



State of Wisconsin

Land and Water Conservation Board

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Land and Water Conservation Board Agenda

April 7, 2026

The Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) will meet on **April 7, 2026** 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 174656686# or go to the following website and register to receive the access link: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/240125c1-f700-43a2-a3fe-ac9684373861@f4e2d11c-fae4-453b-b6c0-2964663779aa>. The agenda for the meeting is below.

AGENDA ITEMS AND TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

- 9:00 AM 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 3, 2026 meeting minutes
- 9:10 AM 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*
- 9:15 AM 4 Recommendation for approval of LWRM Plan 5-Year Review for Milwaukee County
Tim Detzer, Principal Environmental Engineer and County Conservationist; Sheldon Wasserman, Parks and Culture Chair
- 9:45 AM 5 Recommendation for approval of LWRM Plan 5-Year Review for Pierce County
Rod Webb, Land Conservation Director; Jerry Kosin, LCC Chair
- 10:15 AM 6 Education Item: Soil Health
Randy Zogbaum, DATCP

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

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

- 10:45 AM 7 Recommendation for approval of LWRM Plan 5-Year Review for Buffalo County
Cale Severson, County Conservationist; Max Weiss, LCC Chair
- 11:15 AM 8 Extension of DATCP Projects from 2025 into 2026; Report on Transfers and Reallocations of 2025 Cost-Share Dollars (written report only)
Susan Mockert, DATCP
- 11:20 AM 9 Revised Board Questionnaires
Jenn Chakravorty, DATCP
- 11:30 AM 10 **Lunch Break**
- 11:45 AM 11 NR 151 Progress and Resources Assessment (NPRA)
Jason Knutson, DNR; Chris Clayton, DATCP; Matt Krueger, WI Land + Water; Ken Genskow, UW
- 12:15 PM 12 LWCB Advisory Committee on Research
Ron Grasshoff, LWCB; Kirsten Biefeld, DATCP
- 12:25 PM 13 Agency reports
a. FSA
b. NRCS
c. UW-CALS
d. UW Madison - Extension
e. WI Land + Water
f. DOA
g. DATCP
h. DNR
i. Member Updates
- 12:55 PM 13 Planning for June 2026 LWCB Meeting -
Mark Cupp, LWCB
- 1:00 PM 14 Adjourn

MINUTES
LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD MEETING

February 3, 2026
2811 Agriculture Drive, Board Room &
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Item #1 Call to Order—pledge of allegiance, open meeting notice, approval of agenda, approval of October 7, 2025, 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 3, 2026**. 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, Ron Grasshoff, Rebecca Clarke, Mike Hofberger, Tim Anderson, Andrew Potts, and Joe Baeten for Jason Knutson. A quorum was present.

Advisors: Ryan Gerlich (NRCS), Ian Krauss (FSA), Matt Krueger (WI Land + Water), and Amber Radatz (UW CALS)

Approval of Agenda

Motion

DATCP requested to switch items 6 and 7 on the agenda. Potts motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Osterman, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion

Grasshoff motioned to approve the December 2, 2025, meeting minutes as amended, seconded by Buttles, 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

One public appearance card was submitted by Linda Zillmer. The requester expressed interest in post-meeting online access to LWCB board meetings and a recommendation to involve additional stakeholders in the LWRM planning process.

Item #3 Election of 2026 Officials

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

Nomination for Secretary

Grasshoff nominated McGraw as Secretary, seconded by Buttles. Grasshoff motioned to close nominations for Secretary, seconded by Potts. The LWCB Chair closed nominations. McGraw was elected to serve as 2026 LWCB Secretary by a unanimous voice vote.

Nomination for Vice Chair

Hofberger nominated Osterman as Vice Chair, seconded by Buttles. Grasshoff motioned to close nominations for Vice Chair, seconded by Anderson. The LWCB Chair closed nominations. Osterman was elected to serve as 2026 LWCB Vice Chair by a unanimous voice vote.

Nomination for Chair

Chair Cupp turned the election process over to Vice Chair Osterman. Grasshoff nominated Cupp as Chair, seconded by Anderson. Grasshoff motioned to close nominations for Chair, seconded by Buttles. The LWCB Vice Chair closed nominations. Cupp was elected to serve as 2026 LWCB Chair by a unanimous voice vote.

Item #4 Recommendation for approval of LWRM Plan Revision for Crawford County

Dave Troester, County Conservationist; Gary Koch, LCC Chair; Travis Bunting, Conservation Specialist formally requested a recommendation of approval from the Board regarding the County's LWRM plan revision.

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, McGraw motioned to recommend approval of Crawford County's LWRM plan revision, seconded by Grasshoff, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #5 Recommendation for approval of LWRM 5-Year Plan Revision for Sawyer County

Tim Seidl, Assistant Conservationist; Natalie Eler Conservation Technician; Steve Kariainen, LCC Chair formally requested a recommendation of approval from the Board regarding the County's LWRM plan revision.

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, Anderson motioned to recommend approval of Sawyer County's 5-year LWRM plan review, seconded by McGraw, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #6 LWCB Advisory Committee on Research – Committee Updates

Grasshoff reported that following discussions with DATCP, the LWCB Advisory Committee will meet for its last recurring bi-monthly meeting in March of 2026. Biefeld reported at its January meeting, the Committee passed a motion to recommend that the Board add questions in the planning questionnaires for Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) plan reviews and updates. The questions will serve as a vehicle to document research and educational program needs related to soil and water conservation.

Radatz noted that there is not always time for additional questions to be directed to county staff during Board meetings. Revisions to the questionnaires will provide a mechanism to document county needs for research and educational programs related to soil and water conservation, and the documentation should allow for categorization over time. The Board emphasized that the information collected should be reliable and useful for monitoring trends.

Osterman motioned to add two questions to the questionnaire, including:

- 1) What do you observe as gaps in understanding or research that hinder conservation progress or water quality improvement? *Part of the LWCB's duties is to advise the University of Wisconsin system on needed research and education programs relating to soil and water conservation. The answer to this question will be used in research and outreach efforts by the University of Wisconsin.*
- 2) A second question to identify what research or management techniques the county currently uses to address land and water conservation issues to be reviewed at the April meeting.

McGraw seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Item #7 Reviewing LWRM Plans for Members and Advisors

Jenn Chakravorty, DATCP discussed LWRM Planning including a review of the different stages of LWRM planning and exploration of effective engagement methods.

Item #8 Agency Reports

- a. FSA- Krauss provided a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the February 3, 2026 [meeting packet](#).
- b. NRCS- Gerlich reported they are focused on rolling out the 2026 Farm Bill Programs, ensuring all tools are ready and staff are fully trained.
- c. UW-Extension- Radatz provided a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the February 3, 2026 [meeting packet](#).
- d. WI Land + Water- Krueger reported the 73rd Annual Conference is scheduled for March at Chula Vista. Work is underway on LCC trainings, emphasizing how committee members can support county staff for effective plan implementation. Planning is underway to identify members for the land conservation Committee members. Ron Grasshoff inquired about Land and Water's role in the 590. The next step is to address public comment.

- e. DOA- Potts reported that the legislative session is nearing conclusion. Proposals include a stewardship extension and the use of tipping fees for wastewater projects. The biennial budget requests for agencies is due in September, and preparations are underway for the transition to the new governor.
- f. DATCP- Anderson submitted a written report that is available online at the Land and Water Conservation Board website within the February 3, 2026 [meeting packet](#).
- g. DNR- Baeten reported ongoing work on NR151 progress and resource analysis. The goal is to complete the assessment this spring with 1,200 sites identified as a need. TRM applications are due April 15, 2026. A written report is available within the February 3, 2026 [meeting packet](#).
- h. Member Updates- No member updates

Item #9 Planning for the April 2026 LWCB Meeting

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

- LWRM 5 Year Plan Review for Buffalo, Pierce, and Milwaukee Counties
- Extension of DATCP Projects from 2025 into 2026
- Report on Transfers and Reallocations of 2025 Cost-Share Dollars
- Board Education Item: Soil Health
- DNR will present on NR151 Progress & Resource Analysis
- Research committee update on March 2026 Meeting

Item #10 Adjourn

Motion

Osterman motioned to adjourn, seconded by Grasshoff, and the motion carried unanimously. The business meeting was adjourned at 12:17pm.

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM _____ **State of Wisconsin**

DATE: April 7, 2026

TO: Land and Water Conservation Board Members and Advisors

FROM: Jenn Chakravorty, DATCP
Resource Management Section,
Bureau of Land and Water Resources

SUBJECT: Five Year Review of the *Milwaukee 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 Milwaukee County Land and Water Resource Management plan has been approved through December 31, 2031, contingent on a five-year review conducted prior to December 31, 2026. In advance of the five-year review, Milwaukee County has completed a DATCP approved form designed to implement the LWCB's reference document 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
- 2025 Annual Workplan with Accomplishments
- 2026 Annual Workplan

Presenter(s): Tim Detzer, County Conservationist and Principal Environmental Engineer
Sheldon Wasserman, Land Conservation Committee Chair



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

County: Milwaukee

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.

See attachment.

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.

See attachment.

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.

See attachment.

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.

See attachment.

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:
2/23/2026

Signature of Authorized Representative: Timothy Detzer **Date:** 3/4/26
(e.g. County Conservationist, LCC chair)

Send completed questionnaire and attachments to:
jennifer.chakravorty@wisconsin.gov

Implementation Covering Past Five Years and Future Directions

- 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.**

Milwaukee County's Land and Water Resource Management Plan (LWRMP) lays out the County's wide range of conservation needs and recognizes that meeting these needs requires a coordinated, interdepartmental approach. No single department has the expertise to carry out this breadth of work. While the Land Conservation Department (LCD) plays a key planning role, implementation relies on close collaboration across multiple County departments. The LWRMP planning process has helped the County prioritize investments, align funding sources, and adjust activities to better target on-the-ground outcomes. Representative accomplishments include the following.

Stormwater Management

The LWRMP identifies stormwater and urban nonpoint source pollution as major contributors to water quality impairments, and stormwater work is a core component of every annual work plan. LWRMP goals emphasize inspections, targeted infrastructure improvements, and stormwater permit compliance. From 2021–2024, Milwaukee County evaluated 170 outfalls for illicit discharges, conducted 114 Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan inspections, completed 788 stormwater best management practice (BMP) inspections, and installed 51 new stormwater BMPs.

Planning adjustments driven by inspection results and evolving permit requirements—particularly Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation—have required LCD staff to regularly refocus planning efforts. Incorporation of the Milwaukee River TMDL into the County's stormwater permit introduced new challenges and planning needs. In response, the County received a WDNR Urban Nonpoint Source grant in 2022 to support TMDL planning. This effort analyzed reach sheds to determine pollutant reduction requirements across the County and led to a subsequent TMDL analysis project that identified planning-level costs to achieve compliance and recommended potential projects and pollutant reduction strategies. These planning efforts are expected to directly inform future stormwater projects.

Coastal and Lakefront Access Projects

The LWRMP highlights the need to balance shoreline protection, public access, and climate resilience along Lake Michigan. This framework has guided a coordinated set of coastal and lakefront projects, including South Shore Beach rehabilitation, McKinley Beach safety improvements, Oak Leaf Trail connectivity at Bender Park, and multiple McKinley Marina and park infrastructure improvements, as well as shoreline and breakwater work at South Shore and other locations.

While coastal improvement and shoreline protection were identified needs in the LWRMP, damage caused by fluctuating lake levels and increasingly severe storms has required the County to pivot

resources and elevate these projects as priorities. To better understand shoreline conditions and risks, Milwaukee County completed a Coastal Bluff Study to assess conditions, prioritize projects, and identify potential remedies. These planning efforts will continue to shape future work plans. Overall, the planning process has helped the County bundle related projects, align capital funding, and incorporate studies—such as bluff stability and beach safety analyses—into project design, resulting in a more resilient and accessible lakefront.

Natural Areas Management

The LWRMP emphasizes habitat restoration, invasive species control, and long-term ecological monitoring in County parks and natural areas. According to SEWRPC, more than 75 percent of Milwaukee County’s land area is urban, underscoring the importance of protecting and maintaining the limited natural areas that remain.

The LCD functions as the Environmental Services Unit within the Architecture and Engineering Division and is staffed primarily by environmental and civil engineers. As a result, LCD relies on other County partners to implement many of the natural areas goals identified in the LWRMP. This work is carried out by the Parks Department’s Natural Areas Team. While these activities are not implemented directly by the LCD and therefore may not appear in LCD work plans, they are integral to the LWRMP planning process and its outcomes.

The Natural Areas Team manages more than 10,000 acres of forest, prairie, and grassland within approximately 15,000 acres of County parks. From 2021–2024, the team supported over 45,500 volunteer hours, controlled nearly 600 acres of invasive species, planted thousands of native plugs and trees, and implemented wetland, bumble bee, bat, and bird monitoring programs, along with a native seed harvest and planting program. Planning adjustments informed by monitoring results allow staff to better target restoration sites, coordinate volunteer efforts, refine restoration techniques, and prioritize future work.

- 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.**

Develop a TMDL implementation plan

One of our goals was to determine how to fund and implement projects that attempt to move the County forward in meeting TMDL pollutant reduction goals. Initial planning estimates project costs of TMDL implementation to be around \$70 million dollars. Most of this cost is in installing and maintaining stormwater BMPs, particularly green infrastructure. Many County departments are hesitant to implement green infrastructure due to ongoing maintenance requirements and long-term operational responsibilities. The LCD has been considering ways to centralize maintenance or to create a budget managed by the LCD as an incentive for departments to adopt green infrastructure, but this remains an ongoing effort.

Another factor slowing progress toward a TMDL implementation plan is the pending renewal of the County's expired stormwater permit. Until the Wisconsin DNR issues the updated permit, the County cannot determine the specific requirements that will apply to TMDL compliance. As a result, progress on implementation has been limited. The work plan has been adjusted to reflect what stage of planning the County has been in related to TMDL compliance.

Develop stormwater and chloride reduction training

These two items on several workplans were meant to develop video training for staff- one on stormwater pollution prevention planning and the other on chloride reductions. Video training will allow employees to take the training when it is most convenient for them and allow the County to more easily track and confirm which employees have completed the trainings. The county currently provides in-person stormwater training, and staff attends in-person chloride reduction training. The county also provides video training on stormwater pollution awareness. Because training already exists in some form, this project often falls by the wayside when workloads are high. The work plan will continue to include these items until they have been completed.

Farm strategy/NR 151 Compliance

Across multiple work plans, the County's primary agricultural outreach activity has been annual mailings to agricultural landowners describing NR 151 performance standards and available funding for conservation practices. These mailings have generated very little response, and overall progress toward implementing agricultural performance standards on farms has been limited. Due to the small amount of agricultural land use in the County our response has been somewhat slow. However, the County has started collaborating with the Milwaukee River Watershed Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) to pursue more effective outreach. This will be indicated on the 2026 work plan.

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.

According to the Land and Water Resource Management Plan, only about 5.5 percent of County land is in agricultural use, which limits both the scale and effectiveness of agricultural conservation efforts in the overall water quality picture in the County. In Milwaukee County, urban nonpoint source pollution is a larger contributor to surface and groundwater degradation.

Across multiple work plans, the County's primary agricultural outreach activity has been annual targeted mailings to agricultural landowners describing NR 151 performance standards and available funding for conservation practices. These mailings have generated very little response, and overall progress toward implementing agricultural performance standards on farms has been limited.

Farm inventories were created to help identify and target the small number of remaining agricultural operations, but inventories and mailings alone have not resulted in meaningful engagement or conservation practice implementation.

In response, the County has begun working with the Milwaukee River Watershed Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) to pursue more effective, watershed-based outreach and coordination. Through this partnership, the County is also exploring opportunities to better connect with urban agricultural practitioners, recognizing their growing role in Milwaukee County's landscape. This represents a shift in strategy toward working through established regional partnerships rather than relying solely on County-led outreach.

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.

Milwaukee County's most recent work plans demonstrate clear changes in direction that will guide work planning over the next five years.

One emerging direction is related to the Milwaukee River Basin TMDL, which has been incorporated into the County's new WDNR stormwater permit. TMDL planning efforts are already present in multiple work plans, and moving forward, the County anticipates a growing number of implementation projects associated with this effort. Preliminary TMDL planning efforts have indicated that full compliance could involve costs of approximately \$70 million, highlighting the significant scale of future work. Development of a TMDL implementation plan appears in the County's latest work plan.

A second emerging direction is the increase in coastal projects. While the LWRMP identified shoreline protection and recreational access to coastal areas as major needs, prior to 2020 few coastal projects appeared in County work plans. In recent years, however, coastal projects show a noticeable increase. This trend is driven by several factors, including climate change impacts such as fluctuating lake levels and more intense storms. In 2020, record-high lake levels combined with severe winter storms damaged County infrastructure and caused significant erosion of bluffs and beaches along the County's coastline. In response to this damage, the County conducted a Bluff study between 2023 and 2025, which assessed coastal conditions, rated and prioritized areas for rehabilitating failing bluffs and eroding shoreline, and identified distinct projects and potential remedies. Several coastal projects now appear in the County's latest work plan, and the County anticipates that many of the projects identified in the Bluff study will move forward toward implementation.

**MILWAUKEE 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)	Accomplishments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cropland</i> 			
Cropland, soil health and/or nutrient management			
<i>Comply with NR 151 Agricultural performance Standards (Goal 1)</i>	Provide cost-share and technical assistance to priority farm landowners to implement BMPs. Complete one mailing to direct producers.	Complete a targeted mailing to producers.	Completed targeted mailing to producers in December of 2025. Completed this every year.
<i>Comply with NR 151 Agricultural performance Standards (Goal 1)</i>	Provide cost-share and technical assistance to priority farm landowners to implement BMPs. Update agricultural mailing list.	Completed update of mailing list.	Mailing list was updated. We were not able to provide cost share assistance in 2025.
<i>Comply with NR 151 Agricultural performance Standards (Goal 1)</i>	Educate landowners about Wisconsin's agricultural performance standards and prohibitions, applicable conservation best management practices, and expectations for compliance and consequences for noncompliance using newly created inventory, website, public informational meetings, and individual contacts with landowners.	# of mailings # of website posts # of newsletters	No mailing to educate owners on Agricultural Performance Standards, but we did participate in the Respect Our Waters Campaign, a multi-media campaign to educate the public on urban nonpoint runoff.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Water quality</i> 			
Water quality/quantity (other than activities already listed in other categories)			
Continue monitoring of County Ponds and Lagoons/Conduct improvement Projects recommended in the Pond and Lagoon Management Plan	Work with Parks Department to provide an environmental review for HUD funding for Veterans Park and Washington Park lagoons.	# of hours. Completion of review.	This effort was delayed until a scope of work and the project areas are more defined-likely in 2026 or 2027.
Continue monitoring of County Ponds and Lagoons/Conduct improvement Projects recommended in the Pond and Lagoon Management Plan	Work with the Parks Department to complete feasibility study/corrective action plan of Veterans Park Lagoon to mitigate excessive nutrients and cyanobacterial blooms under GLRI Grant.	Contract awarded % complete	RFP Issued 11/2025 Proposals due 12/2025 Contract awarded in February 2026. Kickoff meeting 3/9/26

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Continue monitoring of County Parks and Lagoons/Conduct improvement Projects recommended in the Pond and Lagoon Management Plan Manage Contaminated Sediments for Water Quality Benefit	Work with Parks Department on planning and public engagement to determine redevelopment plan of the Oak Creek Mill Pond and dam and associated contaminated sediments.	# of hours.	-Completed a public engagement campaign to obtain public input and community desires. Held two public information meetings. -Engaged a consultant to determine sediment disposal costs. -Applied for NFWF grant for design. Didn't receive grant -looking at reapplying with altered scope. -Engaging with WDNR on sediment disposal options.
Continue monitoring of County Parks and Lagoons/Conduct improvement Projects recommended in the Pond and Lagoon Management Plan	Continue to work with Parks Department to develop a plan and install pollinator gardens, trees and other appropriate BMPs at Mitchell and Kosciuszko Parks.	# of hours. Development of plan.	Pollinator plantings and stormwater trees were installed. RFP for shoreline and BMP design for water quality improvement issued in 10/2025. Contract signed in 2026.
Conduct and Promote Streambank Stabilization Projects and Projects Employing Best Management Practices (BMPs) to Reduce Erosion	Review and comment on Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's flood control projects within Parks jurisdiction (Kinnickinnic River and Honey Creek Parkway and Jackson Park).	# of hours. # of plans reviewed.	Worked with MMSD to complete WDNR-required site investigation into contaminated soils within the project area.
Manage Contaminated Sediments for Water Quality Benefit. Support efforts to determine best strategies for managing contaminated sediments. Implement Countywide and Regional Restoration Plans	Continue to work on the AOC Technical Team in managing legacy contaminants from the Milwaukee River Basin.	# of hours	Reviewed and provided comments on Preliminary Basis of Design Report, Sediment and Floodplains Remedial Design, and 30% cost estimates for Milwaukee Estuary Area of Concern.

• *Urban*

Urban issues			
<i>Encourage Public Awareness of Water Quality Problems and Stormwater Issues (Goal 1)</i>	As requested, give presentations to public groups and others on stormwater and water quality issues.	# presentations	No presentations in 2025. We did them in 2023,2024 and 2026, but not 2025.
<i>Implement NR 216 Stormwater Requirements (Goal 1)</i>	Comply with conditions of WPDES NR 216 permit; install three BMPS (bioswales, pervious pavers, infiltration basins or rain gardens), complete annual report to WDNR.	# staff hours # BMPs installed # TSS removed (WinSLAMM)	1228 LCD staff hours on MS4 related permit work. Four BMPs were installed. Annual report completed.

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<i>Implement NR 216 Stormwater Requirements (Goal 1)</i>	Maintain stormwater pollution prevention plans (SWPPP) for applicable County facilities and inspect all facilities annually, semi-annually (dry weather) and quarterly (wet weather).	#of plans updated # inspections	Two SWPPPs updated in 2025 39 SWPPP inspections in 2025
<i>Implement NR 216 Stormwater Requirements (Goal 1)</i>	Inspect and maintain County-owned, operated, and permitted structural stormwater facilities; inspect all facilities (approx. 150) at least once per year	# inspections	166 BMP inspections in 2025
<i>Implement NR 216 Stormwater Requirements (Goal 1)</i>	Maintain Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program	# of outfalls evaluated # of outfalls identified/inspected	15 outfalls inspected/evaluated
<i>Implement NR 216 Stormwater Requirements (Goal 1)</i>	Begin implementation of fecal coliform source elimination plan for 2025.	# of hours	25 signs dog waste related signs installed in parks. Created now mow zone for geese around stormwater pond that outfalls to Root River
<i>Implement NR 216 Stormwater Requirements (Goal 1)</i>	Update stormwater map and other LCD geodatabases	# staff hours Submission of updated map to WDNR	Map submitted March 2025.
<i>Implement NR 216 Stormwater Requirements (Goal 1)</i>	Develop stormwater pollution prevention (SWPPP) training for county employees	Completion of training modules # of staff trained	Not completed.
<i>Implement NR 216 Stormwater Requirements (Goal 1)</i>	TMDL Supplemental Analysis-follow up. Begin to develop implementation plan.	Completion of draft implementation plan.	TMDL Supplemental Analyses completed. Implementation plan not completed.

- *Watershed*

Watershed strategies			
	Develop project tracking method for Oak Creek Watershed Restoration (9-Key Elements) plan. Convene meeting of Oak Creek Watershed Committee to summarize accomplishment.	Completed development of tracking method Completion of meeting	No projects reported completed, tracking method not developed.

- *Other*

Other			
<i>Continue to Improve and Maintain Lake Michigan Shoreline Protection Measures and Abate Shoreline Erosion Problems in Milwaukee County Parks (Goal 3).</i>	Continue repair of the South Shore breakwater. In 2024 we repaired 605LF of breakwater along South Shore Park, in front of South Shore Yacht Club. In 2025, we intend on repairing an additional 495 LF of breakwater along South Shore Park, in front of South Shore Yacht Club.	% of contract completed. Linear feet of breakwater repaired	495 linear feet of breakwater repaired

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<i>Continue to Improve and Maintain Lake Michigan Shoreline Protection Measures and Abate Shoreline Erosion Problems in Milwaukee County Parks (Goal 3).</i>	Continue construction of North Point Parking lot including BMPs for stormwater, rehabilitation of revetment, and parking lot due to erosion from high lake levels. Complete revetment construction.	% of contract completed Complete revetment construction.	The construction of revetment was completed in 2025. The parking lot and BMPs will be constructed in 2026-2027.
<i>Continue to Improve and Maintain Lake Michigan Shoreline Protection Measures and Abate Shoreline Erosion Problems in Milwaukee County Parks (Goal 3)</i>	Complete construct for McKinley Marina Phase 2 in 2025 including completion of boat launch.	% of contract completed complete construction.	Project substantially complete, working on punch list items in 2026.
<i>Maintain Lakefront Land for Recreational Use and Access</i>	Continue to develop method for shoreline permitting to promote and enforce lakebed protective trust guidelines	Completion of methodology # of permits issued	Adopted WDNR checklist and created a review committee. We reviewed and issued two permits in 2025.
<i>Maintain Lakefront Land for Recreational Use and Access</i>	Complete Southshore beach relocation	Completion of construction	Completed construction.
<i>Maintain Lakefront Land for Recreational Use and Access</i>	Bender Park Boat Launch sediment removal.	% completion of construction	This project was delayed until 2026 because of insufficient funding. Will be completed in 2026.
<i>Continue to Improve and Maintain Lake Michigan Shoreline Protection Measures and Abate Shoreline Erosion Problems in Milwaukee County Parks</i>	Conduct or partner on bluff stabilization and shoreline protection projects: design or construction of priority stabilization project.	# of staff hours Complete pre-engineering for Bluff design	This did not occur because we did not receive funding for the project.
<i>Continue to Improve and Maintain Lake Michigan Shoreline Protection Measures and Abate Shoreline Erosion Problems in Milwaukee County Parks</i>	Bay View Park Revetment-complete permitting and any necessary design revisions. Look to procure funding.	Procurement of permits Procurement of funding	The revetment design was completed and submitted for WDNR permitting in 2025. Permits have not been received.
<i>Continue to Improve and Maintain Lake Michigan Shoreline Protection Measures and Abate Shoreline Erosion Problems in Milwaukee County Parks</i>	Complete Milwaukee County Bluff Study	Completion of study	Bluff study completed.
<i>Minimize Introductions of Chloride into Surface Waters of the County</i>	Convene chloride reduction workgroup and develop chloride reduction training for County employees	Completion of training.	Workgroup convened, but training not completed

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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		
Livestock facility siting		
Nonmetallic/frac sand mining		
Stormwater and construction site erosion control		
Shoreland zoning		
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	
Livestock facility siting	
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	
Nonmetallic mining	

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Table 4: Planned outreach and education activities

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

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

Staff/Support	Hours	Costs
<i>Staff</i>	4000	375,000
Cost Sharing (can be combined)		
<i>Bonding</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>SEG</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>

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Table 1: Planned activities and performance measures by category

CATEGORY Goals and objectives from LWRM Plan can be added in each category <i>(examples in italics)</i>	PLANNED ACTIVITIES WITH BENCHMARKS If applicable, identify focus areas, e.g. HUC 12 watershed code <i>(examples of types of “planned activities” in italics)</i>	PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS <i>(examples in italics)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cropland 		
Cropland, soil health, and/or nutrient management <i>Comply with NR 151 Agricultural performance Standards (Goal 1)</i>	<i>Provide cost-share and technical assistance to priority farm landowners to implement BMPs. Complete one mailing to direct producers.</i>	<i>Complete a targeted mailing to producers.</i>
<i>Comply with NR 151 Agricultural performance Standards (Goal 1)</i>	<i>Provide cost-share and technical assistance to priority farm landowners to implement BMPs. Update agricultural mailing list.</i>	<i>Completed update of mailing list.</i>
<i>Comply with NR 151 Agricultural performance Standards (Goal 1)</i>	<i>Engage and collaborate with the Milwaukee River Watershed Regional Conservation Partnership Program</i>	<i>#meetings attended # cost-share contracts as a result</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water quality 		
Water quality and/or quantity (other than activities already listed in other categories) <i>Continue monitoring of County Ponds and Lagoons/Conduct improvement Projects recommended in the Pond and Lagoon Management Plan</i>	<i>Work with Parks Department to provide an environmental review for HUD funding for Veterans Park and Washington Park lagoons.</i>	<i># of hours. Completion of review.</i>
<i>Continue monitoring of County Ponds and Lagoons/Conduct improvement Projects recommended in the Pond and Lagoon Management Plan</i>	<i>Work with the Parks Department to complete feasibility study/corrective action plan of Veterans Park Lagoon to mitigate excessive nutrients and cyanobacterial blooms under GLRI Grant.</i>	<i>% complete Feasibility Study concluded</i>
<i>Continue monitoring of County Ponds and Lagoons/Conduct improvement Projects recommended in the Pond and Lagoon Management Plan</i>	<i>Work with Parks Department on redevelopment plan of the Oak Creek Mill Pond and dam and contaminated sediments.</i>	<i># of hours Design grant applied for.</i>
<i>Continue monitoring of County Ponds and Lagoons/Conduct improvement Projects recommended in the Pond and Lagoon Management Plan</i>	<i>Continue to work with Parks Department and design consultant on shoreline stabilization and water quality BMPs at Mitchell and Kosciuszko Parks.</i>	<i># of hours. Development of plan.</i>
<i>Conduct and Promote Streambank</i>	<i>Review and comment on MMSD streambank</i>	<i># of hours.</i>

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<i>Stabilization Projects and Projects Employing Best Management Practices (BMPs) to Reduce Erosion</i>	<i>projects within Parks jurisdiction (Kinnickinnic River and Honey Creek Parkway and Jackson Park).</i>	<i># of plans reviewed.</i>
<i>Manage Contaminated Sediments for Water Quality Benefit. Support efforts to determine best strategies for managing contaminated sediments.</i>	<i>Continue to work on the AOC Technical Team in managing legacy contaminants from the Milwaukee River Basin.</i>	<i># of hours</i>
<i>Implement Countywide and Regional Restoration Plans</i>		
<i>Conduct and Promote Streambank Stabilization Projects Employing Best Management Practices to Reduce Erosion</i>	<i>Conduct 300 ft of streambank stabilization on the Kinnickinnic River</i>	<i>Project completed. feet of streambank stabilized</i>

• **Urban**

Urban issues <i>Encourage Public Awareness of Water Quality Problems and Stormwater Issues (Goal 1)</i>	<i>As requested, give presentations to public groups and others on stormwater and water quality issues.</i>	<i># presentations</i>
<i>Implement NR 216 Stormwater Requirements (Goal 1)</i>	<i>Comply with conditions of WPDES NR 216 permit; install three BMPs (bioswales, pervious pavers, infiltration basins or rain gardens), complete annual report to WDNR.</i>	<i># staff hours # BMPs installed # TSS removed (WinSLAMM)</i>
<i>Implement NR 216 Stormwater Requirements (Goal 1)</i>	<i>Maintain stormwater pollution prevention plans (SWPPP) for applicable County facilities and inspect all facilities annually, semi-annually (dry weather) and quarterly (wet weather).</i>	<i>#of plans updated # inspections</i>
<i>Implement NR 216 Stormwater Requirements (Goal 1)</i>	<i>Inspect and maintain County-owned, operated, and permitted structural stormwater facilities; inspect all facilities (approx. 150) at least once per year</i>	<i># inspections</i>
<i>Implement NR 216 Stormwater Requirements (Goal 1)</i>	<i>Continue implementation of fecal coliform source elimination plan for 2026. Create geodatabase of sites with known bacteria contamination.</i>	<i># of hours/tasks completed</i>
<i>Implement NR 216 Stormwater Requirements (Goal 1)</i>	<i>Update stormwater map and other LCD geodatabases</i>	<i># staff hours Submission of updated map to WDNR</i>
<i>Implement NR 216 Stormwater Requirements (Goal 1)</i>	<i>Develop stormwater pollution prevention (SWPPP) training for county employees</i>	<i>Completion of training modules # of staff trained</i>
<i>Implement NR 216 Stormwater Requirements (Goal 1)</i>	<i>TMDL Supplemental Analysis-follow up. Begin to develop implementation plan.</i>	<i>Completion of draft implementation plan.</i>
<i>Implement NR 216 Stormwater</i>	<i>Maintain Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination</i>	<i># of outfalls evaluated</i>

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<i>Requirements (Goal 1)</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i># of outfalls identified/inspected</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watershed 		
Watershed Strategies <i>Implement Countywide and Regional Restoration Plans</i>	<i>Develop project tracking method for Oak Creek Watershed Restoration (9-Key Elements) plan. Convene meeting of Oak Creek Watershed Committee to summarize accomplishments.</i>	<i>Completed development of tracking method Completion of meeting</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other 		
Other <i>Continue to Improve and Maintain Lake Michigan Shoreline Protection Measures and Abate Shoreline Erosion Problems in Milwaukee County Parks (Goal 3).</i>	<i>Continue repair of the South Shore breakwater. In 2024 we repaired 605LF, in 2025 we repaired 495 LF and in 2026, we are bidding the final 200 LF of breakwater. This may be installed in 2026 or 2027 depending on contractor negotiations.</i>	<i>% of contract completed. Linear feet of breakwater repaired</i>
<i>Continue to Improve and Maintain Lake Michigan Shoreline Protection Measures and Abate Shoreline Erosion Problems in Milwaukee County Parks (Goal 3).</i> <i>Maintain Lakefront Land for Recreational Use and Access</i>	<i>Continue construction of North Point Parking lot including BMPs for stormwater.</i>	<i>% of contract completed Complete construction.</i>
<i>Maintain Lakefront Land for Recreational Use and Access</i>	<i>Continue shoreline permitting to promote and enforce lakebed protective trust guidelines</i>	<i># of permits</i>
<i>Maintain Lakefront Land for Recreational Use and Access</i>	<i>Bender Park Boat Launch sediment removal.</i>	<i>Complete construction.</i>
<i>Continue to Improve and Maintain Lake Michigan Shoreline Protection Measures and Abate Shoreline Erosion Problems in Milwaukee County Parks</i>	<i>Bay View Park Revetment-complete permitting and any necessary design revisions. Look to procure funding.</i>	<i>Procurement of permits Procurement of funding</i>
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Stormwater and construction site erosion control		
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Other		

Table 3: Planned inspections

Inspections	Number of inspections planned
Total farm inspections	<i>Ex: 50</i>
For FPP	<i>Ex: 40</i>
For NR 151	<i>Ex: 10</i>
Animal waste ordinance	
Livestock facility siting	
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	
Nonmetallic mining	

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Table 5: Staff hours and expected costs (staff can be combined or listed individually)

Staff/Support	Hours <i>(2080 hours is full time)</i>	Costs
<i>Staff</i>	4000	\$375,000
Cost Sharing (can be combined)		
<i>Ex. SWRM Structural grant</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>Ex. SWRM SEG grant</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Ex. MDV funding</i>	<i>N/A</i>	
<i>Ex. DNR TRM grant</i>	<i>N/A</i>	

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM _____ **State of Wisconsin**

DATE: April 7, 2026

TO: Land and Water Conservation Board Members and Advisors

FROM: Jenn Chakravorty, DATCP
Resource Management Section,
Bureau of Land and Water Resources

SUBJECT: Five Year Review of the *Pierce 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 *Pierce* County Land and Water Resource Management plan has been approved through December 31, 2031, contingent on a five-year review conducted prior to December 31, 2026. In advance of the five-year review, *Pierce* County has completed a DATCP approved form designed to implement the LWCB's reference document 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
- 2025 Annual Workplan with Accomplishments
- 2026 Annual Workplan

Presenter(s): Rod Webb, Land Conservation Director
Jerry Kosin, Land Conservation Committee Chair



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

County: Pierce

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 main focus of Pierce County's Land & Water Resource Management (LWRM) plan is to utilize a targeted watershed approach to protecting cold water streams, groundwater quality and soil resources. Funding from County tax levy, DATCP, Multi-Discharger Variance Program (MDV), Water Quality Trading, and USDA-NRCS provided cost sharing assistance to landowners with resource concerns that required conservation practice installations. LCD staff partnered with USDA-NRCS to complete a watershed assessment plan that covered 5 HUC12 watersheds in the Trimbelle and Rush River Watersheds. Surface water quality monitoring conducted April thru October for several years, shows both streams are of high quality with seasonal phosphorus concentrations averaging .03 mg/l, less than one-half the impairment level of .075 mg/l established by DNR. The main conservation objective for these streams is to protect the overall current stream quality while identifying areas of the watershed that would benefit from additional conservation efforts. Landowners have been very willing to work with LCD staff to identify resource concerns and develop plans to address those concerns. This willingness is clearly shown when we review the number of practices that have been installed in the last 5 years. 38.3 acres of waterway systems and 32 grade stabilization structures were installed in these 5 watersheds. All farms that received cost sharing assistance for practices also received updated conservation plans to guide them in meeting NR 151 performance standard for sheet & rill erosion. Several landowners adopted soil health practices including no-till planting and use of cover crops after low residue crops such as corn silage or soybeans. Voluntary conservation is also an important aspect of the overall resource management strategy in Pierce County. Areas of the county outside of the targeted watersheds of the Trimbelle & Rush River saw significant conservation commitment. Forty-nine acres of waterway systems along with 35 grade stabilization structures and 3780 feet of stream bank stabilization were installed with landowners that desired to improve the soil & water resources on their farms. Funding from County tax levy, DATCP (SWRM) and Multi-Discharger Variance program (MDV) provided financial assistance to these landowners. Several farms also developed initial nutrient management plans. As of 2025, nutrient management plans covered over 33,200 acres of Pierce County farmland. Field borders (harvestable buffers) are a practice that is gaining popularity on cropland acres that are identified as critical sources areas in our planning processes. Landowners utilized MDV funding to install & maintain for a minimum of 5

years, 70.5 acres of field borders, annually reducing over 500 pounds of phosphorus to surface waters that drain into Lake Pepin. Groundwater quality has been a hot button topic in Pierce County in the last few years. Public meetings discussing current as well as future groundwater protection efforts have been well attended. County Board of Supervisors have recognized the importance of protecting the groundwater resources and are continuing to provide support for the work being done by LCD and Public Health. A five-year well water quality trend monitoring program has been established to gain a clearer picture on the status of the county's drinking water quality. Landowners have worked with LCD staff to close 28 unused wells and treat 7 active sinkholes to address potential direct conduits to groundwater contamination, a high priority identified in our annual work plans.

Successful implementation of Pierce County's Land & Water Resource Management plan relies on many partners, the farmers of the South Kinni Farmer Led Watershed Council have been very influential part of the conservation effort to meet the goals of the St. Croix River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) plan. The South Kinni council has a core group of approximately 15 landowners that partner with Wisconsin Farmer's Union to conduct on-farm research and promotion of soil health practices. Funding from DATCP has provided incentives for several landowners to adopt nutrient management planning, cover cropping and no-till planting. Recently several members have begun conducting nitrogen rate trials to further advance nutrient management efforts.

Engagement with the youth in our communities has taken a very big step forward since the adoption of this 10 year LWRM plan. LCD staff have developed partnerships with several area educators, local sportsmen's groups and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff with a common goal of getting our younger generations acquainted with the awesome natural resources found in Pierce County. Field events on the shores of cold water streams like the Trimbelle River provide the perfect setting for children to develop the appreciation for conservation efforts and hopefully encourage some future conservation professionals.

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.

Landowner participation in the Farmland Preservation Program has been significantly less than projected in our plan. Pierce County has 3 of 17 townships that are included in the Northwest Pierce County Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA). Landowners are reluctant to enter into long term agreements that require continuing compliance with state performance standards for minimal financial incentives. Occasional program interest is received from landowners outside the current AEA boundary, but to date no additional landowner groups have requested assistance in forming a AEA. Staff continue to promote the value of nutrient management planning as well as soil health practices. Increased landowner interest in these practices may increase participation in Farmland Preservation Program.

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.

The priority farm strategy for our plan identifies the focus on critical source areas as defined as the following;

- Cropland with 12% or greater land slope
- Cropland soils with hydrologic group D classification (poorly drained)
- Cropland within 300 feet of perennial flowing surface water
- Cropland with 5 feet or less of soil over bedrock (susceptible to groundwater contamination)

All HUC12 watersheds in Pierce County have been inventoried using GIS to identify areas meeting the above criteria.

Successful implementation of any plan relies on buy-in from the target audience. Building strong relationships is the key to gaining commitments to work toward a common goal. LCD staff rely heavily on one-on-one communication with landowners to achieve conservation goals. Farm walkovers provide the opportunity for staff to talk with landowners about priority resource issues on their land and how addressing the issues can have a cumulative effect on water quality. Additionally, use of social media and news releases to more broadly share information related to agricultural performance standards has been effective for landowners not familiar with conservation staff. Review of compliance with agricultural performance standards is conducted when conservation staff are working with landowners to install cost shared cropland practices. If resource issues are identified, the severity of the issues is determined and appropriate remedies are presented to the landowner. Financial assistance for necessary practices are provided through several sources including DATCP, DNR, NRCS, County and MDV. If a landowner applies for a County Waste Storage Ordinance permit or a Farmland Preservation Agreement, a review of compliance with ag performance standards is completed. Additionally, if a complaint regarding a potential direct discharge to waters of the state is received, LCD staff work with DNR nonpoint regional staff to investigate the issue and determine what actions are needed. The most common agricultural performance standards that Pierce County addresses is sheet & rill erosion and nutrient management planning on cropland. Annual soil loss estimates are completed using the Transect Survey, this estimate has been done every year since 1999. Overall county average cropland soil loss is estimated at 2.3 tons per acre, well below the average "T" value

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.

Pierce County does not intend to make any major adjustments to our conservation delivery system in the next five years. If unexpected resource concerns develop LCD staff and the Land Conservation Committee will take appropriate steps to address the concerns. Our Land & Water Resource Management plan along with individual HUC12 watershed plans will provide guidance to properly remediate threats to the surface water, groundwater and soil resources. If financial strains develop with County budgets that cause reduction in staff resources, then Pierce County will prioritize items in the work plans that can be successfully completed with reduced staff.

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: 1-27-2026

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



Date: 1-27-26

Send completed questionnaire and attachments to:
jennifer.chakravorty@wisconsin.gov

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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	PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS
● <i>Cropland</i>		
<p>Goal 1: Improve & Protect Surface & Groundwater Quality</p> <p>Goal 2: Encourage the Preservation of Agricultural Lands; Improve the Health & Productivity of Agricultural Soils</p>	<p>Focus Area: Critical Source Areas in Plum Creek & Isabelle Creek Watersheds</p> <p>Erosion control practice installations:</p> <p>10 acres waterway systems</p> <p>5 grade stabilization structures</p> <p>100 Feet Stream Bank Stabilization</p> <p>200 acres cover crops seeded</p> <p>300 acres NM plan developed</p> <p>20 acres Field Borders installed</p> <p>County-wide Transect survey completed (SNAP PLUS)</p> <p>No-till drill program offered to residents</p> <p>200 acres enrolled in North-West AEA</p> <p>County Farmland Preservation Plan revised & updated</p> <p>Conservation plans reviewed & updated for all LWRM & County cost share recipients</p>	<p>25.5 acres waterway systems installed</p> <p>5 grade stabilization structure installed</p> <p>340 feet of stream bank stabilization on Eau Galle River</p> <p>70.5 acres of field borders installed & maintained</p> <p>2108 lbs of P reduced</p> <p>Transect survey completed in June 2025</p> <p>FPP plan update completed and approved by DATCP and County Board 1-27-2026</p> <p>1528 acres Conservation plans updated</p> <p>265 Acres of No-till drill rental</p>
● <i>Livestock</i>		
<p>Goal 1 Improve & Protect Surface & Groundwater Quality</p>	<p>Practice installation</p> <p>1 critical area stabilization</p> <p>3 manure storage structure</p> <p>Manure storage ordinance permitted facilities inspected</p> <p>Nutrient management plans reviewed for ordinance permit farms</p>	<p>Type and units of practice(s) installed</p> <p>23,310 lbs of P reduced with NMP</p> <p>33,287 acres of NMP reviewed</p> <p>2 waste storage ordinance permits issued</p> <p>2 County Ordinance permitted facilities inspected for compliance with NR151</p> <p>2 Facilities inspected during permit process of livestock facilities in compliance with a performance standard</p>
● <i>Water quality</i>		
<p>Goal 1: Improve & Protect Surface & Groundwater Quality</p>	<p>Practice installation</p> <p>3 well closures</p> <p>2 sinkhole treatments</p> <p>2 CREP Re-enrollments or new sign-up</p>	<p>4 well closures</p> <p>3 sinkholes repaired</p> <p>349 Wells Sampled (5-year trend monitoring)</p> <p>5 Nitrate screening clinics held with 104 samples screened</p> <p>13 stream sites sampled monthly April through October</p>

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	<p>300 wells sampled for nitrates(Community Well WaterTrend Monitoring Program initiated) 5 Nitrate screening clinics with Public Health Dept Surface Water Monitoring using WAV program (Isabelle Creek, Pine Creek, Trimbelle, Eau Galle, Plum & Rush Rivers)</p>	<p>16 individuals assisted with WAV program on Kinnickinnic, Isabelle, Pine, Trimbelle, Eau Galle, Cady, Plum & Rush</p>
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● *Wildlife*

<p>Wildlife & Fish Habitat Protection & Enhancement</p>	<p>Wildlife damage program offered to landowners (services provided by USDA-APHIS) Tree and plant sales Wildlife habitat establishment (CREP) 100 feet of stream bank restoration with habitat structures installed</p>	<p>17 landowners received assistance from USDA_ APHIS 9625 of trees sold 340 feet of stream bank restoration with habitat structures</p>
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● *Urban*

<p>Stormwater & Erosion Control on Construction sites</p>	<p>Construction site erosion control</p>	<p>3 Number of site visits for stormwater & erosion control inspections with active subdivisions</p>
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● *Watershed*

<p>Watershed strategies</p>	<p>Watershed Assessment Plans written for Eau Galle River for funding from USDA-NRCS Create 9 Key Element Plan for Trimbelle River Watershed to assist with the development of Lake Pepin TMDL Producer-led Watershed (South Kinni)</p>	<p>3 HUC 12 watersheds for the Trimbelle River have DNR approved 9 key element plans as part of the Lake Pepin TMDL 12 landowners were involved with the South Kinni Farmer Led Watershed Council</p>
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● *Other*

<p>Flood Control (PL-566 Program)</p>	<p>PL 566 Maintenance & Mowing</p>	<p>All PL-566 structures were inspected in the spring and fall of 2025. All structures were mowed in the fall.</p>
<p>Youth Education Programs</p>	<p>Trout in the Classroom day with area schools Conservation Poster & Speaking Contest Nature Day with area middle schools</p>	<p>714 students participated with conservation in the classroom and field events. Events included in-stream learning about insects and fish, public speaking and conservation themes in poster creations.</p>

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

Table 3: Planned inspections

Inspections	Number of inspections planned
Total Farm Inspections	5
For FPP	5
For NR 151	
Animal waste ordinance	20
Livestock facility siting	
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	1
Nonmetallic mining	

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Table 4: Planned outreach and education activities

Activity	Number
Tours	
Field days	2
Trainings/workshops	2
School-age programs (camps, field days, classroom)	3
Newsletters	
Social media posts	30
News release/story	3

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

Staff/Support	Hours	Costs
LCD Director (County Conservationist)	2088	114,007.00
Planner	2088	95,248.00
Technicians	4176	210925.00
Water Quality Planner	2088	73,713
Cost Sharing (can be combined)		
<i>SWRM bonding & County Cost Share</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$120,000</i>
<i>SEG</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$15,000</i>
<i>MDV</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$39,000</i>

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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"> ○ Goal 1 Improve & Protect Surface & Groundwater ○ Goal 2 Encourage the Preservation of Ag Lands; Improve the Health & Productivity of Ag Soils 	Focus Area: Critical Source Areas in Plum Creek & Isabelle Creek, Trimbelle River Watersheds Erosion control practice installations: 10 acres waterway systems 5 grade stabilization structures 100 Feet Stream Bank Stabilization 200 acres cover crops seeded 300 acres NM plan developed 20 acres Field Borders installed County-wide Transect survey completed (SNAP PLUS) No-till drill program offered to residents 200 acres enrolled in North-West AEA County Farmland Preservation Plan revised & updated Conservation plans reviewed & updated for all LWRM & County cost share recipients	Type and units of practice(s) installed Amount of cost-share dollars spent Progress made on survey or inventory # acres of cropland in compliance with a performance standard # lbs. of sediment reduced # lbs. of P reduced
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Livestock</i> 		
Livestock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Goal #1 Improve & Protect Surface & Groundwater 	Practice installation 1 critical area stabilization 1 manure storage structure Manure storage ordinance permitted facilities inspected Nutrient management plans reviewed for ordinance permit farms	Type and units of practice(s) installed Amount of cost-share dollars spent Completed survey or inventory # of livestock facilities in compliance with a performance standard # lbs. of sediment reduced # lbs. of P reduced

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- *Water quality*

<p>Water quality and/or quantity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Goal # 1 Improve & Protect Surface & Groundwater 	<p>Practice installation 3 well closures 2 sinkhole treatments 2 CREP Re-enrollments or new sign-up</p> <p>350 wells sampled for nitrates (Community Well Water Trend Monitoring Program 2nd year) 5 Nitrate screening clinics with Public Health Dept Stream Monitoring using WAV program (Isabelle Creek, Pine Creek, Trimbelle, Eau Galle, Plum & Rush Rivers)</p>	<p>Type and units of practice(s) installed Amount of cost-share dollars spent Well water sampling program continued Nitrate screening clinics held Stream monitoring program utilizing WAV volunteers and LCD staff</p>
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- *Invasive species*

<p>Invasive species</p>	<p>Utilize Lake Protection & Monitoring Network Grant to support invasive species awareness</p>	<p>Public awareness campaign</p>
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- *Wildlife*

<p>Wildlife-Wetlands-Habitat (other than forestry or invasive species)</p>	<p>Tree and plant sales Wildlife damage program</p>	<p>Number of trees sold Number of producers assisted</p>
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- *Urban*

<p>Urban issues</p>	<p>Construction site erosion control</p>	<p>Number of site visits for stormwater & erosion control inspections with active subdivisions</p>
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- *Watershed*

<p>Watershed strategies</p>	<p>Watershed Assessment Plans completed for Eau Galle River for funding from USDA-NRCS Implementation of Trimbelle River TMDL plan Producer-led Watershed (South Kinni)</p>	<p>Watershed assessment plan completed and submitted for review Implementation of Trimbelle TMDL plan Farmer -led Watershed Council Supported</p>
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Other

Flood Control (PL-566 Program)	<i>PL 566 Maintenance & Mowing</i>	Number of inspections Number of students participating in events 5-year LWRM plan review completed
Youth Education Programs	<i>Trout in the Classroom day with area schools Conservation Poster & Speaking Contest Nature Day with area middle schools Complete LWRM 5-year review</i>	

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

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Table 3: Planned inspections

Inspections	Number of inspections planned
Total farm inspections	
For FPP	5
For NR 151	
Animal waste ordinance	5
Livestock facility siting	0
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	2
Nonmetallic mining	0

Table 4: Planned outreach and education activities

Activity	Number
Tours	
Field days	4
Trainings/workshops	2
School-age programs (camps, field days, classroom)	4
Newsletters	
Social media posts	20
News release/story	2

Table 5: Staff hours and expected costs (staff can be combined or listed individually)

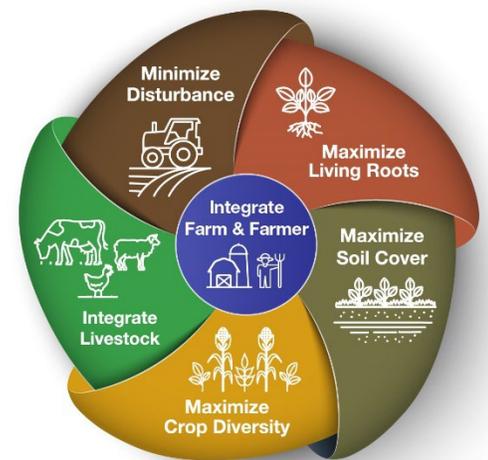
Staff/Support	Hours <i>(2080 hours is full time)</i>	Costs
<i>LCD Director (County Conservationist)</i>	2088	\$116,255
<i>Engineering Technician (2)</i>	2088	\$218,655
<i>Conservation Planner</i>	2088	\$96,060
<i>Water Quality Planner</i>	2088	\$76,755
Cost Sharing (can be combined)		
<i>SWRM Structural grant</i>	N/A	\$57,000
<i>SWRM SEG grant</i>	N/A	\$20,000
<i>MDV funding</i>	N/A	\$40,000
<i>County Cost Share (tax levy)</i>	N/A	\$60,000



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Our soil is a vital living ecosystem. As the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) states, soil health provides the framework to provide “the continued capacity of soil to function as a vital living ecosystem that sustains plants, animals, and humans. Healthy soil gives us clean air and water, bountiful crops and forests, productive grazing lands, diverse wildlife, and beautiful landscapes.”

Soil Health is accomplished by implementing the **Principles of Soil Health**. For examples of ways these principles are being implemented on farms throughout Wisconsin, refer to the Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grant program.



According to NRCS, soil does all this by performing five essential functions:

Regulating water

Soil helps control where rain, snowmelt, and irrigation water goes. Water flows over the land or into and through the soil.

Sustaining plant and animal life

The diversity and productivity of living things depends on soil.

Filtering and buffering potential pollutants

The minerals and microbes in soil are responsible for filtering, buffering, degrading, immobilizing, and detoxifying organic and inorganic materials, including industrial and municipal by-products and atmospheric deposits.

Cycling nutrients

Carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus, and many other nutrients are stored, transformed, and cycled in the soil.

Providing physical stability and support

Soil structure provides a medium for plant roots. Soils also provide support for human structures and protection for archeological treasures.

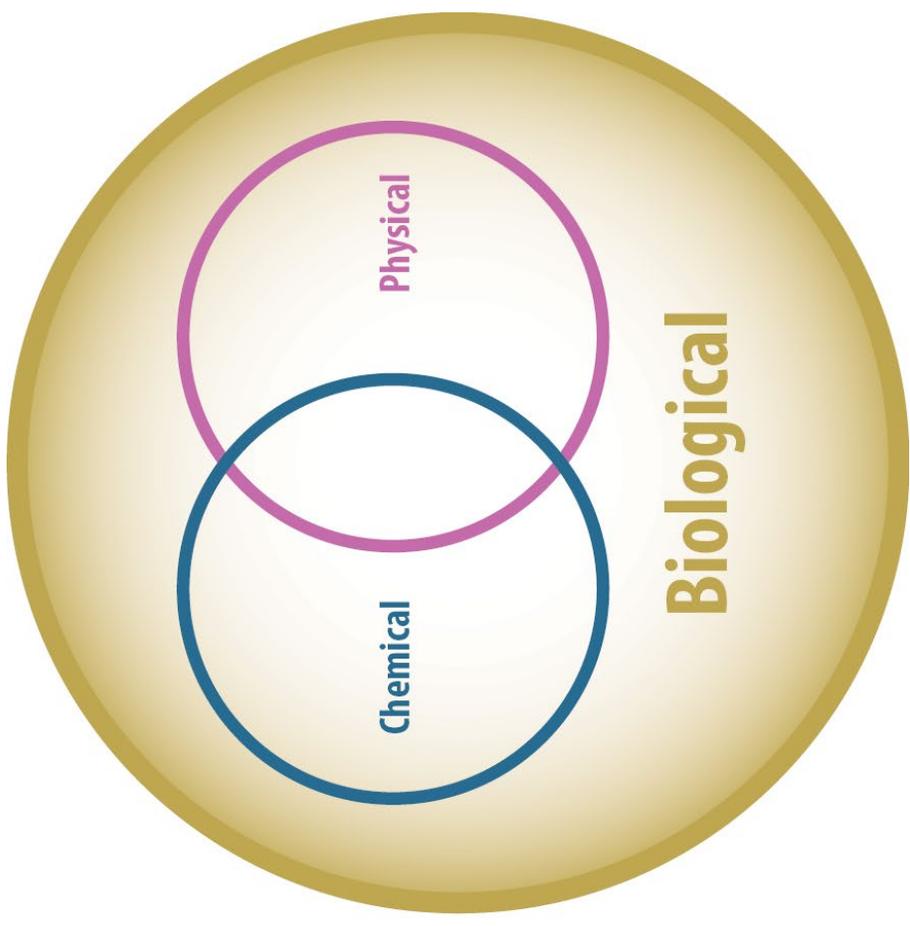
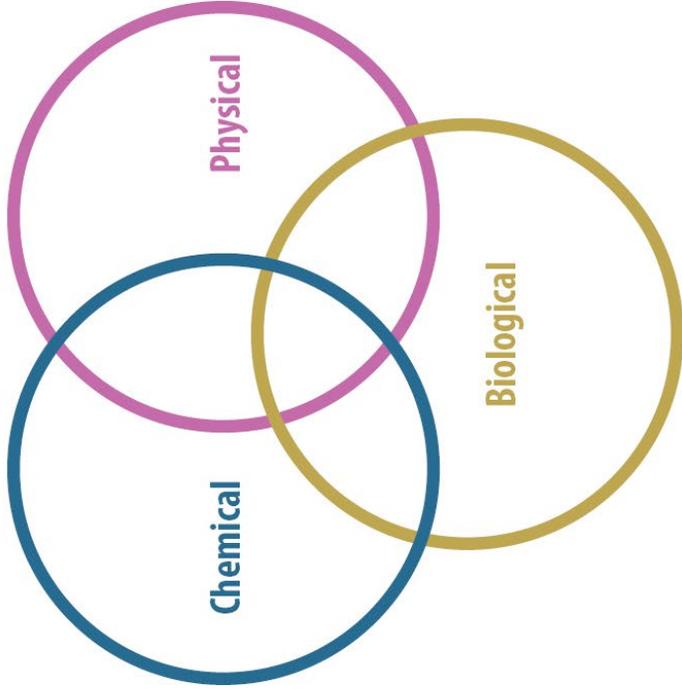
Source: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/conservation-basics/natural-resource-concerns/soils/soil-health>

For more information on how DATCP supports soil health, contact:

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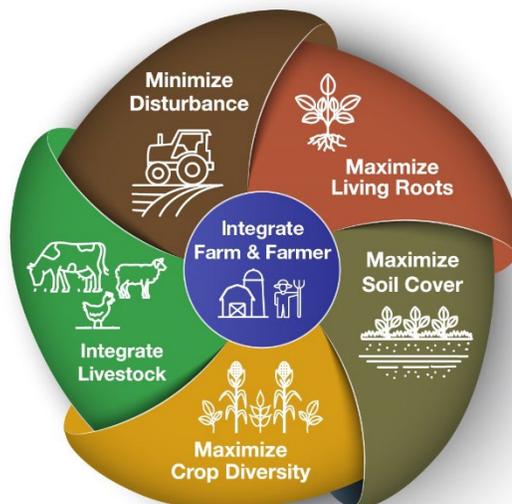
Soil Properties – Traditional vs Soil Health





Soil Health Training

The purpose of this curriculum is to develop a common definition and understanding of soil health, and to develop some guideposts of how to implement soil health systems on Wisconsin farms. The course consists of four modules dedicated to the various aspects of soil health. Modules 1-3 cover the foundation of soil health and also helps the viewer learn the terminology associated with soil health in Wisconsin agriculture. The fourth module shows how soil health principles can work on Wisconsin farms and cropping systems. The curriculum incorporates both traditional and citizen science to demonstrate the mindset necessary to be successful as a soil health farmer.



This training was developed by DATCP in partnership with the UW-Nutrient and Pest Management Program, with support from the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. The primary audiences for this training are Wisconsin farmers, land conservation department staff, and other agriculture professionals in Wisconsin. Community members may also find it useful and informative.

Please note: this course assumes a basic knowledge of soil science. For a soil science refresher, visit the UW Nutrient Management Farmer Education Online Course and view the soil modules.

This course has two learning objectives:

Learning objective 1 is to discuss what soil health is (and isn't) by defining some basic vocabulary and concepts.

Learning objective 2 is to demonstrate how soil health systems can be implemented on Wisconsin farms.

These trainings can be accessed at soilhealthtraining.wi.gov. Modules in the training include:

Module 1 | Soil Health Overview | 1 Section

Module 2 | Cropping System Practices to Improve Soil Health | 6 Sections

Module 3 | The Basics of Soil Properties | 3 Sections

Module 4 | Applied Soil Health Strategies | 4 Sections – *Under Construction*

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CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM _____ **State of Wisconsin**

DATE: April 7, 2026

TO: Land and Water Conservation Board Members and Advisors

FROM: Jenn Chakravorty, DATCP
Resource Management Section,
Bureau of Land and Water Resources

SUBJECT: Five Year Review of the *Buffalo 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 Buffalo County Land and Water Resource Management plan has been approved through December 31, 2031, contingent on a five-year review conducted prior to December 31, 2026. In advance of the five-year review, Buffalo County has completed a DATCP approved form designed to implement the LWCB's reference document 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
- 2025 Annual Workplan with Accomplishments
- 2026 Annual Workplan

Presenter(s): Cale Severson, County Conservationist
Max Weiss, Land Conservation Committee Chair



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

County: Buffalo

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.

One strong goal of the plan was to reduce soil erosion. Funding for these practices have come from DATCP, MVD, Buffalo County, USFWS, and other non profits such as rod and gun clubs and Trout Unlimited. The mission of reducing soil erosion has held true due to the fact that several practices have been installed since plan inception. One common practice is that of grade stabilization dams that have showed up in work plans year after year. There have been 9 installed since the plan was written. The process of identifying soil loss as a critical component in the plan has assisted in the conversations with land owners and the general will of producers to keep soil where it belongs. We have also added 10 acres of grassed waterways to reduce erosion within fields. Another practice has been stream bank stabilization. In the past 5 years, 5,100 feet of streambank have been stabilized. Our partners in the NRCS have been the heavy hitters in these categories simply due to funding allotment. They have installed 43 grade stabilization dams and 25 acres of grassed waterways since the plan was passed. This partnership is a crucial key to spreading the message of conservation within the County. Another key component of the plan was reducing sheet and rill erosion. The Land Conservation Department has been actively engaging landowners on the importance of soil health. This has led to the cost share planting of 200 acres of cover crops to keep living roots in the soil, hold nutrients, and reduce erosion. The completing of a 9KE plan for the Bear creek HUC 12 was a huge milestone that was accomplished just recently. That plan outlines a future direction for the Bear Creek HUC 12 and lays the groundwork for a fundamental approach to addressing that impaired waterway.

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.

The Farmland Preservation Program goals have fallen short of expected outcomes. In Buffalo County, 9 of the 17 townships are in Farmland Preservation zoning, and one township has a stand alone Agricultural Enterprise Area. Within the 9 townships enrolled in

zoning farmland preservation, only 10 farmers are in the program. Long term agreements and continuing compliance for little financial gain seems to be the hold up. The AEA has seen a little uptick, but the initial buzz has quickly faded. Staff commitment to outreach and teaching NMP and soil health will hopefully change this in the 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.

The priority farm strategy in the plan are farms and critical area sites that (not in any specific order):

- o Farms in watersheds draining to DNR listed Impaired Water (303(d))
- o Farms that have significant manure management problems
- o Soil Erosion exceeding "T" (tolerable soil loss)
- o Cropping on slopes greater than 12% (and where soil erosion exceeds "T")
- o Barnyard Runoff from feedlot
- o Winter spreading on restricted fields (based on the DATCP spreading restriction maps)
- o Complaints (anonymous or other)

All conservation practices requires buy in from the farm, as they must pay their share of the practice. Funds used to implement practices comes from DATCP, DNR, NRCS, and MDV. Outreach is a critical component for landowner buy-in as site visits and conversations really help steer the contact on what changes can be made. When resource concerns are brought to our attention, staff work to come up with solutions and present them to the farm and describe why the practice would benefit the land and water quality. Giving several options and good communication skills are what is needed to turn the dial on conservation. Farm inventories are done any time they seek a manure storage pit or substantially altered one, as well as building a livestock structure, and farmland preservation. These avenues help start the conversation and allow us a good look at the farm as well as the conservation needs. If a complaint is received, county staff work with DNR non-point staff to come up with solutions that are needed and what actions can be taken.

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.

The county does not believe any change in direction is needed. if unexpected situations arise, the county make adjustments as needed. Buffalo County will stay the course as outlined in the plan in addressing soil loss, NMP training, priority farms, and overall resource concerns.

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.

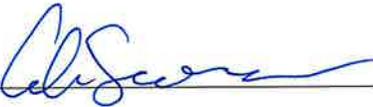
Board Review Process

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:

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

 **Date:** 2/3/26

Send completed questionnaire and attachments to:
jennifer.chakravorty@wisconsin.gov

Buffalo 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	<i>Practice installation</i> <i>NM planning and training</i> <i>Landscape-scale surveys and/or inventories</i>	<i>1 grade stabilization dam 1 dam</i> <i>3300 ac NMP, Seg and NMFE (\$56,000 cost share) 2,182 acres</i> <i>Transect survey 600 observations</i> <i>2 critical area stabilization 11 critical area seedings</i> <i>4 stream crossings 1 stream crossing</i> <i>100ac cover crops 125 acres</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Livestock</i> 		
Livestock	<i>Practice installation</i> <i>Landscape-scale surveys and/or inventories</i>	<i>3 manure pit permits Two Issued</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Water quality</i> 		
Water quality/quantity (other than activities already listed in other categories)	<i>Practice installation</i> <i>Landscape-scale surveys and/or inventories</i> <i>CREP</i> <i>Groundwater testing</i> <i>Citizen monitoring</i> <i>Planning (e.g. lake, source water)</i>	<i>1800 feet trout stream restoration 1500 feet</i> <i>9KE plan finalization, data collection 9 Key Element Plan for Bear Creek Completed</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Forestry</i> 		
Forestry	<i>na</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Invasive</i> 		
Invasive species	<i>Surveys</i> <i>Management plans</i> <i>Control</i>	<i>Number of surveys completed-12</i> <i>Number of control efforts implemented/sites treated—4</i> <i>This is on contract with Beaver Creek Reserve</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Wildlife</i> 		
Wildlife-Wetlands-Habitat (other than forestry or invasive species)	<i>Tree and plant sales</i>	<i>Number of trees sold 4000 3,000 trees</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Urban</i> 		
Urban issues	<i>na</i>	<i>na</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Watershed</i> 		
Watershed strategies	<i>Bear Cr 9KE plan</i>	<i>Work with Pepin County LCD and DNR, 5 partner meetings, 10 land owner meetings 0 partner and land owner meetings</i> <i>Number of partnership development activities accomplished</i>

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		<i>PLET modeling</i>
• <i>Other</i>		
Other	<i>PL 566 Non-metallic and frac sand mining</i>	<i>12 PL-566 inspections 12 inspections 1 CCC repair 0 repairs 35 NMM inspections 12 inspections</i>

Table 2: Planned activity related to permits and ordinances

Permits and Ordinances	Plans/application reviews anticipated	Permits anticipated to be issued
Feedlot permits		
Manure storage construction and transfer systems	3 2	3 2
Manure storage closure		
Livestock facility siting		
Nonmetallic/frac sand mining		
Stormwater and construction site erosion control		
Shoreland zoning		
Wetlands and waterways (Ch. 30)		
Other		

Table 3: Planned inspections

Inspections	Number of inspections planned
Total Farm Inspections	25 5
For FPP	20 5
For NR 151	5 3
Animal waste ordinance	5 2
Livestock facility siting	
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	
Nonmetallic mining	35 12

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Table 4: Planned outreach and education activities

Activity	Number
Tours	2 0
Field days	4 0
Trainings/workshops	3 3 (6 days)
School-age programs (camps, field days, classroom)	3 9
Newsletters	
Social media posts	24 1
News release/story	4 3

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

Staff/Support	Hours	Costs
<i>County Conservationist</i>	2080	\$136,291
<i>Technician</i>	2080	\$102,069
<i>Conservation specialist</i>	2080	\$75,178
<i>Admin Support</i>	208	\$6200
Cost Sharing (can be combined)		
<i>Ex. Bonding</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$50,000</i>
<i>Ex. SEG</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>Ex. MDV</i>	<i>N/A</i>	<i>\$20,000</i>

COUNTY NAME 2026 Annual Work Plan
Locally Identified Priorities

Table 1: Planned activities and performance measures by category

CATEGORY Goals and objectives from LWRM Plan can be added in each category <i>(examples in italics)</i>	PLANNED ACTIVITIES WITH BENCHMARKS If applicable, identify focus areas, e.g. HUC 12 watershed code <i>(examples of types of "planned activities" in italics)</i>	PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS <i>(examples in italics)</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cropland</i> 		
Cropland, soil health, and/or nutrient management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Objective-reduce soil erosion</i> ○ <i>Objective increase nutrient and manure management plans</i> 	<i>Practice installation</i> <i>NM planning and training</i> <i>Landscape-scale surveys and/or inventories</i>	<i>4 grade stabilization dams</i> <i>3 stream bank stabilizations</i> <i>Transect survey</i> <i>2 critical area stabilization</i> <i>1 grassed waterway</i> <i>3000 acres NMP seg and NMFE</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Livestock</i> 		
Livestock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Objective-increase NMP and MMP</i> ○ <i>Priority farms</i> 	<i>Manure storage inspections</i> <i>CAFO visits</i> <i>Random inspections</i>	 4 6 10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Water quality</i> 		
Water quality and/or quantity (other than activities already listed in other categories) <i>9 KE plan</i>	<i>Well decommissioning</i> <i>Identify landowners to work with for 9KE plan</i>	 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Forestry</i> 		
Forestry	<i>na</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Invasive species</i> 		
Invasive species	<i>Surveys</i> <i>Control actions</i>	<i>Number of surveys completed-12</i> <i>Number of control efforts implemented/sites treated--4</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Wildlife</i> 		
Wildlife-Wetlands-Habitat (other than forestry or invasive species)	<i>Wildlife damage program</i> <i>Tree and plant sales</i>	<i>6 producers assisted</i> <i>4000 trees sold</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Urban</i> 		
Urban issues	<i>na</i>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Watershed</i> 		
Watershed strategies 9KE	<i>Work with landowners to develop relationships and educate about the 9KE plan</i>	<i>10 landowners</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Other</i> 		
Other	<i>PL 566 Non-metallic and frac sand mining Complete LWRM Plan Revision</i>	<i>12 dams 34 Approved 5 year LWRM Plan revision</i>

Table 2: Planned activity related to permits and ordinances

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

Table 3: Planned inspections

Inspections	Number of inspections planned
Total farm inspections	12
For FPP	6
For NR 151	6
Animal waste ordinance	4
Livestock facility siting	0
Stormwater and construction site erosion control	0
Nonmetallic mining	34

COUNTY NAME 2026 Annual Work Plan
Locally Identified Priorities

Table 4: Planned outreach and education activities

Activity	Number
Tours	1
Field days	3
Trainings/workshops	3
School-age programs (camps, field days, classroom)	4
Newsletters	2
Social media posts	12
News release/story	1

Table 5: Staff hours and expected costs (staff can be combined or listed individually)

Staff/Support	Hours <i>(2080 hours is full time)</i>	Costs
<i>County Conservationist</i>	2080	250,000 total staff costs
<i>Ex. Technician</i>	2080	
<i>Resource management specialist</i>	2080	
Cost Sharing (can be combined)		
<i>Ex. SWRM Structural grant</i>	N/A	\$50,000
<i>Ex. SWRM SEG grant</i>	N/A	\$20,000
<i>County</i>		10,000

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM _____ State of Wisconsin

DATE: April 7, 2026

TO: Land and Water Conservation Board Members and Advisors

FROM: Susan Mockert, DATCP
Land Water Resources Bureau

SUBJECT: DATCP extension of 2025 cost-share and other grants into 2026

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This is an action item. The LWCB should recommend the extension of \$2,128,186.40 in 2025 grant funds for county cost-share projects into 2026. The LWCB should further recommend the following extensions of 2025 SEG funds into 2026:

- \$50,000 to the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WI Land+Water)
- \$14,054 to UW-SFAL
- \$29,761 to UW NPM
- \$153,200.50 to UW CALS
- \$180,390.77 to 19 recipients of Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE) grants
- \$35,572.20 to four 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 (GPR, SEG, and Bond) 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. Regarding 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 by 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*	161	113	2
PROJECTS RECOMMENDED FOR EXTENSION**	161	108	2
PROJECTS REIMBURSED AFTER REQUEST SUBMITTED	0	5	0
PROJECTS NOT EXTENDED FOR OTHER REASONS	0	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 \$50,000 involving its statewide training, facilitation of statewide conservation goals, and related support activities. DATCP is recommending an extension of \$50,000.

UW-CALS requested an extension of \$153,200.50 to incorporate priority needs into the Soil Nutrient Application Program (SnapPlus) and create additional training resources. DATCP is recommending an extension of \$153,200.50.

UW-NPM requested an extension of \$29,761 for nutrient management education, outreach, and implementation. This activity includes updating training materials, nutrient management outreach, and providing regional SnapPlus and nutrient management support. DATCP is recommending an extension of \$29,761.

UW-SFAL requested an extension \$14,054 to provide support to the nutrient management program through the Wisconsin soil testing lab certification program operation. DATCP is recommending an extension of \$14,054.

NMFE grant recipients requested a total extension of \$204,312.59 for statewide nutrient management farmer education training. DATCP is recommending an extension of \$180,390.77, which is the remaining unspent balance, as follows:

NMFE Buffalo County	\$22,606.47
NMFE Columbia County	\$1,603.59
NMFE Douglas Ashland Bayfield Iron Counties	\$26,042.00
NMFE Eau Claire County	\$6,590.43
NMFE Glacierland RC&D	\$18,979.70
NMFE Green Lake	\$1,452.60
NMFE Kewaunee County	\$6,937.38
NMFE Langlade County	\$21,650.00
NMFE Manitowoc County	\$12,131.93
NMFE Marinette and Oconto Counties	\$5,763.80
NMFE Ozaukee County	\$1,792.46
NMFE Rock County	\$2,700.00
NMFE Sauk County	\$3,178.70
NMFE Shawano County	\$7,187.00
NMFE Southwest Wisconsin Tech College	\$5,140.10
NMFE Taylor Marathon Lincoln Clark Wood Portage Counties	\$3,455.00
NMFE Trempealeau County	\$11,950.43
NMFE Vernon County	\$20,900.00
NMFE WI State Cranberry Growers	\$329.18

Innovation Grant recipients requested a total extension of \$35,690.45. DATCP is recommending an extension of \$35,572.20, which is the remaining unspent balance as follows:

Grantee	Extend
Innov Buffalo County	\$12,890.45
Innov Iowa County	\$8,181.75
Innov Lafayette County	\$5,000
Innov St. Croix County	\$9,500

MATERIALS PROVIDED:

- Chart 2A, Chart 2B: Structural/SEG Cost Share Spending Trends
- Attachment A1: Addendum to 2025 Joint Final Allocation Plan
- Attachment A2: Extension of SWRM Grant Projects from 2025 to 2026 (for GPR, SEG, and Bond Cost-Share Funds)

PRESENTER: Susan Mockert, DATCP

Addendum to 2026 Joint Final Allocation Plan

GPR Cost-Share		
County	Total LWRM Requests for Extension	Total Recommended to be Approved for Extension
Adams	\$23,280.00	\$23,280.00
Ashland	\$23,310.19	\$23,310.19
Barron	\$13,944.00	\$3,031.83
Brown	\$20,862.50	\$20,862.50
Buffalo	\$29,533.60	\$29,533.60
Burnett	\$39,970.00	\$39,970.00
Calumet	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00
Chippewa	\$67,220.00	\$67,220.00
Clark	\$11,515.49	\$11,515.49
Columbia	\$51,240.00	\$49,802.00
Crawford	\$23,247.00	\$15,669.47
Dane	\$44,036.04	\$24,048.63
Dodge	\$47,126.63	\$47,126.63
Door	\$82,154.81	\$45,154.81
Douglas	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
Eau Claire	\$46,400.00	\$33,807.32
Florence	\$35,700.00	\$35,700.00
Fond du Lac	\$38,854.27	\$38,854.27
Forest	\$19,620.00	\$11,813.72
Grant	\$49,476.28	\$49,272.62
Green	\$29,613.23	\$29,583.23
Green Lake	\$18,740.23	\$18,740.23
Iowa	\$38,983.64	\$33,589.92
Jackson	\$63,000.00	\$29,645.48
Jefferson	\$29,500.00	\$29,500.00
Juneau	\$7,255.14	\$7,255.14
Kenosha	\$4,082.00	\$4,082.00
Kewaunee	\$33,600.00	\$6,241.37
La Crosse	\$11,727.66	\$11,727.66
Lafayette	\$49,809.40	\$49,645.35
Lincoln	\$27,434.00	\$27,434.00
Manitowoc	\$49,788.28	\$39,175.66
Marathon	\$87,500.06	\$87,500.06
Marinette	\$42,500.00	\$42,500.00
Marquette	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00
Oconto	\$45,668.50	\$33,635.00
Oneida	\$40,700.00	\$40,700.00
Outagamie	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00
Ozaukee	\$46,792.40	\$46,792.40
Pepin	\$34,003.00	\$34,003.00
Pierce	\$22,225.00	\$10,905.16
Polk	\$38,692.60	\$32,199.32
Portage	\$19,275.67	\$19,275.67
Price	\$9,865.36	\$9,865.36
Racine	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Richland	\$7,676.37	\$7,676.37

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Rock	\$38,745.91	\$38,745.91
Rusk	\$29,834.04	\$29,834.04
Sauk	\$18,287.73	\$17,821.19
Sawyer	\$55,229.00	\$55,229.00
Shawano	\$18,873.75	\$18,873.75
Sheboygan	\$22,024.25	\$21,292.75
Taylor	\$40,325.68	\$40,325.68
Trempealeau	\$9,967.20	\$9,967.20
Vernon	\$4,660.05	\$4,660.05
Vilas	\$35,700.00	\$35,700.00
Walworth	\$20,678.00	\$14,801.11
Washburn	\$65,427.00	\$39,498.00
Waukesha	\$17,700.00	\$17,700.00
Waushara	\$25,363.10	\$25,363.10
Winnebago	\$13,596.72	\$11,418.06
Wood	\$45,912.28	\$31,203.42
Total GPR Cost Share:	\$1,975,248.06	\$1,721,078.72
SEG Cost-Share		
Barron	\$12,092.00	\$12,092.00
Brown	\$7,789.65	\$7,789.65
Buffalo	\$4,190.40	\$4,190.40
Burnett	\$6,928.00	\$6,928.00
Calumet	\$11,573.42	\$11,573.42
Clark	\$11,495.00	\$7,962.50
Columbia	\$36,975.00	\$36,648.00
Dane	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Door	\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00
Green Lake	\$2,071.65	\$2,071.65
Iowa	\$3,988.60	\$3,778.46
Iron	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Langlade	\$3,041.20	\$2,248.40
Marathon	\$11,841.30	\$11,841.30
Monroe	\$24,720.00	\$24,720.00
Outagamie	\$30,204.00	\$30,204.00
Pierce	\$15,392.00	\$15,000.00
Racine	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Rock	\$56,194.00	\$30,463.80
Rusk	\$17,783.60	\$17,783.60
Shawano	\$8,176.00	\$212.00
Trempealeau	\$8,720.00	\$8,720.00
Vernon	\$17,020.00	\$17,020.00
Washington	\$1,575.00	\$1,575.00
Waukesha	\$720.00	\$720.00
Waupaca	\$72,732.00	\$51,130.80
Waushara	\$9,035.00	\$8,819.30
Winnebago	\$32,730.40	\$32,730.40
Wood	\$1,085.00	\$1,085.00
Total SEG Cost Share:	\$420,373.22	\$357,107.68

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Bond Cost-Share		
Ozaukee	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Waukesha	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Total Bond Cost Share:	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
SEG Programming		
Other Project Cooperators	Total Requests for Extension	Total Recommended to be Approved for Extension
NMFE Buffalo County & River Country RC&D	\$22,606.47	\$22,606.47
NMFE Columbia County	\$1,603.59	\$1,603.59
NMFE Douglas County	\$26,042.00	\$26,042.00
NMFE Eau Claire County	\$6,590.43	\$6,590.43
NMFE Glacierland RC&D	\$27,978.00	\$18,979.70
NMFE Green Lake County	\$1,452.60	\$1,452.60
NMFE Kewaunee County & PPF	\$6,937.38	\$6,937.38
NMFE Langlade County	\$21,650.00	\$21,650.00
NMFE Manitowoc County	\$12,131.93	\$12,131.93
NMFE Marinette & Oconto County	\$5,763.80	\$5,763.80
NMFE Ozaukee County	\$1,792.46	\$1,792.46
NMFE Rock County	\$2,700.00	\$2,700.00
NMFE Sauk County	\$15,200.00	\$3,178.70
NMFE Shawano County	\$8,020.00	\$7,187.00
NMFE Southwest Wisconsin Technical College	\$6,709.32	\$5,140.10
NMFE Trempealeau County	\$12,450.43	\$11,950.43
NMFE Vernon County	\$20,900.00	\$20,900.00
NMFE Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association	\$329.18	\$329.18
NMFE Wood County et al	\$3,455.00	\$3,455.00
Innov Buffalo County	\$12,890.45	\$12,890.45
Innov Iowa County	\$8,300.00	\$8,181.75
Innov Lafayette County	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Innov St. Croix County	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
UW CALS	\$153,200.50	\$153,200.50
UW NPM	\$29,761.00	\$29,761.00
UW SFAL	\$14,054.00	\$14,054.00
WI L+W	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Total Other Project Cooperators SEG	\$487,018.54	\$462,978.47

Entity	Total LWRM and OPC Requests for Extension	Total Recommended to be Approved for Extension
County Cost-Share	\$2,445,621.28	\$2,128,186.40
Other Project Cooperators	\$487,018.54	\$462,978.47
Grand Totals	\$2,932,639.82	\$2,591,164.87

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Approved:	
DATCP Secretary	Date

2026 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Project Extensions

GPR Cost-Share						
County	CSA#	Name	Reason*	Request	Recommended Approval Amount	Explanation of Difference Between Request and Recommended Approval Amount
Adams	SWRMP 2025-03	Illinois Plumbing Connection Inc	A	\$23,280.00	\$23,280.00	
Ashland	2025-LWRM-04	Robert & Joanne Reimer	A	\$19,310.19	\$19,310.19	
Ashland	2025-LWRM-05	Dale & Charmaine Berweger Living Trust	A	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
Barron	25BC029	DeYoung Revocable Trust	A	\$4,494.00	\$3,030.83	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Barron	25BC030	Randall R & DeeAnn M Cook	A	\$9,450.00	\$1.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Brown	LWP-333	Paul Schaeetz	C	\$20,862.50	\$20,862.50	
Buffalo	LWRM-2025-02	Ron Keys	B	\$2,240.00	\$2,240.00	
Buffalo	LWRM-2025-04	Joe Kramer	B	\$11,900.00	\$11,900.00	
Buffalo	LWRM-2025-05	Justin Schuh	B	\$2,361.00	\$2,361.00	
Buffalo	LWRM-2025-06	James Scheffler	B	\$13,032.60	\$13,032.60	
Burnett	2025-03	Richard Lawrence Jr	A	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00	
Burnett	2025-05	Robert Pardun	C	\$4,970.00	\$4,970.00	
Calumet	2025-06	Donald & Joan Langenfeld	A	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	
Calumet	2025-07	John Guillen Jr	A	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00	
Chippewa	SWRM25-09	Hilger Farm Properties LLC	A	\$67,220.00	\$67,220.00	
Clark	2025-03	Urs Grossenbacher	B	\$4,415.49	\$4,415.49	
Clark	2025-05	Steven R & Laura L Kauth Revocable Trust	C	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Clark	2025-08	Richardson 73 LLC	C	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	
Clark	2025-61	Urs Grossenbacher	B	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00	
Columbia	LW-02-25	Kahluel Traynor & Joseph Cibulka	A	\$840.00	\$840.00	
Columbia	LW-05-25	D & E Sadowski Farms LLC	A	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	
Columbia	LW-06-2025	Mid Plains Holdings LLC	A	\$43,400.00	\$41,962.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Crawford	SWRM-05-2025	Josh & Solitair Tamling	C	\$6,300.00	\$6,300.00	
Crawford	SWRM-08-2025	Donald & Kimberly Dudenbostel	C	\$8,645.00	\$8,645.00	
Crawford	SWRM-09-2025	Craig & Patricia Forde	C	\$8,302.00	\$724.47	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Dane	2025LCD163	Travis Wright and Matthew Mason	B	\$10,639.11	\$10,639.11	
Dane	2025LCD176	D Bomkamp Acres LLC	B	\$4,336.70	\$110.25	Portion of requested extension has been paid.
Dane	2025LCD187	Dane County Parks	B	\$14,000.00	\$13,298.27	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Dane	2025LCD194	Elizabeth & Joseph Leone	B	\$15,060.23	\$1.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Dodge	LWR14-2025-004	Steffen & Briana Peterson	B	\$25,064.87	\$25,064.87	
Dodge	LWR14-2025-005	Joel R & Cheryl L Tesch	B	\$8,411.76	\$8,411.76	
Dodge	LWR14-2025-006	Gehring's Stone House Properties LLC	B	\$13,650.00	\$13,650.00	
Door	LW-25-04	Michael A & Jamie M Henschel Revocable Trust	B	\$82,154.81	\$45,154.81	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Douglas	2025-02-LWRM-D	Jake A & Bridg M Reina Williams	C	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	
Douglas	2025-03-LWRM-D	Madeline Gould	B	\$11,250.00	\$11,250.00	
Douglas	2025-10-LWRM-D	James & Lisa Soyring	C	\$11,250.00	\$11,250.00	
Eau Claire	BD-25-02	Windy Ridge Acres LLC	A	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	
Eau Claire	BD-25-03	Jeannette Bell	A	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00	
Eau Claire	BD-25-04	Ronald & Donna Steinke	A	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	
Eau Claire	BD-25-05	Stutzman Irrevocable Trust	A	\$10,000.00	\$7,906.32	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Eau Claire	BD-25-06	Daniel Le Duc	A	\$10,500.00	\$1.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Florence	25-10-30	Florence County Highway Department	A	\$35,700.00	\$35,700.00	
Fond du Lac	735-2024	Jeffrey & Charlotte Urban	A	\$11,592.77	\$11,592.77	
Fond du Lac	744-2025	Nelda & Gary Mueller	A	\$27,261.50	\$27,261.50	
Forest	2025-02	Cynthia & Gregory Mathe	B	\$19,620.00	\$11,813.72	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Grant	2025-04	Debra Kratochwill	C	\$2,671.79	\$2,671.79	
Grant	2025-06	Patrick Yelinek	B	\$4,023.60	\$4,023.60	
Grant	2025-09	Adam Deshaw	C	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	
Grant	2025-10	Christine Johnson	C	\$6,634.69	\$6,634.38	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Grant	2025-11	Grant County Farm	C	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	
Grant	2025-12	Brooke Grinde	B	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00	
Grant	2025-13	HP Real Estate LLC	A	\$5,646.20	\$5,442.85	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Green	26-100	Brian Schneider	A	\$29,613.23	\$29,583.23	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Green Lake	2025-08	Edward J & Kathy I Housey Trust	C	\$18,740.23	\$18,740.23	
Iowa	LW 25-09	Bonnie Pitzz Survivor's Trust	B	\$5,420.00	\$5,420.00	
Iowa	LW 25-10	Colby & Cassandra Reichling	A	\$647.50	\$647.50	
Iowa	LW 25-13	Donald G Potterton Irrevocable Trust	A	\$700.00	\$700.00	
Iowa	LW 25-14	Eric & Jackie McCarville	A	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	
Iowa	LW 25-16	Michael R Hoppenjan	A	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	
Iowa	LW 25-17	Todd & Gina Leonard	C	\$6,300.00	\$6,300.00	
Iowa	LW 25-20	Nadia Alber & Chad Backes	B	\$11,916.14	\$6,522.42	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Jackson	2025-337	James L & Betty Dobson Revocable Trust	C	\$500.00	\$1.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Jackson	2025-340	Jordyn Dobbs, Jacob Dobbs, Karalee Wensel, Paul Wensel	C	\$50,000.00	\$29,643.48	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Jackson	2025-341	Antal Family Revocable Trust	C	\$12,500.00	\$1.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Jefferson	LW-04-25	SBF Land & Livestock LLC	A	\$29,500.00	\$29,500.00	
Juneau	009-2025	Dean Lewernz	A	\$7,255.14	\$7,255.14	
Kenosha	KEN2025-01	Lindholm Farm LLC	C	\$4,082.00	\$4,082.00	
Kewaunee	25-374	Jesse Paider	B	\$33,600.00	\$6,241.37	Request exceeded current year allocation.
La Crosse	SWRM 25-04	Jason & Lorna Kapanke	A	\$11,727.66	\$11,727.66	
Lafayette	SWRM-25-07	Glendenning Living Trust	B	\$1,429.40	\$1,429.40	
Lafayette	SWRM-25-08	Mount Simon Investments LLC	B	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	

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Lafayette	SWRM-25-09	Pavlik Properties LLC	B	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	
Lafayette	SWRM-25-10	Joseph G & Ranette W Maurer Living Trust	B	\$1,330.00	\$1,330.00	
Lafayette	SWRM-25-11	David O Reid	B	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	
Lafayette	SWRM-25-12	Alan D & Janice L Ruf Joint Trust	A	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	
Lafayette	SWRM-25-13	Isaac & Heather Haag	B	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	
Lafayette	SWRM-25-14	Todd L, Cindy S, Terry M Palzkill	B	\$6,000.00	\$5,835.95	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Lincoln	2025-02	Gerald & Pamela Zweck	A	\$9,075.00	\$9,075.00	
Lincoln	2025-03	Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company	B	\$18,359.00	\$18,359.00	
Manitowoc	25-1029	Libertyland Farms Inc	A	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	
Manitowoc	25-1031	Russell C Rezba & Peggy L Kiley	B	\$16,715.92	\$16,715.92	
Manitowoc	25-1032	David R Klueker	B	\$11,555.53	\$7,458.74	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Manitowoc	25-995	Dennis & Rachel Vogt	A	\$6,516.83	\$1.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Marathon	2025-14	James & Jennifer Briggs	A	\$7,500.06	\$7,500.06	
Marathon	2025-19	Dean & Susan Bender	B	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	
Marinette	LWP-45	Maitung Moua & Ger Yang	A	\$42,500.00	\$42,500.00	
Marquette	08-25	W&H Westfield LLC	A	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	
Oconto	LWR-132	Mitchell Hodkiewicz	C	\$9,423.75	\$9,423.75	
Oconto	LWR-134	Town of Lakewood	C	\$7,725.00	\$7,725.00	
Oconto	LWR-135	Lemere Family Irrev Tst	C	\$3,001.25	\$3,001.25	
Oconto	LWR-136	Brett & Kathleen Schmechel	C	\$7,077.00	\$7,077.00	
Oconto	LWR-137	Daryl & Patsy Smits	C	\$18,441.50	\$6,408.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Oneida	2026-01	Town of Schoepke	A	\$13,566.66	\$13,566.66	
Oneida	2026-02	Randall Johnson	A	\$13,566.67	\$13,566.67	
Oneida	2026-04	Gary & Patsy Baguhn	A	\$13,566.67	\$13,566.67	
Outagamie	2025-LWRM-20	Lathrop, Herbert W & David, et al.	B	\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00	
Outagamie	2025-LWRM-22	Tadd Wiuedoff	B	\$13,900.00	\$13,900.00	
Ozaukee	2025-MSS	Michael & Martha Eskra	A	\$46,792.40	\$46,792.40	
Pepin	602-LWRM-25	Ronald Caturia	B	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00	
Pepin	603-LWRM-25	Lost Creek LLC - Greg Foster	B	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
Pepin	604-LWRM-25	Alan Anderson	B	\$4,543.00	\$4,543.00	
Pepin	605-LWRM-25	Joseph Drier	B	\$2,555.00	\$2,555.00	
Pepin	606-LWRM-25	Terry Kitchner	B	\$2,905.00	\$2,905.00	
Pierce	11LWRM2025	Nathan & Roger Bechel	B	\$11,725.00	\$10,904.16	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Pierce	12LWRM2025	Brent & Sandra Pace	B	\$10,500.00	\$1.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Polk	LWRD-25-208	Christopher & Gail Todora	C	\$3,275.00	\$3,275.00	
Polk	LWRD-25-209	Danniger Family Irrev Tst	C	\$25,830.10	\$25,830.10	
Polk	LWRD-25-210	Balsam Land LLC	C	\$9,587.50	\$3,094.22	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Portage	2025-09	Jacob Moldenhauer & Daniel Richter	A	\$9,490.17	\$9,490.17	
Portage	2025-10	Jason Wojtalewicz	A	\$9,785.50	\$9,785.50	
Price	LW-25-06	James & Rebecca Hickerson	A	\$9,060.36	\$9,060.36	
Price	LW-25-08	David & Rebekah Bergman	A	\$805.00	\$805.00	
Racine	LWRM 471	Brian C. Diktmar Tst	A	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	
Richland	9-25	Bar-Ron Farms, LLC	C	\$7,676.37	\$7,676.37	
Rock	LR-E.25	Keary Gallagher	B	\$5,950.00	\$5,950.00	
Rock	LR-F.25	Steven & Kathryn Nilson	B	\$3,696.00	\$3,696.00	
Rock	LR-G.25	Tim & Kristi Holmbeck	B	\$8,055.60	\$8,055.60	
Rock	LR-H.25	Michael & Stacy Farrington	A	\$782.21	\$782.21	
Rock	LR-J.25	Komprood Rev Liv Tst	A	\$6,722.10	\$6,722.10	
Rock	LR-K.25	Wii-Hu Acres LLC	A	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	
Rock	LR-L.25	Kevin Kutz	A	\$5,040.00	\$5,040.00	
Rusk	LW12-25	Brant & Elizabeth Schmidt	C	\$16,513.28	\$16,513.28	
Rusk	LW21-25	Casey Zajec	A	\$13,320.76	\$13,320.76	
Sauk	LW-25-02	Brent & Lucy Knaus	B	\$2,800.00	\$2,800.00	
Sauk	LW-25-06	LaVonne A Alt Living Trust	B	\$3,307.50	\$3,307.50	
Sauk	LW-25-07	John & Ruth Ann Lambricht	A	\$12,180.23	\$11,713.69	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Sawyer	LW 25-01	BFB Development LLC	B	\$55,229.00	\$55,229.00	
Shawano	59-25-04	George A. Schmidt & Charlotte E. Schmidt Family Trust	A	\$18,873.75	\$18,873.75	
Sheboygan	340	Tom Stemper	B	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
Sheboygan	346	James & Sally Schwartz	A	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
Sheboygan	348	David Otte	B	\$7,024.25	\$6,292.75	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Taylor	LWP-25-02	Christopher & Megan Hargot	B	\$15,400.00	\$15,400.00	
Taylor	LWP-25-03	Denna & Kristine Cason, Justin Goebel	B	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00	
Taylor	LWP-25-04	Kurt Metz	B	\$8,125.68	\$8,125.68	
Taylor	LWP-25-05	Edward & Mary Chaplinski	B	\$7,900.00	\$7,900.00	
Taylor	LWP-25-06	Amanda Kasperek & James Kurth	A	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Trempealeau	9497	Nicholas & Emily Fuchs	B	\$1,236.97	\$1,236.97	
Trempealeau	9507	William Stuga	A	\$8,730.23	\$8,730.23	
Vernon	2025-14	Sofya Blyum- & Jacob Hundt	B	\$2,178.57	\$2,178.57	
Vernon	2025-15	Stephen Highman	B	\$2,481.48	\$2,481.48	
Vilas	2025-01	Town of Cloverland	C	\$35,700.00	\$35,700.00	
Walworth	LW25-08	Ellis Farms Inc	B	\$4,900.00	\$4,900.00	
Walworth	LW25-09	Donald P Kreft Life Estate	B	\$9,940.00	\$9,900.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Walworth	LW25-10	Frank Lueptow & Stephanie Lueptow Tsts	B	\$5,838.00	\$1.11	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Washburn	66-25-01	Barbara S Knipshild Tst	A	\$7,028.00	\$7,028.00	

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Washburn	66-25-02	Karen A Rambo Tst	A	\$3,577.00	\$3,577.00	
Washburn	66-25-03	David Potaracke	A	\$4,984.00	\$4,984.00	
Washburn	66-25-04	Joshua Sinclair	B	\$11,200.00	\$11,200.00	
Washburn	66-25-05	Cindy Nimitz	B	\$25,352.00	\$12,707.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Washburn	66-25-06	David Marker	A	\$8,050.00	\$1.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Washburn	66-25-07	Daniel Peter Johnson	C	\$5,236.00	\$1.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Waukesha	2025-03	Zakrzewski 2006 Jt Rev Tst	C	\$17,700.00	\$17,700.00	
Waushara	70-25-11	Larry & Sandy Grosenick	B	\$10,103.10	\$10,103.10	
Waushara	70-25-12	Ice Age Trail Alliance Inc.	B	\$15,260.00	\$15,260.00	
Winnebago	LW-25-01	Daniel & Gina Stokes	C	\$3,148.72	\$3,148.72	
Winnebago	LW-25-02	Larry & Diane Plamann	C	\$7,448.00	\$7,448.00	
Winnebago	LW-25-03	Luedtke Brothers of Zittau Inc	C	\$3,000.00	\$821.34	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Wood	25-LWRM-01	Dwayne Hayden	B	\$3,499.99	\$3,499.99	
Wood	25-LWRM-23	George Gilbertson	A	\$3,386.25	\$3,386.25	
Wood	25-LWRM-24	Scott Ciesielski & Dawn Garrigan	A	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00	
Wood	25-LWRM-25	Larry Gilbertson	A	\$30,626.04	\$15,917.18	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Count:	161		Totals:	\$1,975,248.06	\$1,721,078.72	

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SEG Cost-Share						
County	CSA#	Name	Reason*	Request	Recommended Approval Amount	Explanation of Difference Between Request and Recommended Approval Amount
Barron	25BC002	Timothy J & Valerie J Peaster	B	\$4,880.00	\$4,880.00	
Barron	25BC003	Timothy J & Valerie J and Larry E & Verna J Peaster	B	\$1,312.00	\$1,312.00	
Barron	25BC004	Larry E & Verna J Peaster	B	\$4,764.00	\$4,764.00	
Barron	25BC005	Douglas & Tasha Peaster	B	\$1,136.00	\$1,136.00	
Brown	NMSEG25-140	Luke Wavrunek	C	\$4,234.65	\$4,234.65	
Brown	NMSEG25-142	Perry Baeten	C	\$3,555.00	\$3,555.00	
Buffalo	S_2025-03_CC	Lennis L & Connie S Loesel	C	\$870.00	\$870.00	
Buffalo	S_2025-04_CC	B&V Trust	C	\$2,258.40	\$2,258.40	
Buffalo	S_2025-05_CC	Paul A & Shirley M Pronschinske	C	\$1,062.00	\$1,062.00	
Burnett	2025-04	Erik & Amanda Melin	A	\$6,928.00	\$6,928.00	
Calumet	NM 25-10 N	Brochtrup Irrev Real Est Trust	A	\$740.00	\$740.00	
Calumet	NM 25-11 N	Mary L Brochtrup	A	\$388.50	\$388.50	
Calumet	NM 25-12 N	AAK Holdings III LLC	A	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00	
Calumet	NM 25-13 N	Ralph M Hopfensberger	A	\$1,328.30	\$1,328.30	
Calumet	NM 25-14 N	Roman D Braun	A	\$277.50	\$277.50	
Calumet	NM 25-15 N	James D Petrie	A	\$944.24	\$944.24	
Calumet	NM 25-16 N	Petrie Elizabeth A Surv Tr	A	\$932.40	\$932.40	
Calumet	NM 25-17 N	Schuh Marilyn A Irrevocable Trust	A	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00	
Calumet	NM 25-18 N	Kelsey S Woldt	A	\$1,394.72	\$1,394.72	
Calumet	NM 25-19 N	Frank Family Farm Homestead Trust	A	\$1,867.76	\$1,867.76	
Clark	2025-04	Wayne A & Marie L Greeler	C	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	
Clark	2025-19	Romadka View Holsteins LLC	A	\$250.00	\$250.00	
Clark	2025-20	Mark Elmhorst	A	\$412.50	\$412.50	
Clark	2025-42	William & Bridget Ciolkosz	A	\$2,110.00	\$0.00	Project completed by 12/31. No extension required.
Clark	2025-52	Rita M Derks	A	\$730.00	\$0.00	Project completed by 12/31. No extension required.
Clark	2025-53	Noah & Katrina Oberholtzer	A	\$412.50	\$0.00	Project completed by 12/31. No extension required.
Clark	2025-54	Russell Sr & Penny Person	A	\$280.00	\$0.00	Project completed by 12/31. No extension required.
Clark	2025-61	Urs Grossenbacher	B	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	
Columbia	CC-02-25	Scott & Laura Grove	A	\$1,575.00	\$1,575.00	
Columbia	NMP-13-2025	Richard & Joe Swart	A	\$11,800.00	\$11,800.00	
Columbia	NMP-14-2025	Michael Kampen	A	\$680.00	\$680.00	
Columbia	NMP-15-2025	Connie Kampen	A	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	
Columbia	NMP-17-2025	Ruth Paul	A	\$1,520.00	\$1,520.00	
Columbia	NMP-18-2025	Attoe Living Trust dated 7/17/2013	A	\$20,400.00	\$20,073.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Dane	2025LCD134	Chad Sherven	B	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	Project completed by 12/31. No extension required.
Door	LW-25-04	Michael A & Jamie M Henschel Revocable Trust	B	\$5,800.00	\$5,800.00	
Green Lake	2025-NM-10	Donna Mae Zietlow	C	\$2,071.65	\$2,071.65	
Iowa	NM 25-20	Alan & Jolene Kolb	A	\$3,988.60	\$3,778.46	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Iron	2025-01-NMP-I	James Clement	A	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Langlade	2025-11-AG	Bahr's Heritage Farms Inc	C	\$3,041.20	\$2,248.40	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Marathon	2025-21-SEG	Larry & Patricia Lang Rev Living Tst	C	\$758.50	\$758.50	
Marathon	2025-22-SEG	David Forst	C	\$555.00	\$555.00	
Marathon	2025-23-SEG	John & Celeste Sorensen	C	\$686.35	\$686.35	
Marathon	2025-24-SEG	Alain & Rachel Klass- Rizkallah	C	\$379.25	\$379.25	
Marathon	2025-27-SEG	Allen & Mary Krueger	C	\$9,462.20	\$9,462.20	
Monroe	S-1-2025	Tucker Lydon	C	\$3,240.00	\$3,240.00	
Monroe	S-2-2025	Timothy Lydon	C	\$2,840.00	\$2,840.00	
Monroe	S-3-2025	David & Laurie Stutzman	C	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	
Monroe	S-5-2025	Kathleen Sullivan	C	\$1,920.00	\$1,920.00	
Monroe	S-6-2025	Douglas & Vicky Novy Liv Tst	C	\$2,520.00	\$2,520.00	
Monroe	S-7-2025	Michael Stnerson	C	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	
Monroe	S-9-2025	Andrew & Amanda Ottum	C	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	
Outagamie	2025-LWRM-03	Cheryl & Steven Bergmann	B	\$6,752.00	\$6,752.00	
Outagamie	2025-LWRM-04	Keith Krause	B	\$3,416.00	\$3,416.00	
Outagamie	2025-LWRM-05	Daniel & Mark Ziegler	B	\$4,088.00	\$4,088.00	
Outagamie	2025-LWRM-07	Steven J Wolf Rev Liv Tst	B	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	
Outagamie	2025-LWRM-09	Amanda & William Heiman	B	\$696.00	\$696.00	
Outagamie	2025-LWRM-11	Jeffrey Lemke & Lisa Timm	B	\$1,860.00	\$1,860.00	
Outagamie	2025-LWRM-13	Thomas & Kristine Riehl	B	\$396.00	\$396.00	
Outagamie	2025-LWRM-15	Andrew, Luke, & Derks Bergmann	B	\$4,144.00	\$4,144.00	
Outagamie	2025-LWRM-16	Jason & Dione Gagnow	B	\$1,120.00	\$1,120.00	
Outagamie	2025-LWRM-17	Geraldine Schroeder	B	\$3,932.00	\$3,932.00	
Pierce	13LWRM2025_SEG	Darren, Thomas, & Dennis Radkey	B	\$3,160.00	\$3,160.00	
Pierce	14LWRM2025_SEG	Darren, Thomas, Beverly & Dennis Radkey	B	\$2,736.00	\$2,736.00	
Pierce	15LWRM2025_SEG	Darren, Linda, & Dennis Radkey	B	\$3,368.00	\$3,368.00	
Pierce	16LWRM2025_SEG	Thomas & Beverly Radkey	B	\$2,828.00	\$2,828.00	
Pierce	17LWRM2025_SEG	Dennis Radkey & Linda Houts	B	\$3,300.00	\$2,908.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Racine	LWRM 474	Kent Milam	B	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	
Rock	LR-15.25	Wii-HuAcre LLC	C	\$3,406.00	\$3,406.00	

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Rock	LR-16.25	WJH Properties LLC	C	\$180.00	\$180.00	
Rock	LR-20.25	E Zee Rentals LLC	C	\$11,532.00	\$11,532.00	
Rock	LR-21.25	Lawrence McGuire	C	\$1,624.00	\$1,624.00	
Rock	LR-22.25	Duane & Judith Niedermeier	C	\$3,068.00	\$3,068.00	
Rock	LR-23.25	Terry & Jolene Morton	C	\$652.00	\$652.00	
Rock	LR-24.25	Morton Farms LLC	C	\$1,736.00	\$1,736.00	
Rock	LR-26.25	Meadowdale Farms Inc	C	\$33,996.00	\$8,265.80	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Rusk	LW04-25	William Holt	C	\$17,069.60	\$17,069.60	
Rusk	LW21-25	Casey Zajec	A	\$714.00	\$714.00	
Shawano	59-25-07	Mueller Land LLC	B	\$8,176.00	\$212.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Trempealeau	9502	Husmoen Family Farms LLC	C	\$6,840.00	\$6,840.00	
Trempealeau	9503	Michael Winfrey	C	\$1,880.00	\$1,880.00	
Vernon	2025-51	Holen Lane Cattle & Grain LLC	A	\$2,840.00	\$2,840.00	
Vernon	2025-52	Martin & Mary Gunderson	A	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Vernon	2025-72	Daniel & Vickie Johnston	A	\$1,320.00	\$1,320.00	
Vernon	2025-73	Jeffrey Morrison & Hailey Klug	A	\$4,400.00	\$4,400.00	
Vernon	2025-74	Ronald Leum	A	\$105.00	\$105.00	
Vernon	2025-75	Gary & Marilyn Leum Irrev Tst	A	\$1,015.00	\$1,015.00	
Vernon	2025-76	Steven Barr & Anna Blankenship	A	\$760.00	\$760.00	
Vernon	2025-78	Mathew & Catherine Irsfeld-Eddy	A	\$1,360.00	\$1,360.00	
Vernon	2025-79	Michael & Merna Fremstad	B	\$2,450.00	\$2,450.00	
Vernon	2025-80	Lepke Rev Tst	B	\$2,570.00	\$2,570.00	
Washington	LWRM-25-05	James & Mary Stout	A	\$1,575.00	\$1,575.00	
Waukesha	2025-03	Zakrzewski 2006 Jt Rev Tst	C	\$720.00	\$720.00	
Waupaca	LW-25-33	Brooks Farms Homestead LLC	C	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	
Waupaca	LW-25-34	Daniel & Ruth Ann Boerst	C	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	
Waupaca	LW-25-35	Ferg Revocable Trust, Russell W.	C	\$11,958.00	\$11,958.00	
Waupaca	LW-25-36	Nickel Farms LLC	C	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	
Waupaca	LW-25-37	Jonely Dairy Farm LLC	C	\$8,316.00	\$3,170.80	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Waupaca	LW-25-38	Kathleen M Nickel Rev Tst	A	\$14,574.00	\$1.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Waupaca	LW-25-39	Benjamin Nickel	C	\$1,884.00	\$1.00	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Waushara	70-25-14	Sattler Farms LLC	A	\$2,065.00	\$1,849.30	Request exceeded current year allocation.
Waushara	70-25-2	Larry & Sandy Grosenick	B	\$2,360.00	\$2,360.00	
Waushara	70-25-7	Spring Lake Farms Inc.	A	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	
Waushara	70-25-9	Stelter Landholding LLC	A	\$1,110.00	\$1,110.00	
Winnebago	SEG-25-07	Jennifer & John G III Yost	C	\$9,752.40	\$9,752.40	
Winnebago	SEG-25-09	James & Kathleen Crowley	C	\$6,552.80	\$6,552.80	
Winnebago	SEG-25-10	Robert Sager Tst et al.	C	\$2,515.60	\$2,515.60	
Winnebago	SEG-25-11	Jeffrey & Pamela Gehrke	C	\$752.80	\$752.80	
Winnebago	SEG-25-12	Lawrene J Schuster Tst	C	\$2,356.00	\$2,356.00	
Winnebago	SEG-25-13	Brian Foust	C	\$1,200.80	\$1,200.80	
Winnebago	SEG-CC-25-08	John & Jennifer Yost	C	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00	
Winnebago	SEG-CC-25-14	James & Kathleen Crowley	C	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	
Wood	25-LWRM-14	George & Jill Gilbertson	A	\$1,085.00	\$1,085.00	
Count:	113		Totals:	\$420,373.22	\$357,107.68	

Bond Cost-Share						
County	CSA#	Name	Reason*	Request	Recommended Approval Amount	Explanation of Difference Between Request and Recommended Approval Amount
Ozaukee	2025-2 DATCP Reserve	Joe & Carrie Mueller	B	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	
Waukesha	2025-03	Zakrzewski 2006 Jt Rev Tst	C	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	
Count:	2		Totals	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	
Total Count:	276		Grand Totals:	\$2,445,621.28	\$2,128,186.40	

*Key Explaining Reasons for Extension Requests
 A. Unfavorable weather conditions
 B. Unavailability of contractors
 C. Extenuating circumstances

Chart 2A - Structural Cost-Share Spending Trends

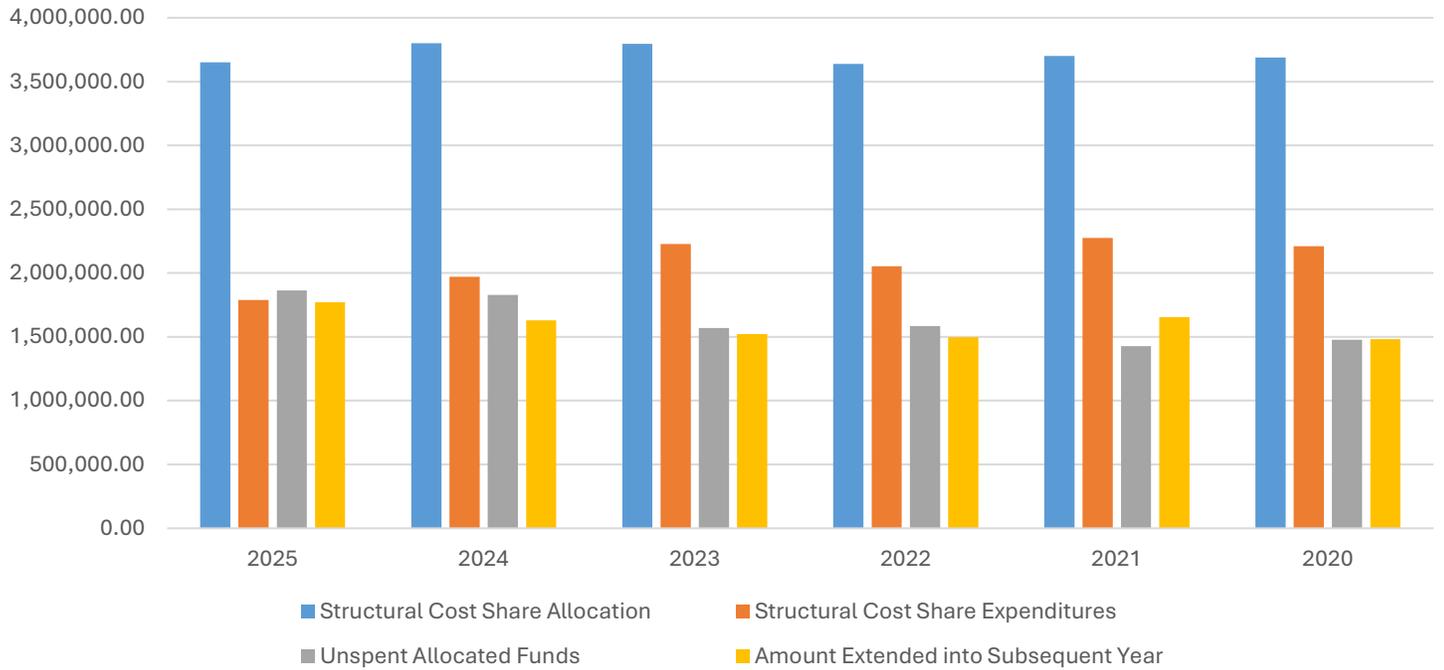
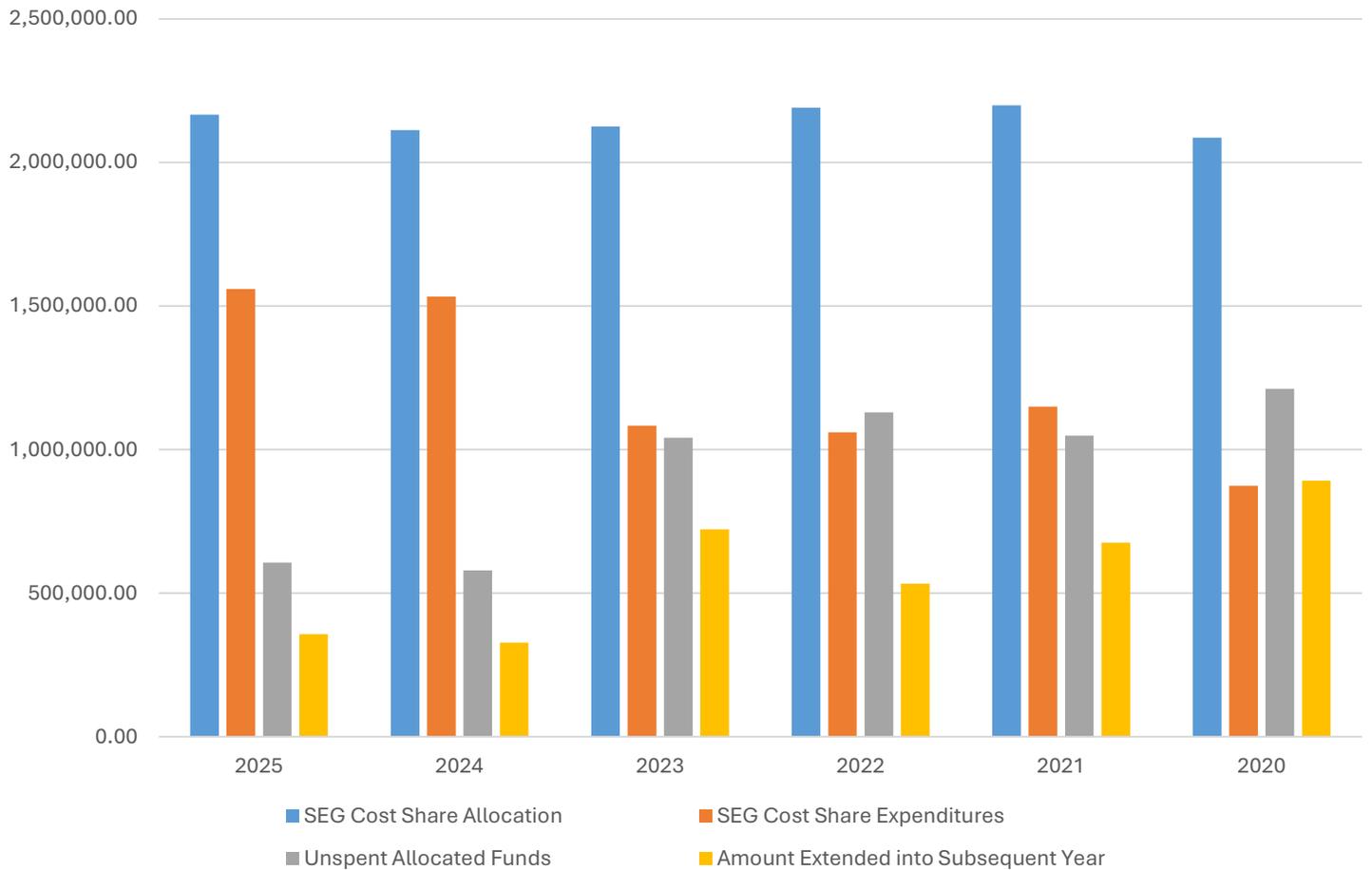


Chart 2B - SEG Cost-Share Spending Trends



DATE: April 7, 2026

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

FROM: Jenn Chakravorty, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)

SUBJECT: Recommendation to the LWCB to Add One Question to LWCB County Land and Water Resource Management Plan Review and Revision Questionnaires

RECOMMENDED ACTION: This is an action item.

Per [Wis. Stat. 92.04\(2\)\(g\)](#): “The board shall advise the University of Wisconsin system annually on needed research and educational programs relating to soil and water conservation.” At the February 3, 2026 meeting of the LWCB, the board approved the addition of question 1 below to 5-year review and 10-year plan revision questionnaires to assist the LWCB in achieving this duty:

Approved at February 3, 2026 Meeting of the LWCB

- 1) What do you observe as gaps in understanding or research that hinder conservation progress or water quality improvement? *Part of the LWCB’s duties is to advise the University of Wisconsin system on needed research and education programs relating to soil and water conservation. The answer to this question will be used in research and outreach efforts by the University of Wisconsin.*

Also, at the February LWCB meeting, the board recommended the addition of a second question to identify what research or management techniques the county currently uses to address land and water conservation issues to be reviewed at the April meeting. Jenn Chakravorty, DATCP, consulted with Amber Radatz and Francisco Arriaga in their capacity as UW advisors to the LWCB. They recommended that the addition of this question is not necessary in order to inform UW’s understanding of existing research and education programs. Rather, advisors and other UW team members look to the LWRM Plan and Annual Work Plans to assess work the county has carried out or is working on to advance soil and water conservation efforts.

DATCP recommends that the board finalize the LWCB County LWRM Plan Review and Revision Questionnaires with only the question approved at the February 3, 2026 Meeting (drafts attached).



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

County:

Implementation Covering Past Five Years and Future Directions

Answer these five questions in writing (not to exceed 5 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.

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.

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.

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.

5. What do you observe as gaps in understanding or research that hinder conservation progress or water quality improvement?

Part of the LWCB's duties is to advise the University of Wisconsin system on needed research and education programs relating to soil and water conservation. The answer to this question will be used in research and outreach efforts by the University of Wisconsin.

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:

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

Send completed questionnaire and attachments to:
jennifer.chakravorty@wisconsin.gov



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

County:

Implementation Covering Past Five Years and Future Directions

Answer these five questions in writing (not to exceed 5 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.
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.
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?
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.
5. What do you observe as gaps in understanding or research that hinder conservation progress or water quality improvement?

Part of the LWCB's duties is to advise the University of Wisconsin system on needed research and education programs relating to soil and water conservation. The answer to this question will be used in research and outreach efforts by the University of Wisconsin.

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

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.

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