



## Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)

Division of Agricultural Resources Management

Bureau of Land and Water Resources

## Revision Guidance: Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) Plans

This guidance document covers requirements related to Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) Plan revisions that occur every ten years.

### Review and follow relevant statutes and administrative rules:

- Wisconsin Statutes § 92.10 – Land and water resource management planning program
- Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 50.12 – Land and water resource management plans
- Wis. Admin. Code § NR 151 – Subchapter II-Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions

### What to submit and present for LWRM Plan revisions:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual Work Plans
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The county's <b>current</b> year work plan should be submitted using the DATCP template by April 15 of each year.</li><li>• The county's <b>previous</b> year work plan should be updated to show accomplishments for planned activities.</li></ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) Questionnaire
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Answer all questions on the LWCB Revision Questionnaire and obtain authorized representative's signature confirming LCC review and approval.</li></ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	LWRM Plan
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The revised LWRM Plan should be reviewed by LCC members, the local advisory committee, DNR, DATCP, and other interested parties and meet all statutory requirements.</li></ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	DATCP LWRM Plan Review Checklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The LWRM Planner will send a signed copy of the LWRM Plan Review Checklist once the LWRM Plan has been reviewed by DATCP and found to meet all statutory requirements.</li></ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	LWCB Meeting Presentation
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prepare slides or handouts for an 8-10 minute presentation at an LWCB meeting.</li><li>• Following the presentation, participate in a 30-35 minute discussion with the LWCB regarding the LWRM plan and implementation activities.</li></ul>
<input type="checkbox"/>	County Board Approval
<input type="checkbox"/>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• It is recommended that the LWRM Plan is approved by the County Board after the LWCB recommends approval of the plan. As soon as County Board approval is obtained, submit documentation to the LWRM Planner showing approval of the plan with no edits.</li></ul>

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### **The Land and Water Conservation Board (LWCB) will:**

- reassure counties that its goal in conducting a review is not to fail counties,
- recognize the dynamic nature of planning process and consider how counties tackle priorities over time and respond to changing conditions in pursuing their priorities,
- evaluate county planning and implementation based on how well counties balance and prioritize the following: agricultural performance standards, other state priorities (impaired waters, Farmland Preservation Program checks), and local priorities,
- provide constructive support to counties to improve the quality of their planning.

### **LWRM Plan extensions:**

- Because LWRM Plans are based on 10-year approvals, plan extensions have been discontinued (refer to Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 50.12(5)).
- Exceptions will be reviewed on a limited case-by-case basis; requests should be sent to the LWRM Planner and include an explanation of why an extension is necessary.
  - DATCP will **not** approve an extension if it determines that a waiver of Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 50.12 is not warranted or the county has the opportunity to reschedule.