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

Jefferson County Courthouse ~ 311 S Center Ave, Lake Koshkonong Room - C2063 ~ Jefferson, WI 53549

Wednesday, November 18, 2026 at 8:30am

Microsoft Teams Meeting:
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Meeting ID: 298 424 543 188 426
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Committee Members: Meg Turville-Heitz (Chair), Matt Foelker (Vice-Chair) (UW), Margaret Burlingham (PACE), Elizabeth Hafften (UW), Amanda Kaiser, Scott Schultz (Ag), and Gary Skalitzky

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 October 21, 2026 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 and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Report
8. Discussion on Departmental Updates
9. Discussion and Possible Action on State Land and Water Conservation Board Election
10. Discussion and Possible Action on Wisconsin Land+Water 2027-29 Budget Priorities and Toolkit https://wisconsinlandwater.org/state-budget-toolkit
11. Discussion on Wisconsin Counties Association's Agriculture, Environment and Land Use Committee
12. Discussion on Wisconsin Southeast Transmission Project and Open House
13. Discussion on Wisconsin Nutrient Management Program 2025 Annual Report
14. Discussion and Possible Action on Multi-Discharger Variance Funding Application
15. Discussion on Producer-Led Groups: Jefferson County Soil Builders and Rock River Regenerative Graziers
16. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP)
17. Discussion and Possible Action on Cancellation of Notices of Noncompliance - FPP
18. Discussion and Possible Action on Purchase of Agriculture Conservation Easement (PACE) Applications and Baseline Documentation
19. Review of the Monthly Financial Report
20. Discussion Items for the Next Agenda
    - Next Scheduled Meeting December 16, 2026 at 8:30am in Room C2063
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 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 and Water Conservation Committee Minutes
October 21, 2026

1. Call to Order:
   The monthly meeting was called to order by Meg Turville-Heitz at 8:30am. Committee Members Meg Turville-Heitz (Chair), Margaret Burlingham (PACE), Walt Christensen, Elizabeth Hafften (UW) (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 (via Teams); Colton Hutchinson, LWCD; Joe Strupp, LWCD; and Michael Luckey, County Administrator (via Teams). Matt Foelker (UW) was excused, and Gary Skalitzky was absent.
   - Others in Attendance: Zachary Venchus, Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program, Anita Martin. Via Teams: Michael Miller.
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 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes:
   Burlingham made a motion to approve the October 21, 2026 meeting minutes as written, Christensen seconded. Motion passed 5/0.
6. Public Comment:
   Anita Martin gave public comment on an item not on the agenda.
7. Communications:
   - Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Report.
8. Discussion on Departmental Updates:
   Cicero announced that Hutchinson is leaving Jefferson County for a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) job. The water resources management position has been posted and applications are being reviewed. Cicero attended a Wisconsin Geologic and Natural History Survey meeting to offer input on future work. Cicero submitted the annual reimbursement request for the DATCP staffing grant. Cicero attended a meeting regarding the WISE 345 Kv Transmission line. The project is necessary to strengthen Wisconsin's electrical grid. Cicero is working with Emergency Management, Zoning, Parks, and the County Administrator on reviewing proposals from consultants on a flood resilience project. Cicero attended the County Conservation annual meeting. Topics included: Land and Water Conservation Priorities for the 2027-2028 Biennial Budget; the State Land and Water Board election process; partnering with United States Fish and Wildlife. Cicero and Hutchinson met with the DNR and Blue Spring Lake Management District regarding a lake grant proposal. Hutchinson completed Wisconsin Lake Leaders training last week. Hutchinson is doing a great job wrapping up several projects before relocating to the DNR. Hoffman is working on modelling another water quality trade for Watertown with harvestable buffers to be planted in spring. Hoffman is carrying out non-metallic mining visits, completing inspection reports and annual reports. Strupp is performing construction inspections on manure storage. Strupp completed Nutrient Management Plan annual reporting to DATCP. Strupp and Sam Peterson are working on cost-share contracts and field inspections for cover crops and field borders. Several County staff attended an educational tour of Daybreak Foods Lake Mills facility.

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9. Discussion and Possible Action on the 2026 Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program Crop Prices and 90% Harvest Date: Venchus discussed the Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program. Schultz made a motion accept the 2026 Wildlife Damage Abatement crop prices but to change Corn from $4.24/Bushel to $4.50/Bushel and Soybeans from $11.31/Bushel to $11.75/Bushel. To qualify for the program, 90% of the crops will need to be harvested no later than December 1, 2026, Christensen seconded. Motion passed 5/0.
10. Discussion and Possible Action on the 2027 Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program Budget: Venchus discussed the Wildlife Damage Abatement Claims Program Budget. Christensen made a motion to approve the 2027 Wildlife Damage Abatement & Claims Program Budget, Schultz seconded. Motion passed 5/0.
11. Discussion and Possible Action on Participation in the Deer Donation Program: Venchus discussed the Deer Donation Program. Burlingham made a motion to continue participation in the Deer Donation Program, Schlutz seconded. Motion passed 5/0.
12. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution Authorizing Extension of County Farm Agricultural Lease: Cicero discussed the lease and the possibility of the future development of the County Farm. Christensen made a motion to authorize the extension of the County Farm agricultural lease, Burlingham seconded. Motion passed 5/0.
13. Discussion on Producer-Led Groups: Jefferson County Soil Builders (JCSB) and Rock River Regenerative Graziers (R3G): Schultz spoke about the field walk on his farm September 24, 2026. It was a perfect night for a well-attended field walk. Peterson is planning the Winter Workshop in February 2027.
14. Discussion and Possible Action on Notices of Noncompliance - Farmland Preservation Program (FPP): There were no notices.
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 spoke to Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) regarding the Rollefson easement. Hoffman has received two PACE applications for ranking.
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:
    - Next Scheduled Meeting: November 18, 2026 at 8:30am in Room C2063
19. Adjournment: Christensen made a motion to adjourn at 9:05am, Schultz seconded. Motion passed 5/0.

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Kim Liakopoulos
Administrative Specialist I ~ LWCD



November 2026

Soil and Water Resources Management (SWRM) Grants

- The approved 2027 Final Joint Allocation Plan is available on the SWRM Grant Resources webpage.
- To improve efficiency, speed, and protection against lost or stolen checks, SWRM will be transitioning all counties to an approved secure electronic (Automated Clearing House or ACH) payment method for the 2027 allocation year. An email from your program contact with further information and current electronic payment (ACH) options for your county will be sent out in January.
- Refer to policies and procedures, example reimbursement requests, Cost-Share Contract Change Order, and the 2.2 Cost Share Funding Source Table as they contain updated content. Please make sure you are submitting and using the newest versions of these documents.

Nutrient Management Updates

- The 2025 Annual Nutrient Management Report is now available on DATCP's Nutrient Management homepage. If you have any questions, please contact Cody.Calkins@wisconsin.gov.

- An optional office hour for the 2026 Annual Nutrient Management Survey & Calculator will be hosted on November 10 from 10-11 a.m. via Microsoft Teams. Please refer back to previous email sent to LCD staff on Wednesday, October 14 for the event link.

- DATCP is hosting a Quality Assurance Team Meeting with a select group of LCD staff and professional nutrient management plan writers on November 11. During this meeting, participants will have an in-depth discussion on what quality assurance and control are, as well as how to best identify and fix problems in and around nutrient management planning and implementation. If you were not initially invited, you will have an opportunity to fill out an optional survey at a later date to provide feedback.

- A statewide online Nutrient Management Farmer Education class will be held on March 2, 2027. The target audience for this training is farmers who are looking to be certified to write their own Nutrient Management Plan, but anyone interested in learning about nutrient management planning is welcome to attend. The class will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please feel free to share the registration link: https://uwmadison.zoom.us/meeting/register/7FV6xPi-QBWYT__3o-PYJQ.

DATCP Drainage Program

- The Wisconsin Association of County Drainage Boards (WACDB) in cooperation with DATCP has completed four educational outreach meetings. The results of the educational outreach meetings will be presented and discussed at the WACDB annual meeting in November. Thank you to all of you who participated. If you have a topic that you would like to discuss or would like to be included on the WACDB contact list, please contact Richard Gumz, WACDB Chair, richard@gumzfarmsllc.com or Nancy Christensen, WACDB Administrative Assistant, christnjc@hotmail.com. The date and location of the WACDB meeting is:

    - Annual WACDB Meeting
      Monday, November 9, 2026
      Portage Best Western
      2701 S. CX, Portage

  Please note that Wisconsin law requires that the board 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. If you have any questions please contact Bart Chapman, State Drainage Program Manager, at barton.chapman@wisconsin.gov or (608) 216-6433.

Cover Crop Insurance Premium Rebate Program

- $800,000 will be available for up to $5 per acre premium rebates for cover crops planted in 2026 and subsequently planted with a 2027 insurable cash crop. The application will become available beginning December 1, 2026, on a first-come, first-served basis and will remain open until January 31, 2027 or until program funding is exhausted.
- 2025-2026 verified land units and eligible applicants will be credited by USDA-RMA on their 2026 crop insurance bill. Further program information is available at covercroprebate.wi.gov.

Land and Water Conservation Board-LWRM Plans

- The December 1 meeting of the LWCB will include 10-year revisions from Brown, Kenosha, and Trempealeau counties. Additional meeting information can be found on the LWCB webpage.

Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program (NOPP)

- The RFP for the 2027-2028 application period will open on October 15, 2026. Documents are available for preview on the DATCP's Commercial Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Grant Program webpage. If you have a project idea, reach out to the NOPP team to discuss prior to applying. More information can be found on the NOPP webpage.

Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- County Annual Cost Reporting 2026
  Counties should report their CREP administrative costs to DATCP by no later than Friday, December 4, 2026. 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. Please report any in-kind contributions, including staff time spent promoting the program, completing CREP state contracts/transfers/cost-share/buyouts, or monitoring visits and reporting. The county CREP annual report form (LWR-282) is

on the DATCP's CREP website. Completed reports should be sent as a PDF via email to Brian Loeffelholz at Brian.Loeffelholz@wisconsin.gov.

- Agreement Submittal Deadline is 11/13/2026 for Payments in 2026
  Friday, November 13, 2026, is the deadline for submitting completed CREP agreements (LWR-283) to DATCP enrolled by FSA for FFY2026 (sign-up 65) to ensure they make it through processing for state payments before the end of the calendar year. Agreements submitted to DATCP after that date may be processed and paid after January 1, 2027. If a landowner wants to claim their state CREP payment on 2026 taxes, it will need to be paid prior to December 31, 2026. Completed CREP agreements should be submitted via the secure CREP SFTP site following the guidance on bottom of Page 2 of the LWR-283 instructions form.

- New W-9 and New Supplier Forms need for All Payment Requests
  DATCP finance is now requiring that a new W-9 and a New Supplier Form (DOA-6460) be submitted with all CREP payment requests. A blank copy of the W-9 can be found on the CREP For Counties webpage.

- FSA Update on FFY2027 Enrollment Authority:
  Currently, there is no authority to accept new offers. With the expiration of the latest extension to the 2018 Farm Bill, FSA will need a new Farm Bill or another extension to grant authority for a CREP/CRP signup. For land not currently enrolled in CREP/CRP, FSA would not be able to accept a new offer, perform a site visit, or do any conservation planning. Local FSA offices would be able to answer questions and take contact information for interested landowners. FSA local offices will continue to service already enrolled contracts as normal.

Conservation Engineering

- The Conservation Engineering section is happy to share that Sarah Hovis has accepted our offer for the Environmental Specialist position in the North Area. Sarah has been with DATCP since 2024 in our project position and is excited to move into this permanent position with DATCP that will give her the opportunity to keep working with county conservation staff to implement our conservation projects.

Farmland Preservation (FP) Program and Agricultural Enterprise Areas (AEAs)

- The priority deadline to submit farmland preservation agreement applications for new or re-enrollments for tax year 2026 was October 1, 2026. Applications submitted after October 1, 2026 are not anticipated to be processed in calendar year 2026. Applications not processed in 2026 will be added to the 2027 processing queue.
- All agreement applications (new, re-enroll, or amendment) must be submitted to DATCPWorkingLands@wisconsin.gov before August 1, 2027 and will be prioritized for processing before the end of calendar year 2027.

Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grant (PLWPG) Program

- The 2027 Producer-Led Watershed Protection Grant application period has closed. The review process is underway and award decision letters are going out later this month. If you have any questions, please contact Dani Heisler at dani.heisler@wisconsin.gov.

Staffing Updates

- Salvador Vega joined the bureau on October 19 as an LTE Environmental Analysis and Review Specialist supporting our Agricultural Impact Statement Program.

Salvador graduated last year from the University of Wisconsin-Parkside with a degree in Environmental Studies with a concentration in geography and a GIS certificate. He previously completed a few internships, including one at the City of Racine clerk's office as a GIS intern primarily working with voter and election data. Last year, he completed a transportation planning internship at the Minnesota Department of Transportation in St. Paul.

In his free time, Salvador enjoys reading, especially history and sci-fi (always looking for book recommendations!); hiking; baking; and vegetable gardening. We're looking forward to having Salvador in the bureau!

WI LAND+WATER

Since 1953, the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Association (WI Land+Water) has championed locally led conservation across the state. As a nonprofit, we represent county conservation staff in land and water conservation departments (LWCDs) and the county officials who serve on land conservation committees (LCCs).



Our Top 2027-29 Budget Priority:

County Conservation Staffing

Increase base funding for county conservation department staffing from the DATCP Soil and Water Resources Management Program budget.

- **Provide base funding of $23,117,897 in 2028 and $24,019,496 in 2029 in order to fully meet the county need, per 92.14(6)(b).**
- **Ensure base funding escalates annually in line with cost-of-living increases.**

Why increase base funding?

- **County conservation staff deliver the state's on-the-ground conservation programs that reduce water pollution, preserve farmland, stop aquatic invasive species, protect waterfront property, manage forests, and prevent flooding.**
- **Landowners trust county conservation staff. That trust puts voluntary conservation on working lands, keeping soil in fields and protecting drinking water.**
- **County conservation staff help farmers boost profitability by writing nutrient management plans and supporting producer-led watershed groups.**
- **County conservation staff offer essential support to state programs, such as the Farmland Preservation Program.**

Locally led conservation, statewide impact.

Every Wisconsin county has dedicated conservation staff who improve private working lands, protect natural resources, and strengthen local economies. It's a county-led, locally accountable model, and the work happens person by person, parcel by parcel.

Other 2027-29 Conservation Priorities:

Increase Farmland Preservation Acres

Protect Wisconsin farmland by raising the statewide Agricultural Enterprise Area cap from 2 to 3 million acres and review the Farmland Preservation tax credit each year to make sure it's still a strong incentive for farmers.

Make Well Compensation More Accessible

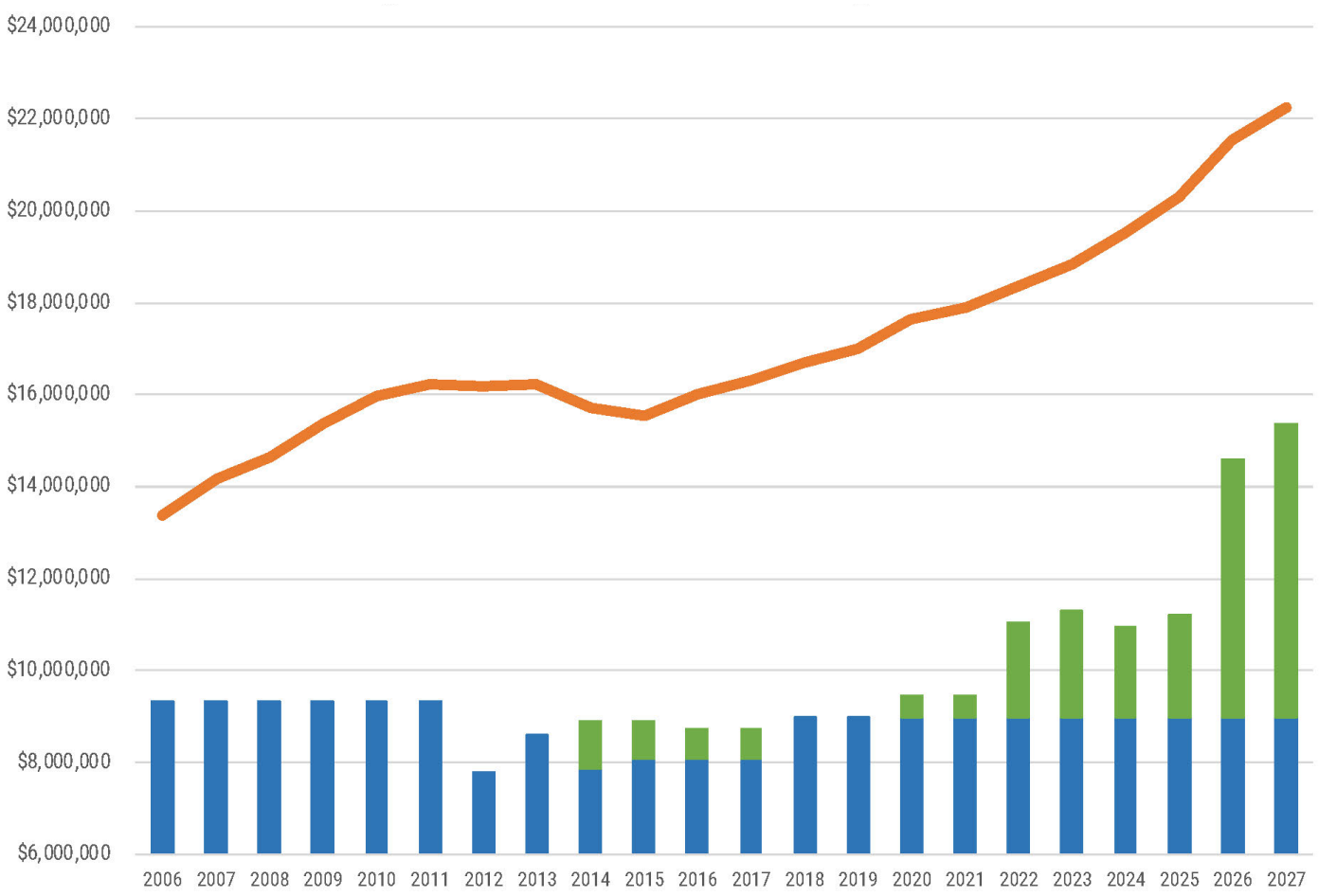
Provide Wisconsinites the opportunity to access safe and clean drinking water by improving the Well Compensation Program through expanded eligibility.

Minimize Impacts of Wake-Enhanced Boating

Develop a science-based framework that minimizes the impacts of wake-enhanced boating, like shoreline erosion, water quality and habitat degradation, while promoting local control.

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County Conservation Staffing Budget Allocation



2027 TOTALS

$22,250,142 - COUNTY NEED

$15,405,107 - FUNDING TOTAL

$6,441,007 - ONE-TIME FUNDING

$8,964,100 - BASE FUNDING

COUNTY NEED

- County conservation staffing needs are based on actual expenses, as defined in Wis. Stats 92.14(6)(b).
- Meeting county conservation staffing needs enhances financial and technical assistance for landowners and sends more work to local businesses that support conservation projects.

BASE FUNDING

- Base funding provides stability, allowing county conservation staff to leverage external funds and build partnerships with landowners.
- In 2026, the base funding allocation of $8,964,100 only met 39% of the county need.

ONE-TIME FUNDING

- One-time funding provides a temporary increase, but it lapses back to base funding at the end of each biennium.
- This does not provide the stability counties require to meet the needs of landowners to carry out conservation programs and limits their ability to leverage additional dollars for their communities.

FUNDING TOTAL

- Total funding of $15,405,107 is $8,964,100 in base funding and $6,441,007 in one time funding.
- Base funding of $8,964,100 is $3,027,200 GPR and $5,936,900 nonpoint SEG.
- One-time funding of $6,441,007 is $2,679,907 GPR and $3,761,100 SEG.



NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

PREPARED BY THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION (DATCP)

Program Overview

In 2025, the DATCP Nutrient Management Program, along with county land conservation departments, continued working with farmers, agronomists, and conservation partners to advance nutrient management planning across Wisconsin. These plans guide the use of manure and fertilizer to meet crop nutrient needs while protecting water quality by minimizing runoff to surface and groundwater resources. Planning is based on soil and manure testing and must follow the NRCS 590 Nutrient Management Standard.

Statewide support for nutrient management continues to grow through programs like Nutrient Management Farmer Education Program, the Farmland Preservation Program, and the development of a new conservation agronomy curriculum to help prepare more people to support nutrient management planning at the local level.

NM Plan Numbers	2024	2025
NM Plans Reported by Wisconsin Counties	7,917	7,472
Statewide Acres	3.82 mil	3.88 mil
Percent of Wisconsin Cropland Covered by a NM Plan	44%	44%
Farmer Written Plans	1,539	1,648

Figure 1: Summary of NM plan metrics reported by counties to DATCP for 2024 and 2025.

Counties play a central role in reviewing plans and reporting annual progress to DATCP. In 2025, they reported 3.88 million acres of cropland covered by nutrient management (NM) plans, representing approximately 44% of Wisconsin's harvestable cropland. This growth reflects a strong, ongoing commitment by farmers, planners, and conservation staff to support nutrient management and protect Wisconsin's natural resources.

Figures 1 and 2 provide a quick overview of year-to-year nutrient management planning activity. Together, they show that plan numbers, total acres, statewide coverage, and farmer-written plans can each tell a slightly different part of the story. Because individual plans vary in size and purpose, changes in the number of plans do not always move in the same direction as changes in reported acres. The following pages provide more context for where these acres are reported; how county-level reporting varies; and how farmers, plan writers, and conservation partners support nutrient management planning across Wisconsin.

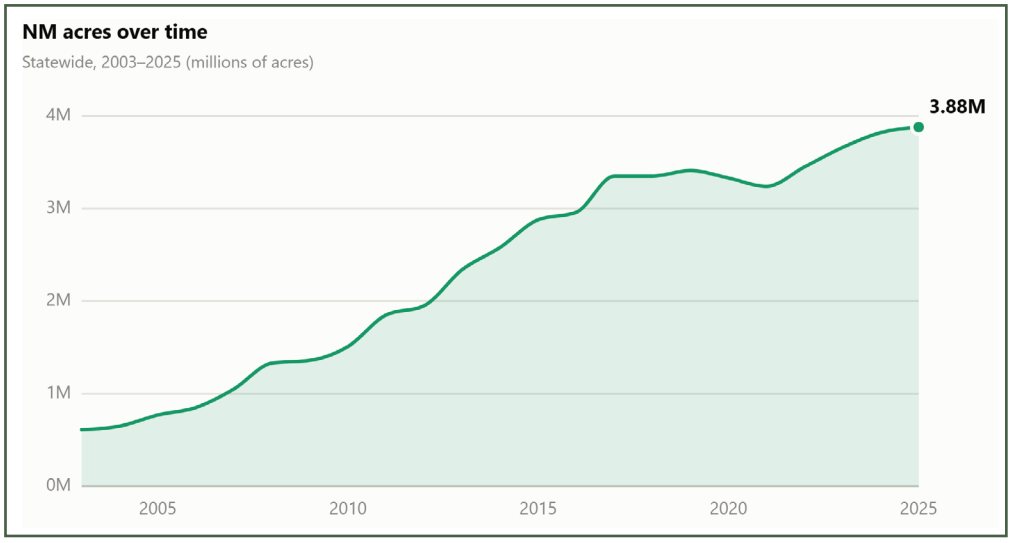


Figure 2: Trends in NM plans acres from 2003-2025.

Wisconsin's Nutrient Management Numbers

The map on this page shows the total number of acres covered by NM plans in each county for 2025. NM plans may include cropland such as row crops and cranberries, as well as pastures and other agricultural lands that receive manure, fertilizer, or other nutrient inputs. Displaying the data by county helps show where nutrient management planning is occurring across the state and reflects the local work involved in reviewing, tracking, and supporting these plans.

These numbers are submitted to DATCP annually by county land conservation departments. County staff compile acres from NM plans they review throughout the year. Because plans may be developed for several different reasons, county reporting helps bring local, state, and federal planning activity together into one statewide dataset.

The accompanying chart shows how reported plans are distributed by agency or program. DATCP-related plans are largely driven by farmland preservation and Soil and Water Resource Management cost-share. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) related plans may be associated with Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits or other DNR grants. County-reported plans may come from local cost-share programs, county ordinances, livestock siting, or other locally tracked conservation efforts. And lastly, the Environmental Qualities Incentive and Conservation Stewardship Programs drive Natural Resources Conservation Service related nutrient management efforts.

County totals provide one way to understand nutrient management planning, but total acres alone do not tell the full story. The next page shows the data from two additional perspectives: the percentage of each county's cropland covered by NM plans and the year-to-year change in reported acres. Together, these maps help convey both the scale of nutrient management planning and how coverage is changing across Wisconsin.

Click the map for an enlarged view.

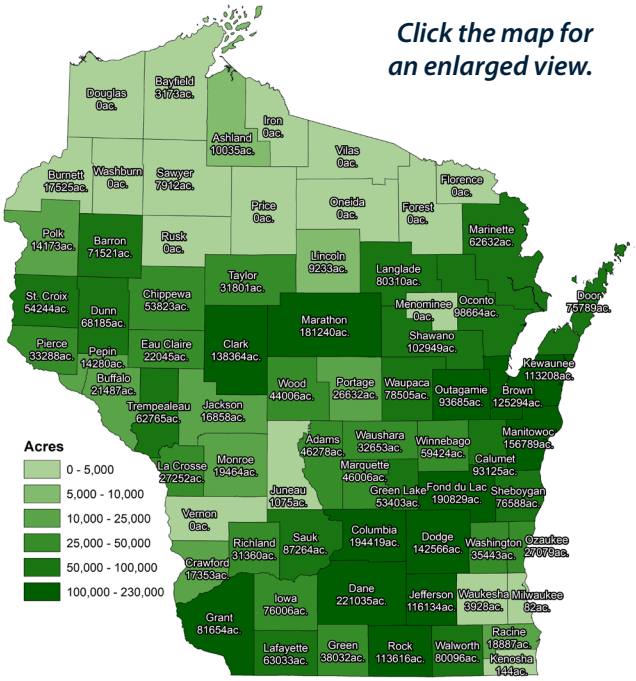


Figure 3: NM plan acres per county for 2025.

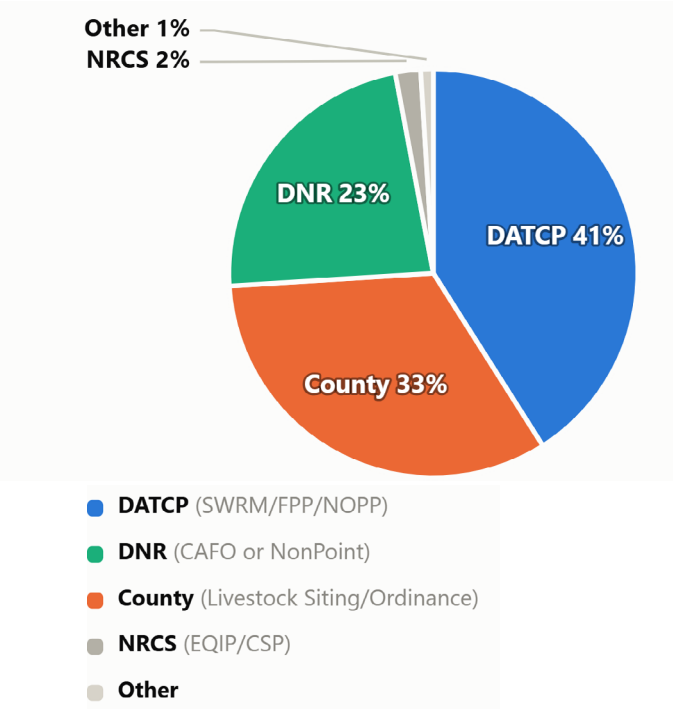


Figure 4: 2025 NM plan distribution by agency or program.

Understanding Year-to-Year Change

The total acres map is useful because it shows the overall scale of nutrient management activity in each county. However, total acres are only one way to understand the data. Wisconsin counties vary widely in how much cropland they have, so larger agricultural counties may naturally report more acres while counties with a smaller cropland base may appear lower on the map even when a significant share of their land is planned.

The percent coverage map helps account for that difference. By comparing planned acres to each county's cropland base, this map shows how widely nutrient management is being used relative to the land available for planning. This helps highlight local progress that may not be obvious from total acres alone, especially in counties where the overall amount of cropland is smaller.

The year-to-year change map adds a third perspective by showing how county totals shifted from the previous reporting year. This map is helpful for seeing where acres increased, decreased, or remained relatively stable. A decrease in acres does not necessarily mean less conservation work is happening or that a county is moving backward.

Annual changes can happen for several reasons. Acres may shift because of land use changes, plan updates, new or ended program participation, acres moving between plans, staffing capacity, or reporting timelines. In some cases, plans submitted late in the year may not be included until the next reporting cycle, particularly when county workload or other program reporting timelines affect when plans are reviewed and entered.

Together, these maps provide context for how nutrient management planning is reported across Wisconsin. Total acres, percent coverage, and annual change each tell a different part of the story. However, the work behind those numbers depends on farmers, plan writers, county staff, and other partners working together to develop, review, and implement NM plans.

Click the map for an enlarged view.

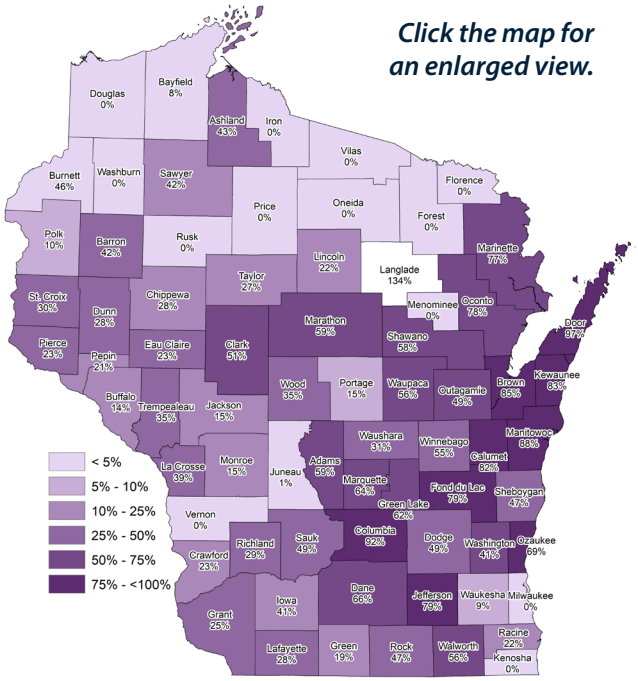


Figure 5: Percent of county cropland covered by NM plans.

Click the map for an enlarged view.

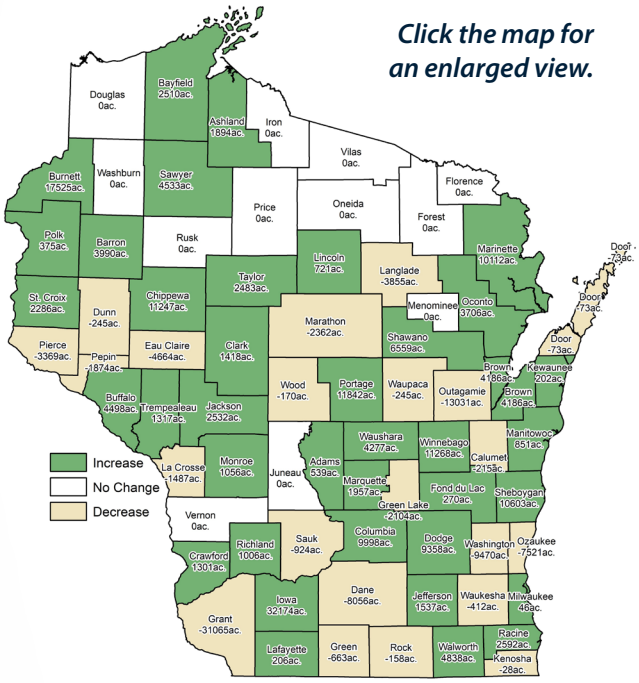


Figure 6: Change in acres of active and recorded NM plans from 2024 to 2025.

Supporting Farmers and Plan Writers

Nutrient management planning depends on both farmer-written plans and the work of professional plan writers. Farmers bring firsthand knowledge of their fields, cropping systems, manure sources, and day-to-day management decisions. Professional planners including agronomists, crop consultants, certified crop advisers, county staff, technical colleges, and other qualified planners provide technical support to help ensure plans are practical, accurate, and consistent with the NRCS 590 Nutrient Management Standard.

In 2025, the Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE) Program continued to support farmers to write and better understand their own NM plans. NMFE awarded $416,266 to 28 applicants, supporting farmers who operate 141,927 acres. These efforts help build local knowledge and give producers the tools to make informed nutrient management decisions on their own farms.

DATCP also supported nutrient management through broader training and outreach efforts beyond NMFE. In 2025, DATCP assisted with or held 28 total trainings, reaching 843 individuals. These trainings included NMFE classes, county staff trainings on operating local nutrient management programs, SnapPlus trainings for agronomists and plan writers, and other technical assistance opportunities.

The 2025 Nutrient Management Regional Meetings provided another opportunity to connect directly with county staff, private plan writers, agency partners, and students preparing to work in conservation and agronomy. Meetings were held across the state and brought together 202 attendees, including land and water conservation department staff, certified crop advisers, agronomists, DNR and NRCS partners, and others involved in nutrient management planning. Topics included updates to the NRCS 590, A2809, SnapPlus V3 demonstrations, and other updates. These meetings help keep planners and partners informed, provide space for questions and discussion, and support more consistent nutrient management planning across Wisconsin.

Resources for Wisconsin's Qualified Nutrient Management Planners

Access the Nutrient Management Planner Resources homepage to view a series of prerecorded webinars that guide users through Wisconsin's nutrient management rules.

Nutrient Management Trainings Page

Visit the Nutrient Management Trainings page to view all future and prior trainings and outreach events.

Funding Resources

To find out more about nutrient management-related financial assistance opportunities, and programs for other resources, access the webpages listed below:

SWRM Cost-Share Grants NMFE Grants Farmland Preservation Nitrogen Optimization Pilot Program

SNAP+ V3 Resources

SnapPlus V3 User Group Names YouTube Video Playlist SnapPlus V3 Magazine

SnapPlus Wiki Page Change Log

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Multi-Discharger Variance – 2027 Application

Funding is available from municipal and industrial point sources who have a variance from the Department of Natural Resources on the timing associated with meeting their phosphorus discharge limits. Funds must be used in the same watershed on conservation practices that reduce phosphorus discharges. Jefferson County is using the funding on cover crops, harvestable buffers, and pasture establishment on cropped land.

Total Anticipated Funds for Jefferson County

- Upper Rock River Basin = $3,000-$9,000
- Lower Rock River Basin = $2,000-$43,000
- Total = $5,000-$52,000

Probable Point Sources in 2027 Allocation:

- Clinton WWTF
- Horicon WWTF
- Iron Ridge WWTF
- Lebanon Sanitary District
- Lomira WWTF
- Randolph WWTF
- Seneca Foods Corp

Potential Point Sources in 2027 Allocation

- Barneveld WWTF
- Blanchardville WWTF
- Dodgeville WWTF
- Grande Cheese Co – Juda
- Hollandale WWTF
- Linden WWTF
- Palmyra WWTF
- Rewey WWTF
- Ridgeway WWTF

Program Specifics

- Application Deadline January 1, 2027
- Checks received by March 1, 2027
- Watershed plan required by March 1, 2028
- Annual reports required by May 1 starting in 2029

Fund Requirements

- Must be used in the designated watershed (Upper or Lower Rock River Watershed)
- Must be targeted to the highest phosphorus loading areas
- At least 65% of funds must be used on practices
- Up to 35% can be used for staff, monitoring, modelling, demos

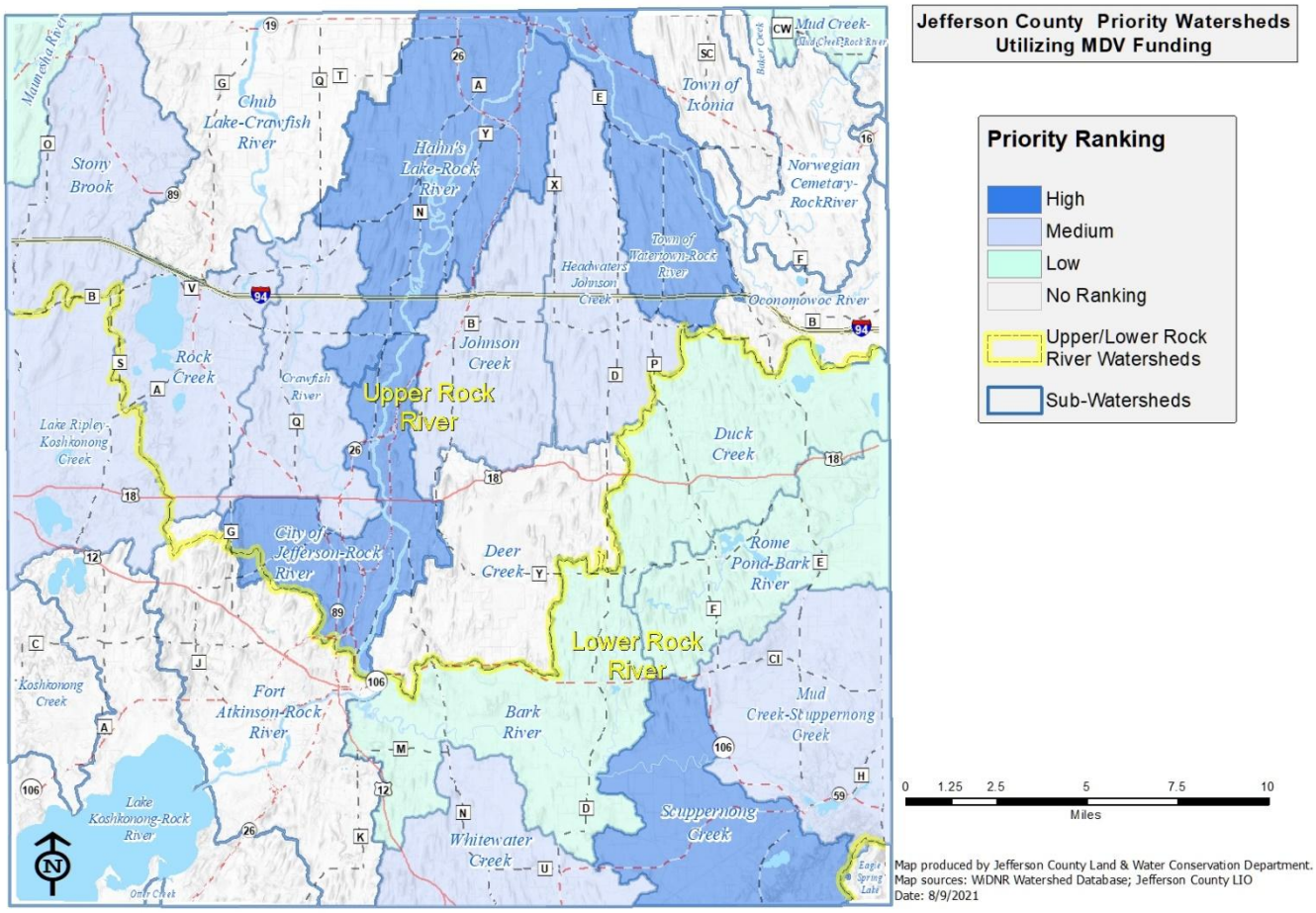
Summary of Previous Funding

- Funds have been used on cost-sharing of cover crops and pasture establishment

	Upper Rock River			Lower Rock River		
	$ Received[1]	$ Used	Acres	$ Received[1]	$ Used	Acres
2020	$11,129.20					
2021	$18,586.75	$5,562.50	218.5	$2,190.27	$2,190	99.6
2022	$8,269.59	$19,437.50	777.5	$59,090.20	$27,100	948.4
2023	$7,061.21	$11,830.50	423.3	$60,665.20	$20,871	750.6
2024	$21,211.64	$15,009	402.8	$31,906.32	$18,654	621.8
2025	$37,846.44	$15,934.34	645.6	$54,319.01	$33,832.60	1,113.7
2026	$9,565.74	$14,226.05[2]	276.3[2]	$46,627,22	$35,599.60[2]	778[2]
Totals	$113,670.57	$81,999.89[2]	2,744[2]	$255,298.23	$138,747.10[2]	4,3312.1[2]

1 - Unused funds received in one year are available for use in subsequent years.

2 - Estimate based on current contracts.



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12401 Land Conservation							
12401 411100 General Property Taxes	-374,248	0	-374,248	-280,686.24	.00	-93,562.02	75.0%
12401 421001 State Aid	-125	0	-125	-57.59	.00	-67.41	46.1%
12401 421001 24407 State Aid	-251,710	0	-251,710	.00	.00	-251,710.00	.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	-5,932	0	-5,932	-1,462.50	.00	-4,469.50	24.7%
12401 432099 Other Permits	-150	0	-150	-150.00	.00	.00	100.0%
12401 451020 Other Fees	-240	0	-240	-360.00	.00	120.00	150.0%
12401 451421 Crep Cancellation Fee	-100	0	-100	.00	.00	-100.00	.0%
12401 458001 Tree Sales	-8,180	0	-8,180	-8,269.32	.00	89.32	101.1%
12401 458005 Ag & Hortic Supply Revenue	-100	0	-100	-100.00	.00	.00	100.0%
12401 458009 Livestock Siting App Review F	-750	0	-750	-1,250.00	.00	500.00	166.7%
12401 458013 Farmland Cert Fee	-22,000	0	-22,000	-20,535.00	.00	-1,465.00	93.3%
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	-10,014.68	.00	-4,985.32	66.8%
12401 485200 24411 Donations Restricted	0	-5,699	-5,699	-4,000.00	.00	-1,698.56	70.2%
12401 511110 Salary-Permanent Regular	112,609	0	112,609	84,057.98	.00	28,551.22	74.6%
12401 511210 Wages-Regular	367,495	-657	366,838	266,383.80	.00	100,454.24	72.6%
12401 511210 24409 Wages-Regular	0	0	0	8,551.49	.00	-8,551.49	.0%
12401 511240 Wages-Temporary	7,248	0	7,248	.00	.00	7,248.02	.0%
12401 511240 24410 Wages-Temporary	0	0	0	6,155.83	.00	-6,155.83	.0%
12401 511330 Wages-Longevity Pay	375	0	375	.00	.00	375.00	.0%
12401 512141 Social Security	34,788	0	34,788	25,639.67	.00	9,148.74	73.7%
12401 512141 24409 Social Security	0	0	0	653.11	.00	-653.11	.0%
12401 512141 24410 Social Security	0	0	0	470.95	.00	-470.95	.0%
12401 512142 Retirement (Employer)	33,731	0	33,731	24,614.21	.00	9,116.29	73.0%
12401 512142 24409 Retirement (Employer)	0	0	0	568.47	.00	-568.47	.0%
12401 512144 Health Insurance	66,118	0	66,118	50,240.87	.00	15,876.99	76.0%
12401 512144 24409 Health Insurance	0	0	0	40.31	.00	-40.31	.0%
12401 512145 Life Insurance	70	0	70	58.64	.00	11.68	83.4%
12401 512145 24409 Life Insurance	0	0	0	1.41	.00	-1.41	.0%
12401 512151 HSA Contribution	4,800	0	4,800	.00	.00	4,800.00	.0%
12401 512153 HRA Contribution	0	0	0	465.19	.00	-465.19	.0%
12401 512153 24409 HRA Contribution	0	0	0	1.37	.00	-1.37	.0%
12401 512173 Dental Insurance	6,036	0	6,036	4,638.59	.00	1,397.41	76.8%
12401 512173 24409 Dental Insurance	0	0	0	124.82	.00	-124.82	.0%
12401 529299 24411 Purchase Care & Service	0	5,699	5,699	1,698.56	.00	4,000.00	29.8%
12401 531100 Permits Purchased	85	0	85	72.00	.00	13.00	84.7%
12401 531275 24409 Recording Fee	30	0	30	.00	.00	30.00	.0%

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12401 531301 Office Equipment	185	0	185	.00	.00	185.00	.0%
12401 531303 Computer Equipmt & Software	150	0	150	146.40	.00	3.60	97.6%
12401 531311 Postage & Box Rent	1,300	0	1,300	873.84	.00	426.16	67.2%
12401 531311 24409 Postage & Box Rent	250	0	250	.00	.00	250.00	.0%
12401 531312 Office Supplies	650	0	650	184.17	.00	465.83	28.3%
12401 531312 24409 Office Supplies	50	0	50	.00	.00	50.00	.0%
12401 531313 Printing & Duplicating	400	0	400	11.91	.00	388.09	3.0%
12401 531313 24409 Printing & Duplicating	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
12401 531314 Small Items Of Equipment	400	0	400	57.59	.00	342.41	14.4%
12401 531324 Membership Dues	2,089	0	2,089	1,988.50	.00	100.00	95.2%
12401 531326 Advertising	400	0	400	54.55	.00	345.45	13.6%
12401 531341 Agricultural & Hortic Suppli	6,900	0	6,900	.00	.00	6,900.00	.0%
12401 531348 Educational Supplies	75	0	75	17.76	.00	57.24	23.7%
12401 531351 Gas/Diesel	1,700	0	1,700	1,216.52	.00	483.48	71.6%
12401 531351 24409 Gas/Diesel	125	0	125	48.93	.00	76.07	39.1%
12401 532325 Registration	2,515	0	2,515	2,393.95	.00	121.05	95.2%
12401 532332 Mileage	20	0	20	.00	.00	20.00	.0%
12401 532335 Meals	285	0	285	149.29	.00	135.71	52.4%
12401 532336 Lodging	1,220	0	1,220	1,015.62	.00	204.38	83.2%
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	1,100	0	1,100	706.42	.00	393.58	64.2%
12401 535242 Maintain Machinery & Equip	1,550	0	1,550	361.65	.00	1,188.35	23.3%
12401 535242 24409 Maintain Machinery & Eq	350	0	350	15.25	.00	334.75	4.4%
12401 535259 Tree Planter Service	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
12401 535349 Other Supplies	60	0	60	87.33	.00	-27.33	145.6%
12401 535349 24410 Other Supplies	65	0	65	30.00	.00	35.00	46.2%
12401 571004 IP Telephony Allocation	1,100	0	1,100	652.50	.00	447.50	59.3%
12401 571005 Duplicating Allocation	7	0	7	5.22	.00	1.78	74.6%
12401 571009 MIS PC Group Allocation	21,843	0	21,843	16,364.97	.00	5,478.03	74.9%
12401 571010 MIS Systems Grp Alloc(ISIS)	5,627	0	5,627	4,220.28	.00	1,406.72	75.0%
12401 571020 Fleet Allocation	4,100	0	4,100	-93.20	.00	4,193.20	-2.3%
12401 571020 24409 Fleet Allocation	240	0	240	93.20	.00	146.80	38.8%
12401 591519 Other Insurance	4,653	0	4,653	3,589.83	.00	1,062.94	77.2%
12402 Wildlife Crop Damage							
12402 421001 State Aid	-20,000	-3,800	-23,800	-6,375.80	.00	-17,424.20	26.8%
12402 529299 Purchase Care & Services	20,000	3,800	23,800	6,375.80	.00	17,424.20	26.8%
12404 Local Cost Share Program							
12404 421001 24401 State Aid	0	-3,967	-3,967	-2,975.30	.00	-991.70	75.0%

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12404 421001 24403 State Aid	-5,775	0	-5,775	-46.31	.00	-5,728.69	.8%
12404 472337 24404 Municipal Grant Revenue	-60,000	0	-60,000	-56,192.96	.00	-3,807.04	93.7%
12404 511210 24401 Wages-Regular	0	657	657	.00	.00	657.00	.0%
12404 511210 24403 Wages-Regular	0	700	700	.00	.00	700.00	.0%
12404 521220 24401 Consultant	0	3,000	3,000	3,000.00	.00	.00	100.0%
12404 529299 24403 Purchase Care & Service	7,000	0	7,000	796.31	.00	6,203.69	11.4%
12404 529299 24404 Purchase Care & Service	65,000	0	65,000	24,828.44	.00	40,171.56	38.2%
12404 531312 24401 Office Supplies	0	110	110	97.41	.00	12.59	88.6%
12404 531314 24401 Small Items Of Equipmen	0	200	200	173.43	.00	26.57	86.7%
12404 594950 24403 Operating Reserve	0	525	525	.00	.00	525.00	.0%
12404 594950 24404 Operating Reserve	131,662	11,603	143,265	.00	.00	143,265.33	.0%
12404 699700 24403 Resv Applied Operating	-1,225	-1,225	-2,450	.00	.00	-2,450.00	.0%
12404 699700 24404 Resv Applied Operating	-136,662	-11,603	-148,265	.00	.00	-148,265.33	.0%
12404 699999 Budgetary Fund Balance	0	657	657	.00	.00	657.00	.0%
12405 DATCP Cost Share							
12405 421001 24405 State Aid	0	-28,863	-28,863	.00	.00	-28,863.08	.0%
12405 421003 State Aid GPR	-12,000	0	-12,000	.00	.00	-12,000.00	.0%
12405 421004 State Aid Bonded	-32,000	-29,500	-61,500	.00	.00	-61,500.00	.0%
12405 480102 24405 Misc Reimbursement	0	-4,800	-4,800	-3,260.72	.00	-1,539.28	67.9%
12405 485200 24405 Donations Restricted	0	-3,375	-3,375	-3,375.00	.00	.00	100.0%
12405 511210 24405 Wages-Regular	0	2,000	2,000	.00	.00	2,000.00	.0%
12405 521219 24405 Other Professional Serv	0	2,500	2,500	1,100.00	.00	1,400.00	44.0%
12405 529299 24405 Purchase Care & Service	0	28,038	28,038	2,400.00	.00	25,638.08	8.6%
12405 531275 Recording Fee	0	30	30	.00	.00	30.00	.0%
12405 531343 24405 Food	0	4,800	4,800	3,380.49	.00	1,419.51	70.4%
12405 531348 24405 Educational Supplies	0	500	500	.00	.00	500.00	.0%
12405 536539 24405 Other Rents & Leases	0	2,000	2,000	300.00	.00	1,700.00	15.0%
12405 593701 Cost Share Payment	44,000	29,470	73,470	.00	.00	73,470.00	.0%
12405 699700 24405 Resv Applied Operating	0	-2,800	-2,800	.00	.00	-2,800.00	.0%
12406 Non-Metallic Mining							
12406 411100 General Property Taxes	17,360	0	17,360	13,020.03	.00	4,339.97	75.0%
12406 432004 Non-Metallic Permit Fee	-900	0	-900	.00	.00	-900.00	.0%
12406 432005 Non-Metallic Annual Fee	-14,500	0	-14,500	.00	.00	-14,500.00	.0%
12406 474175 Highway Billed	-2,520	0	-2,520	.00	.00	-2,520.00	.0%
12406 531311 Postage & Box Rent	75	0	75	49.79	.00	25.21	66.4%
12406 531312 Office Supplies	50	0	50	.00	.00	50.00	.0%

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12406 531351 Gas/Diesel	100	0	100	.00	.00	100.00	.0%
12406 532325 Registration	175	0	175	175.00	.00	.00	100.0%
12406 532335 Meals	40	0	40	.00	.00	40.00	.0%
12406 532336 Lodging	120	0	120	113.38	.00	6.62	94.5%
12407 Farmland Easement							
12407 424001 Federal Grants	0	-194,000	-194,000	.00	.00	-194,000.00	.0%
12407 458003 Farmland Easement Fee	-1,800	0	-1,800	-650.00	.00	-1,150.00	36.1%
12407 481001 Interest & Dividends	-10,000	0	-10,000	-16,884.73	.00	6,884.73	168.8%
12407 531311 Postage & Box Rent	25	0	25	34.15	.00	-9.15	136.6%
12407 531312 Office Supplies	20	0	20	.00	.00	20.00	.0%
12407 531313 Printing & Duplicating	20	0	20	.00	.00	20.00	.0%
12407 594816 Capital Conserve Easement	4,500	320,607	325,107	.00	.00	325,107.00	.0%
12407 594950 Operating Reserve	0	10,930	10,930	.00	.00	10,929.50	.0%
12407 594960 Capital Reserve	474,831	0	474,831	.00	.00	474,830.52	.0%
12407 699800 Resv Applied Capital	-467,596	-137,537	-605,132	.00	.00	-605,132.02	.0%
12408 County Farm							
12408 411100 General Property Taxes	-2,750	0	-2,750	-2,062.89	.00	-687.60	75.0%
12408 529170 Grounds Keeping Charges	750	0	750	655.04	.00	95.45	87.3%
12408 535249 Sundry Repair	2,000	0	2,000	.00	.00	2,000.00	.0%
12409 Farm Drainage Board							
12409 411100 General Property Taxes	-10,000	0	-10,000	-7,499.97	.00	-2,500.03	75.0%
12409 514151 Per Diem	4,450	0	4,450	3,185.00	.00	1,265.00	71.6%
12409 521212 Legal	1,300	0	1,300	402.50	.00	897.50	31.0%
12409 531312 Office Supplies	200	0	200	62.89	.00	137.11	31.4%
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	876.45	.00	1,273.55	40.8%
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	133,228.83	.00	-133,228.83	.0%

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