.20	\$14,221.20	
Winnebago	SEG-24-05	Larry L Keys	C	\$4,432.40	\$4,432.40	
Winnebago	SEG-24-07	Gary R & Wendy S Gelhar	C	\$898.40	\$898.40	
Winnebago	SEG-24-08	Spencer H Rolph & James Luft	C	\$1,662.40	\$1,662.40	
Winnebago	SEG-24-09	David A & Patricia A Kester	C	\$2,611.20	\$2,611.20	
Winnebago	SEG-24-10	Julie A Palmer	C	\$1,437.20	\$1,437.20	
Winnebago	SEG-24-11	Janet M Treleven	C	\$1,366.40	\$1,366.40	
Winnebago	SEG-24-12	Anthony G Potratz Rev Liv Tst	C	\$514.80	\$514.80	
Winnebago	SEG-24-13	David L & Shirley M Treleven	C	\$893.60	\$893.60	
Winnebago	SEG-24-14	LC Potratz Properties LLC	C	\$1,363.60	\$1,363.60	
Winnebago	SEG-24-15	Lee P & Cheryl M Traxler	C	\$1,844.80	\$1,844.80	

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Winnebago	SEG-24-16	Duwayne A Hess	C	\$2,038.00	\$2,038.00
Winnebago	SEG-24-17	Jacob Robert Potratz	C	\$832.60	\$832.60
Winnebago	SEG-24-18	David B & Connie A Sutter	C	\$392.40	\$392.40
Winnebago	SEG-24-19	Robert & Nancy Albright Rev Tst et al	C	\$3,227.60	\$3,227.60
Winnebago	SEG-24-20	Wayne A & Viola L Schmick	C	\$2,603.60	\$2,603.60
Winnebago	SEG-24-21	Gruszynske & Whitmarsh Fam Tst et al	C	\$3,968.80	\$3,968.80
Count:	77		Totals	\$352,534.99	\$327,914.25

Bond Cost-Share

County	CSA#	Name	Reason*	Request	Recommended Approval Amount	Explanation of Difference Between Request and Recommended Approval Amount
Saint Croix	56-24-527	Our Family LLP	B	\$1,594.46	\$1,594.46	
Count:	1		Totals	\$1,594.46	\$1,594.46	

Total Count:	276	Grand Totals	\$2,356,487.37	\$1,958,358.55
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- *Key Explaining Reasons for Extension Requests
 A. Unfavorable weather conditions
 B. Unavailability of contractors
 C. Extenuating circumstances

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2024 DATCP TRANSFERS AND AWARDS FROM DATCP RESERVE

Inter-County Structural Fund Transfers					
Transferring County	Receiving County	Amount	Date Received	Date Approved	Days to approve
Langlade	Marathon	20,000	9/27/2024	9/27/2024	1
Milwaukee	Racine	10,000	10/24/2024	10/25/2024	2
Langlade	Shawano	9,000	11/07/2024	11/08/2024	2
Kenosha	Racine	10,000	11/19/2024	11/22/2024	4
Barron	Jackson	19,569	11/22/2024	11/27/2024	6
Trempealeau	Jackson	36,358	11/22/2024	11/27/2024	6
Marathon	Racine	5,000	11/22/2024	11/27/2024	6
Buffalo	Jackson	22,437	11/22/2024	11/27/2024	6
Marathon	Lincoln	10,000	11/25/2024	11/27/2024	3
Burnett	Vernon	4,755	11/26/2024	11/29/2024	4
Dodge	Florence	14,040	11/26/2024	11/29/2024	4
Marquette	Racine	13,000	11/27/2024	12/06/2024	10
Rock	Adams	3,000	12/05/2024	12/06/2024	2
13 Structural Transfers Totaling:		177,159		Average Days:	4.3

Inter-County SEG Fund Transfers					
Transferring County	Receiving County	Amount	Date Received	Date Approved	Days to approve
Marathon	Langlade	20,000	2/5/2024	2/5/2024	1
Eau Claire	St Croix	25,000	3/22/2024	3/25/2024	4
Buffalo	Lincoln	1,451	6/04/2024	6/06/2024	3
Washburn	Burnett	840	6/14/2024	6/19/2024	6
Sauk	Juneau	28,740	6/19/2024	6/19/2024	1
Waushara	Marquette	8,000	9/06/2024	9/11/2024	6
Rusk	Dunn	1,744	9/18/2024	9/20/2024	3
Jefferson	Langlade	12,000	9/30/2024	10/8/2024	9
Eau Claire	Chippewa	32,720	10/4/2024	10/8/2024	5
Shawano	Waupaca	15,000	10/7/2024	10/7/2024	1
Trempealeau	Marquette	15,000	10/4/2024	10/7/2024	4
Shawano	Langlade	5,000	11/13/2024	11/18/2024	6
Fond du Lac	Waupaca	5,600	11/19/2024	11/22/2024	4
Vernon	La Crosse	10,000	11/18/2024	11/22/2024	5
Barron	La Crosse	10,000	11/19/2024	11/22/2024	4
Outagamie	Marathon	20,000	11/19/2024	11/22/2024	4
Rusk	Polk	6,252	11/21/2024	11/27/2024	7
Iron	Polk	1,628	11/21/2024	11/27/2024	7
Outagamie	Marquette	17,000	11/27/2024	12/6/2024	10
Rock	St Croix	10,880	12/5/2024	12/6/2024	2
20 SEG Transfers Totaling:		246,855		Average Days:	4.6

DATCP Re-Allocation of Bond Funds from the Reserve of \$300,000				
Receiving County	Requested Amount	Date Received	Date Approved	Days to Approve
Burnett	6,670	05/10/2024	05/14/2024	5
St Croix	17,500	5/16/2024	5/16/2024	1
Clark	5,000	6/4/2024	6/06/2024	3
Outagamie	108,575	10/1/2024	10/4/2024	4
Total	137,745			

Table A Adjusted: 2024 DATCP Allocations

STAFFING AND COST-SHARE ALLOCATIONS

County	DATCP Staffing & Support Allocation	LWRM Plan Implementation Allocation		Total DATCP Allocation	County	DATCP Staffing & Support Allocation	LWRM Plan Implementation Allocation		Total DATCP Allocation
		Structural Cost-Sharing	SEG Cost-Sharing				Structural Cost-Sharing	SEG Cost-Sharing	
Adams	141,395	46,500	35,000	222,895	Marathon	209,031	76,200	95,000	380,231
Ashland	144,414	50,000	30,000	224,414	Marinette	150,820	49,000	50,000	249,820
Barron	158,931	28,431	0	187,362	Marquette	144,736	27,300	110,000	282,036
Bayfield	147,332	50,200	8,000	205,532	Menominee	98,883	20,000		118,883
Brown	176,980	55,000	20,000	251,980	Milwaukee	92,963	0	3,000	92,963
Buffalo	144,014	20,863	18,549	183,426	Monroe	156,717	61,200	50,000	217,917
Burnett	115,674	36,915	10,840	163,429	Oconto	163,978	55,000		218,978
Calumet	198,312	41,100	40,000	279,412	Oneida	130,878	38,500		169,378
Chippewa	177,073	71,200	102,720	350,993	Outagamie	209,940	163,575	28,000	401,515
Clark	162,886	63,500	65,000	291,386	Ozaukee	163,317	56,200	25,000	244,517
Columbia	146,745	62,150	80,000	288,895	Pepin	113,619	40,300	40,000	193,919
Crawford	127,940	55,000	8,000	190,940	Pierce	157,892	61,000	15,000	233,892
Dane	239,089	65,200	95,000	399,289	Polk	153,776	50,000	7,880	211,656
Dodge	151,739	37,260	20,000	208,999	Portage	169,119	67,200		236,319
Door	185,981	56,200	10,000	252,181	Price	107,243	43,500		150,743
Douglas	129,947	33,950	5,000	168,897	Racine	182,864	94,200	90,000	367,064
Dunn	202,027	61,200	21,744	284,971	Richland	118,873	37,100	20,000	175,973
Eau Claire	164,221	41,000	7,280	212,501	Rock	160,227	62,200	69,120	291,547
Florence	89,955	52,540		142,495	Rusk	120,147	43,500	17,004	180,651
Fond du Lac	175,763	40,000	0	215,763	Saint Croix	158,226	72,000	80,880	311,106
Forest	98,568	20,000	10,000	128,568	Sauk	176,278	61,200	31,260	268,738
Grant	127,784	71,200		198,984	Sawyer	109,126	38,500	8,000	155,626
Green	168,878	68,900	20,000	257,778	Shawano	154,819	54,100	0	208,919
Green Lake	173,645	43,500	30,000	247,145	Sheboygan	167,016	55,000	15,000	237,016
Iowa	159,845	45,000	45,000	249,845	Taylor	150,892	55,000	65,000	270,892
Iron	126,647	38,500	372	165,519	Trempealeau	129,818	30,842	15,000	175,660
Jackson	143,952	139,364		283,316	Vernon	137,920	65,955	70,000	273,875
Jefferson	183,527	35,000	0	218,527	Vilas	137,321	31,200		168,521
Juneau	149,029	48,300	48,740	246,069	Walworth	187,746	55,000	20,000	262,746
Kenosha	145,109	22,300	5,000	172,409	Washburn	124,161	43,500	5,160	172,821
Kewaunee	182,762	45,100	25,000	252,862	Washington	161,172	31,200	10,000	202,372
LaCrosse	176,363	43,500	40,000	259,863	Waukesha	205,571	36,200		241,771
Lafayette	111,657	67,200		178,857	Waupaca	157,179	62,700	100,384	320,263
Langlade	107,988	0	72,000	179,988	Waushara	153,274	43,500	17,000	213,774
Lincoln	98,939	46,200	2,451	147,590	Winnebago	178,843	48,300	50,000	277,143
Manitowoc	165,432	55,000	75,000	295,432	Wood	167,372	50,300	54,000	271,672
					Reserve		162,255		162,255
					Sub-Totals	\$10,962,300	\$3,800,000	\$2,112,384	\$16,874,684

PROJECT COOPERATOR ALLOCATIONS

UW Madison CALS	596,000	Nutrient Management Farmer Education	377,053
UW-SFAL	18,005	Innovation Grants	182,650
UW NOP Support	86,176	Sub-Total Cooperator Allocation	\$1,562,616
Wisconsin Land and Water	255,732		
WLWCA SOC	42,000		
Conservation Observation Day	5,000		

PROGRAM ALLOCATION TOTALS

TOTAL	\$10,962,300	\$3,800,000	\$2,112,384	\$18,437,300
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Received Structural Transfer
 Received SEG Transfer

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 1, 2025

TO: LWCB members and advisors

FROM: Jason Knutson, Wisconsin DNR

SUBJECT: DNR Update, February – March 2025, For April LWCB Meeting

Storm Water Program Update

In January, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) updated the Modeling Post-Construction Storm Water Management Treatment Guidance to guide consultants in modeling to establish numeric credit for stormwater treatment and infiltration.

This guidance document is routinely updated following updates to commonly used modeling software. The updated Modeling Post-Construction Storm Water Management Treatment Guidance is now available on the [Wisconsin DNR storm water publications/guidance page](#).

Surface Water Grant Program Update

The Surface Water Grant Program announced approximately \$6 million in grant funding to lake organizations, nonprofit organizations and municipal and county governments throughout Wisconsin (see the [press release](#)). The priority funding list for FY25 surface water grants is posted on the [Wisconsin DNR's Surface Water Grant website](#) (explore more at the [priority funding list surface water grants](#) hyperlink).

Organizations interested in applying for a surface water grant this year and that have not confirmed their organization's eligibility should contact the [DNR Environmental Grants Specialist](#) for their county.

Organization eligibility is required for producer-led groups, lake associations, school districts and nonprofit conservation, surface water management and river management organizations and needs to be confirmed every 10 years.

Runoff Grants – TRM & UNPS Grant Applications Due April 15, 2025

[Applications and instructions](#) for 2026 grants are [available on our website](#).

Applications are due on April 15, 2025.

Source Water Protection Update

The DNR Source Water Protection (SWP) team has led two key collaborations to reduce nitrate concentrations in public wells.

In Athens, Wisconsin, the team analyzed data to identify wells with rising nitrate levels and collaborated with the Wisconsin Rural Water Association, a local farmer and the Athens municipality to address the issue. Their efforts included modeling the source water areas of the wells and identifying potential nitrate contributors, as well as partnering with a CAFO

owner to implement land management practices that reduce nitrogen input. Sampling frequency at shallow public wells has been increased to monitor and verify nitrate reduction.

In Abbotsford, Wisconsin, the SWP team identified three wells with rising nitrate concentrations near a 17-acre agricultural field owned by the Abbotsford School District.

The team collaborated with the school, the Wisconsin Rural Water Association, the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey and the Thriving Earth Exchange to mitigate nitrate contamination. To replace farming activities that contributed to nitrate input, alternative land uses were introduced, and students planted native vegetation while gaining hands-on experience in geology and water quality by observing the drilling of new monitoring wells.

These wells will provide ongoing water-quality data to track nitrate concentrations over time and assess potential reductions. This effort was recently highlighted in the March issue of [Wisconsin Counties magazine](#).

ARPA Well Grants Update

On Jan. 28, 2025, Gov. Evers and the Wisconsin DNR announced a new round of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Well Grants to support the replacement, reconstruction, treatment or abandonment of contaminated private and non-community wells.

The program will provide up to \$5 million for grants and has the same income eligibility requirements as the previous round of grants. The DNR began accepting applications for the new round of grants on Feb. 3, 2025.

Eligibility Criteria:

- For a contaminated well serving a residence, family income may not exceed \$100,000 for the prior calendar year.
- For a contaminated non-community public system well, business income may not exceed \$100,000 for the prior calendar year.
- Determining contamination:
 - One sample from a certified lab that exceeds a primary drinking water standard, two samples for fecal bacteria.

Award Amounts:

- The maximum award amount under the program will be \$16,000.
- The cost share requirement under the program will be \$0.

Other Important Information And Contacts:

- Grant applications will be accepted until Aug. 31, 2025, or until funds run out.
- All work associated with these grants must be completed by July 31, 2026.
- Reimbursement requests must be submitted to the DNR. All grants will need to be paid out by Dec. 31, 2026.
- Application materials are available on the [ARPA Well Abandonment Grant Program webpage](#) and the [ARPA Well Compensation Grant Program webpage](#).
- Questions about the program can be sent to DNRARPAWellGrants@wisconsin.gov.

- The DNR has an email list to sign up to receive updates about the program. Interested parties can [sign up to receive these updates](#). Under the “Grants and Loans” category, check the box next to “ARPA Well Grant.”