

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

***Jefferson County Courthouse ~ 311 S Center Ave, County Board Room - C2063 ~ Jefferson, WI 53549***

***Wednesday, December 17, 2025 @ 8:30am***

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Meeting ID: 284 921 490 541 2 - Passcode: wx2737Jk

***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 Agenda
5. Approval of the November 18, 2025 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) Report
8. Discussion on Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Report
9. Discussion on Departmental Updates
10. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution to Accept the Nature Conservancy Grant on Behalf of the Jefferson County Soil Builders
11. Discussion on Avian Influenza in Jefferson County
12. Discussion on Manure Complaint Report
13. Discussion on Producer-Led Groups: Jefferson County Soil Builders & Rock River Regenerative Graziers
14. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)
15. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellation of Notices of Noncompliance - FPP
16. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easement (PACE) Applications & Baseline Documentation
17. Review of the Monthly Financial Report
18. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda
  - Next Scheduled Meeting January 21, 2026 @ 8:30am in Room C2063
19. 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 accommodation 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

## November 18, 2025

### 1. Call to Order:

The monthly meeting was called to order by Meg Turville-Heitz at 10:30am. Committee Members Meg Turville-Heitz (Chair), Margaret Burlingham (PACE) (via Teams), Walt Christensen, Elizabeth Hafften (UW), Cassie Richardson (via Teams), and Scott Schultz (Ag), were present. Also in attendance were Patricia Cicero, Director, Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD); Kim Liakopoulos, LWCD; Dave Hoffman, LWCD; Colton Hutchinson, LWCD; Joe Strupp, LWCD; Michael Luckey, County Administrator; and Danielle Thompson, County Corporation Counsel. Matt Foelker (UW) (Vice-Chair) was excused.

- Others in Attendance: None

### 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. Review of the Agenda:

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

### 5. Approval of the October 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

Richardson made a motion to approve the October 15, 2025 meeting minutes as written, Schultz seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

### 6. Public Comment:

There were no comments.

### 7. Communications:

- Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) Report.
- Land and Water Conservation Committee Resources on WI Land+Water Website

### 8. Discussion on Departmental Updates:

Cicero attended the County Conservationist meeting that included presentations on: UW-Extension Ag Institute, tracking compliance with NR-151 Ag Performance stats and prohibitions, and solar joint development agreements and ordinances. Cicero and Hutchinson met with the City of Watertown to provide input on future actions for Lake Victoria and Heiden Pond and attended a public hearing on the Rock Lake water level order. Cicero conducted research and met with Jefferson County staff on a pre-disaster flood mitigation grant. Strupp and Hutchinson worked with the Health Department to collect well water samples from houses near the chicken compost site. Cicero and Turville-Heitz attended the Southern Area Association (SAA) meeting. Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff for the region were in attendance also. There was a presentation on neonicotinoid insecticide risks. Future meeting dates - 01/29/2026, 05/21/2026, 08/12/2026 (the Dane County SAA Tour), and 10/29/2026. The 2026 SAA Budget was approved. Jefferson County LWCD, Zoning, and Parks departments are having monthly meetings with DNR permitting staff to discuss proposed projects. Strupp and Sam Peterson are working on cover crop cost share contracts. The LWCD explorer needed two new tires installed. Cicero and Hutchinson submitted 2026 DNR grant applications, had a meeting with Lake Ripley to assist with their grant applications and determine matching time from LWCD staff. Hoffman is working with the City of Watertown on the next water quality trade. Hoffman has completed annual inspections of Jefferson County non-metallic mines.

- 9. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution Authorizing Extension of County Farm Agricultural Lease:**  
Cicero and Luckey spoke about the evolving landscape of the County Farm and reason for extending the lease. Schultz made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the extension of the County Farm agricultural lease, Christensen seconded. Motion passed 6/0.
- 10. Discussion of Possible Action on Multi-Discharger Variance Funding Application:**  
Cicero discussed the application and answered committee questions. Hafften made a motion to approve the multi-discharger variance funding application, Schultz seconded. Motion passed 6/0.
- 11. Discussion on Avian Influenza in Jefferson County:**  
Luckey informed the committee that the composting is on track and weekly meetings are being held to keep everyone informed of the progress. Cicero spoke about air quality monitoring that the Health Department is conducting with some equipment on loan from the State.
- 12. Discussion on Conservation Poster Contest:**  
Hutchinson gave an overview of the poster contest and answered committee questions.
- 13. Discussion on Producer-Led Groups: Jefferson County Soil Builders (JCSB) & Rock River Regenerative Graziers (R3G):** Both JCSB and R3G each applied for, and received, 2026 grants. They are planning for their Winter Workshop on February 9, 2026.
- 14. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP):**  
Sally Albrecht Trust, Lloyd Anderson, Margie Eickelberg Partnership, Conrad & Carolyn Holcomb Trust, Mary Jahnke, Mark Lurvey, Spelios Verges, Gladys Vogel  
  
Christensen made a motion to accept the notices, Richardson seconded. Motion passed 6/0.
- 15. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellation of Notices of Noncompliance - FPP:**  
There were no cancellations.
- 16. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easement (PACE) Applications & Baseline Documentation:** Hoffman is getting signatures on the Rollefson baseline documents and awaiting Natural Resources Conservation Service's (NRCS) approval of the Rollefson appraisal.
- 17. Review of the Monthly Financial Report:**  
The most recent statement of revenues and expenditures was distributed.
- 18. Discussion on Items for the Next Agenda:**  
Possible agenda items include: Manure Complaint Report, Avian Influenza  
• **Next Scheduled Meeting:** December 17, 2025 at 8:30am in Room C2063
- 19. Adjournment:**  
Christensen made a motion to adjourn at 11:15am, Hafften seconded. Motion passed 6/0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-\_\_**

**Authorizing the Acceptance and Implementation of The Nature Conservancy Grant on  
Behalf of the Jefferson County Soil Builders**

Executive Summary

The Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation Department is the fiscal agent and collaborator for the Jefferson County Soil Builders, a farmer-led organization. The Jefferson County Soil Builders was awarded a \$10,000 grant from The Nature Conservancy to fund agricultural conservation practice installation in 2025. A budget amendment is needed to increase income and expenses in the Land and Water Conservation Department budget for the grant. The Land and Water Conservation Committee and the Finance Committee considered this resolution at their respective meetings on December 17, 2025 and January 6, 2026, and both committees recommended forwarding it to the County Board for approval.

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WHEREAS, the Executive Summary is hereby incorporated into this resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Land and Water Conservation Department is the fiscal agent and collaborator for the Jefferson County Soil Builders, and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Soil Builders was awarded a \$10,000 grant from The Nature Conservancy to fund agricultural conservation practices, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the acceptance of The Natural Conservancy's grant to the Jefferson County Soil Builders in order to reimburse farmers for implementation of conservation practices.

*Fiscal Note: The 2025 grant award is \$10,000 which covers the cost of conservation practice implementation. Existing Land and Water Conservation Department staff implemented the project in 2025. Passage of this resolution authorizes the Finance Director to make the necessary budget adjustments to enact this resolution. This is a budget amendment that requires a two-thirds vote of the entire membership of the County Board (20 members of the 30-member County Board must vote in favor of the budget amendment).*

*Strategic Plan Reference: YES*

*Intentional Economic Growth: Strengthen support systems for existing businesses, which includes farming/agricultural businesses.*

*Transformative Government: Continue to expand public outreach efforts and enhance community engagement.*

Referred By:  
Land and Water Conservation Committee

01-13-2026

REVIEWED: Corporation Counsel:           ; Finance Director:

# JEFFERSON COUNTY BUDGET ADJUSTMENT OR AMENDMENT REQUEST

<u>Adjustment</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Approval Level</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 1	Adjustments of operating appropriations up to \$4,999 from one account to another <u>within</u> the department's budget	Department Head
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 2	<input type="checkbox"/> a. Adjustments of operating appropriations over \$5,000 and up from one account to another <u>within</u> the department's budget.	Administrator
	<input type="checkbox"/> b. Substitution of capital items or adjustment of operating to capital appropriations up to \$24,999 from one account to another <u>within</u> the department's budget.	Administrator
	<input type="checkbox"/> c. Transfers between departments within a budgetary function of up to \$24,999.	Administrator
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 3	Amendments of operating or capital appropriations needing additional funding from contingency funds from that are under 10% of the funds originally appropriated for an individual department.	Finance Committee
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 4	<input type="checkbox"/> a. Amendments of operating or capital appropriations needing additional funding from contingency funds from that are over 10% of the funds originally appropriated for an individual department.	County Board
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. New programs in a department that were not originally budgeted through increase in expenses with offsetting increase in revenue for that program. (i.e. grant funding or donations)	County Board
	<input type="checkbox"/> c. Substitution of capital items or adjustment of operating to capital appropriations over \$25,000 from one account to another <u>within</u> the department's budget.	County Board
	<input type="checkbox"/> d. Amendments of operating or capital appropriations needing funding from general fund balance.	County Board

Increase	Decrease	Account #	Account Title	Amount
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12405.485200.24405	Donations Restricted	\$10,000
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	12405.529299.24405	Purchase Care & Services	\$10,000
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Description of Adjustment:

The Nature Conservancy is funding the Jefferson County Soil Builders to install conservation practices in 2025.  
The LWCD is the fiscal agent for the Soil Builders.

Department Head Signature Patricia Ceno Date 12/9/2025  
County Administrator Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- Salaries and Fringes are not included as operating above, any changes to salaries and fringes must be discussed with the County Administrator.
- The County Administrator shall make the determination if the budget adjustment needs to go to the County Board.
- Any items \$5,000 and above must be capitalized.



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## **Cover Crop Insurance Premium Rebate Program**

- The web-based application opened December 1, 2025 on a first come, first served basis.
- The web-based rebate application, information about eligibility, and FAQs are available on [covercroprebate.wi.gov](https://covercroprebate.wi.gov). Applicants should have a copy of their FSA-578 form available to complete the application.

## **Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program (NOPP)**

- Intent to Apply forms and applications were posted on October 30, 2025, and applications are due on January 16, 2026. Visit our [website](#) to learn more.
- **NEW THIS YEAR:** there are three options for research project scenarios.
- **REQUIRED:** UW pre-approval requires an Intent to Apply form to be submitted by December 16, 2025, to [monica.schauer@wisc.edu](mailto:monica.schauer@wisc.edu).

## **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)**

- **County CREP Annual In-Kind Cost Reporting:**  
Counties are asked to report their CREP administrative costs to DATCP by no later than December 5, 2025. The county contributions to administer CREP count toward Wisconsin's overall match requirements for federal CREP funds and are important for meeting statewide CREP program requirements reported to FSA by the end of the year. The reporting form ([LWR-282](#)) is on the CREP website. Completed reports should be sent as a PDF via email to Brian Loeffelholz at [Brian.Loeffelholz@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Brian.Loeffelholz@wisconsin.gov).
- **Farm Bill Extended to September 30, 2026 – CREP Enrollment 2026**  
FSA has reported the Farm Bill was extended reauthorizing CRP until September 30, 2026 as part of the "Continuing Appropriations, Agriculture, Legislative Branch, Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Extensions Act, 2026." The FSA National Office is working on a notice to provide guidance that restores CRP authority along with CREP. This means hopefully landowners will have an opportunity to sign up for CREP in 2026. We will keep you posted on details as formal guidance is posted in the coming months.

## **Soil and Water Resources Management (SWRM) Grants**

- Extension requests are due December 31 and require signed cost-share contracts. Access the [Extension Request Form](#).
- **NEW FORMS REQUIRED!** Many of the SWRM forms have been updated with new content and new numbers. Please refer to [Section 3 of the SWRM Grant Resources](#) webpage to access these forms. Guidance documents have been reviewed and updated in [SWRM Grant Resources: Section 4](#).

<b>FOR NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLANNING</b> For all nutrient management plans directly funded with cost-share dollars or required as part of another cost-shared practice, the county submits the most current checklist (available at: <a href="https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SWRMSect3.aspx">https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SWRMSect3.aspx</a> Form 480) completed and signed by a qualified nutrient management planner as defined in s. ATCP 50.48 certifying that the nutrient management plan complies with NRCS technical guide nutrient management standard 590. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the nutrient management plan checklist is attached.		
<b>FOR NON-ENGINEERED PRACTICES and MULTI-YEAR CROPPING PRACTICES</b> By electronically signing and otherwise completing this section, the person listed below certifies that he or she (1) is qualified to provide this certification, and (2) has personally reviewed either the installation of the non-engineered practice(s) or the conservation plan for the multi-year cropping practices listed on the first page, and certifies that the practice(s) was installed according to plans, specifications, and standards.		
TYPE NAME TO SIGN ELECTRONICALLY	TITLE OF QUALIFIED PERSON	DATE

- Please make sure you are certifying your non-engineered practices on your reimbursement form! This applies to cover crops, contour farming, residue management, intensive grazing management, critical area stabilization, field windbreaks, livestock fencing, and riparian buffers.

### **Nutrient Management Updates**

- [Extension requests](mailto:datcpsoilwatershed@wisconsin.gov) for unspent 2025 Nutrient Management Farmer Education grant funds are due to [datcpsoilwatershed@wisconsin.gov](mailto:datcpsoilwatershed@wisconsin.gov) by December 31, 2025.
- NEW – Are you hosting a Nutrient Management Farmer Education Class this winter or next spring? If the answer is yes, please fill out the following survey: <https://forms.office.com/g/aAJ8NYC213>. As an effort to share out more nutrient management (NM) training opportunities, DATCP will be taking survey responses and creating a calendar of NM training opportunities to share with farmers so that they can find classes near them if they can't make their county class, and/or for new agronomists and conservation staff looking for NM educational opportunities! (Please note: you do not have to have a NMFE grant to enter your training information!)
- DATCP staff and the UW-Extension NPM team are hosting a live online Nutrient Management Farmer Education Class on March 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a DATCP approved class that allows farmers to be eligible to write their own nutrient management plan. Registration is free. Register here: [www.go.wisc.edu/OnlineNMTraining](http://www.go.wisc.edu/OnlineNMTraining).
- Do you have new staff or agronomists that you work with that would like to learn about Nutrient Management Planning in Wisconsin? DATCP has a five-webinar series that walks through the requirements of nutrient management planning and helps prepare planners for writing plans in Wisconsin. Additionally, there is a quiz that reviews content from the five webinars! All can be found here: [Resources for Wisconsin's Qualified Nutrient Management Planners](#).
- SnapPlus V3 YouTube tutorials are live and available here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BW-aXyCheQI&list=PLhFkw4rJA7C-J5PgpeJUjMz42MZ\\_6PkQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BW-aXyCheQI&list=PLhFkw4rJA7C-J5PgpeJUjMz42MZ_6PkQ).

### **Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grant (PLWPG) Program**

- Award letters for 2026 have been sent to all successful applicants and contract development is underway. The department will be issuing a news release in the coming weeks.
- [Extension requests](mailto:datcpprodled@wisconsin.gov) for unspent 2025 grant funds are due December 31, 2025 to [datcpprodled@wisconsin.gov](mailto:datcpprodled@wisconsin.gov).

### **Conservation Engineering**

- A couple of reminders to pass along:
  - If you need engineering approval of projects before the end of the year for SWRM cost share, please reach out to your engineering contact with as much notice as possible since staff often take leave over the holidays.



- As you start to work on planning and designing next year's projects, please submit your Cultural Resources (CR) checks to your DATCP CR contact as soon as you know the extent of the project disturbance so the check can be completed well in advance of the project. As a reminder, DATCP CR contacts for state funded projects are below:
  - North Area – Sarah Hovis ([sarah.hovis@wisconsin.gov](mailto:sarah.hovis@wisconsin.gov))
  - Northwest Area – Dennis Marquardt, Jr. ([dennis.marquardtjr@wisconsin.gov](mailto:dennis.marquardtjr@wisconsin.gov))
  - Northeast Area – Peter Wurzer ([peter.wurzer@wisconsin.gov](mailto:peter.wurzer@wisconsin.gov))
  - Southwest Area – Taylor Smagacz ([taylor.smagacz@wisconsin.gov](mailto:taylor.smagacz@wisconsin.gov))
  - Southeast Area – Jon Lisowe ([jon.lisowe@wisconsin.gov](mailto:jon.lisowe@wisconsin.gov))

*NOTE: If projects will have Federal financial assistance (EQIP, etc.), please continue to send these Cultural Resources requests through the NRCS process.*

### **DATCP Drainage Program**

- Wisconsin law requires that the board shall file with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP); the town board or town zoning committee; the city council, plan commission, or plan committee; and the county zoning administrator in which district territory is located, a separate report for the preceding fiscal year on each drainage district under the board's jurisdiction. Unless the board selects a different fiscal year and notifies DATCP of the selection, the board's fiscal year begins on September 1 and ends the following year on August 31.

Reports must include:

- A financial statement
- A statement of all bonds paid or issued during the year
- A statement of all work done during the year, specifying location and cost
- A copy of the annual inspection report
- A copy of the storm inspection report

DATCP provides an annual report form and inspection report form that may be used. They are available under "additional resources" on the [Drainage Program website](#). An alternative format that includes the required information may be used.

- All activities within drainage districts are managed and administered by a county drainage board. Contact information can be found on the [Drainage Program website](#) or by contacting Barton T. Chapman, P.E., Drainage Program Manager, at [Barton.Chapman@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Barton.Chapman@Wisconsin.gov).

### **Farmland Preservation (FP) Program and Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEA)**

- The Farmland Preservation Agreement application has been updated. The new application now includes an area on the form to indicate that the application is to re-enroll lands under an expiring agreement. The new form can be located [here](#) or on our website [farmlandpreservation.wi.gov](http://farmlandpreservation.wi.gov). All agreement applications submitted after January 1, 2026 must use the new agreement form. Agreement applications submitted on the old form after this time will be asked to resubmit on the current form.
- We are still accepting applications for farmland preservation agreements. Agreement applications that are submitted to the department by **Friday, November 7, 2025** will be prioritized for processing for 2025 tax credit eligibility. Landowners who are interested in applying for a farmland preservation agreement are encouraged to apply early. We will continue to process agreements throughout November and December, but agreements submitted to us after November 7 may not be processed before the end of the taxable year. As you work with landowners this field season, encourage them to apply early so they can claim the tax



credit for 2025. Completed agreement applications should be submitted to [DATCPWorkingLands@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DATCPWorkingLands@wisconsin.gov).

## **Soil Health Program**

- **REMINDER: Soil Health User Group** – Whether it's questions about using or building your soil health assessment kit or implementing ATCP 50 practices with soil health as a resource concern, DATCP is looking for feedback on how we can better support soil health initiatives. Please contact Randy Zogbaum at [randall.zogbaum@wisconsin.gov](mailto:randall.zogbaum@wisconsin.gov) if you have any feedback to share and/or would be interested in participating in a Soil Health User Group.
- How do we know our conservation efforts are improving soil health? The Soil Health Assessment kit developed by Kevin Erb with UW Extension combines portions of the NRCS [Cropland In-Field Soil Health Assessment Guide](#) (Tech Note No. 450-06) and their [Soil Quality Test Kit Guide](#) to provide a tool for in-field assessment of changes in soil health. The kit includes 6-inch metal rings to measure water infiltration; a penetrometer to measure compaction; small screens and 16-ounce cups for the slake/slump test to measure aggregate stability; a digital soil thermometer to measure soil temperature; and a square foot of PVC pipe to measure plant counts and earthworm counts for the field assessments. It also has the SARE book [Building Soils for Better Crops: Ecological Management for Healthy Soils](#) as a resource. Utilizing these assessments provides a method for monitoring improvements in soil health as we follow the soil health principles for our systems approach to conservation planning.



## **Administrative Rule Updates**

- ATCP 52's permanent rule update related to Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grants, the Commercial Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program, and the Crop Insurance Rebates for Planting Cover Crops was approved by the Governor on November 20, 2025. Updates include general rule cleanup and the incorporation of the Commercial Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program and Crop Insurance Premium Rebates for Planting Cover Crops Program. DATCP will ultimately transmit the final rule to the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication. Documents relating to this rule can be found here: [CR 25-057](#).
- **Emergency Rule 2515 (EmR2515)** for [Providing Crop Insurance Premium Rebates for Planting Cover Crops](#)
- **Emergency Rule 2516 (EmR2516)** for [Commercial Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program](#)

## **Staffing Updates**

- Abby Johnson joined DATCP as a Conservation Grants Program Manager on November 17. Abby will be serving as the SWRM Program Manager for Adams–Manitowoc Counties, taking over Kim Carlson's former role. Prior to joining DATCP, she most recently served as the Partnership Liaison for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service-Wisconsin, working with conservation partners on grant projects across the state. Her educational background includes a B.S. in Conservation & Environmental Science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
- Janet Vosberg started as the DATCP Hydrologic & Hydraulic (H&H Engineer) on November 17. Janet recently retired from the NRCS where she worked for 21 years as an agricultural engineer in the Southwest Area. In her new position with DATCP, she will be providing statewide engineering assistance on conservation projects that require H&H analysis and will be conducting H&H training. Janet will be working a part-time schedule, so please reach out to your DATCP engineering field contact if you have projects that need H&H assistance/modeling.

**Log of Manure Complaints received by Land and Water Conservation Department**

Date of Complaint	Complaint/Issue	Farm	Town	DNR involved? (Y/N)	LWCD Inspection Date	Compliant?	Notes
8/15/2025	Caller reported manure spreading from the road at along East side of Hubleton Road.	Troy Schlender	Milford	Y	8/15/2025	N	Staff found that manure had been applied from the road side to the right of way along a corn field. Manure was in a band 2-4ft wide and 3-6 inches deep. DNR warden was notified of the situation. The producer notified the DNR that the manure was removed from the road right of way and soil was placed on top to try to ensure no manure would run off.
1/18/2025	DNR Spill hotline received call of rupture in manure tank.	Sugar River Genetics	Palmyra	Y	1/20/2025	N	Staff received complaint and went out on 1/20 to view from the road. Could see overtopping manure and frozen manure from a rupture in above ground storage. DNR staff contacted landowner, and DNR and LWCD conducted on-site visit on 1/22. Frozen manure was on side of tank and on the ground (estimated a few hundred gallons). Staff could see some holes plugged by rubber stoppers. Preference is for tank to be emptied and repaired, before more problems arise. DNR will contact landowner about cleanup. On 2/6 the Town Chairman came to office and stated there has been no cleanup. Staff and DATCP Engineers met at the site with a representative of the farm in May. Options for repair and abandonment were discussed and owner is determining how he will proceed. 12/1/25: owner contacted LWCD to report manure was pumped out, land spread, and storage walls were disassembled. LWCD and DNR conferred and LWCD will send a letter to communicate that concrete pad needs to be closed according to standards. Because landowner will not be populating barn with animals, the letter will also give 2 years for the underbarn storage to be properly closed according to standards.
8/13/2024	Concern about manure runoff onto neighbor's residential yard.	Stuart White	City of Watertown	N	8/13/2024	Y	Staff performed site visit and didn't see any evidence of manure leaving the animal lot to the residential property. Staff gave guidance related to stormwater management on the residential lot.
7/23/2024	DNR Spill hotline received a call concerning an overtopping manure tank. DNR asked LWCD to verify.	Sugar River Genetics	Palmyra	Y	7/23/2024	N	Staff sent pictures and discussed issue with DNR. DNR contacted the farm. Staff and DNR visited the site with the owner on 8/19. Discussed situation that led to over topping and what could be done to prevent the situation in the future. The storage was pumped shortly after incident.
6/6/2024	Manure and sediment leaving field onto neighbors land	Joseph Matenaer	Jefferson	N	6/6/2024	N	Manure and sediment was observed running off onto the neighbors property. There was not a near-by water quality concern. A letter was sent to landowner detailing compliance issue and the need for better residue management. Staff have driven by site multiple times and have not noted any issues.
6/6/2024	Worried about animal waste runoff onto property from neighboring cattle	JCSM Properties LLC	Hebron	N	6/7/2024	Y	LWCD received call about potential animal waste runoff. A site visit was done and no manure runoff was found. LWCD staff referred the issue to the Zoning Department because site has more animals than allowed on the size of the lot.
5/31/2024	Manure runoff into neighbor's hillside and eventually down to road ditch	Seeger Bos LLC	Oakland	Y	5/31/2024	N	Received call about smelly water in ditch. LWCD staff performed site visit and found manure was coming down hillside from field above and getting into road ditch. LWCD contacted DNR Warden and landowner. Landowner cleaned up manure.

Date of Complaint	Complaint/Issue	Farm	Town	DNR involved? (Y/N)	LWCD Inspection Date	Compliant?	Notes
4/18/2024	Manure Stack In WQMA	Suzanne Wilpolt	Oakland	N	4/23/2024	N	Received anonymous complaint about manure stack. Found to be in WQMA. Letter sent requesting the manure be spread or moved. Staff talked with landowner. They have moved part of the pile but a fire on their farm plus wet conditions has delayed completion of the job. Staff is in contact with landowner.
12/28/2023	Chicken manure headland stack in Town of Concord	S&R Egg	Concord	Y	12/29/2023	Y	Received a call asking about piles of S&R Egg manure on fields. LWCD staff investigated. Piles looked like a few truckloads, on high ground. Fields are included in NMP. Communicated with DNR and farm: waste is compost and was sold to someone else. It was supposed to be spread but mechanical issues/weather prohibited. Compost is considered "amended soil" so it is allowed to be stacked.
11/14/2023	Chicken manure headland stack along Hwy 89	?????	Lake Mills	N	11/14/2023	Y	It was Lime, not manure.
11/4/2023	Knifing/injecting manure too close to Bark R.	Katzman	Hebron	N	11/4/2023	Y	Call to LWCD morn of 11/4 about knifing manure too close to Bark R. Site visit day of noted field injections of manure took place along river but outside of 25' minimum distance to river. To confirm, in office measurements were taken from aerial imagery. The shortest width of buffer between the field and river is 30'. Most areas are roughly 50' wide. No evidence of injecting manure found in buffer. No ponding/pooling evident in any fields.
5/1/2023	possible ponding of manure application	Pond Hill	Koshkonong	N	5/2/2023	Y	Complaint was received by mail on 5/1. the black and white pictures appear to show snow, so they could have over a month old by time they were received. LWCD's inspection confirmed that all manure was tilled in and no ponding was found.
2/14/2023	Manure spread in a Water Quality Management Area	OGD Wilke	Waterloo	N	2/14/2023	Y	LWCD investigated and found that manure was spread in WQMA, however it was worked in with in 72 hours so the application meets standards
2/8/2023	horse manure stacked near well	Concord WI Properties	Concord	Y	2/8/2023	Y	DNR recieved call concerning horse manure near well. LWCD went out to the site. Manure stack was greater than 250 ft from well and was were the DNR had previouly told the the land owner to stack.
10/25/2022	manure spread in field near Berry Road	McFarlandale Dairy	Watertown	Y	10/25/2022	Y	LWCD communicated with farmer: manure spread in accordance to their nutrient management plan
7/21/2022	manure on road: hwy 16, west of Hustisford Rd	Tag Lane Dairy	Ixonia	Y	7/21/2022	Y	LWCD provided information to DNR to respond to citizen: no concern with safety or water resources
4/13/2022	DNR provided LWCD with info about manure spill/runoff	Ryann Butz	Koshkonong	Y	4/18/2022	N	DNR did initial site visit. DNR issued Notice of Noncompliance for runoff from milkhouse waste and manure. LWCD is working with farmer, DNR, and DATCP engineer on plans to rectify the situation.
11/9/2021	manure on the road and manure ponding in a field	Tag Lane Dairy	Ixonia	Y	11/9/2021	Y	We supplied information to DNR and they responded to complaintant.
3/5/2021	manure and septic spreading on several farm fields	Weigand/Valia Septic	Sumner	Y	none	N	DNR requested information from LWCD regarding nutrient management plan and from Zoning on permit for industrial waste storage. LWCD non-complied farm from Farmland Preservation Program due to issues with nutrient management plan. DNR is handling DNR compliance issues.

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<b>12401 Land Conservation</b>								
12401 411100	General Property Taxes	-388,487	0	-388,487	-323,739.00	.00	-64,747.81	83.3%
12401 421001	State Aid	0	0	0	-170.62	.00	170.62	.0%
12401 421001	24407 State Aid	-198,798	0	-198,798	-198,798.00	.00	.00	100.0%
12401 421001	24408 State Aid	-13,003	0	-13,003	-11,703.02	.00	-1,300.34	90.0%
12401 421001	24410 State Aid	-5,550	-350	-5,900	-1,462.50	.00	-4,437.50	24.8%
12401 432099	Other Permits	-150	0	-150	.00	.00	-150.00	.0%
12401 451020	Other Fees	-200	0	-200	-180.00	.00	-20.00	90.0%
12401 451421	Crep Cancellation Fee	-280	0	-280	-34.49	.00	-245.51	12.3%
12401 457031	24100 Admission Revenue	-1,150	0	-1,150	-440.00	.00	-710.00	38.3%
12401 458001	Tree Sales	-8,500	0	-8,500	-9,681.58	.00	1,181.58	113.9%
12401 458005	Ag & Hortic Supply Revenue	-100	0	-100	-100.00	.00	.00	100.0%
12401 458009	Livestock Siting App Review F	-1,500	0	-1,500	-500.00	.00	-1,000.00	33.3%
12401 458013	Farmland Cert Fee	-23,970	0	-23,970	-20,745.00	.00	-3,225.00	86.5%
12401 472007	24410 Municipal Other Charges	-1,800	0	-1,800	.00	.00	-1,800.00	.0%
12401 472337	24409 Municipal Grant Revenue	-15,000	0	-15,000	-6,232.91	.00	-8,767.09	41.6%
12401 480102	24100 Misc Reimbursement	-1,500	0	-1,500	-1,210.00	.00	-290.00	80.7%
12401 485200	24411 Donations Restricted	0	-4,959	-4,959	.00	.00	-4,958.56	.0%
12401 511110	Salary-Permanent Regular	106,919	0	106,919	89,098.16	.00	17,820.47	83.3%
12401 511210	Wages-Regular	346,441	0	346,441	288,253.14	.00	58,188.03	83.2%
12401 511210	24409 Wages-Regular	0	0	0	5,239.25	.00	-5,239.25	.0%
12401 511220	Wages-Overtime	309	0	309	.00	.00	309.18	.0%
12401 511240	24410 Wages-Temporary	7,170	350	7,520	6,351.67	.00	1,168.33	84.5%
12401 511330	Wages-Longevity Pay	375	0	375	.00	.00	375.00	.0%
12401 512141	Social Security	32,156	0	32,156	27,405.11	.00	4,750.73	85.2%
12401 512141	24409 Social Security	0	0	0	399.66	.00	-399.66	.0%
12401 512141	24410 Social Security	0	0	0	485.89	.00	-485.89	.0%
12401 512142	Retirement (Employer)	31,139	0	31,139	25,569.84	.00	5,569.22	82.1%
12401 512142	24409 Retirement (Employer)	0	0	0	335.32	.00	-335.32	.0%
12401 512144	Health Insurance	66,841	0	66,841	47,906.68	.00	18,934.11	71.7%
12401 512144	24409 Health Insurance	0	0	0	53.48	.00	-53.48	.0%
12401 512145	Life Insurance	54	0	54	58.81	.00	-4.93	109.1%
12401 512145	24409 Life Insurance	0	0	0	.80	.00	-.80	.0%
12401 512151	HSA Contribution	6,150	0	6,150	.00	.00	6,150.00	.0%
12401 512153	HRA Contribution	0	0	0	3,186.40	.00	-3,186.40	.0%
12401 512153	24409 HRA Contribution	0	0	0	8.79	.00	-8.79	.0%
12401 512173	Dental Insurance	5,448	0	5,448	4,836.57	.00	611.43	88.8%
12401 512173	24409 Dental Insurance	0	0	0	85.62	.00	-85.62	.0%
12401 529004	24100 Transportation Services	1,500	0	1,500	1,210.00	.00	290.00	80.7%

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12401	529299	24411 Purchase Care & Service	0	4,909	4,909	.00	.00	4,908.56	.0%
12401	531100	Permits Purchased	50	0	50	50.00	.00	.00	100.0%
12401	531301	Office Equipment	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
12401	531303	Computer Equipmt & Software	150	0	150	.00	.00	150.00	.0%
12401	531311	Postage & Box Rent	1,250	0	1,250	717.01	.00	532.99	57.4%
12401	531311	24409 Postage & Box Rent	250	0	250	1.60	.00	248.40	.6%
12401	531311	24411 Postage & Box Rent	0	50	50	50.00	.00	.00	100.0%
12401	531312	Office Supplies	400	0	400	547.47	.00	-147.47	136.9%
12401	531312	24409 Office Supplies	50	0	50	.28	.00	49.72	.6%
12401	531313	Printing & Duplicating	400	0	400	6.95	.00	393.05	1.7%
12401	531313	24409 Printing & Duplicating	350	0	350	.00	.00	350.00	.0%
12401	531314	Small Items Of Equipment	250	0	250	189.89	.00	60.11	76.0%
12401	531324	Membership Dues	2,045	0	2,045	1,930.21	.00	114.79	94.4%
12401	531326	Advertising	200	0	200	.00	.00	200.00	.0%
12401	531341	Agricultural & Horticultural Suppl	6,550	0	6,550	7,174.94	.00	-624.94	109.5%
12401	531343	24100 Food	1,150	0	1,150	364.35	.00	785.65	31.7%
12401	531348	Educational Supplies	50	0	50	.00	.00	50.00	.0%
12401	531351	Gas/Diesel	1,450	0	1,450	1,147.33	.00	302.67	79.1%
12401	531351	24409 Gas/Diesel	150	0	150	35.07	.00	114.93	23.4%
12401	532325	Registration	1,900	0	1,900	1,261.00	.00	639.00	66.4%
12401	532332	Mileage	20	0	20	7.41	.00	12.59	37.1%
12401	532335	Meals	260	0	260	132.28	.00	127.72	50.9%
12401	532336	Lodging	1,176	0	1,176	784.00	.00	392.00	66.7%
12401	532339	Other Travel & Tolls	20	0	20	.00	.00	20.00	.0%
12401	533225	Telephone & Fax	325	0	325	.00	.00	325.00	.0%
12401	533236	Wireless Internet	1,025	0	1,025	800.20	.00	224.80	78.1%
12401	535242	Maintain Machinery & Equip	550	0	550	689.90	.00	-139.90	125.4%
12401	535242	24409 Maintain Machinery & Eq	0	0	0	6.25	.00	-6.25	.0%
12401	535259	Tree Planter Service	250	0	250	205.72	.00	44.28	82.3%
12401	535349	Other Supplies	60	0	60	44.25	.00	15.75	73.8%
12401	535349	24410 Other Supplies	80	0	80	45.00	.00	35.00	56.3%
12401	571004	IP Telephony Allocation	765	0	765	637.50	.00	127.50	83.3%
12401	571005	Duplicating Allocation	263	0	263	219.20	.00	43.80	83.3%
12401	571009	MIS PC Group Allocation	21,414	0	21,414	17,845.00	.00	3,569.00	83.3%
12401	571010	MIS Systems Grp Alloc(ISIS)	5,126	0	5,126	4,271.70	.00	854.30	83.3%
12401	571020	Fleet Allocation	2,500	0	2,500	-181.97	.00	2,681.97	-7.3%
12401	571020	24409 Fleet Allocation	280	0	280	66.80	.00	213.20	23.9%
12401	591519	Other Insurance	4,628	0	4,628	3,701.00	.00	926.62	80.0%
12402 wildlife Crop Damage									
12402	421001	State Aid	-20,000	0	-20,000	-6,347.24	.00	-13,652.76	31.7%

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12402 529299 Purchase Care & Services				20,000	0	20,000	19,012.31	.00	987.69	95.1%
12404 Local Cost Share Program										
12404	421001	24403	State Aid	-11,000	0	-11,000	.00	.00	-11,000.00	.0%
12404	472337	24404	Municipal Grant Revenue	-60,000	0	-60,000	-92,165.45	.00	32,165.45	153.6%
12404	529299	24403	Purchase Care & Service	11,000	0	11,000	.00	.00	11,000.00	.0%
12404	529299	24404	Purchase Care & Service	60,000	0	60,000	7,167.00	.00	52,833.00	11.9%
12404	594950	24403	Operating Reserve	0	1,925	1,925	.00	.00	1,925.00	.0%
12404	594950	24404	Operating Reserve	79,832	24,665	104,496	.00	.00	104,496.38	.0%
12404	699700	24403	Resv Applied Operating	0	-1,925	-1,925	.00	.00	-1,925.00	.0%
12404	699700	24404	Resv Applied Operating	-79,832	-24,665	-104,496	.00	.00	-104,496.38	.0%
12405 DATCP Cost Share										
12405	421001	24405	State Aid	0	-22,000	-22,000	.00	.00	-22,000.00	.0%
12405	421003	State Aid GPR		-12,000	0	-12,000	-4,680.00	.00	-7,320.00	39.0%
12405	421004	State Aid Bonded		-29,500	-35,000	-64,500	.00	.00	-64,500.00	.0%
12405	485200	24405	Donations Restricted	0	0	0	-10,000.00	.00	10,000.00	.0%
12405	511210	24405	Wages-Regular	0	1,000	1,000	.00	.00	1,000.00	.0%
12405	521219	24405	Other Professional Serv	0	500	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
12405	529299	24405	Purchase Care & Service	0	17,000	17,000	.00	.00	17,000.00	.0%
12405	531343	24405	Food	0	700	700	136.92	.00	563.08	19.6%
12405	531348	24405	Educational Supplies	0	500	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
12405	536539	24405	Other Rents & Leases	0	2,300	2,300	.00	.00	2,300.00	.0%
12405	591519	Other Insurance		0	0	0	7.80	.00	-7.80	.0%
12405	593701	Cost Share Payment		41,500	35,000	76,500	4,680.00	.00	71,820.00	6.1%
12405	594950	24405	Operating Reserve	2,800	0	2,800	.00	.00	2,800.00	.0%
12405	699700	24405	Resv Applied Operating	-2,800	0	-2,800	.00	.00	-2,800.00	.0%
12406 Non-Metallic Mining										
12406	411100	General Property Taxes		15,564	0	15,564	12,970.00	.00	2,594.00	83.3%
12406	432004	Non-Metallic Permit Fee		-900	0	-900	.00	.00	-900.00	.0%
12406	432005	Non-Metallic Annual Fee		-13,040	0	-13,040	.00	.00	-13,040.00	.0%
12406	474175	Highway Billed		-2,410	0	-2,410	.00	.00	-2,410.00	.0%
12406	531311	Postage & Box Rent		70	0	70	67.18	.00	2.82	96.0%
12406	531312	Office Supplies		50	0	50	.00	.00	50.00	.0%
12406	531351	Gas/Diesel		80	0	80	80.00	.00	.00	100.0%



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12406	532325 Registration	350	0	350	175.00	.00	175.00	50.0%
12406	532335 Meals	40	0	40	.00	.00	40.00	.0%
12406	532336 Lodging	196	0	196	98.00	.00	98.00	50.0%
<b>12407 Farmland Easement</b>								
12407	424001 Federal Grants	-150,000	0	-150,000	.00	.00	-150,000.00	.0%
12407	458003 Farmland Easement Fee	-750	0	-750	-750.00	.00	.00	100.0%
12407	481001 Interest & Dividends	-6,000	0	-6,000	-22,136.10	.00	16,136.10	368.9%
12407	531311 Postage & Box Rent	20	0	20	28.69	.00	-8.69	143.5%
12407	531312 Office Supplies	20	0	20	19.85	.00	.15	99.3%
12407	531313 Printing & Duplicating	30	0	30	.00	.00	30.00	.0%
12407	594816 Capital Conserve Easement	279,000	0	279,000	.00	.00	279,000.00	.0%
12407	594950 Operating Reserve	384,289	71,748	456,037	.00	.00	456,036.89	.0%
12407	699800 Resv Applied Capital	-506,609	-71,748	-578,357	.00	.00	-578,356.89	.0%
<b>12408 County Farm</b>								
12408	411100 General Property Taxes	-2,737	0	-2,737	-2,280.60	.00	-456.08	83.3%
12408	529170 Grounds Keeping Charges	737	0	737	658.90	.00	77.78	89.4%
12408	535249 Sundry Repair	2,000	0	2,000	1,114.59	.00	885.41	55.7%
<b>12409 Farm Drainage Board</b>								
12409	411100 General Property Taxes	-10,000	0	-10,000	-8,333.30	.00	-1,666.70	83.3%
12409	514151 Per Diem	4,450	0	4,450	3,445.00	.00	1,005.00	77.4%
12409	521212 Legal	1,300	0	1,300	.00	.00	1,300.00	.0%
12409	531312 Office Supplies	200	0	200	52.89	.00	147.11	26.4%
12409	531313 Printing & Duplicating	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
12409	531324 Membership Dues	100	0	100	100.00	.00	.00	100.0%
12409	531349 Other Operating Expenses	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
12409	532325 Registration	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
12409	532332 Mileage	2,150	0	2,150	1,210.55	.00	939.45	56.3%
12409	591513 Drainage Board Insurance	1,500	0	1,500	1,385.00	.00	115.00	92.3%

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GRAND TOTAL	0	0	0	-126,044.60	.00	126,044.60	.0%

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