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

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Land & Water Conservation Board Meeting
December 6, 2022
Eau Claire County Statistics

Population – 105,710 (2020 Census)
Area – 637.9 square miles
44th Largest County in WI

• Primary crops: Corn, Soybeans, and forage
• Primary Livestock: Beef & Dairy
  – Also Hogs, Sheep, Chickens and Goats
2017-2021 Installed Conservation Practices

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

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

• NR 151
  – Title 17.03 Farmland Preservation Program
  – Title 17.04 Agricultural Performance Standards & Manure Management
  – Conservation Engineering/Technical Assistance

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

• Groundwater

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

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

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