Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Committee Agenda "Working Together to Protect & Enhance the Environment"

Jefferson County Courthouse ~ 311 S Center Ave, Rm C1021 ~ Jefferson, WI 53549

Wednesday, June 19, 2024 @ 8:30 am

Join Zoom Meeting ~ https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81279433085 ~ Passcode: land Meeting ID: 812 7943 3085 ~ Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799

Committee Members: Meg Turville-Heitz (Chair), Matt Foelker (Vice-Chair) (UW), Margaret Burlingham (PACE), Walt Christensen, Elizabeth Hafften (UW), Cassie Richardson, and Scott Schultz (Ag)

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum)
- 3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law
- 4. Review of the June Agenda
- 5. Approval of the May 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- 6. Public Comment (members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)
- 7. Communications
 - Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) May & June 2024 Reports
- 8. Discussion on Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report
- 9. Discussion on Departmental Updates
- 10. Discussion and Possible Action on LWCC Representative to the Southern Area Association of Wisconsin Land+Water
- 11. Discussion on Invasive Species Programs
- 12. Discussion and Possible Action on Department Fee Schedule
- 13. Discussion on 2023-2024 Tree Sale Report
- 14. Discussion on Producer-Led Groups: Jefferson County Soil Builders & Rock River Regenerative Graziers
- 15. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)
- 16. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellation of Notices of Noncompliance FPP
- 17. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easement (PACE) Applications & Baseline Documentation
- 18. Discussion and Possible Action on Support for Funding the Wisconsin Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement Program
- 19. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (April)
- 20. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda
 - Next Scheduled Meeting July 17, 2024 @ 8:30 am in Room C1021
- 21. Adjournment

A quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Board, Commission, or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.

Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at this meeting should contact the County Administrator 24 hours prior to the meeting at (920) 674-7101 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Land & Water Conservation Committee Minutes May 15, 2024

1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Patricia Cicero at 8:30 am. Committee Members Margaret Burlingham (PACE) (via Zoom @ 8:40), Walt Christensen, Matt Foelker (UW), Elizabeth Hafften (UW), Cassie Richardson, and Meg Turville-Heitz were present. Also in attendance were Patricia Cicero, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Dave Hoffman, LWCD; Michael Luckey, Assistant to the County Administrator; and Danielle Thompson, County Corporation Counsel. Scott Schultz (Ag) was absent.

• Others in Attendance: Dean Weichmann, Jefferson County Soil Builders (JCSB)

2. Roll Call (Establish a Quorum):

A quorum was established.

3. Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law:

It was determined that the committee was in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

4. Introductions:

Cicero introduced herself to the Committee, then asked everyone to introduce themselves.

5. Election of Officers:

Chairperson: Christensen made a motion to nominate Turville-Heitz Chairperson. Turville-Heitz accepted.

Chairperson: Richardson made a motion to nominate Foelker Chairperson. Foelker accepted.

No other nominations for Chairperson were made. Turville-Heitz was elected Chairperson by written vote.

Vice-Chairperson: Christensen made a motion to nominate Foelker Vice-Chairperson. Foelker accepted.

No other nominations for Vice Chairperson were made. Turville-Heitz seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

6. Set Future Meeting Schedule:

The Land & Water Conservation Committee meetings will remain on the third Wednesday of the month at 8:30 am in room C1021 unless otherwise noticed.

7. Review of the May Agenda:

The May agenda was reviewed by the committee members. No changes were proposed.

8. Approval of the March 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

Foelker made a motion to approve the March 20, 2024 meeting minutes as written, Richardson seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

9. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

10. Communications:

Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection April 2024 Report.

11. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report:

NRCS did not attend the meeting therefore a report was unavailable.

12. Discussion on Land & Water Conservation Committee and Department Overview:

Cicero discussed the LWCD and Committee Authorities, Duties, and Personnel; the 2023 LWCD Annual Report; and the Committee Member Resources, then answered questions.

13. Discussion on Departmental Updates:

NRCS, LWCD, and Dane County decided not to go forward with a project on Koshkonong Creek due to mixed feedback from landowners. The Watertown Waterways Improvement Project met with Rock River Coalition and LWCD to discuss marketing needs in 2024. LWCD and Gerry Kokkonen, Land Information, are conducting drone flights for a Marsh Lake wetland project. Colton Hutchinson, LWCD, attended the 2024 Lakes Convention, the 2024 Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Partnership meeting, conducted AIS training for Rock Lake volunteers, trained volunteer stream and lake monitors, and installed water level gages at inlets to Rock Lake.

14. Discussion on Ground Penetrating Radar Work at the Potter's Field:

Cicero discussed the ongoing radar work at the Potter's Field. Initial information shows the southern area may not have burials, and the that main site may be larger than originally thought. A report is forthcoming from the researcher.

15. Discussion on Fourth Grade Farm Tour:

Kutz Dairy hosted the Fourth Grade Farm Tour at Jefferson County Fair Park. The event was well attended, and well run. LWCC members Christensen, Richardson, and Turville-Heitz attended along with Weichmann (JCSB). The attendees put on the Apple As The Earth demonstration and other conservation presentations along with the help of a few Future Farmers of America (FFA) students.

16. Discussion on Producer-Led Groups: Jefferson County Soil Builders (JCSB) & Rock River Regenerative Graziers (R3G):

Weichmann indicated that he is working with R3G to plan the next Winter Workshop.

17. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP): There were no notices.

18. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellation of Notices of Noncompliance - FPP:

There were no cancellations.

19. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easement (PACE) Applications & Baseline Documentation:

Hoffman informed the committee that the deed language for the Rollefson easement has been approved by NRCS, and the farmstead envelop has been mapped out by the surveyor.

Richardson made a motion to order an appraisal of the Rollefson property, Christensen seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

20. Review of the Monthly Financial Report (March):

The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures was distributed.

21. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:

Possible agenda items include: Invasive Species Programs, LWCD Fee Schedule

• Next Scheduled Meeting: June 19, 2024 @ 8:30 in Room C1021

22. Adjournment:

Richardson made a motion to adjourn at 9:30 am, Christensen seconded. Motion passed 7/0.



May 2024

Soil and Water Resources Management (SWRM) Grants

- Counties should have received the 2025 grant application report please find your county's page and verify the information is correct.
- 2024 SWRM Schedule of Awards will be emailed later this month. To finalize the awards for 2024, each county must confirm receipt of the document.
- Until proposed ATCP 50 receives approval from the governor, legislature, and is published, the new practices are not available for cost-share.

ATCP 50 Update

• Look for opportunities to learn more about what will change in ATCP 50. The Bureau will be providing information through our website and through upcoming events over the coming months.

Nutrient Management News

- SnapPlus V3 Permissions Webinar Join Andrea Topper and the SnapPlus Developers on May 7 at 1 p.m. to discuss permission levels for viewing and receiving SnapPlus Databases within V3. The focus of the discussion will be on county land conservation staff needs for reviewing nutrient management plans.
 Register here: https://teams.microsoft.com/registration/HNHi9OT6O0W2wClkZjd5qg,AHNEZx-uU0SGHJt10C-
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- Previous SnapPlus trainings can be found here: <u>Nutrient Management Trainings</u>.
- **2025 NMFE Office Hour** is now available on the NMFE webpage, found here: <u>Nutrient Management</u> Farmer Education Grants.
- Annual NM reporting: If you have any last-minute adjustments to acres/numbers for 2023, please email Cody Calkins at cody.calkins@wisconsin.gov so that we have the most accurate numbers.
- Keep an eye out for dates and locations for 2024 Nutrient Management Regional Meetings, which will be announced soon!

Land and Water Conservation Board-LWRM Plans

- Chippewa and Vernon counties will be presenting five-year LWRM plan reviews to the LWCB at the June 4, 2024 meeting.
- The next meeting of the LWCB Advisory Committee on Research will be July 2, 2024.

Conservation Engineering

- There are now several pre-approved waste transfer tanks that can be used for ag waste projects. These tanks are listed on the NRCS' Field Office Technical Guide under:

 Section 1-General Resource References à Engineering Resources à 3 NEH and NEM WI Supplements
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 - 10-WI-8B Pre-engineered Waste Transfer Tanks
 - 10-WI-29 Wieser Waste Transfer Tanks Design Information
- AutoCAD & Civil 3D Training: Passing along a reminder that there are 10 recorded "CAD Happy Hour" trainings that were led by Stephanie Schultz, NRCS' State CAD Specialist. These are a good resource for those learning to use AutoCAD/Civil 3D or just want a refresher. Link to trainings found here.
- DNR recently announced that the Economic Impact Analysis (EIA) associated with the draft NR 320 rule
 for Structures in Navigable Waterways has been released for public comment through May 17. The draft
 EIA and rule that updates and consolidates five DNR administrative rules (NR 320, 323, 326, 328, 329)
 can be found here under the WW-Waterways section WW-06-22. These rules set policy for placing
 structures on and crossings over navigable waterways.

DATCP Drainage Program

• As a reminder, annual reports for 2023 were due in December. If you haven't already, please submit those reports to Barton T. Chapman, Drainage Program Manager, at Barton.Chapman@Wisconsin.gov.

Farmland Preservation Program and Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEA)

- Counties that update or issue new CoCs for Tax Year 2023 should submit updates for their DOR Spreadsheet to DATCPWorkingLands@wisconsin.gov. Updates may be submitted as needed throughout the tax season.
- The 2024 Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) petition cycle is in full swing. Petition materials for new designation and modification to existing AEAs are available on the <u>Petitioning for AEA Designation</u> webpage. Petitions will be accepted until <u>August 2, 2024</u>. If you are planning on petitioning for an AEA this year, please contact Wednesday Coye at <u>wednesday.coye@wisconsin.gov</u>.
- The <u>Conservation Compliance Forms webpage</u> has been revamped and includes the updated <u>Model Farm Inspection Form</u>. Please contact Cody Calkins at <u>cody.calkins@wisconsin.gov</u> if you have any questions regarding the model farm inspection form or updates to the Conservation Compliance webpage.
- For counties that have effective farmland preservation agreements, we have created a new webpage to explain the <u>Farmland Preservation Agreement Release Process</u>. This webpage contains information on who can file a release, the release requirements and application and information about the conversion fee.
- All new farmland preservation agreement applicants should use the updated <u>Farmland Preservation</u> <u>Agreement Application</u>. Completed application packets can be sent to datepworkinglands@wisconsin.gov.
- On December 6, 2023, Governor Evers signed Assembly Bill 133, now Wisconsin Act 42, which makes changes to farmland preservation agreements minimum term lengths and increasing farmland preservation

tax credits for all current participants. These changes went into effect on December 8, 2023 and will affect tax credit claims beginning tax year 2023. Check out the Legislative Updates to the Farmland Preservation Program handout for more information.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- DATCP is in the process of mailing notification letters to landowners with CREP easements that are scheduled for monitoring. Monitoring CREP easements is important for ensuring the conservation benefits on each site continue, it helps maintain open communication with landowners and identifies potential issues prior to them becoming severe. LCDs should complete the CREP easement monitoring form and submit to DATCP for review. As with previous years, DATCP has also hired a CREP program intern for this summer to assist LCD staff with easement monitoring. They will be reaching out to county LCDs in early June, but if you would like to put your county on the list for monitoring assistance before then, please contact Brian Loeffelholz at Brian.Loeffelholz@wisconsin.gov.
- <u>File naming for submitting to the DATCP CREP SFTP site:</u> Please be sure to follow the file naming guidelines listed in the instructions when submitting enrollment materials to the secure website. DATCP receives agreements, transfers, buyouts, and cost share requests to this site and the naming protocol helps ensure your documents get to the correct location and are processed in a timely manner. Below are examples of the file naming:
- Cost Share Request:
 [County]_[Agreement#]_[OwnerLastName][OwnerFirstName]_CostShare_[Submital YearMonthDate].pdf
 Example: Grant 3245 RolandTrust CostShare 2024july07.pdf
 - Landowner Transfer:
 [County]_[Agreement#]_[OwnerLastName][OwnerFirstName]_Transfer_[Submital YearMonthDate].pdf

 Example: Iowa 4284 NagelTrust Transfer 2024june05.pdf
 - Buyout Request:
 [County]_[Agreement#]_[OwnerLastName][OwnerFirstName]_Buyout_[Submital YearMonthDate].pdf

 Example: Sauk 3744 Weirich Buyout 2024March20.pdf

Agricultural Impact Statement (AIS) Program

- The AIS program published AIS 4559 for the <u>New Cylon 161 kV Substation in St. Croix County, WI.</u> You can find more information about the AIS program at <u>agimpact.wi.gov</u>. You can also contact <u>DATCPAgImpactStatements@wi.gov</u> with questions regarding any active AIS statement or the AIS program.
- The AIS program published <u>AIS 4567</u> for the Plymouth Reliability Project in Sheboygan County, and <u>AIS 4472</u> for the I-39/90/94 Corridor Study Project in Columbia, Dane, Juneau, and Sauk counties. You can find more information about the AIS program at <u>agimpact.wi.gov</u>. You can also contact <u>DATCPAgImpactStatements@wi.gov</u> with questions regarding any active AIS statement or the AIS program.

Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grant (PLWPG) Program

• We have funding for groups to host regional winter workshops or spring field days in the range of \$500-\$1,500 per event through the Producer-Led Regional Network effort. Contact your regional coordinator or Randy Zogbaum at randalll.zogbaum@wisconsin.gov for more information or if you have ideas for a shared, collaborative event to host with other groups in your region.

Soil Health Program

The new online Soil Health curriculum is now live and available on our <u>soilhealthtraining.wi.gov</u> website. The purpose of this curriculum is to develop a common definition and understanding of Soil Health and develop some guideposts of how to implement soil health systems on Wisconsin farms. The curriculum will assist in developing a common language of Soil Health in Wisconsin agriculture in modules 1-3 while module 4 focuses on applying soil health in Wisconsin cropping systems. The curriculum will incorporate both traditional and citizen science to demonstrate the mindset necessary to be successful as a soil health farmer. The primary audiences are LCD staff, other agriculture professionals in Wisconsin, and Wisconsin farmers, though community members may also be interested in the training.

The first objective is to discuss what soil health is (and isn't) by defining some basic vocabulary and concepts! The second objective is to demonstrate how soil health systems can be implemented on Wisconsin farms. For questions regarding this training or the soil health program, contact Randy Zogbaum at randalll.zogbaum@wisconsin.gov.

Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program (NOPP)

• NOPP program staff would like to meet with any groups interested in learning more about on-farm research and how to put together your own research plan before the winter 2024 application cycle.

Cover Crop Insurance Rebate Program

• Application closed until December 2024.

Legislation Updates

• The 2023-2024 Legislative Session ended in mid-March.

Staffing Updates

- Wrangler Jones has been hired as the new Conservation Agronomist with DATCP! Wrangler started in this new role on April 22. He brings a strong farming background and diverse ag experience to the position, and we're excited to have him on the team. The Conservation Agronomist position was created through a new partnership between DATCP and USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service and will help expand capacity for Nutrient Management Farmer Education trainings and providing support to producer-led groups. You can reach Wrangler at www.wisconsin.gov or (608) 896-3912.
- Coreen Fallat has accepted a new position as the outreach coordinator for the Remediation and Redevelopment program at the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Her last day with DATCP is was May 3.
- Kelli Neitzel has accepted the position of Field Services Unit Leader within DATCP's Conservation Engineering Section. This is a working supervisor position, and she will continue to work and provide technical assistance in the Southwest Area. One of Kelli's first tasks will be to fill the vacant position of Environmental Specialist in the Southeast Area. Congratulations to Kelli on her new role!
- After 31 years with DATCP and 37 years in conservation, Drew Zelle will be retiring. Drew's last day is
 Friday, May 24. Please help us in congratulating Drew and thanking him for all his years of service and
 dedication to conservation!



June 2024

Soil and Water Resources Management (SWRM) Grants

- 2024 SWRM Schedule of Awards were emailed May 21, 2024. To finalize the awards for 2024, and ensure funding is available for reimbursement, each county must confirm receipt of the document.
- The new practices included in ATCP 50 are available for contracting as of June 1, 2024. For questions about the practices, review Table 2.2 in the SWRM Resources on our webpage. As always, reach out if you have further questions and we can help you find answers. For more information, visit DATCP's SWRM Grant Resources: Section 2 webpage.

ATCP 50 Update

ATCP 50 was published on May 28, 2024, with an effective date of June 1, 2024. Final rule language can be reviewed on the Wisconsin Legislature's <u>website</u>. The Bureau will be providing information through our <u>website</u> and upcoming events over the coming months. If you have any questions, email <u>datcplandwater@wisconsin.gov</u>.

Nutrient Management News

- Second annual Nutrient Management Regional Meetings are back! Join us at one of our five meeting locations across the state this August and September to hear about new and upcoming information related to nutrient management planning and the SnapPlus software! New this year is a virtual meeting option. All events are free and will run from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. In-person events will offer light lunch and refreshments sponsored by the WI CCA Board and Wisconsin Land + Water! CEUs will be available for each event as well. Find your meeting location registration information here: Nutrient Management Trainings.
- The <u>2023 Annual Nutrient Management Report</u> is now live on the <u>Nutrient Management homepage</u>. Cody Calkins will send out the 2024 Annual NM Survey and Calculator later this summer.
- Counties that would like some assistance on Nutrient Management Quality Assurance Reviews should email
 Cody Calkins at <u>cody.calkins@wisconsin.gov</u>. We are looking at providing assistance this year to at least three
 counties.
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Land and Water Conservation Board-LWRM Plans

- Chippewa and Vernon counties will be presenting five-year LWRM plan reviews to the LWCB at the June 4,
 2024 meeting. The meeting will be held in Vernon County and will include a tour of various conservation sites within the county.
- The next meeting of the LWCB Advisory Committee on Research will be July 2, 2024.

Conservation Engineering

- For those in the DATCP Engineering Practitioner Certification and/or NRCS Job Approval Authority programs: we are passing along a reminder that this is the final year of the three-year cycle for obtaining your 30 professional development hours (PDHs). The deadline for completing the 30 PDHs is December 31, 2024. Reach out to your area engineering contact if you have questions.
- DATCP will be recruiting the following three engineering field positions that will likely be posted at some point in June:
 - 1. Southeast Area Environmental Specialist
 - 2. Environmental Specialist (Project Position) Central part of the state
 - 3. Hydrologic & Hydraulic (H&H) Engineer (Project Position)

Watch for upcoming job postings and please pass along to anyone that might interested!

DATCP Drainage Program

All activities within drainage districts are managed and administered by a County Drainage Board. Contact information can be found on the Drainage Program website here or contact Barton T. Chapman, Drainage Program Manager, at Barton.Chapman@Wisconsin.gov.

Farmland Preservation Program and Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEA)

- The Farmland Preservation Program Soil and Water Conservation Frequently Asked Questions document has been updated to reflect changes made to the program from 2023 Act 42 and changes made to soil and water conservation compliance in ATCP 50. The new FAQ was made available on June 3, 2024 and can be accessed at Farmland Preservation: Conservation Compliance Factsheets and Guidance.
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Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

CREP Monitoring Intern Assistance – Mackenzie Shanahan has joined DATCP as the CREP intern to focus on assisting LCDs with completing CREP easement site visits and record keeping. Site visits are essential for benchmarking the status of the conservation practice and identifying and communicating to landowners issues on the site prior to them becoming severe. Over the past three years, many counties have taken advantage of the assistance offered by the CREP interns and Mackenzie is eager to assist the LCDs again this year. See message below invitation from Mackenzie with her contact information:

My name is Mackenzie Shanahan, and I am the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program intern for summer 2024. I graduated from UW-Madison this spring with a degree in environmental sciences and agricultural and applied economics. Through my degree, I was able to work on case study projects related to CREP, so I am excited to both expand my knowledge and to apply what I have learned. Throughout the summer, I will be completing CREP easement monitoring visits to verify landowner compliance with conservation plans. I will be reaching out to schedule these site visits and to provide any necessary information and paperwork. I will bring any necessary equipment and will also provide follow-up paperwork after the visit. I am looking forward to promoting responsible water and land resource usage and to encouraging conservation in agriculture! Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns via email: mackenzie.shanahan@wisconsin.gov or by phone: (608) 444-3209. Thanks so much, and I look forward to working with you all!

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 - New Soil Health Training AFT is partnering with the Sauk County Land Resources and Environment Department and DATCP to host *Digging into the "Why" of Soil Health* at the Sauk County Farm. The event will take place on Tuesday, June 25 from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with a free, local lunch to follow. Registration is limited.

If you are interested in joining us, you can register here: https://bit.ly/SH FieldDay 0625.

Date: June 25th, 2024 Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Location: Sauk County Farm S4555 County Rd CH, Reedsburg, WI 5395

For questions regarding this training or the soil health program, contact Randy Zogbaum at randalll.zogbaum@wisconsin.gov.

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Cover Crop Insurance Rebate Program

Application period closed until December 2024. To qualify, cover crops must be planted in the fall of 2024 on fields to be cropped in spring of 2025. The acres cannot receive cover crop funding support during this same time.

Legislation Updates

The 2023-2024 Legislative Session ended in mid-March.

Staffing Updates

- Katie Porubcan joined us as the Land and Water Resource Management GIS Intern on May 20. Katie will be assisting with projects focused on the Farmland Preservation and Agricultural Impact Statement Programs. Katie is a UW-Madison graduate with experience in sustainability, ecological restoration, and other resource management applications. Welcome, Katie!
- Mackenzie Shanahan joined us as the CREP intern on June 3 (as mentioned in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program section). Welcome, Mackenzie!

Jefferson County
Health Department's
2nd Annual

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday June 22nd, 2024 10:00-1:00

1541 Annex Rd Jefferson, WI 53549

Come for a day of fun to see how we promote health and wellness for all people in Jefferson County!

*Food Trucks

*K-9 Unit

*Scavenger Hunt

*BP Screening

*Nitrate Screening

*Tractor



Fee Schedule for Land & Water Conservation Department	
	Rate
ATCP 51 Livestock Siting Fee	
Review of Full Livestock Siting Application	750.00
Review of Separate Worksheets in the Case of Amendments	
Worksheet 1-Animal Units	50.00
Worksheet 2-Odor Management	200.00
Worksheet 3-Waste and Nutrient Management	150.00
Worksheet 4-Waste Storage Facilities	300.00
Worksheet 5-Runoff Management	200.00
Animal Waste Storage Ordinance	
Closure	-
Gallons of Storage 1 - 1,000,000	150.00
Gallons of Storage 1,000,001 - 3,000,000	200.00
Gallons of Storage 3,000,001 and Greater	300.00
Non-Metallic Mining	
Review Fee - One Time	
Mine Site Size - 1 to 25 Acres	900.00
Mine Site Size - 26 to50 Acres	1,200.00
Mine Site Size - 51 or More Acres	1,500.00
Annual Fee Table	
Inactive (County - \$15, DNR - \$15)	30.00
1 to 5 Acres (County - \$175, DNR - \$35)	210.00
6 to 10 Acres (County - \$350, DNR - \$70)	420.00
11 to 15 Acres (County - \$525, DNR - \$105)	630.00
16 to 25 Acres (County - \$700, DNR - \$140)	840.00
26 to 50 Acres (County - \$810, DNR - \$160)	970.00
51 Acres or Larger (County - \$870, DNR - \$175)	1,045.00
Farmland Preservation Annual Certification by May 1	25.00
Farmland Preservation Annual Certification after May 1	50.00
Cancellation of Notice of Non-Compliance	75.00
Certificate of Compliance	25.00
Replacement Copy of Certificate of Compliance	5.00
Nutrient Management Full Class	50.00
Nutrient Management Update Class	20.00
Purchase of Agricultural Easement Application & Processing Fee	750.00
Tree Planter Rental, tax is additional	50.00
Tree Sprayer Rental, tax is additional	50.00
Tree Spade Rental (refundable deposit when spade is returned)	80.00
Soil Probe Rental (refundable deposit when probe is returned)	65.00

2023-2024 Tree Program Report

Item	Amount	Expense	Revenue
Trees Ordered	4700		
Trees Sold	4700		
Cost of Trees + Fees		\$5,121.50	
Amount Collected			\$6,866.00
Customer Refund for Missing/Incorrect Trees	0	\$0.00	
DATCP Tree Sale Permit		\$51.25	
Planter Rental	3		\$150.00
Supplies		\$0.00	
Cost of Truck Rental		\$216.73	
Fuel (20.298 gallons @ \$2.9917)		\$60.73	
Tree Program Revenue			\$7,016.00
Tree Program Expense (not including staff time)		\$5,450.21	
Total Tree Program Revenue			\$1,565.79

Species Offered:	Bundle Of:
Coniferous Trees	
Fraser Fir	25
White Pine	25
Black Hills Spruce	25
White Spruce	25
Deciduous Trees and Shrubs	
Hazelnut	10
Sugar Maple	10
Swamp White Oak	10

Wisconsin Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) Program

Reinvesting in Wisconsin's Agricultural Heritage (WI State Statute 93.73)

THE CHALLENGE

- **FARMLAND LOSS:** Wisconsin has nearly 14 million acres of farmland, of which, over 60% is considered the most productive, versatile, and resilient agricultural land in the country. But that land is at risk: Wisconsin could lose as much as 688,000 acres of farmland to development by 2040. That is equivalent to an area eleven times the size of the City of Milwaukee and would spell the end of 2,402 farms and 6,383 farm jobs. As a top producer in the nation of cheese, cranberries, and potatoes, this loss in WI would be detrimental.
- **FEWER FARMERS:** Loss of farmland to development also compounds **the biggest challenge facing next-generation farmers access to farmland.** With greater development pressure on our agricultural land resulting in higher land prices and less agricultural land available, it is increasingly difficult for new and beginning farmers to enter the industry and acquire land.
- LOST OPPORTUNITY TO ACCESS FEDERAL DOLLARS: There is historic federal funding available for farmland conservation \$3.6 BILLION combined in the current Farm Bill and the Inflation Reduction Act but only if Wisconsin has available matching funds. Currently, 27 states with active PACE programs provide matching funds to invest more dollars in their agricultural communities. With an unfunded PACE program, Wisconsin is currently not equipped to take advantage of the available Federal dollars and may lose an unprecedented funding opportunity. Missing this opportunity makes Wisconsin farmers less competitive and puts them at a disadvantage compared to farmers in neighboring states.
- OPEN SPACE LOSS: Undeveloped open space, including agriculture, provides vital resources such as habitat, recreation, flood control, water quality, food production, health, and climate resilience benefits. The permanent conversion of farmland to development affects both agriculture and natural habitat, creating landscape fragmentation, contributing to degraded water quality, and the permanent loss of habitat and agricultural productivity.

THE OPPORTUNITY

In 2009, Wisconsin legislature created the state's Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement (PACE) program under <u>s. 93.73, Stats.</u> This program, administered by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), enabled landowners to voluntarily protect their farmland through permanent farmland conservation easements. This program created a match program to leverage both federal and local dollars, helping to prevent non-agricultural development on Wisconsin's high-quality farmland. However, in 2011 with passage of the 2011 WI Act 32 (2011 – 2013 State Budget), the initial \$12 MILLION in funding for the PACE program was rescinded and the program has not received funding since.

Stakeholders across Wisconsin are asking the State Legislature to refund the PACE program to support the future of Wisconsin's agricultural sector and the rural economy. Through a \$15 MILLION reinvestment in the PACE program in the 2025 – 2027 State budget, we can:

- Enable DATCP to solicit applications and award grants towards the purchase of agricultural conservation easements on working lands.
- Position Wisconsin among 27 other states as ready to capture and provide required match unprecedented federal farmland protection dollars.

WHY PACE

- Legacy and Farmer Choice: Many farmers would like to see their land stay in farming as part of their legacy. Easements allow farmers to ensure the land stewarded by past generations will stay in farming long after they are gone. Participation in the WI PACE program is entirely voluntary, and every landowner can choose whether or not to participate in the program.
- Farm Viability: The sale of an agricultural conservation easement provides a farm family a way to realize liquidity from their land without having to sell all or a portion of it for development. Proceeds from easement sales enable farmers to expand or diversify their farms, implement resiliency-building conservation practices, finance retirement, pay down debt, or facilitate the transfer of the farm or ranch to a family member.
- Land Access: Escalating land values and competition for land from developers and non-farming investors puts
 land ownership out of reach for many producers. This includes both those with established operations seeking
 to expand and, even more so, undercapitalized farmers and those just getting underway. Conservation
 easements can assist with farmland transfer and create affordability for new by allowing the transfer of
 farmland at its agricultural value, instead of development value.
- Rural Communities: Agricultural conservation easement investments create jobs in rural communities and
 grow local economies. A 2022 study showed that every federal dollar of easement investment yielded \$1.89 of
 economic activity. Securing Wisconsin's agricultural land base is vital to the future of both Wisconsin
 agriculture and our rural communities.
- Local Food: Most vegetables, dairy, and fruit and nut crops are grown in metro-influenced areas the same farms that are threatened with conversion to development. Agricultural conservation easements protect the land base producing food for Wisconsin residents and is foundational to U.S. food security.
- Efficient use of funds: Agricultural conservation easements are efficient with taxpayer dollars the land stays in private ownership and on the tax rolls, providing economic use, while the public benefits from the permanent protection of the natural resources and resulting land and water health.













ACCOUNTS FOR: 100 General Fund	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUALS	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
12401 Land Conservation 12401 411100 General Property Taxes 12401 421001 State Aid 12401 421001 24407 State Aid	-394,139 0 -183,527	0 0 0	-394,139 0 -183,527	-131,379.68 -1,387.50 .00	.00 .00 .00	-262,759.39 1,387.50 -183,527.00	33.3% .0% .0%
12401 421001 24408 State Aid 12401 421001 24410 State Aid 12401 424001 22224 Federal Grants 12401 432099 Other Permits 12401 451020 Other Fees 12401 451421 Crep Cancellation Fee 12401 458001 Tree Sales 12401 458005 Ag & Hortic Supply Revenue 12401 458009 Livestock Siting App Review F 12401 458013 Farmland Cert Fee 12401 472007 24410 Municipal Other Charges 12401 472337 24409 Municipal Grant Revenue 12401 485200 24411 Donations Restricted	-13,003 -5,550 0 -150 -250 -280 -8,500 -1,500 -1,500 -1,700 -12,000	0 -23,385 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	-13,003 -5,550 -23,385 -150 -250 -8,500 -1,500 -1,500 -1,700 -12,000 -5,000	-11,703.02 .00 .00 .00 -40.00 .00 -6,916.00 .00 -11,450.00 .00	.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00	-1,300.34 -5,550.00 -23,385.26 -150.00 -210.00 -280.00 -1,584.00 -1,500.00 -4,050.00 -1,700.00 -1,700.00 -1,000.00 -5,000.00	90.0% .0% .0% .0% 16.0% .0% 81.4% .0% .0% .0% .0%
12401 53200 24411 Dinatrins Restricted 12401 511110 Salary-Permanent Regular 12401 511210 Wages-Regular 12401 511240 24410 Wages-Temporary 12401 512141 Social Security 12401 512142 Retirement (Employer) 12401 512144 Health Insurance 12401 512145 Life Insurance 12401 512151 HSA Contribution 12401 512153 HRA Contribution 12401 512173 Dental Insurance 12401 521220 22224 Consultant 12401 529299 24411 Purchase Care & Service	101,993 338,291 7,170 375 31,998 30,861 65,832 45 2,907 0 5,448 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	101,993 338,291 7,170 375 31,998 30,861 65,832 45 2,907 0 5,448 23,385 4,900	33,469.50 110,596.64 .00 .00 10,358.51 9,791.46 26,659.30 17.96 .00 1,204.35 2,107.88 .00 .00	.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00	68,523.29 227,693.87 7,170.00 375.00 21,639.02 21,069.27 39,172.38 27.04 2,907.22 -1,204.35 3,340.12 23,385.26 4,900.00	32.8% 32.7% .0% .0% .32.4% 31.7% 40.5% 39.9% .0% .0% .0%
12401 531003 Notary Public Related 12401 531100 Permits Purchased 12401 531301 Office Equipment 12401 531303 Computer Equipmt & Software 12401 531311 Postage & Box Rent 12401 531311 24409 Postage & Box Rent 12401 531311 24411 Postage & Box Rent 12401 531312 Office Supplies 12401 531312 24409 Office Supplies	40 52 100 100 1,250 60 0 400 25	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 50 0	1,360 52 100 100 1,250 60 50 400 25	40.00 51.25 .00 .00 329.53 .00 .00 110.14	.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00		100.0% 98.6% .0% .0% 26.4% .0% .0% 27.5% .0%



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12401 531312 24411 Office Supplies 12401 531313 Printing & Duplicating 12401 531313 24409 Printing & Duplicating 12401 531313 24411 Printing & Duplicating 12401 531314 Small Items Of Equipment 12401 531324 Membership Dues 12401 531326 Advertising 12401 531341 Agricultural & Hortic Suppli 12401 531348 Educational Supplies 12401 531351 Gas/Diesel 12401 531351 24409 Gas/Diesel 12401 532325 Registration 12401 532332 Mileage 12401 532333 Meals 12401 532333 Meals 12401 532336 Undiging 12401 532336 Wireless Internet 12401 533242 Maintain Machinery & Equip 12401 535242 Maintain Machinery & Equip 12401 535349 Other Supplies 12401 535349 Other Supplies 12401 571004 IP Telephony Allocation 12401 571009 MIS PC Group Allocation 12401 571000 Fleet Allocation 12401 571020 Fleet Allocation 12401 571020 Fleet Allocation	0 400 50 0 250 2,055 200 6,150 50 1,450 20 150 825 20 325 1,025 450 50 55 80 723 152 19,227 5,549 2,600 5,238	25 0 0 25 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	25 400 50 25 250 2,055 200 6,150 50 1,450 310 1,800 20 150 825 20 325 1,025 450 50 55 80 723 152 19,227 5,549 2,600 5,238	.00 22.04 .00 .00 .00 29.98 1,951.29 .00 216.73 .00 146.44 .00 1,284.00 .00 67.77 392.00 .00 37.88 337.26 195.89 .00 32.53 .00 241.00 50.68 6,409.00 1,849.68 .00 1,441.28	.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00	25.00 377.96 50.00 25.00 220.02 103.71 200.00 5,933.27 50.00 1,303.56 310.00 516.00 20.00 82.23 433.00 20.00 287.12 687.74 254.11 50.00 22.47 80.00 482.00 101.32 12,818.00 3,699.32 2,600.00 3,796.69	.0% 5.5% .0% .0% 12.0% 95.0% .0% 3.5% .0% 10.1% .0% 71.3% .0% 45.2% 47.5% 43.5% .0% 11.7% 32.9% 43.5% .0% 33.3% 33.3% 33.3% 33.3% 33.3% 33.3% 27.5%
12402 Wildlife Crop Damage 12402 421001 State Aid 12402 529299 Purchase Care & Services	-20,000 20,000	0	-20,000 20,000	-2,957.05 6,122.28	.00	-17,042.95 13,877.72	
12404 Local Cost Share Program 12404 421001 24403 State Aid 12404 421001 24406 State Aid 12404 472337 24404 Municipal Grant Revenue 12404 529299 24403 Purchase Care & Service	-6,600 -2,000 -60,000 6,000	0 0 0 0	-6,600 -2,000 -60,000 6,000	.00 -1,425.00 -53,117.96 .00	.00 .00 .00	-6,600.00 -575.00 -6,882.04 6,000.00	.0% 71.3% 88.5% .0%



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ACCOUNTS FOR: 100 General Fund	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUALS	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
12404 529299 24404 Purchase Care & Service 12404 529299 24406 Purchase Care & Service 12404 594950 24403 Operating Reserve 12404 594950 24404 Operating Reserve 12404 699700 24403 Resv Applied Operating 12404 699700 24404 Resv Applied Operating	65,000 2,000 600 52,700 0 -57,700	0 0 1,125 34,014 -1,125 -34,014	65,000 2,000 1,725 86,714 -1,125 -91,714	9,375.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00	.00 .00 .00 .00 .00	55,625.00 2,000.00 1,725.00 86,713.92 -1,125.00 -91,713.92	14.4% .0% .0% .0% .0%
12405 421001 24405 State Aid 12405 421003 State Aid GPR 12405 421004 State Aid Bonded 12405 511210 24405 Wages-Regular 12405 521219 24405 Other Professional Serv 12405 529299 24405 Purchase Care & Service 12405 531319 24405 Other Operating Supplie 12405 531343 24405 Food 12405 531343 24405 Educational Supplies 12405 536539 24405 Other Rents & Leases 12405 593701 Cost Share Payment 12405 594950 Operating Reserve 12405 699700 24405 Resv Applied Operating	0 -12,000 -35,000 0 0 0 0 0 0 47,000 0	-52,344 0 1,535 11,815 36,917 1,327 100 400 250 0 2,800 -2,800	-52,344 -12,000 -35,000 1,535 11,815 36,917 1,327 100 400 250 47,000 2,800 -2,800	450.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 500.00 .00 .00 .00	.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00	-52,794.07 -12,000.00 -35,000.00 1,535.00 11,815.00 36,417.00 1,327.07 100.00 400.00 250.00 47,000.00 2,800.00 -2,800.00	9% .0% .0% .0% .0% .0% .0% .0% .0% .0% .0
12406 Non-Metallic Mining 12406 411100 General Property Taxes 12406 432004 Non-Metallic Permit Fee 12406 432005 Non-Metallic Annual Fee 12406 474175 Highway Billed 12406 531311 Postage & Box Rent 12406 531312 Office Supplies 12406 531315 Gas/Diesel 12406 532335 Registration 12406 532335 Meals 12406 532336 Lodging	12,370 -900 -10,475 -1,925 50 60 550 40 180	0 0 0 0 0 0 0	12,370 -900 -10,475 -1,925 50 50 60 550 40 180	4,123.32 .00 .00 .00 32.01 .00 .00 .00 31.70 196.00	.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00	8,246.68 -900.00 -10,475.00 -1,925.00 17.99 50.00 60.00 550.00 8.30 -16.00	33.3% .0% .0% .0% .0% 64.0% .0% .0% .0% .79.3% 108.9%
12407 424001 Federal Grants	-150,000	0	-150,000	.00	.00	-150,000.00	.0%



ACCOUNTS FOR: 100 General Fund	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	ACTUALS	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE PCT BUDGET USED
12407 458003 Farmland Easement Fee 12407 481001 Interest & Dividends 12407 521219 Other Professional Serv 12407 531311 Postage & Box Rent 12407 531312 Office Supplies 12407 531313 Printing & Duplicating 12407 571005 Duplicating Allocation 12407 594816 Capital Conserve Easement 12407 594960 Capital Reserve 12407 699800 Resv Applied Capital 12407 699999 Budgetary Fund Balance	-750 -3,000 3,000 20 20 30 12 202,550 609 -52,490	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 -19,095 19,095	-750 -3,000 3,000 20 20 30 12 202,550 609 -71,585 19,095	.00 -3,450.31 .00 5.09 .00 .00 .3.84 .00 .00	.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00	-750.00 .0% 450.31 115.0% 3,000.00 .0% 14.91 25.5% 20.00 .0% 30.00 .0% 7.68 33.3% 202,550.00 .0% 608.67 .0% -71,585.17 .0% 19,094.98 .0%
12408 County Farm 12408 411100 General Property Taxes 12408 529170 Grounds Keeping Charges 12408 535249 Sundry Repair	-2,654 654 2,000	0 0 0	-2,654 654 2,000	-884.76 .00 .00	.00 .00 .00	-1,769.55 33.3% 654.31 .0% 2,000.00 .0%
12409 Farm Drainage Board 12409 411100 General Property Taxes 12409 514151 Per Diem 12409 521212 Legal	-10,000 4,450 1,300	0 0 0	-10,000 4,450 1,300	-3,333.32 1,105.00 1,058.75	.00 .00 .00	-6,666.68 33.3% 3,345.00 24.8% 241.25 81.4%
12409 531312 Office Supplies 12409 531313 Printing & Duplicating 12409 531324 Membership Dues 12409 531349 Other Operating Expenses 12409 532325 Registration 12409 532332 Mileage 12409 591513 Drainage Board Insurance	200 100 100 100 100 2,150 1,500	0 0 0 0 0	200 100 100 100 100 2,150 1,500	.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .212.60 1,385.00	.00 .00 .00 .00 .00 .00	200.00 .0% 100.00 .0% 100.00 .0% 100.00 .0% 100.00 .0% 1,937.40 9.9% 115.00 92.3%



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GRAND 7	TOTAL 0	0	0	5.997.96	.00	-5.997.96	.0%