Correspondence to Jefferson Co. Solid Waste & Air Quality Committee December 7, 2018

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for your commitment to promoting air quality in Jefferson County, and for the opportunity to provide input.

Safe operation of incinerators/cremators is paramount for public health and safety—important for air pollution control and protection, workplace safety, and fire protection.

WI DNR offers an incinerator operator certification program which is not costprohibitive (\$50)

https://dnr.wi.gov/regulations/opcert/incinerator.html,

It includes "training on incinerator operations, health and safety training while performing incinerator operation duties, incinerator management issues and incinerator design and construction."

State law (NR 499) currently exempts the DNR from requiring cremator operator certification (for veterinarian euthanasia and human cremation facilities and agricultural cremator/incinerator operators). It would, however, seem prudent to require all incinerator/cremator operators in our county to receive education and obtain an incinerator operator certificate, before operating an incinerator.

A number of animal incinerators/cremators reaching 1200 to 1600 degrees are already in use in Lake Mills and Palmyra. Over the next 12 to 24 months, incinerator/cremator use is expected to triple or quadruple in Jefferson County.

Incinerators have grown in popularity statewide as well as nationwide since the 2015 avian influenza outbreak. There are issues with land-filling mortality, a practice which had been done in years past: disease potential, groundwater risks, and space challenges.)

It does not appear there are legal barriers to enacting a local/county ordinance requiring operator certification.

Here is Wisconsin DATCP's response regarding whether a county could legally enact an ordinance mandating anyone operating an incinerator first receive certified training through the WI DNR. Mr. Chris Clayton said this requirement could not be put into a



Livestock Siting Ordinance, nor could obtaining certified operator training be included as condition of Livestock Siting.

Mr. Clayton then recommended conferring with WI DNR, specifically Mr. Colin Duffy since he is the contact person for the incinerator certification program on the DNR website, to see if they (the DNR) had any restrictions or recommendations.

I emailed NR Natural Resources Program Coordinator, Colin P. Duffy (Division of Environmental Management, Air Management, Compliance, Enforcement, and Emission Section) and his supervisor, Deputy Bureau Director/Division of Environmental Management Andrew Stewart.

Mr. Stewart indicated this is a local issue. Therefore, it does not appear there would be a problem, provided the ordinance was properly worded and not incorporated into Livestock Siting.

Recycling Chairman for the Town of Ixonia, Mr. Vic Karaliunas also weighed in on the merits of operator training and certification. He voiced agreement with having and ordinance to minimize human, animal, and environmental risks associated with incineration, noting he sees no downside to this approach.

Mr. Karaliunas said he supports the idea of an ordinance to help ensure adequate training and safe, healthful operation of incineration/cremation equipment. He suggested the Jefferson County Solid Waste and Air Quality Committee would be the ideal body to monitor incinerator usage in the county, and ascertain operators acquire DNR certification prior to utilizing incineration or cremation equipment. (Vic and I would be willing to work on a draft ordinance if it would be helpful.)



Please consider putting discussion of possible incinerator operation certification/ordinance on the agenda for the next Solid Waste and Air Quality Committee meeting. Thank you for your willingness to evaluate the merits of this potential course of action.

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Locations	Jefferson	Watertown	Whitewater	
Dates	April 6/7	Sept. 21/22	Oct. 5	TOTALS
Household - Participants	111	116	21	248
AG - Participants	18	6	0	24
AG-Business - Participants	0	0	1 0	0
VSQG (Businesses) - Participants	5	3	T ŏ	8
County Facilities	1	1		2
Towns	0	1	1 0	1
Tires Only	2	0		2
Not Surveyed -	36	27		63
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS		154	21	348

Total Pounds for each Event.	April 6/7	Sept. 21/22	Oct. 5	TOTALS
Household Waste Veolia	16994	26432	1,716.90	45,142.90
Pharmaceutical Waste			1,7 10.00	40,142.30
Non-Controlled/Controlled 4-28-2018	868.30	0	0	1,144.30
Non-Controlled/Controlled 10-29-2018			1,594.20	1,875.40
Combined Household Waste				.,0.0.10
AG	7667	3875	0	11,542.00
VSQG	2587	1036	0	3,623.00
Tires Tons 7.22	14,440	0	0	14,440.00
TOTAL POUNDS	42,556.30	31,343	3311.1	77,767.60

Pounds Do Not Include FI tubes and ballasts

	April 6/7	S	ept. 21/22		Oct. 5		TOTALS
Household Costs	\$ 24,798.93	\$	27,253.96	\$	3,284.52	\$	55,337.41
Agricutlure Costs	\$ 5,835.60	\$	3,366.70	\$		\$	9,202.30
Drug Costs	\$ 180	\$		\$	_	\$	-
Parks Department Cost	\$ 510.00	\$		\$	-	\$	510.00
City of Watertown Health Dept. Sharps 2018				\$	875.24	\$	875.24
JC Health Dept. Sharps 2018	\$ -	\$, I L	\$	374.20	\$	374.20
Fair Park	\$ 8.28	\$		S		\$	8.28
Sheriff's Office	\$ 175.00	\$	15	\$	-	Ť	
Watertown Water Department	\$ 241.00			Ė		\$	241.00
Watertown Street Department		\$	6,862.75	Т		Ť	741.00
Tire Recycling	\$ 1,425.23	\$	-	\$		\$	1,425.23
DISPOSAL COSTS	\$ 32,994.04	\$	37,483.41	\$	4,533.96	\$	67,973.66

 Budgeted 2018
 \$75,000.00

 Less Cost
 \$67,973.66

 Year to Date Disposal Cost
 \$7,026.34

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Police Departments/Sheriff Office POUNDS OF DRUGS COLLECTED

S213/F500 Sheriff & Lake 0 Palmyra
Mills S/F311.5 Whitewater
S499/F677 Watertown S65.3 /F83.7 Jefferson
S22/F19 UW-Whitewater S16/F22Johnson Creek

S53/F50.2 Waterloo

S=Spring & F=Fall

S276/F231 Fort Atkinson

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Locations	Jefferson	Watertown	Whitewater	
What Community do you live in?	April 6/7	September 21/22	Oct. 5	TOTALS
Town of -				
Aztalan	6	2	0	6
Clyman	0	0	0	0
Cold Spring	2	0	0	2
Concord	2	5	0	2
Farmington	8	2	0	8
Hebron	1	0	0	1
Ixonia	7	6	0	7
Jefferson	8	2	1	8
Koshkonong	6	1	2	6
Lake Mills	6	6	1	6
Milford	2	2	0	2
Oakland	10	1	0	10
Palmyra	3	2	0	3
Sullivan	4	3	0	4
Sumner	1	2	0	1
Waterloo	1	4	0	1
Watertown	4	5	0	4
Cities				
Fort Atkinson	24	7	6	37
Jefferson	8	6	1	15
Lake Mills	7	9	0	16
Waterloo	2	5	0	7
Watertown	9	54	3	66
Whitewater	2	0	3	5
Villages				
Cambridge	0	0	0	0
Clyman	0	0	0	0
Johnson Creek	9	3	0	9
Lac La Belle	0	0	0	0
Palmyra	4	0	4	4
Sullivan	0	0	0	0
Outside of Cou	nty	0		
Dodge County	-	0	0	0
Rock County		0	0	0
Dane County		0	0	0
Delavan Not Surveyed	1	0 25	0	1 25
TOTALS	137	152	21	310

Locations	Jefferson	Watertown	Whitewater	
	April 6/7	September 21/22	Oct. 5	TOTALS
Appointments	154	152	28	334
No Shows	9	15	7	31
Cancel	8	6	0	14
Drive Ups	38	25	0	63
Surveys	137	127	21	285
Information Only Requested	0	0	0	0
Not Surveyed	38	25	0	76
PARTICIPANTS	175	152	21	348

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Locations How did you hear about this	Jefferson	Watertown September	Whitewater	
program?	April 7/8	22/23	Oct. 6	TOTALS
Letter Sent to Land Owners	800	0	0	800
Newspaper/Flyer In Newspapers	49	56	21	126
Mailings	2	0	0	2
Cable TV	0	0	0	0
Radio	2	0	0	2
Internet - County Wedsite	26	33	0	59
Face Book - County	2	3	0	5
Town/City/Village	10	12	0	22
Courthouse	4	1	0	5
Word of Mouth	1	0	0	1
Relative/Friend/Neighbor	3	8	0	11
Police/Sheriff/Fire Depts.	0	0	0	0
Past Participants (Known)	36	38	0	74
Other				
Deer Track Park Landfill/WM	0	0	0	0
Library	0	0	0	0
Job	0	0	0	0
Watertown Hospital	0	0	0	0
Fort HealthCare Hospital	0	0	0	0
Doctor Office/Clinic	0	0	0	0
Church	0	0	0	0
Taxes - Recycling Pamphlet	0	0	0	0
Transfer Station (Ixonia)	0	0	0	0
Johns Disposal	1	0	0	1
Advanced (Fort Atkinson)	2	0	0	2
Clean Sweep Road Signs	0	0	0	0
Jefferson County Fair	0	10	0	10
Fort Atkinson Chamber	1	0	0	1
Credit Union	1	0	0	1
DATCP	- 0	0	0	0
USDA	0	0	0	0
DNR	0	0	0	0
Not Surveyed	38	25	21	84

Locations	Jefferson		Whitewater	
	April 6/7	September 21/22	Oct. 5	TOTALS
Type of Farm or Ag Business				
Cash Crops	4	1	0	5
Grain	1	0	0	1
Crop/Beef	1	0	0	1
Crop/Dairy	0	0	0	0
Dairy	4	2	0	6
Dairy/Horse/Donkey	0	0	0	0
Beef/Hog/Crop	0	0	0	0
Beef/Chicken/Pigs/Ducks/Cr op	0	0	0	0
Dairy/Pigs	0	0	0	0
Organic Dairy Farm	0	0	0	0
Hog	1	1	0	2
Beef	2	0	0	2
Veal	0	0	0	0
Poultry	0	0	0	0
Pigens	0	0	0	0
Game Farm	0	0	0	0
Sheep	0	0	0	0
Sod	0	0	0	0
Produce/Flowers/Fruit	2	2	0	4
Seed	0	0	0	0
Tree Farm	0	0	0	0
Elk/Deer	0	0	0	0
Horse/Sheep	0	0	0	0
Hobbie Farm/Ranch	3	0	0	3
Honey Farm/Bees	0	0	0	0
Vet	0	0	0	0
CRP(Conservation Reserve Program)	0	0	0	0
DATCP	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	18	6	0	24

2018 Hazardous Waste Collection Surveys Jefferson Watertown Whitewater

	April 6/7	September 21/22	5-Oct	
Have you used this service before	e?			TOTALS
YES	80	65	21	145
NO	57	62	0	119
TOTALS	137	127	21	264

	Fair Park April 8/9
Are you Bringing tires	
YES	30
NO	107
TOTALS	137

Locations

	Fair Park	April 6/7	Watertown S	ept. 22/23
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Do you know about our drug drop-off sites?	105	32	113	14
Have you taken drugs to one of our sites?	51	86	66	61

		2018
		Donations
Date	Sponsors	Monetary
1/2/2018	Town of Oakland	\$500.00
1/4/2018	Town of Cold Spring	\$200.00
1/8/2018	Tuttle's Pharmacy, Inc.	\$100.00
1/9/2018	Town of Jefferson	\$400.00
1/15/2018	Town of Lake Mills	\$1,000.00
1/16/2018	Town of Waterloo	\$250.00
2/22/2018	United Cooperative	\$100.00
11/2/2018	Blodgett Garden Center	\$100.00
11/2/2018	Robert Halser	\$50.00
11/8/2018	Jane Follmer Zekoff	\$100.00
11/8/2018	Lakeland Farms Inc Russ Roed	\$50.00
11/9/2018	Badger Bank - Fort Atkinson	\$75.00
11/15/2018	Tuttle's Hometown Pharmacy	\$25.00
11/15/2018	VJ Davis LLC	\$100.00
11/26/2018	Town of Oakland	\$500.00
11/26/2018	Frank Knauss	\$25.00
11/26/2018	Jefferson Utilities-Scott Adler	\$250.00
12/3/2018	FFC (Fort Community Credit Union)	\$100.00

Drug Collection Information from 2008-201	Drug	Collection	Information	from	2008-201
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Year	Controlled	Non-Controlled	Mix-Drug DEA	Total Pounds	Cost	Sheriff Office & Pol	ice Dena	rtmonte
2008	29.5	920	J	949.5	\$		Spring	
2009	30.5	847		877.5	,	Sheriff & Lake Mills	213	500
2010	91	452		543	_,	Watertown	499	677
2011	478	686		1164	\$ •	UW-Whitewater	22	19
2012	40.25	1,200		1240:25	\$	Waterloo	53	50.2
2013	0	1315	*1113	2428	\$ 2,791.78	Whitewater	0	311.5
2014	70.25	1,820		1890.25	\$ 2,130.72	Jefferson	65.3	83.7
2015	0	349		349	\$ 594.05	Johnson Creek	16	22
2016	113	349		462	\$ 302.65	Fort Atkinson	276	231
2017	0	0	1167	1167	\$ 1,167.00	Palmyra		
2018 Spring	0	0	1144.3	1144.3	\$ -	TOTAL	1144	1894.4
2018 Fall	0	0	1894.4	1894.4	\$ = .			
Totals	852.5	7938	1113	14109.2	\$ 15,161.99			

^{*} Mix drugs that went to a witness burn.

2105-2016 - The Wisconsin Department of Justice took over the disposal of all drugs with registered police departments in the State; as of this date they have collected over 398,085 punds of drugs

Before the DOJ drug collections we had less than 100 police department participating and now 300 participating police departments

State DOJ Total Pounds Collected

Month & Tear	i otal Pounds	
May, 2015	39,783	2017 & 2018 Wisconsin ranked third among the 48 states
September, 2015	44,698	Callifornia & Texas were first & second.
April, 2016	64,247	National wide for the October, 2017 912,305 pounds were collected
October, 2016	58,729	The City of Milwaukee collected 2,000 pounds in October 2017.
April, 2017	66,830	Jefferson County took in 1,167 pounds for October 2017
October, 2017	60,257	Jefferson County took in 1,894.4 pounds of October 2018
April, 2018	63,541	I don't have the DOJ total for this year, but as you can see Jefferson
October, 2018	68,016	has a very strong program in collecting ununsed drugs.
	466,101	, 5, 5

^{2008-2009 -} Jefferson County Sheriff disposed of drugs through his evidence program at the State lab.

^{2010-2014 -} Veolia Environmental disposed of our non-controlled through the Clean Sweep Program

^{2010-2014 -} All the controlled drugs were disposed of at witness burn in Illinois at a Veolia site.

Jefferson County Sheriff hosted the collection of drugs for the State and witnessed the burn.

Grants for 2019

Drug \$1,860 AG \$5,700 HHW \$10,000 Totals \$17,560

2018 Drug \$2,140 AG \$5,790 HHW \$10,445

Totals \$18,375

Difference \$815

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Item 10 (d)

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Istephens@wauwatosa.net; nancy.turyk@ces.uwex.edu 2019 Unwanted Prescription Drug Clean Sweep Grants

Subject:

To: 2019 Clean Sweep Unwanted Prescription Drug Applicants

Thank you all for submitting an application for 2019 funding for unwanted prescription drug collections. Thirty applications were submitted, requesting \$120,920. Unfortunately, only \$75,000 is available but everyone who submitted an application will receive some funding. For those applicants who requested \$1,000 or less, those requests were fully funded. Reducing small grant requests doesn't seem to be worth anyone's time or effort. (See Table 2).

Applications and Requests: Table 1 shows the number of applications received for 2019 unwanted prescription drug grant funds. Numbers from 2018 and 2017 are provided for comparison. Also, seven drug drop boxes will be purchased in 2019.

Table 1 – Clean Sweep Grant Applications and Funding Requests 2019 with 2018 & 2017 data

	2019 Applications	2019 Funds Requested	2018 Applications	-2018 Funds Requested	2017 Applications	2017 Funds Requested
Prescription Drugs	30	\$120,920	27	\$103,032	34	\$121,570

SharePoint Applications: This is the first time that grant applications could be submitted on-line through a SharePoint site. More than 57 percent of the prescription drug applications were submitted through SharePoint! It wasn't the smoothest process but I want to thank those of you who used the option. Managing the grants was much more efficient on my end. The grant applications were reviewed and evaluated by two internal raters from the Agricultural Resources Management Division. All applications arrived on time and none were disqualified.

Next Steps:

- 1. Let me know if you will accept your grant award.
- 2. I'll begin preparing contracts for your signature. Signatures will be completed electronically. Contracts will go out in December January.
- 3. Starting January 1, begin work on your grant project
- 4. Keep track of drugs collected and sent for disposal (by weight.)
- 5. When your project is complete, submit final report documents which includes expenses and pounds of drugs collected.
- 6. Receive your reimbursement check.

Remember, this is a reimbursement style grant program. You will be reimbursed for eligible expenses after your final report is submitted in 2019.

If you have *any* questions or concerns, please contact me at any time. Congratulations and I look forward to working with all of you in 2019.

Table 2 - 2019 Clean Sweep Grant Allocations

APPLICANT	Prescription Drugs Final	Drug Box Buy
Appleton Police Dept.	\$ 1,100.00	
Bayside Village	\$ 2,000.00	
Blue Mounds Police Dept.	\$ 1,000.00	
Brown County, Ashwaubenon Village, Green Bay, Oneida Tribal Police	\$ 4,810.00	
Butler Police Dept.	\$ 900.00	1
Chippewa Falls Police Dept., Lake Hallie, Bloomer, Cadott, Boyd, Stanley and Chippewa County Sheriff	\$ 4,910.00	
Cudahy Police Dept.	\$ 1,210.00	
Horicon Police Dept.	\$ 1,000.00	1
Jefferson County	\$ 1,860.00	
Kewaunee County	\$ 2,410.00	
Manitowoc, Sheboygan, Fond du Lac Cos.	\$ 4,910.00	1
McFarland Police Dept.	\$ 1,010.00	
Merrill Police Dept.	\$ 1,000.00	1
Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC)**	\$3,110.00	
Oconto County Public Health	\$3,110.00	
Oneida County	\$2,410.00	
Oregon Police Dept.	\$1,210.00	
Ozaukee County Public Health	\$ 4,010.00	1
Pewaukee Police Dept.	\$ 1,260.00	1
Pierce County with Prescott, Ellsworth, Spring Valley	\$3,010.00	
Racine City Public Health with Wind Point, Elmwood Park, Sturtevant, Central Racine County Health, Caledonia, et. al	\$ 4,910.00	1
Rock County Public Health	\$4,910.00	
St. Francis Police Dept.	\$ 800.00	
Stockbridge-Munsee Community	\$3,110.00	
Sun Prairie Police Dept.	\$ 1,700.00	
Washington County Public Health	\$3,510.00	
Waunakee Police Dept.	\$ 1,200.00	
Waupaca County	\$2,810.00	
Wauwatosa Public Health	\$ 3,110.00	
Wood County Public Health	\$2,700.00	
	\$75,000.00	7 boxes

^{**}Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC): Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor and Bad River, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau, Red Cliff and St. Croix Tribal Nations

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Please complete this brief <u>survey</u> to help us improve our customer service. Thank you for your feedback!

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Subject:

2019 Clean Sweep Ag and HHW Grant Allocations

To: 2019 Agricultural and Household Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep Grant Applicants

Thank you all for submitting an application for 2019 funding for agricultural and household hazardous waste collections. There were 25 agricultural applications and 36 household applications submitted requesting \$362,450 and \$940,950 respectively.

Applications and Requests: Table 1 shows the number of applications received for 2019 clean sweep grant funds. Numbers from 2018 and 2017 are provided for comparison. There is overlap between the grant categories as one county/municipality may apply for one or both grants.

Table 1 - Clean Sweep Grant Applications and Funding Requests 2019 with 2018 & 2017 data

	2019	2019 Funds	2018	2018 Funds	2017	2017 Funds
	Applications	Requested	Applications	Requested	Applications	Requested
Agricultural	25	\$362,450	25	\$345,350	27	\$394,025
Household	36	\$940,950	36	\$910,450	36	\$909,825
		\$1,424,320		\$1,358,832		\$1,425,420

Available Funds: The program has \$200,000 available for agricultural collections, \$475,000 for household collections. Unfortunately, the demand for grants continues to exceed the available funds. This means that applicants receive about half of their monetary request but each applicant will receive some amount of funding.

SharePoint Applications: This is the first time that grant applications could be submitted on-line through a SharePoint site. Of the ag/household applications, 51 percent were submitted through SharePoint. There were some difficulties with the process but I want to thank those of you who tried the new system. It was much easier and faster for me to manage the grants. The grant applications were reviewed and evaluated by two internal raters within the Agricultural Resource Management Division. All applications arrived on time and none were disqualified.

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Table 2 – 2019 Clean Sweep Grant Allocations

APPLICANT	Ag Final	HHW Final
Bayside Village		\$ 6,000.00
Brown, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties	\$16,000.00	\$31,500.00
City of Burlington*		\$16,000.00
Calumet County		\$10,500.00
Chippewa County		\$10,000.00
Dane and Columbia Counties	\$22,000.00	\$33,500.00
Dunn County	\$ 5,500.00	\$10,000.00
Eau Claire County		\$ 8,000.00
Green County	\$ 3,100.00	\$ 5,500.00
Green Lake County	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 8,000.00
Jefferson County	\$ 5,700.00	\$10,000.00
Kewaunee County	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 8,000.00
La Crosse, Crawford, Vernon, and Trempealeau Counties#	\$22,000 .00	\$33,000.00
Manitowoc, Sheboygan and Fond du Lac Counties	\$16,700.00	\$30,000.00
Marquette County	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 8,000.00
Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD)		\$10,250.00
Monroe County	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 7,500.00
Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC)**	\$22,000.00	\$33,500.00
Oconto and Marinette Counties	\$11,200.00	\$16,000.00
Oneida County	\$ 5,750.00	\$10,000.00
Oneida Nation		\$ 8,000.00
Ozaukee County	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 8,000.00
Pierce and Pepin Counties	\$ 9,000.00	\$15,000.00
Pleasant Prairie		\$10,000.00
Polk County	\$ 5,500.00	\$10,000.00
Portage County		\$ 6,750.00
Racine Wastewater Utility##		\$33,000.00
Richland County	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 8,000.00
Rock County	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 5,000.00
Sauk County	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 8,000.00

St. Croix County	\$ 5,900.00	\$10,500.00
Trempealeau County#	\$ 6,200.00	
Walworth County		\$ 8,000.00
Washington County	\$ 5,700.00	\$10,000.00
Waukesha County	\$3,000.00	\$11,500.00
Waupaca and Waushara Counties		\$10,000.00
Wood County	\$ 4,600.00	\$ 8,000.00
	\$200,000.00	\$475,000.00

^{*}City of Burlington also services Towns of Burlington, Dover, Yorkville, and the Villages of Rochester, Waterford, Union Grove.

#Trempealeau County received a grant for an agricultural collection while household waste services are provided by La Crosse County.

**Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC): Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor and Bad River, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau, Red Cliff and St. Croix Tribal Nations

##Racine Wastewater Utility services Caledonia/Mount Pleasant, Wind Point, Elmwood Park, the City of Racine, Sturtevant and North Bay.

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Jefferson County has been recognized for its work to improve local health by receiving a "Wisconsin Healthy Communities" Designation.

This new program is intended to recognize and encourage achievements in health improvement in Wisconsin communities, and to promote cooperation across multiple sectors.

Gail Scott, Director/Health Officer, Jefferson County Health Department states "Jefferson

County is committed to becoming the healthiest community by working together on many programs and services aimed at a better quality of life for all. It is heartwarming to see the many organizations, such as Fort HealthCare, Jefferson County Health Department, Jefferson County Parks and non-profit organizations such as the Rock River Free Clinic and Community Dental Clinic, agree to work collaboratively. Our collective goal is to provide our residents with the best chance at living a healthy life!"

In applying for the Gold Designation, Jefferson County had to implement at least 7 ongoing initiatives to meet the health needs of the community. Jefferson County exceeded the minimum by implementing 10 initiatives. "A community that works this hard together, reaching these high level goals, should be extremely proud." Mike Wallace, President/CEO, Fort HealthCare adds "The partnerships of our community have such strength that we are in

an elite class. Jefferson County continues to move the dial in the right direction. We are proud to be among the 31 Wisconsin communities that received designations this year and we are even more proud that we are one of only four that received a Gold Designation."

More information about the designation can be found at: https://www.med.wisc.edu/media/medwiscedu/documents/news-and-events/healthy-communities-map.pdf

One of the major initiatives that recognizes Jefferson County as a Gold Designation is for its work in establishing multiple healthy community coalitions to help reduce obesity rates of residents within the greater Jefferson County area through multi-level diet and exercise strategies. According to the County Health Rankings and Roadmaps (CHR&R), Jefferson County ranked 33rd overall out of 72 counties in 2012 and in 2018 is now ranked 12th overall for health outcomes. That is a significant accomplishment and it is an on-going initiative that has all of the community partners working together continuously.

Joe Nehmer, Director, Jefferson County Parks Department, states that "Jefferson County has a long history of partnering with others to build a better community for our citizens. Building healthier communities only happens when we work together." In Jefferson County, the Park and Recreation Open Space plan has been a major initiative. Goals for this include preserving natural resources for public use and conservation, to operate and maintain a parks system with resource oriented recreation, trails, and special use parks; and to expand the park system for environmental and land use benefits and the health and enjoyment of Jefferson County residents. In addition, expanding the parks and the reach of the Glacial River Trail into Dodge and Rock Counties, construction of a new section of off road trail from Watertown to Oconomowoc, expanding recreational offerings in parks, and the Rock River Trail and Glacial Heritage Area Water Trails initiatives.

Based on the 2018 Community Health Needs Assessment and other collective information from the Jefferson County community, there are several initiatives that shaped this designation. Some of the initiatives are more clinical in nature and serve the need of addressing the alcohol/drug abuse issues as well as mental health. The programs that are addressing these initiatives includes the work of the Jefferson County Alcohol Treatment Court and Drug Treatment Court, the Proper Drug Disposal Programs, the Jefferson County Drug Free Coalition's naloxone education and distribution program, and the Behavioral Health Primary Care Integration. "The Healthy Communities Gold Award designation is confirmation that Jefferson County has developed a comprehensive, holistic and forward

thinking approach towards the health and wellness of the community. This is yet another example of the uniqueness of this community and why it continues to be a great place to live, work and recreate." Craig Holler, Jefferson County Treatment Court/CJCC Coordinator

An additional two initiatives are focused on those that are in need and have a lack of financial resources. Rock River Free Clinic's goal of providing access to free health care services through health professionals dedicated to caring for low income and uninsured individuals is an on-going effort. The Community Dental Clinic, with the Seal-A-Smile program, focuses on children and oral health and is a great resource of oral health treatment and education. "At the Rock River Free Clinic, we already know we live in a community that cares for the health of all community members – as evidenced by the partnership we enjoy to sustain a free medical clinic! It is just outstanding that this well-deserved recognition is now made public for all of our state to see! Congrats to all the hard working folks in Jefferson County who have put "health" in the spotlight." Kristin Wallace, Executive Director, Rock River Free Clinic.

The Healthy Communities Designation program is designed to be accessible to communities of all shapes and sizes, both rural and urban. The definition of community is broad and can include counties, municipalities, neighborhoods and other self-defined, place-based communities in Wisconsin. The program uses a three-tiered approach – gold, silver and bronze – which are meant to provide a trajectory and serve as a guide for communities as they continue to strive toward better health. Jefferson County's prioritization in health improvement is evident in this Gold Designation.

The Wisconsin Healthy Communities Designation is a new initiative offered by the Mobilizing Action Toward Community Health (MATCH) group of the UW Population Health Institute (UWPHI), in collaboration with diverse statewide groups. The Healthy Communities Designation program, funded by the Wisconsin Partnership Program of the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, is designed to recognize and encourage achievements in health improvement in Wisconsin. To learn more about the program, visit the program website: www.wihealthycommunities.org

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