

AGENDA

CONSERVATION, EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, September 3, 2025
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Courthouse – Room 302

1. Call meeting to order
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Public Comments (*brief comments/statement regarding committee business*)
4. Review Correspondence.
5. Approve minutes of previous meetings
6. Approve vouchers, staff reports, & committee reports
7. Risk and Injury Report
8. Extension
 - a. Review and approve 2026 Extension budget
9. Land & Water Conservation Department
 - a. Review and approve revised 2026 LWCD budget (due to anticipated increases in 2026 DATCP grant fund allocations)
 - b. Update on nitrate well testing project / cost share reverse osmosis systems
 - c. Update on Mill Creek Watershed
 - d. Update on ongoing violations (including Hemlock Creek fish kill in late July)
 - e. Albert Acres' Demo Trial Field Day flyer (informational)
10. Private Sewage
11. Land Records
 - a. Review and approve 2026 Land Records budget
12. County Surveyor
13. Planning & Zoning
 - a. Review and approve 2026 Planning and Zoning budget
 - b. Reminder for the upcoming CEED Tour to take place on Friday September 12th. The deadline to sign up is Friday September 5th.
 - c. Consider resolution adopting the Wood County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.
14. Economic Development
 - a. Update from Auburndale Park Assn & Youth Basketball Assn Grant and consider release of Economic Development grant funds of \$4,000.
 - b. Consider Release of REDI Implementation funds for Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids Farmers Market.
 - c. Review and approve 2026 Transportation & Economic Development budget
 - d. Review 2026 Economic Development Grant guidelines and parameters
15. Committee requests for per diem for meeting attendance
16. Schedule next regular committee meeting
17. Agenda items for next meeting
18. Schedule any additional meetings if necessary
19. Adjourn

MINUTES

CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, August 6, 2025
TIME: 9:00 AM
PLACE: Courthouse – Conference Rm #302

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Leichtnam, Tom Buttke, Wayne Schulz, Russ Perlock, George Gilbertson

MEMBER EXCUSED: Tim Hovendick

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list

1. Chairman Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. There was no public comment.
3. The minutes of the July 2, 2025 meeting were presented. Motion by Buttke/Schulz to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The minutes of the July 24, 2025 meeting were presented. Motion by Buttke/Perlock to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Motion by Schulz/Buttke to approve the vouchers, monthly department reports and committee reports. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Jenna Hanson & Isabell Grethen from Main Street Marshfield presented an update to their grant funded project, WELCOME BACK and showed photos of the progress made on a number of store backs in Marshfield. Motion by Schulz/Leichtnam to approve the release of economic grant funding of \$18,875 to Main Street Marshfield. Motion failed 2-2. Voting no were Buttke & Perlock.
7. Motion by Schulz/Perlock to reconsider the above request at a future meeting. Motion carried unanimously. It will be placed on both the special CEED meeting agendas of August 13th and September 3rd. dependent on Main Street representation at either meeting.
8. Area Extension Director Gatterman reviewed a letter from Extension Dean Karl Martin, alerting the state that the SNAP funding that was in place to fund the FoodWISE Educator had been eliminated at the federal level and layoff notices have been sent out to those employees affected, effective October 1, 2025. There may be some state funding allowed to keep the program going until the end of the year, but that is unknown at this time. Gatterman stated he will be putting a full time, county funded position in the 2026 budget for a Nutrition Educator for 2026. This will be discussed more next month.
9. County Conservationist Wucherpennig reported that the summer intern is no longer employed by the county so there is some funding that will not be expended this year due to that termination.

10. Wucherpfennig presented the 2026 Land & Water Conservation Dept. budget for the committee to review. Motion by Buttke/Perlock to approve the budget as presented and forward to the Finance Dept. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Wucherpfennig reported on the current status of the nitrate well testing and the ARPA funded reverse osmosis system requests to date. They are ready to move on the first round of these and are looking for committee permission to consider those in the next group of contamination (15-20 ppm). Committee consensus directed Wucherpfennig to continue as presented and discussed.
12. Wucherpfennig reported that salt testing will be conducted in September along the Mill Creek Watershed, working with Portage County.
13. Wucherpfennig updated the committee on the status of various violations in the county.
14. Leichtnam requested that the committee consider having the existing Citizens Water Group be an advisory committee of CEED. He reviewed the history of the organization and the progress made by them. Motion by Buttke/Perlock to approve the Citizens Water Group be an advisory subcommittee of CEED. Motion carried unanimously. Corp Counsel Flanagan will draft a resolution for the county board to ratify this move.
15. Leichtnam reviewed the economic development grant process and recommended tweaks to the process. He listed 6 items for the committee to consider at a later meeting.
16. The next regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 3rd, at 9:00 AM. A special meeting to review the economic development grant applications will be Wednesday, August 13th at 9:00 AM.
17. Chairman Leichtnam declared the meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee

August 6, 2025

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MINUTES

CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, August 13, 2025

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 300

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Leichtnam, Tom Buttke, Tim Hovendick, Russ Perlock, Wayne Schulz

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list

1. Chairman Leichtnam called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM and declared a quorum present.
2. Under public comment, Supervisor Donna Rozar discussed her thoughts and recommendations of the criteria that, in her opinion, should be used in judging the merits of the applications going forward. Supervisor Clendenning was recognized and agreed with Rozar's comments.
3. The resolution recognizing the Citizens Water Group as an advisory subcommittee of the CEED committee was presented. Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to approve the resolution and forward it onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
4. The request for economic development grant funding release from Main Street Marshfield was reviewed by the committee once again. Motion by Buttke/Schulz to approve the release of \$18,875 to Main Street Marshfield for the Welcome Back grant. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Each of the applications were reviewed by the committee with the following motions being offered, noting that they still need to be approved by the entire county board during the budget process:
 - a. Motion by Schulz/Perlock to decline the request of Wood County Parks & Forestry for CERA Park signage. Motion carried unanimously.
 - b. Motion by Schulz/Perlock to approve the amount of \$9,000 for the Remington Fire Dept. building addition. Motion carried 4-1. Voting no was Buttke.
 - c. Motion by Leichtnam/Hovendick to deny the request from the Village of Vesper for Community Center revitalization. Motion carried 4-1. Voting no was Buttke.
 - d. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to approve the amount of \$20,000 to the City of Pittsville for their Housing Incentive portion of the application only. Motion carried unanimously.
 - e. Motion by Hovendick/Buttke to approve the amount of \$12,000 to the Columbus Catholic School for their fieldhouse. Motion carried unanimously.

- f. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to approve the amount of \$13,000 for the Child Care Centers of Marshfield for childcare accessibility and affordability. Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Motion by Leichtnam/Schulz to deny the request from the Village of Rudolph for park improvements. Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Motion by Schulz/Buttke to approve \$5,000 for Centergy for the Central Wisconsin Industry Study, if Centergy can get two other counties to also provide funding. Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Motion by Buttke/Schulz to deny the request from Marshfield YMCA for childcare accessibility and affordability. Motion carried 3-2. Voting no were Leichtnam and Schulz.
- j. Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to deny the request of the City of Marshfield for their historic district signage. Motion carried 3-2. Voting no were Buttke and Hovendick.
- k. Motion by Buttke/Leichtnam to deny the City of Marshfield building revitalization program funding request. Motion failed. Voting no were Buttke, Perlock, & Hovendick. Motion by Schulz/Perlock to grant \$8,000 to this request. Motion carried 4-1. Voting no was Buttke.
- l. Motion by Leichtnam/Schulz to deny the request of Midstate Technical College for Workforce Safety Training. Motion carried unanimously.
- m. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to deny the request of Midstate Technical College for Production Process Improvement Training. Motion carried unanimously.
- n. Motion by Hovendick/Schulz to grant \$10,000 to the City of Nekoosa for the bike trail and Riverside Park rehabilitation. Motion carried unanimously.
- o. Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to grant \$20,000 to the City of Wisconsin Rapids for Witter Park lighting. Motion carried unanimously.
- p. Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to grant \$25,000 to the Village of Biron for a study on parcel of land for housing development. Motion carried unanimously.
- q. Motion by Buttke/Schulz to deny the request for Bike Share. Motion carried 4-1. Voting no was Leichtnam.
- r. Motion by Leichtnam/Schulz to grant \$4,000 for the City of Marshfield Farmers Market organizational start up funding. Motion failed 1-4. Voting no were Schulz, Buttke, Hovendick, & Perlock.
- s. Motion by Schulz/Leichtnam to grant \$20,000 for the Catch-a-Ride program. Motion carried 3-2. Voting no were Hovendick and Buttke.
- t. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to grant \$20,000 to Cran City Corner development in Pittsville. Motion carried unanimously.
- u. Motion by Buttke/Perlock to deny Main Street Marshfield Welcome Back project funding. Motion carried unanimously.
- v. Motion by Schulz/Buttke to grant \$5,000 to the Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids Convention & Visitors Bureau for trail maps. Motion carried unanimously.
- w. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to grant \$30,500 to the Village of Vesper for the Stemperosa Estates garage build. Motion failed 0-5 with all committee

members voting no. Motion by Schulz/Hovendick to grant \$25,000 to the Village of Vesper Stemperosa Estates garage build. Motion carried unanimously.

- x. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to approve an additional \$5,500 to the City of Pittsville for their housing incentive project. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6. The committee will address further clarification on the economic development grant process at a future meeting.
- 7. Motion by Buttke/Hovendick to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously at 12:09 PM.

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Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee

August 13, 2025

NAME	REPRESENTING
Amanda Blashowski	Marshfield Area YmCA
Sarah Franken	Child Care Centers of Marshfield
Hannah Munnell Scott	Wood County Health Dept.
Jordan Munger	City of Marshfield
Jeremy Sickler	Alexander Field
Jan Brodman	RUFD
Bill Clendinning	WCB #15
Isabell Grethen	Main Street Marshfield
Jenna Hanson	"
Meredith Kleck	Wis Rapids Area CVB
Jake Klingforth	City of Wis. Rapids
David Eaton	Columbus Catholic Schools
Jason Gruenberg	P & Z
Angel Laidlaw	Centergy
Julie Marci	P & Z
Jon Evenson	Village of Bron
JEFF PERKOVER	WCB #11
Jake Hahn	WCB
Donna Roger	CB Dist 2
Via Web Ex:	
Brad Hamilton	CB Dist 18
Katie Kleyn	County Clerk
Kallee Ferk	C/Nekoosa
Scott Brachm	V/Vesper
Staci Kivi	Heart of Wisconsin
Julie Strenn	Gran City
Kristie Egge	Health Dept

Conservation, Education, & Economic Development Committee

August 13, 2025

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Extension Wood County

For the period of: August 2025

For the range of vouchers: 30250104 - 30250113

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
30250104	UW MADISON ACCOUNTING SERVICES	Discover WI Lodging	08/12/2025	\$2,000.00	P
30250105	US BANK	August Credit Card Bill	08/26/2025	\$941.59	P
30250106	GATOR GARB PROMOTIONS INC	Discover WI Shirts	08/26/2025	\$444.84	P
30250107	HARDINGER TAMMY	StrongBodies Training	08/26/2025	\$113.40	P
30250108	BORES TRINA	August Expenses	08/26/2025	\$30.94	P
30250109	EBERLEIN BENJAMIN	August Expenses	08/26/2025	\$200.76	P
30250110	JONJAK ALLISON	August Expenses	08/26/2025	\$126.20	P
30250111	MITCHELL ANNA M	August Expenses	08/26/2025	\$104.16	P
30250112	ROMBALSKI KAYLA-ROSE	August Expenses	08/26/2025	\$249.97	P
30250113	YOUNG WENDY	August Expenses	08/26/2025	\$183.05	P
Grand Total:				\$4,394.91	

Signatures

Committee Chair: _____

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Land & Water Conservation

For the period of: August 2025

For the range of vouchers: 18250102 - 18250104

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
18250102	DAIGLE TOM	NMFE Reimbursement	08/07/2025	\$688.00	P
18250103	HUSER NATHAN	NMFE Reimbursement	08/20/2025	\$889.00	P
18250104	US BANK	Water test/field event/sockets	08/19/2025	\$589.50	
Grand Total:				\$2,166.50	

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Committee Report

County of Wood

Report of claims for: Planning & Zoning

For the period of: August 2025

For the range of vouchers: 22250048 - 22250056 38250014 - 38250017

Voucher	Vendor Name	Nature of Claim	Doc Date	Amount	Paid
22250048	HAZARD SKATE AND SPORTS	PS-Clothing Allowance	07/27/2025	\$47.34	P
22250049	BOYER KEVIN	SU-Prof Services	08/01/2025	\$1,126.67	P
22250050	RAPIDS FORD LLC	PS-Serv Other-Vehicles	07/31/2025	\$208.45	P
22250051	INDUSTRY SERVICES DIVISION	PS-Sanitary Permit Fees July	08/01/2025	\$1,800.00	P
22250052	US BANK	ED/LR Payables	08/19/2025	\$66.35	
22250053	NORTH CENTRAL WI REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	PL-Prof Serv Other	06/30/2025	\$6,000.00	
22250054	CAL'S PLUMBING SERVICE	PS-Permit Fees	08/26/2025	\$90.00	
22250055	BOYER KEVIN	SU-Prof Services Other	09/01/2025	\$1,126.66	
22250056	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	LR-Office Supplies	09/01/2025	\$210.62	
38250014	MARSHFIELD AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION INC	ED-Thrive Rural	08/04/2025	\$6,000.00	P
38250015	MAIN STREET MARSHFIELD INC	ED-Grant Funds	08/19/2025	\$18,875.00	P
38250016	WIPFLI LLP	ED-REDI Funds	08/12/2025	(Voided)	P
38250017	MARYANN LIPPERT CONSULTANT LLC	ED- REDI Funds	06/16/2025	\$930.00	
Grand Total:				\$36,481.09	

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Extension Wood County staff led, delivered, planned or collaborated on all of the following activities:

4-H POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Laura Huber, 4-H Program Educator

Trina Bores, 4-H AmeriCorps member

- Planning for a Juntos Career Pathways Programs for Youth and Families in collaboration with local school districts and technical colleges. The goal is to provide families with career pathway information and build community between families so that are better able to prepare for their students future career goals.
 - **Total Reach:** 115 youth and 67 adults

AGRICULTURE

Matt Lippert, Agriculture Educator

- An article written for dairy farmers and advisors that explores formulating diets for milk fever prevention via the negative dietary cation anion difference (DCAD) strategy. The purpose of this article is to provide the readers with background knowledge and management recommendations when feeding negative DCAD diets as a milk fever prevention strategy
 - **Total Reach:** The reach of the articles posted on the Dairy Team website is unknown at the time of reporting. The article was shared in the Team's e-newsletter which has 1700+ subscribers. A summary of this article was shared by Hoard's Dairyman in their Intel newsletter to 25,000 subscribers, posted on their social media channels, and on their website homepage.
- An article series was written for dairy farmers and advisors that explores how feed efficiency can guide decision-making, the factors that influence it, and its limitations. The purpose of this article is to support informed and strategic on-farm management related to feed efficiency data.
 - **Total Reach:** The reach of the articles posted on the Dairy Team website is unknown at the time of reporting. Four selected articles will be published in Dairy Herd Management Magazine's "Dairy Nutritionist e-Network" newsletter in the fall of 2025, shared on their website, and may also appear in their print edition. Dairy Herd Management has approximately 2,000 Dairy Nutritionist e-Network subscribers, 47,000 print subscribers, and 170,000 average monthly website views.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Kayla Rombalski, Community Development Educator

- Planning for a strategic planning meeting with "Build the Basin", a collaborative regional advancement effort in Northcentral Wisconsin, in collaboration with UW Stevens Point. The goal of this meeting is for



the group to establish a shared vision, mission, and priorities of this work in order to support entrepreneurial and placemaking efforts in the region.

- **Total Reach:** *12 planning committee members*
- Planning for a regional rural housing summit hosted in Stevens Point in collaboration with state and regional CDI educators, and local, regional, and state housing partners. The goal is to engage developers, local government, and housing practitioners around rural housing solutions and best practices in order to increase affordable workforce housing and local economies in their area.

CRANBERRIES

Allison Jonjak, Cranberry Outreach Specialist

- An updated suite of nutrient management publications is being prepared to enable cranberry farmers to reference the most up-to-date information regarding nitrogen, phosphorous, potassium, and micronutrient needs and efficiency for cranberry production. The current publication suite is from 2000 and does not address modern hybrids in sufficient depth.
- A series of 3 mini-clinics was held at the Cranberry Summer Field Day. While growers are gathered for a trade show and marsh tours, they are able to meet directly with University researchers and hear current research on weed management, protoventuria leaf spot, and physiology research including calcium supplementation and heat stress. These topics were requested by growers to meet their direct needs.

FOODWISE

Hannah Wendels, FoodWise Nutrition Educator

Mallory McGivern, FoodWise Administrator

Michelle Van Krey, Healthy Communities Coordinator

- An introductory series of StrongBodies and Tai Chi for adults who are incarcerated, where during Tai Chi they learn gentle, low-impact movements designed to improve balance, flexibility, and joint health. During StrongBodies they engage in regular, progressive strength training and health education to improve their physical and mental health and enhance social connectedness. Through both of these activities, the program helps reduce the risk of falls and empower participants to lead healthier, more active lives, fostering independence and confidence in their daily routines.
- A series of strength training sessions (StrongBodies) for adults in the community, where participants engage in regular, progressive strength training and health & nutrition education to improve their physical and mental health and enhance social connectedness.
 - **Total Reach:** *20 registered adults/older adults*
- A partnership with United Way/Hunger Coalition, FOCUS Food Pantry, and the Housing Authority of Wisconsin Rapids that provides "Stockboxes for Seniors", a monthly food box service where low-

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income seniors can receive around 25–30 pounds of nutritious foods to stock their pantry with. The goal of this partnership is to promote the boxes with community partners with the overall goal to improve food security.

- Planning for and supporting the StrongBodies volunteers in the start-up of the upcoming 12-week StrongBodies series in Pittsville. StrongBodies helps increase muscle mass, bone density, improve balance, and improves one's overall health and well-being.
- Planning for and supporting the StrongBodies volunteers in the start-up of the upcoming 11-week StrongBodies series in Nekoosa.

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Ka Zoua Thao, Bilingual (Hmong) Community Health Worker

- Bi-weekly summer meetings for Hmong youth, attending Wisconsin Rapids Area Middle School and Lincoln High School, where participants engage in healthy eating, active living, and behavioral health topics affecting their communities. This effort is designed to build a better understanding of these topics and promote advocacy for change in the Hmong community.
 - **Total Reach:** 15 youth registered, 11 attended
- An introductory series of StrongBodies and Tai Chi for adults who are incarcerated, where during Tai Chi they learn gentle, low-impact movements designed to improve balance, flexibility, and joint health. During StrongBodies they engage in regular, progressive strength training and health education to improve their physical and mental health and enhance social connectedness. Through both of these activities, the program helps reduce the risk of falls and empower participants to lead healthier, more active lives, fostering independence and confidence in their daily routines.
- A series of strength training sessions (StrongBodies) for adults in the community, where participants engage in regular, progressive strength training and health & nutrition education to improve their physical and mental health and enhance social connectedness.
 - **Total Reach:** 20 registered adults/older adults
- Building relationships and engaging with partners to address health needs with the Hmong community within Wood County.
- Ongoing one-on-one meetings with Hmong clients, where resources and referrals are made. Through these efforts, individual clients are able to receive support navigating through the healthcare and legal systems, and get connected with community resources.
 - **Total Reach:** 13 one-on-one clients
- The Hmong Women's Social Space serves as a monthly gathering for Hmong women to engage in discussions about often overlooked topics within their community. This initiative aims to foster relationships among participants and empower them to advocate for the recognition of their voices.

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- **Total Reach:** 8 participants

- Planning for a community resource enhancement effort for underserved Asian households in the Wisconsin Rapids Public School in collaboration with the local food pantry. The goal is to integrate food security resources and culturally tailored nutrition guides into the FOCUS Asian Family Backpacks, so that families feel supported in both their physical health and cultural identity.
- A tabling event for 4th and 5th grade students at Howe Elementary, where students and their parents learn about the support group that will explore emotions, coping strategies, and the importance of mental wellness, to encourage sign-ups for a student support group that fosters emotional resilience, peer connection, and lifelong habits for well-being.

- **Total Reach:** 10 Hmong families

HORTICULTURE

Janell Wehr, Horticulture Educator

- A diagnostic service for the general public, where Marathon and Wood County residents' horticultural inquiries are answered through evidence-based resources. This effort is designed to reduce pollution through horticultural product (pesticides and fertilizers) misuse.

HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS & DEVELOPMENT

Ben Eberlein, Human Development & Relationships Educator

- A coaching program for families and individuals, where participants learn how to create financial goals and gain money management skills. The goal of this program is to enable participants to prepare for and take charge of household financial situations that occur due to changes in income or unforeseen hardships.

- **Total Reach:** 1 justice-involved male participating in a substance abuse recovery program

- A coaching program for families and individuals, where participants learn how to create financial goals and gain money management skills. The goal of this program is to enable participants to prepare for and take charge of household financial situations that occur due to changes in income or unforeseen hardships.

- **Total Reach:** One 2-hour session.

- A 6-session course for renters where participants learn how to find and apply for rental housing, understand their responsibilities as a renter, how to communicate effectively with their landlords, and manage housing expenses. Through this, those with negative rental records and those new to renting are able to increase their ability to find and keep safe affordable housing, thereby increasing their stability and decreasing their reliance on public supports.

- **Total Reach:** Met with 3 individuals for 3 sessions (2 hours each).

NATURAL RESOURCES

Jen McNelly, Natural Resources Educator

Anna Mitchell, Natural Resources Educator

- A Grow & Tell field day for Farmers of the Roche-A-Cri members, agriculture industry professionals, water protection groups, and conservation professionals, where participants learned about conservation initiatives to improve the Big and Little Roche-A-Cri creeks, how sweet corn is grown, conservation practices implemented through the Healthy Grown program, food production at Nortera Foods, and using drones to seed cover crops. Through this Grow & Tell field day participants grew more connected to citizen-led organizations that are working to protect and enhance natural resources and became aware of local food systems and what farmers are doing to help protect water quality.

- **Total Reach:** 21 participants

- A prairie walk for Heartland Farms and Pheasants Forever, where native plants were identified and prairie health was discussed. This prairie walk was designed to assess the progress of the pollinator plot that was established in 2023 as part of Farmers of the Roche-A-Cri, a producer-led watershed protection group. The prairie walk also helped informed future management decisions to ensure the prairie continues developing.

- **Pictured right:** *Black-Eyed Susan (Rudbeckia hirta)* and *Spotted Bee Balm (Monarda punctata)* growing in the pollinator plot at Heartland Farms.



- Planning for a Health and Conservation Fall Summit for County Health and Land and Water Conservation Department Staff, as well as state agency representatives in collaboration with Wisconsin Land and Water. The goal is for county representatives to learn more about emerging water-related health and conservation issues, so that they can use the information from the summit to address these issues in their counties.
- Planning for a nutrient loss reduction strategy stakeholder roundtable event for agricultural producers, partners and agency representatives in collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Land and Water, and UW-Madison Division of Extension. The goal is for stakeholders to come together at a one-day event to discuss nutrient loss reduction strategy actions that can help inform and guide an updated state nutrient loss reduction strategy.
- Facilitation of monthly meetings of the Wood County Citizen Water Groups, where stakeholders meet to discuss ways to implement their annual action plan, learn about water related issues in Wood County,



plan events and activities, update each other on work being done in Wood County, and identify new collaborations for future work/projects.

- **Total Reach:** *15 Citizen Members of the Wood County Citizen Water Group*



Wood County, Wisconsin LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT

Activities Report for Barb Peeters - August 2025

- Reviewed final 2026 LWCD budget figures/data for all LWCD budgets (Land & Water, DATCP, Wildlife, Nonmetallic Mining, MDV, Mill Creek, Surface Water, LMPN, ARPA grant funds). Submitted additional estimated 2025 LWCD budget information breakdown requested by Deputy Finance Director.
- Reprinted wildlife damage general ledger after working with I.T. to have missing Wildlife copy charges included in reports for the second quarter 2025 reimbursement request to the WiDNR.
- Worked with Engineer Technician and landowner to determine final head count for the LWCD Field Day event on August 12th and submitted final tally to caterer.
- Drafted order forms and product descriptions for the 2026 tree/shrub sale and 2026 wildflower/seed sale.
- Notified by county treasurer dept. of three checks that haven't been cashed to date; contacted all three landowners/vendors (checks issued in January 2025, April 2025 and May 2025). One check was never received so check was reissued.
- Attended August 6th CEED committee meeting in person.
- Scheduled, created agenda, attended and took minutes at August 6th and 28th staff meetings.
- Downloaded the DATCP monthly report for August and shared with LWCD staff.
- Assisted LWCD staff with cleaning Forestry shed after summer intern left numerous items laying around the shed from the LWCD vehicle that he cleaned prior to internship ending.
- Prepped for Keuffer grazing tour and obtained supplies for event.
- Processed reimbursements for Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE) as received. Wood County is the financial manager for the DATCP NMFE Grant in 2025 and responsible for processing reimbursements to class attendees for Wood, Marathon, Taylor, Clark, Portage and Lincoln counties.
- Assisted with development of a LWCD summary flyer for distribution at the Nepco Centennial Bash on August 16th.
- Generated cost share contract for whole-house reverse osmosis system (R. & J. Millard)
- Worked with the owner/CEO of Hauke Honey to draft information for the flyer for the visit to Hauka Honey on the CEED Fall Tour. It will be an interesting stop on the tour!
- Processed Biron Quarry nonmetallic mine permit fee and violation fee (for failure to obtain a reclamation permit prior to beginning mining per Wood County Ordinance 802.16(1).
- Assisted with set-up, lunch and take down for Keuffer Grazing Tour on August 12th. Attendees enjoyed the unique tour that showcased the best management practices Luke Keuffer has installed on his land including a managed rotational grazing system, stream crossing (on Rock Creek), and a solar watering system (designed by our own Kyle Andreae/Engineer Technician and the only one like it in the state of Wisconsin). Several partnering agencies (from NRCS, Chippewa County Land Conservation, Marathon County Land & Water, etc.) attended the event to learn more about the solar watering system design which Kyle might be presenting at the WI Land+Water Convention in March 2026.
- Shared Wellness Committee August updates with LWCD staff.
- Attended Canva training class in Merrill on August 13th. It was very beneficial training and a great opportunity provided free of charge through the WI Land + Water organization and arranged by Kirstie Heidenreich, Marathon County Conservationist. Our department utilizes a "pro" Canva license provided free of charge through WI Land+Water (annual pro account price is \$120.00). Canva is a graphic design platform used to create visual content for presentations, flyers, signs, etc. Started on a draft of the 2025 LWCD annual report using the Canva program.
- Received notification of DATCP 2026 Preliminary Allocations on 8/13/25 which reflect an increase in grant monies as follows: Staff & Support Grant – increase from \$167,730 in 2025 to \$202,581 in 2026 as well as an increase in structural (bond) grant funds from \$50,000 in 2025 to \$54,800 in 2026. Entered revised revenues in budget and worked with finance to reconfigure 2026 LWCD payroll allocations. The revised 2026 LWCD budget will result in a decrease in LWCD tax levy from +5.25% (as approved by CEED committee on 8/6/25) to revised LWCD 2026 tax levy of +0.91%. Printed reports and added to agenda for the Sept. 3rd CEED meeting to approve revised 2026 LWCD budget.
- Attended the North Central Area Land & Water Conservation Association Summer Tour and Meeting in Merrill on August 15th. Very informative event where we observed a wetland restoration project and discussed the design, installation and maintenance of the project; toured Copper River Cranberry to discuss bog operations and highlight irrigation systems

NRCS assisted with; visited the Merrill School Forest building (with presentation on their focus of teaching students about conservation) and visited a 12-acre nonmetallic mine that was recently reclaimed by Milestone Materials.

- Reviewed 2026 LWCD budget after payroll allocations were corrected; reprinted reports and submitted to Finance.
- Attended the EPPIC farm tour at Rock Ridge Orchards on August 20th. Working with EPPIC (Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation), Rock Ridge has adopted the use of both cover crops and pollinators into their orchard system, which is very unique for that industry.
- Processed payments for rental of no-till drill as received and took calls to reserve the no-till drill.
- Completed LWCD payroll percentages and forwarded to Finance prior to the August 7th and 21st payrolls.
- Reviewed payroll reports and verified distribution by accounts/department.
- Reviewed drafts of two surface water grant applications for the Fourmile Creek Watershed that Kendra is writing for 2026 and provided input/feedback.
- Processed department invoices/vouchers and deposits weekly for submission to the Treasurer/Finance.
- Organized County Board packet materials and electronically submitted to the County Clerk's office.
- Ordered department supplies and processed invoices/payments.
- Worked with I.T. regarding options and logistics for a LWCD cell phone as we are exploring the pro's/cons of an office cell phone to communicate with landowners/farmers. We're seeing a trend of customers preferring to text and most LWCD staff don't utilize the \$30.00 monthly reimbursement for a personal phone with a data plan used to conduct county business (per Wood County policy) and prefer not to give our personal cell phone for work purposes (currently only Shane and Rod receive the monthly stipend).
- Notified by tree nursery of increase in price for one species of tree for the 2026 sale. Reconfigured pricing and updated draft of the 2026 tree order form.
- Processed deposit of nonmetallic mine review fees as received.
- Assisted Conservation Program Coordinator with mailing Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program enrollment applications to landowners.
- Served as point of contact for LWCD staff while County Conservationist was out of the office Aug. 1, 4, 8, 14, 18, 19, 22, 25.
- Notified I.T. of issues with computer and phone access due to intermittent outages on Aug. 14, 19, 25 and for over half of the day on August 26th resulting in staff leaving work or working remotely with very limited access to shared files. All River Block phones and computers were out of commission during the outages.
- Uploaded information for Albert Acres' Demo Trials Field Day being held on October 7th to LWCD website and sent flyer electronically to the Wisconsin Land+Water distribution groups.
- Electronically submitted staff reports/packet materials to the County Clerk's office for the CEED meeting packet.

Activities Report for Emily Salvinski

-August 2025-

- **Thursday, August 7.** Assisted with Lake Wazeecha survey for aquatic invasives. Processed new to us nutrient management plan.
- **Wednesday, August 13.** Hand entered soil test results from pdf into snap plus for farmer. Emailed back and forth for clarification. Took soil test report from snapplus and processed it for reimbursement thru the Nutrient Management Farmer Education grant from DATCP.
- **Thursday, August 14.** Took streamflow measurements at 6 locations in southeast Wood Co. Entered results into DNR's database called SWIMS and our files. Attended online badger crop connect.
- **Friday, August 15.** Used snap plus to plug in information and create different scenarios for reduction information. Added that to GIS. Reviewed a nutrient management plan. Question came in from farmer on how to get fertilizer recommendation from snap plus so prepared fertilizer information using snapplus, took screenshots and forwarded.
- **Tuesday, August 19.** Worked as a group with the help of UW Extension with a farmer on his nutrient management plan using the latest version of Snapplus.
- **Wednesday, August 20.** Attended an Eau Pleine Partnership for Integrated Conservation group's farm tour at Rock Ridge Orchard to see the conservation practices they implemented and how they run their orchard, which included a lot of pest management.
- **Thursday, August 21.** Took samples from 4 set locations throughout the Mill Creek watershed to be tested at Agsource for total phosphorus and total suspended solids as part of a long term project related to the 9 Key Element Plan.

Activities Report for Kyle Andreae – August, 2025

- August 1 – Krohn design
- August 4 – Krohn design
- August 5 – Krohn design
- August 6 – Krohn design, staff meeting, Keuffer grazing tour prep
- August 7 – Krohn design, Cherney site visit
- August 8 – Lippert design
- August 11 – Lippert design
- August 12 – Keuffer grazing tour
- August 13 – Lippert design, Hayden site visit
- August 14 – Lippert design
- August 15 – NCLWCA tour
- August 18 – Lippert design
- August 19 – Staff meeting, Technical Committee meeting
- August 20 – EPPIC Field day, Cohort meeting, DNR meeting
- August 21 – Lippert design, Dupee design
- August 22 – Cutler site visit, Hayden site visit, Dupee site visit
- August 25 – Dupee design
- August 26 – Lippert design
- August 27 – Lippert design, No-till Drill assessment and transport
- August 28 – Lippert design
- August 29 – Lippert design



Activities Report for Kendra Wilhelm – August 2025

- Coordinated the use and transport of the no-till drill for 4 operators.
 - This consists of answering questions via phone, managing the schedule of the no-till drill, and transporting the no-till drill to renters.
- Created pressed plant specimens from both native and invasive plants to use at future educational events as visuals.
- Watched the recording of the July Lakes & Rivers Partnership meeting.
- Attended a webinar called “Is AIS Spread Inevitable? Fact or Fiction.”
- Attended the August Lakes & Rivers Partnership Meeting which focused on watersheds and surface waters.
- Met with Roths to discuss potential harvestable buffers they will plant this fall.
 - Mapped the rough acreage and differentiated whether surface water grant, ARPA or a combination of both funds will be used for each field.
- Met with Caleb Armstrong from Marathon County to finalize the flyer for the field day at Dustin Albert’s on October 7th.
- Participated in the August 6th staff meeting.
- Assisted Barb and Kyle with preparations for the Grazing Tour at Luke Keuffer’s.
- Replenished Nepco Lake’s Clean Boats Clean Waters watercraft inspectors with needed supplies to get them through Labor Day Weekend.
- Entered Clean Boats Clean Waters data into the SWIMS database on August 6th and August 27th.
- Reviewed WI Land + Water’s Climate Resiliency Toolkit.
- Hosted Snapshot Day at Lake Wazeecha – Snapshot Day is an annual statewide one-day event in educating volunteers to search for aquatic invasive species.
 - Eight volunteers participated this year.
 - One new aquatic invasive species was found in Lake Wazeecha.
 - All data was uploaded to the appropriate databases.
- Attended and assisted with the Grazing Tour at Luke Keuffer’s.
- Attended a Canva workshop in Merrill (hosted by the North Central Land and Water Area Association).
- Completed Dexter and Wazeecha water quality sampling for the month of August.
- Attended the North Central Land and Water Area Association tour in Merrill (hosted by Lincoln County).
- Attended the Nepco Lake District Annual Meeting.
- Attended the Citizens Water Group August Meeting.
- Attended the Nepco Lake District August Board Meeting.
- Worked on the Lake Monitoring & Protection Network grant application for 2026.
- Wrote and shared an article with the Nepco Lake District to share with parcel owners regarding the Nepco Lake shoreland assessment survey.
 - The survey was completed on August 25th and 26th in partnership with Portage County Land & Water Conservation Department as an effort to gather baseline information within the Nepco Lake Catchment Area.
- Updated the list/emails of teachers that get an email blast about the Wood County Conservation Poster Contest.
 - Emailed 335 educators about the poster contest. Received responses from 10 educators requesting lessons and/or additional information.
- Transported the no-till drill from Arpin to Wisconsin Rapids.
- Began writing two surface water comprehensive planning grants for Nepco Lake and the Fourmile Creek Watershed. The focus will be on water quality testing to establish baseline data and identify areas of protection and restoration.
- Attended a field day at Rock Ridge Orchard hosted by EPPIC.
- Talked to producers via phone regarding cost-sharing for cover crops.

- Attended a Fourmile Creek Watershed planning meeting with staff from stakeholder groups along with a producer within the watershed.
 - Met with Jen McNelly before the meeting to discuss the surface water grants narrative and budget.
- Participated in the August 28th staff meeting.
- Visited the field of K. Eastling with Kyle to discuss the potential installation of a grassed waterway.
- Assisted Rod with a non-metallic mine vegetative survey.

Activities Report for Rod Mayer – AUGUST 2025

- Mine exemption info & correspondence Sent to Schooley for pond build. Review and issuance of exemption – letter, file update, spreadsheet update, met with landowner.
- Bohon Apiary assistance. Set up file, input Wood Co. hive locations, create enrolment in database, met with Bohon and distributed supplies for 5 apiary fences for bear abatement. Create/update apiary inventory listing. Sent to DNR.
- Act 82 enrollments. Map enrolled lands, calculate acres (gross & huntable), create enrollment and permit applications, obtain signatures, update to database, confirm deer damage, send to DNR for tag issuance.
For the following crop owners in August: Dupee, Knuth, Ed Kollross, Saratoga Cranberry, Wayerski, Sawyer, Scheunemann, Behrend, Bymers, Spreeman, Vobora.
- Raikowski managed wildlife damage enrollment for claims. Map lands for public access, calculate acres, enrollment/permit form, signatures, update database, sent to DNR.
- Review Ron Bohn 48th mine plan for reclamation. Correspondence for Bohn questions. Site visit to assess vegetation currently at – advised Bohn. Created photo document – sent to DNR for update.
- Weichert correspondence for moving stockpile and DNR compliance – wetland evaluation.
- Conversion of digital files from Earth to input into GIS system for Biron mine site map boundaries and wetlands. Calculate disturbed acres. Sent fee and financial assurance amounts to Earth.
- Completed 2nd ¼ Wildlife Damage & Abatement Program reimbursement report (21 pages) – sent to DNR for payment.
- Staff meeting 8-6-25
- Records request sent to earth for example CH 30 – joint jurisdiction reclamation plan.
- Vruwink contact to explain wildlife program and options.
- Attended grazing tour at Keuffers.
- Town of Dexter correspondence for Knott pond. Additional correspondence with landowner.
- Informed Earth public notice timeline completed, review financial assurance, permit fee, created permit, permit letter, created site on mining software, update permit spreadsheet, update permit binder, issue email, mail laminate permit and approval letter, etc.
- Met with Jon Gust – over concerns/questions on the Mathy Marshfield joint jurisdiction mine site reclamation plan.
- Deer donation 2025. Research, contacted OMG Butchering, J&S Butchering, Pittsville Meats and set up enrollment packets. Sent for signatures. Contacted St. Vincent DePaul and PANS for pantrys to receive donated venison – sent info packets.
- Draft 1 review of new mine site (132 pages) – Milestone Dupee site. Created review, went over with Shane, typed review for additions needed to plan and clarifications – sent to Mathy.
- DNR correspondence for possible Peat mine in Wood county.
- DNR stormwater correspondence for possible change in Earth Biron discharge.
- Contact to Nowak for possible fish farm pond dredge exemption info.



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OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING

TO: Conservation, Education & Economic Development Committee

FR: Jason Grueneberg, Planning & Zoning Director
Emily Arndt, County Planner
Paul Bernard, Land Records Coordinator
Brad Cook, Code Administrator
Kayla Rautio, Code Technician
Victoria Wilson, Program Assistant
Julie Mancl, Program Assistant

RE: Staff Report for

1. Economic Development (Jason Grueneberg)

Central Wisconsin Economic Development Fund (CWED) – On August 20th I participated in a CWED Strategic Planning session. The session is typically held every 2 years to discuss priorities and entertain suggestions on other areas where the fund can promote economic development in the region.

Triangle Development – As you are likely aware, the County and the City of Wisconsin Rapids approved a development agreement this past month for the Triangle Block. Leading up to the approvals I participated in meetings and correspondence that put the finishing touches on the agreement. Now that the agreement is approved, I will be participating in the team effort of following through with implementing the development that is outlined in the agreement.

Broadband – I continue to observe how the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) grant cycle plays out. Wood County endorsed the application for Frontier Communications to provide fiber to underserved Broadband Serviceable locations in the Marshfield area. In that same area, 2 other providers submitted applications to provide broadband through fixed wireless or satellite. The Public Service Commission has reviewed the application and will make a recommendation to the federal National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) – In September I will be meeting with NCWRPC staff to discuss the Wood County work program for 2026. The work program will outline the projects that the Plan Commission works on for the County and municipalities in the year ahead

2. Planning & Zoning (Emily Arndt)

1. Returned from Maternity Leave on August 18, 2025
2. Catching up on emails from maternity leave
3. Connected with Town of Rock for a status check on their ordinance update.
4. Scheduled a meeting with the Town of Rock regarding their comp plan.
5. Working through review and approval of CSMs.
6. Continued working with staff to ensure that questions are answered in a proficient manner.

3. Land Records (Paul Bernard)

- Parcel Mapping
- Address Mapping
- Designing new Land Records Viewer Web Mapping Application
- Integrating City of Marshfield Permits into our GIS
- Scanning in old Section Summaries – a subset of survey records that has not yet been scanned in

4. **Code Administrator (Brad Cook)**

8-1-2025- (2) new conv inspection TN: 18, V: 27, (1) new replacement mound insp TN:04, (1) mound plow insp TN: 20 answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

8-4-2025-(5) well permits reviewed and issued TN: 07, 15, 18, 25, 27, (1) new conv insp TN: 07, (1) new mound abs cell & tanks insp TN: 20, (1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for new mound TN: 21, answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

8-5-2025- (2) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for rep HT and rep mound TN: 09, 12, answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

8-6-2025- (2) mound plow insp TN: 01,16, answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

8-7-2025- (1) mound abs cell insp TN:01, answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

8-8-2025- (2) well permits reviewed and issued TN: 02, 17, (1) mound abs cell & tanks insp TN: 01, answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

8-9-2025- (1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for new conv TN: 07, (1) tanks insp TN: 01, answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

8-11-2025- (1) mound plow, abs cell, tank insp TN: 10, (1) mound plow insp TN: 02, answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

8-12-2025- (1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for new mound TN: 02, (1) mound insp TN: 02, answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

8-13-2025- (2) HS letters written and sent to owner TNL 03, 07, (1) well permit reviewed and issued, (1) mound plow insp TN 03: answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

8-14-2025-(1) mound abs cell insp TN 03, (1) HS Complaint Onsite TN: 03 04, answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

8-15-2025- (1) mound tanks insp TN:03, TN:01, , answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

8-18-2025- (1) POWTS DSPS meeting, answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

8-19-2025- (2) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for rep & new HT TN: 12, 17 answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL

8-20-2025- (3) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for new mound & HT TN: 10, 12,15, answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

8-21-2025- (1) new conv inspection TN: 14, answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

8-22-25- (2) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for rep HT TN:06, 18, (2) well permits reviewed and issued TN: 07,18, answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

8-25-2025- (1) Reviewed soils, plan review, issued permit for new mound TN: 22, answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

8-26-2025- (2) new HT insp TN: 11, 14, answer phone calls and inquires with POWTS, SL, FL.

5. Code Technician (Kayla Rautio)

- A. Reviewed and approved POWTS & well permit applications
- B. Completed inspection reports
- C. Sent Holding Tank Agreement letters
- D. Assisted with daily phone calls/emails/office questions
- E. Reviewed POWTS codes
- F. Processed name change with HR/DSPS licenses/Notary Public
- G. Inspections/Investigations:
 - 8-6-25: Mound plow inspection TN: 01; Well inspection TN: 01
 - 8-7-25: Mound reinspection TN: 01
 - 8-8-25: Mound tanks inspection TN: 01
 - 8-19-25: Conventional inspection TN: 07
 - 8-21-25: Holding tank inspection TN: 03
 - 8-26-25: Conventional inspection TN: 27; Well inspection TN: 27
 - 8-27-25: Conventional inspection TN: 27; Well inspection TN: 27
- H. Attended Meetings/Trainings/Etc.
 - 8-26-25: Well & POWTS GIS project meeting

6. Office Activity (Victoria Wilson & Julie MancI)

- a. Monthly Sanitary and Well Permit Activity – There were 18 sanitary permits, 21 well permits issued, 2 CSMs reviewed, and 2 CSMs recorded in August 2025.
- b. ArcGIS Pro Software Project – Julie continues to assist Paul with various GIS mapping projects.
- c. Budget – Victoria reviewed the budget parameters for 2026 and worked with Finance, Jason and Paul to update and promote the 2026 budget to Finance.
- d. CEED Tour – Victoria worked with Land and Water Conservation, UW Extension, Pizza Ranch, Lamer's, Jason, and various others, to plan the stops and create the flyer for this year's CEED Tour.

e. Attended the following meetings/trainings & activities:

- i. August 6th CEED meeting (VW & JM)
- ii. August 13th Grant review meeting (JM)

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MISSION and PURPOSE STATEMENT

Our statewide mission is to help the people of Wisconsin apply University research, knowledge and resources to meet their educational needs wherever they live or work. Wood County Extension supports the state mission by providing county residents with local opportunities to access University research, knowledge and resources.

Our statewide purpose is that we teach, learn, lead and serve, connecting people with the University of Wisconsin, and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities.

PROGRAMS/SERVICES

The faculty and academic staff of the Wood County office provide local educational programs in the following major program areas: Agriculture, Community Development, Youth & Family Development and Health and Wellbeing. In addition, the office provides county residents with local access to a variety of university publications and programs.

Agriculture and Horticulture

The Agricultural Educators provide local programs in cranberry production, dairy production, forage and farm management including profitability, production, management, marketing and natural resource protection.

In addition, local programs in livestock, grain and vegetable crops are provided to Wood County residents by faculty based in seven counties through a multi-county agent specialization agreement.

Horticulture assistance is provided by a Horticulture Educator to assist homeowners and commercial operations through one-on-one assistance, classes, and media releases. The Educator also provides support and training for the Master Gardener members who in turn provide volunteer assistance to local communities.

Natural Resources

Natural Resource Educators (NREs) are providing leadership on nutrient reduction and water quality projects across the state. Key efforts include outreach to increase local capacity to reduce nonpoint source pollution in the Lower Fox, Wisconsin, St. Croix, Red Cedar and Rock River watersheds and the Lower Fox River Demo Farm Network initiative. Projects are carried out in collaboration with federal, state and local partners as well as producer-led watershed initiatives.

The positions based in Wood County work regionally to support farmer-led watershed projects and other landowners to improve surface water and ground water quality in the area.

Community Development Educator

The Community Development Educator provides local programs in:

- Economic Development, focusing on broadband, childcare, community, and workforce development
- Strategic planning with diverse audiences
- Local government education and support

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Current projects and focus areas have been realized through supporting Wood County with organizing and implementing the REDI plan, childcare task force, broadband development, Pittsville economic planning and other related initiatives.

Human Development and Relationships Education

The Human Development and Relationships Educator provides local programs aimed at:

- Creating strong families by enhancing family relationships, parenting, child development and the institutions that promote family well-being.
- Promoting healthy, well-nourished families as they learn to manage food dollars, plan nutritious meals, and purchase, prepare, and serve food that is safe to eat.
- Helping families meet future needs while keeping pace with day-to-day expenses and addressing the basics of earning, spending, saving, and health care.

FoodWise

The FoodWise Educator provides nutrition education to limited resource individuals and families in the areas of dietary quality, food safety and food resource management. Currently, FoodWise serves primarily youth and seniors in a variety of locations throughout the county. The FoodWise Educator position was completely funded through federal and state funds. The current landscape has shifted to the County to prioritize health and wellbeing of youth and adults.

4-H Youth Development

4-H Youth Development personnel provide local programs in leadership development, citizenship, prevention education for youth, community service, career education, and hands-on educational opportunities in a variety of focused topics. We develop 4-H clubs as part of youth development and work with volunteers to put on youth events such as the Junior Fair, Creative Arts Day, and 4-H Camps.

4-H Youth Development personnel work with community coalitions in addressing issues of youth development. Working with the “asset building” approach to positive youth development, we organize people around strategies for improving community support for young people.

University Publications and Programs

Wood County Extension strives to provide relevant accurate information to Wood County residents through personal assistance, telephone assistance, classes, workshops (both in person and online), along with newspaper articles and radio programs. Programs are tailored to meet the needs of the Wood County community.

Wood County Extension also provides soil testing and water quality analysis to residents. Agents provide education and assistance to residents in properly interpreting and acting on the results of such tests.

Are programs mandated?

University Extension at the county level is not specifically mandated. However, Extension personnel carry out several mandated programs affecting Wood County residents such as: pesticide applicator training, tractor safety certification and Youth Meat Animal Quality Assurance. Without Extension providing these services, the county may need to find another

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county department to provide the service or contract with an external partner.

How programs are funded

County educators are funded by both the county and the state, while some are funded entirely by the County via the support of the Conservation, Education and Economic Development Committee. Support Staff professionals are also funded by the county.

Educators that are co-funded by the state are charged out on a flat fee, pay for service agreement which is approved annually.

Prioritization of programs

Continually the oversight committee (CEED) gives Extension direction on which program areas they wish to continue to support. Also they, CEED, have continued their support our expanding of programming opportunities wherever possible.

Impact of programs on other programs. Impact of cutbacks or discontinuation of a program.

The Health and Wellbeing Educator uses evidence-based strategies to support increased knowledge around lifestyle choices that reduce risk for chronic disease, along with increased opportunities to gain access to healthy foods and be physically active. The Health and Wellbeing Educator provided nutrition education to more than 500 people in Wood County alone in FY2024. There is no other agency that provides this education.

The Community Development Educator currently provides strategic planning and organizational development training to other County Departments. Supporting local government (towns associations, county board) through education and support is also the focus of this educator. This position has taken primary lead on implementation of the Rural Economic Development Initiative which includes broadband, housing, and childcare initiatives. Clean Sweep is also implemented by the Community Development Educator. These services would not be available if this program were discontinued.

Discontinuing the 4-H program would result in the loss of educational services for youth by over 700 adult volunteers. Over 1,000 youth would not gain important life skills through the 4-H program each year. A major portion of the Central Wisconsin State Fair, the Junior Fair, would not occur if this program were discontinued.

Discontinuing the Agricultural program would result in the loss of services from other county agents from surrounding counties and state specialists, would result in the loss of the Master Gardener training program and over 2,200 hours of public service each year by the Master Gardeners. Discontinuing this program would result in the loss of a newsletter to cranberry growers during the growing season that helps them utilize effective management techniques and reduce the amount of pesticides and fertilizers used.

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Discontinuing the Human Development and Relationships area would result in the loss of quality, research based, programming in the areas of financial security, parenting, health and nutrition, food safety and consumer health decisions. An important resource in county initiatives such as homelessness, childhood obesity, mental health, and adult health would be discontinued if this program were cut.

The Natural Resource Educators support farmer-led and community efforts to improve surface and groundwater quality. They also support the county's Land and Water Management Plan. Discontinuing these positions would impact efforts to improve water quality in the county.

Impact of program expenditure cuts on program revenues.

Choosing not to fund the Health and Wellbeing Educator will have a significant impact on nutrition education in our County. Families and children will not have access to hands-on lessons that make healthy eating and active living easier. Not funding this educator will also result in the loss of the Strong Bodies Program which is currently the most significant program in our County for elderly mobility.

Cutting any of the county educator positions would result in the loss of federal and state funding for these positions.

Cutting the Horticulture program would result in the loss of Master Gardener grants used for public service projects.

Cutting the Human Development and Relationships Educator position would result in the loss of Parenting Newsletter grants, and loss of Home and Community Educator projects and funds.

Cutting the 4-H and Youth Development position would result in the loss of 4-H Leaders Association funds used for youth projects in Wood County.

The University of Wisconsin–Madison Division of Extension provides equal opportunities in employment and programming in compliance with state and federal law.

2026 Budget Narrative and Analysis

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FTE'S – The 2026 budget proposes a .8 FTE for Health and Wellbeing that focuses on nutrition education for the County. The position is a State Extension Employee.

EXPENDITURES - Increase primarily due to personnel services and educator contracted services increasing this year. Significant effort went into lowering office expenses to address this increase in the State contract.

Personnel Services - Increased 4.87% due to hourly wage and benefits increases

Contractual Services - Increase of 23.5%

Professional Services Proposal for a (new) .8 FTE County-funded Educator. Increased due to a 3% increase in co-funded educator fees (from \$47,634 to \$49,063 per FTE) and a 5% for fully funded county positions. In addition, the budget includes funding for 1 AmeriCorps member at a total cost of \$5,000. Lastly, the \$10,000 first educator discount remains.

Supplies & Expense Expenditures – General Supplies & Expenses increased about 1%.

Fixed Charges - Are essentially unchanged from 2025 (increased less than 0.2%)

Debt Services - N/A \$0

Capital Outlay – N/A \$0

Other Financing – N/A \$0

REVENUE: State support for postage will remain unchanged and program revenue is expected to be approximately the same as 2025.

UW Extension Project Accounts (non-levy): No change from 2025

TAX LEVY projected: Increased by 15%

- Increase is due to personnel services and educator contracted services.



Department Operating Budget Summary

2026 Budget Summary						
Department: 30 - UWEX	3001 - UWEX	3004 - UWEX- Project Accounts	3005 - UWEX- Farm Technology Days	2026 Total	Change %	Change \$
Revenue / Funding Source						
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	0	28,078		28,078	+53.62%	9,800
46 - Public Charges for Services	0	58,700		58,700	0.00%	0
48 - Miscellaneous Revenues		0		0	0.00%	0
Total Operating Revenues	0	86,778		86,778	+12.73%	9,800
Revenue / Funding Source Total	0	86,778		86,778	+12.73%	9,800
Expense / Expenditure						
100 - Personnel Services	135,683			135,683	+4.87%	6,302
200 - Contractual Services	423,673		0	423,673	+23.58%	80,827
300 - Supplies and Expense	26,750	95,380		122,130	-2.44%	(3,050)
500 - Fixed Charges	36,575			36,575	+0.13%	48
Total Operating Expenditures	622,681	95,380	0	718,061	+13.27%	84,127
Expense / Expenditure Total	622,681	95,380	0	718,061	+13.27%	84,127
Beginning Carryover						
Ending Carryover						
30 - UWEX Total	622,681	8,602	0	631,283	+13.35%	74,327



Department Operating Budget Summary

2026 Budget Summary	
	2025 Budget
	18,278
	58,700
	0
	76,978
	76,978
	129,381
	342,846
	125,180
	36,527
	633,935
	633,935
	556,957



Department Operating Budget Summary

	2025 Budget Summary			
<u>Department: 30 - UWEX</u>	3001 - UWEX	3004 - UWEX- Project Accounts	3005 - UWEX- Farm Technology Days	2025 Budget
Revenue / Funding Source				
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	0	18,278		18,278
46 - Public Charges for Services	0	58,700		58,700
48 - Miscellaneous Revenues		0		0
Total Operating Revenues	0	76,978		76,978
Revenue / Funding Source Total	0	76,978		76,978
Expense / Expenditure				
100 - Personnel Services	129,381			129,381
200 - Contractual Services	342,846		0	342,846
300 - Supplies and Expense	29,800	95,380		125,180
500 - Fixed Charges	36,527			36,527
Total Operating Expenditures	538,555	95,380	0	633,935
Expense / Expenditure Total	538,555	95,380	0	633,935
Beginning Carryover				
Ending Carryover				
30 - UWEX Total	538,555	18,402	0	556,957



Department Operating Budget Detail

With Previous Year Comparison and Annual Estimate

	2026 Budget	% Change	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Estimate
30 - UWEX					
3001 - UWEX					
<u>Revenue / Funding Source</u>					
3001-43571 - State Grants-UW Extension					
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	0	0.00%	0	0	2,688
43-000 - Intergovernmental Revenues	0	0.00%	0	0	2,688
3001-43571 - State Grants-UW Extension Total	0	0.00%	0	0	2,688
3001-46772 - UW-Extension Project Revenue					
46 - Public Charges for Services	0	0.00%	0	0	
46-000 - Public Charges for Services	0	0.00%	0	0	
3001-46772 - UW-Extension Project Revenue Total	0	0.00%	0	0	
Revenue / Funding Source Total	0	0.00%	0	0	2,688
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>					
3001-55620 - UW-Extension					
100 - Personnel Services	135,683	+4.87%	129,381	77,587	129,980
101 - Wages-Permanent	76,579	+5.05%	72,896	41,723	72,896
107 - Sick Leave	3,237	+5.05%	3,081	2,887	3,081
108 - Vacation	4,695	+5.05%	4,469	3,895	4,469
109 - Holiday	2,683	+5.05%	2,554	1,323	2,554
110 - Funeral/Jury/Other	0	0.00%	0	599	599
120 - FICA	6,670	+5.05%	6,350	3,411	6,350
130 - Health Insurance	29,384	+5.00%	27,984	18,297	27,984
132 - Post Employment Benefits	1,744	+5.05%	1,660	932	1,660
133 - Vision Insurance	156	0.00%	156	102	156
134 - Dental Insurance	668	-22.90%	867	437	867
140 - Life Insurance	30	0.00%	30	20	30
151 - Retirement	6,278	+8.83%	5,769	3,282	5,769
160 - Worker's Compensation	58	-10.91%	66	40	66
172 - Training / Conference / CPE	3,500	0.00%	3,500	639	3,500
200 - Contractual Services	423,673	+23.58%	342,846	162,036	342,846
214 - Prof Serv-Printing	1,000	0.00%	1,000	0	1,000
219 - Prof Serv-Other	415,713	+24.27%	334,536	157,234	334,536
221 - Utility Service-Cellphone / Telephone	2,500	0.00%	2,500	1,596	2,500
230 - R/M Serv-PC Replacement	4,460	-7.28%	4,810	3,207	4,810
300 - Supplies and Expense	26,750	-10.23%	29,800	11,856	26,750
311 - Office Supplies	2,250	-18.18%	2,750	952	2,500
312 - Copy Expense	2,000	-11.11%	2,250	953	2,000
313 - Postage	1,500	-25.00%	2,000	723	1,500
321 - Publications	500	-33.33%	750	30	500
322 - Educational Materials	1,500	0.00%	1,500	987	1,500
325 - Dues & Subscriptions	300	0.00%	300	271	300
327 - Computer Supplies	750	-25.00%	1,000	142	1,000



Department Operating Budget Detail

With Previous Year Comparison and Annual Estimate

	2026 Budget	% Change	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Estimate
328 - Dues	750	-25.00%	1,000	355	750
330 - Other Travel	0	0.00%	0	0	
331 - Mileage	14,000	-6.67%	15,000	6,095	13,500
332 - Meals	750	0.00%	750	230	750
333 - Lodging / Hotels	1,000	0.00%	1,000	970	1,000
334 - Volunteer Mileage	50	-50.00%	100	0	50
335 - Rental Car / Fuel	100	0.00%	100	0	100
336 - Parking	100	0.00%	100	94	100
346 - OperSup&Exp-Other	1,200	0.00%	1,200	54	1,200
500 - Fixed Charges	36,575	+0.13%	36,527	24,218	36,527
511 - Insurance-Liability	3,199	+1.52%	3,151	2,101	3,151
531 - Rent-Interdepartment	33,176	0.00%	33,176	22,117	33,176
535 - Leases-Equipment	0	0.00%	0	0	
539 - Inactive	200	0.00%	200	0	200
3001-55620 - UW-Extension Total	622,681	+15.62%	538,555	275,698	536,103
Expense / Expenditure Total	622,681	+15.62%	538,555	275,698	536,103
3001 - UWEX Total	622,681	+15.62%	538,555	275,698	533,415

3004 - UWEX-Project Accounts

Revenue / Funding Source

3004-43571 - State Grants-UW Extension					
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	28,078	+53.62%	18,278	1,344	18,278
43-000 - Intergovernmental Revenues	28,078	+53.62%	18,278	1,344	18,278
3004-43571 - State Grants-UW Extension Total	28,078	+53.62%	18,278	1,344	18,278
3004-46772 - UW-Extension Project Revenue					
46 - Public Charges for Services	58,700	0.00%	58,700	56,604	58,700
46-000 - Public Charges for Services	58,700	0.00%	58,700	56,604	58,700
3004-46772 - UW-Extension Project Revenue Total	58,700	0.00%	58,700	56,604	58,700
3004-48300 - Property Sales					
48 - Miscellaneous Revenues	0	0.00%	0	0	
48-000 - Miscellaneous Revenues	0	0.00%	0	0	
3004-48300 - Property Sales Total	0	0.00%	0	0	
Revenue / Funding Source Total	86,778	+12.73%	76,978	57,948	76,978

Expense / Expenditure

3004-55660 - UW-Extension Projects					
300 - Supplies and Expense	95,380	0.00%	95,380	60,155	119,380
341 - Operating Supplies & Expense	10,000	0.00%	10,000	22,391	34,000
346 - OperSup&Exp-Other	85,380	0.00%	85,380	37,764	85,380
3004-55660 - UW-Extension Projects Total	95,380	0.00%	95,380	60,155	119,380
Expense / Expenditure Total	95,380	0.00%	95,380	60,155	119,380



Department Operating Budget Detail

With Previous Year Comparison and Annual Estimate

	2026 Budget	% Change	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Estimate
3004 - UWEX-Project Accounts Total	8,602	-53.26%	18,402	2,207	42,402
3005 - UWEX-Farm Technology Days					
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>					
3005-55661 - Farm Technology Days					
200 - Contractual Services	0	0.00%	0	0	
219 - Prof Serv-Other	0	0.00%	0	0	
3005-55661 - Farm Technology Days	0	0.00%	0	0	
Total					
Expense / Expenditure Total	0	0.00%	0	0	
3005 - UWEX-Farm Technology Days Total	0	0.00%	0	0	
30 - UWEX Total	631,283	+13.35%	556,957	277,905	575,817



Department Operating Budget Narrative

Account Number	Description	2026 Requested	2025 Budget	Difference		Change Justification
				Amount	%	
30 - UWEX						
3001 - UWEX						
Revenue / Funding Source						
3001-43571 - State Grants-UW Extension						
101-3001-43571-???-000	43-000 - Intergovernmental Revenues	0	0	0	0.00%	
3001-46772 - UW-Extension Project Revenue						
101-3001-46772-???-000	46-000 - Public Charges for Services	0	0	0	0.00%	
Expense / Expenditure						
3001-55620 - UW-Extension						
101-3001-55620-???-101	101 - Wages-Permanent	76,579	72,896	3,683	+5.05%	
101-3001-55620-???-107	107 - Sick Leave	3,237	3,081	156	+5.05%	
101-3001-55620-???-108	108 - Vacation	4,695	4,469	226	+5.05%	
101-3001-55620-???-109	109 - Holiday	2,683	2,554	129	+5.05%	
101-3001-55620-???-110	110 - Funeral/Jury/Other	0	0	0	0.00%	
101-3001-55620-???-120	120 - FICA	6,670	6,350	321	+5.05%	
101-3001-55620-???-130	130 - Health Insurance	29,384	27,984	1,400	+5.00%	
101-3001-55620-???-132	132 - Post Employment Benefits	1,744	1,660	84	+5.05%	
101-3001-55620-???-133	133 - Vision Insurance	156	156	0	0.00%	
101-3001-55620-???-134	134 - Dental Insurance	668	867	(198)	-22.90%	Amount generated by Human Resources.
101-3001-55620-???-140	140 - Life Insurance	30	30	0	0.00%	
101-3001-55620-???-151	151 - Retirement	6,278	5,769	509	+8.83%	
101-3001-55620-???-160	160 - Worker's Compensation	58	66	(7)	-10.91%	Amount generated by Human Resources.
101-3001-55620-???-172	172 - Training / Conference / CPE	3,500	3,500	0	0.00%	



Department Operating Budget Narrative

101-3001-55620-???-214	214 - Prof Serv-Printing	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%	
101-3001-55620-???-219	219 - Prof Serv-Other	415,713	334,536	81,177	+24.27%	State contract increase + addition/retention of .8 Health & Well-Being position
101-3001-55620-???-221	221 - Utility Service-Cellphone / Telephone	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%	
101-3001-55620-???-230	230 - R/M Serv-PC Replacement	4,460	4,810	(350)	-7.28%	
101-3001-55620-???-311	311 - Office Supplies	2,250	2,750	(500)	-18.18%	Adjusting to more accurately match expenses.
101-3001-55620-???-312	312 - Copy Expense	2,000	2,250	(250)	-11.11%	Adjusting to more accurately match expenses.
101-3001-55620-???-313	313 - Postage	1,500	2,000	(500)	-25.00%	Adjusting to more accurately match expenses.
101-3001-55620-???-321	321 - Publications	500	750	(250)	-33.33%	Increased use of digital/online publications.
101-3001-55620-???-322	322 - Educational Materials	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%	
101-3001-55620-???-325	325 - Dues & Subscriptions	300	300	0	0.00%	
101-3001-55620-???-327	327 - Computer Supplies	750	1,000	(250)	-25.00%	
101-3001-55620-???-328	328 - Dues	750	1,000	(250)	-25.00%	Adjusting to more accurately match expenses.
101-3001-55620-???-330	330 - Other Travel	0	0	0	0.00%	
101-3001-55620-???-331	331 - Mileage	14,000	15,000	(1,000)	-6.67%	
101-3001-55620-???-332	332 - Meals	750	750	0	0.00%	
101-3001-55620-???-333	333 - Lodging / Hotels	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%	
101-3001-55620-???-334	334 - Volunteer Mileage	50	100	(50)	-50.00%	Adjusting to more accurately match expenses.
101-3001-55620-???-335	335 - Rental Car / Fuel	100	100	0	0.00%	
101-3001-55620-???-336	336 - Parking	100	100	0	0.00%	
101-3001-55620-???-346	346 - OperSup&Exp-Other	1,200	1,200	0	0.00%	
101-3001-55620-???-511	511 - Insurance-Liability	3,199	3,151	48	+1.52%	
101-3001-55620-???-531	531 - Rent-Interdepartment	33,176	33,176	0	0.00%	
101-3001-55620-???-535	535 - Leases-Equipment	0	0	0	0.00%	
101-3001-55620-???-539	539 - Inactive	200	200	0	0.00%	

3004 - UWEX-Project Accounts



Department Operating Budget Narrative

Revenue / Funding Source

3004-43571 - State Grants-UW Extension

101-3004-43571-???-000	43-000 - Intergovernmental Revenues	28,078	18,278	9,800	+53.62%
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3004-46772 - UW-Extension Project Revenue

101-3004-46772-???-000	46-000 - Public Charges for Services	58,700	58,700	0	0.00%
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3004-48300 - Property Sales

101-3004-48300-???-000	48-000 - Miscellaneous Revenues	0	0	0	0.00%
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Expense / Expenditure

3004-55660 - UW-Extension Projects

101-3004-55660-???-341	341 - Operating Supplies & Expense	10,000	10,000	0	0.00%
101-3004-55660-???-346	346 - OperSup&Exp-Other	85,380	85,380	0	0.00%

3005 - UWEX-Farm Technology Days

Expense / Expenditure

3005-55661 - Farm Technology Days

101-3005-55661-???-219	219 - Prof Serv-Other	0	0	0	0.00%
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Total 30 - UWEX		631,283	556,957	74,327	+13.35%
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Operating Position Cost Summary

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Department or Sub-Department30 - UWEX

Position	Pay Grade	Alloc. %	Salary	Modifiers	Premiums	Total	Hours	Premium Hours	FTE
30 - UWEX									
3001 - UWEX									
3001-55620 - UW-Extension									
(Unassigned)									
3806-Proqram Assistant	Grade F	80.00	43,597	22,160	-	65,757	1,664	-	0.80
3808-Proqram Assistant	Grade F	80.00	43,597	22,829	-	66,426	1,664	-	0.80
Total (Unassigned)			87,194	44,989	-	132,183	3,328	-	1.60
Total 3001-55620 - UW-Extension			87,194	44,989	-	132,183	3,328	-	1.60
Total 3001 - UWEX			87,194	44,989	-	132,183	3,328	-	1.60
Total 30 - UWEX			87,194	44,989	-	132,183	3,328	-	1.60
Grand Total			87,194	44,989	-	132,183	3,328	-	1.60



Department Operating Budget Summary

2026 Budget Summary												
<u>Department: 18 - Land & Water Conservation</u>	1801 - Land & Water Conservation-Administration	1802 - Land & Water Conservation-DATCP	1803 - Land & Water Conservation-Wildlife Damage Abatement	1804 - Land & Water Conservation-Non-Metallic Mining	1805 - Land & Water Conservation-MDV	1807 - Land & Water Conservation-NonLapsing	1808 - Land & Water Conservation-Mill Creek	1809 - Land & Water Conservation-14 Mile Creek	2026 Total	Change %	Change \$	2025 Budget
Revenue / Funding Source												
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	190,132	312,451	143,344		25,000		200,000	0	870,927	+20.00%	145,177	725,750
44 - Licenses and Permits	600					600			1,200	0.00%	0	1,200
45 - Fines, Forfeits and Penalties				22,388					22,388	0.00%	22,388	0
46 - Public Charges for Services	36,269			48,000					84,269	-31.83%	(39,348)	123,617
49 - Other Financing Sources	3,800	0							3,800	-24.00%	(1,200)	5,000
Revenue / Funding Source Total	230,801	312,451	143,344	70,388	25,000	600	200,000	0	982,583	+14.85%	127,016	855,567
Expense / Expenditure												
100 - Personnel Services	246,822	203,427	51,664	44,308	0		0		546,221	+3.74%	19,714	526,507
200 - Contractual Services	19,428	224	1,367	1,371		0	0		22,390	+15.81%	3,057	19,334
300 - Supplies and Expense	194,753	108,800	88,675	1,685	25,000		200,000	0	618,913	+13.63%	74,232	544,681
500 - Fixed Charges	29,015		1,638	538			0		31,190	+1.81%	556	30,634
Expense / Expenditure Total	490,017	312,451	143,344	47,903	25,000	0	200,000	0	1,218,715	+8.70%	97,558	1,121,156
Beginning Carryover	104,874	12,535	-	70,852	47,507	11,887	13,758	-	261,413	1.96%	5,021	256,392
Ending Carryover	125,358	12,535	-	93,337	47,507	12,487	13,758	-	304,982	13.81%	36,999	267,983
18 - Land & Water Conservation Total	279,700	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	279,700	+0.91%	2,520	277,180

2025 Budget Summary									
<u>Department: 18 - Land & Water Conservation</u>	1801 - Land & Water Conservation-Administration	1802 - Land & Water Conservation-DATCP	1803 - Land & Water Conservation-Wildlife Damage Abatement	1804 - Land & Water Conservation-Non-Metallic Mining	1805 - Land & Water Conservation-MDV	1807 - Land & Water Conservation-NonLapsing	1808 - Land & Water Conservation-Mill Creek	1809 - Land & Water Conservation-14 Mile Creek	2025 Budget
Revenue / Funding Source									
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	0	282,530	141,800		31,000		200,000	70,420	725,750
44 - Licenses and Permits	600					600			1,200
45 - Fines, Forfeits and Penalties				0					0
46 - Public Charges for Services	77,889			45,728					123,617
49 - Other Financing Sources	5,000	0							5,000
Revenue / Funding Source Total	83,489	282,530	141,800	45,728	31,000	600	200,000	70,420	855,567
Expense / Expenditure									
100 - Personnel Services	256,890	178,307	49,153	42,157	0		0		526,507
200 - Contractual Services	16,394	224	1,357	1,358		0	0		19,334
300 - Supplies and Expense	47,901	104,000	89,675	1,685	31,000		200,000	70,420	544,681
500 - Fixed Charges	28,492		1,614	528			0		30,634
Expense / Expenditure Total	349,678	282,531	141,800	45,728	31,000	0	200,000	70,420	1,121,156
Beginning Carryover	91,186	26,259	-	58,192	53,660	10,197	16,898	-	256,392
Ending Carryover	102,178	26,258	-	58,192	53,660	10,797	16,898	-	267,983
18 - Land & Water Conservation Total	277,180	(0)	0	0	0	0	0	0	277,180



Department Operating Budget Detail

With Previous Year Comparison and Annual Estimate

	2026 Budget	% Change	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Estimate
18 - Land & Water Conservation					
1801 - Land & Water Conservation-Administration					
<u>Revenue / Funding Source</u>					
1801-43300 - Other Federal Grants					
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	137,400	+9.92%	125,000	0	87,600
1801-43300 - Other Federal Grants Total	137,400	+9.92%	125,000	0	87,600
1801-43586 - State Grants					
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	52,732	+100.00%	0	0	23,462
1801-43586 - State Grants Total	52,732	+100.00%	0	0	23,462
1801-44413 - Animal Waste Ordinance					
44 - Licenses and Permits	600	0.00%	600	1,200	1,200
1801-44413 - Animal Waste Ordinance Total	600	0.00%	600	1,200	1,200
1801-46825 - Public Charges-Land & Water Conservation					
46 - Public Charges for Services	36,269	-53.44%	77,889	12,987	118,973
1801-46825 - Public Charges-Land & Water Conservation Total	36,269	-53.44%	77,889	12,987	118,973
1801-49110 - Proceeds from Capital Lease - No Till Drill					
49 - Other Financing Sources	3,800	-24.00%	5,000	1,380	3,000
1801-49110 - Proceeds from Capital Lease - No Till Drill Total	3,800	-24.00%	5,000	1,380	3,000
Revenue / Funding Source Total	230,801	+10.70%	208,489	15,567	234,236
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>					
1801-56121 - Land Conservation					
100 - Personnel Services	246,822	-3.92%	256,890	135,185	254,030
200 - Contractual Services	19,428	+18.50%	16,394	5,507	13,392
300 - Supplies and Expense	194,753	-12.63%	222,901	28,746	218,408
500 - Fixed Charges	29,015	+1.83%	28,492	18,995	28,492
800 - Capital Outlay	0	0.00%	0	0	0
1801-56121 - Land Conservation Total	490,017	-6.61%	524,678	188,434	514,322
Expense / Expenditure Total	490,017	-6.61%	524,678	188,434	514,322
1801 - Land & Water Conservation-Administration Total	259,216	-18.02%	316,188	172,867	280,087
1802 - Land & Water Conservation-DATCP					
<u>Revenue / Funding Source</u>					
1802-43586 - State Grants-Conservation					
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	312,451	+10.59%	282,530	0	282,530
1802-43586 - State Grants-Conservation Total	312,451	+10.59%	282,530	0	282,530
1802-49220 - Transfer from Special Rev Fund					
49 - Other Financing Sources	0	0.00%	0	0	0
1802-49220 - Transfer from Special Rev Fund Total	0	0.00%	0	0	0
Revenue / Funding Source Total	312,451	+10.59%	282,530	0	282,530



Department Operating Budget Detail

With Previous Year Comparison and Annual Estimate

	2026 Budget	% Change	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Estimate
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>					
1802-56122 - DATCP Grant					
100 - Personnel Services	203,427	+14.09%	178,307	125,044	189,243
200 - Contractual Services	224	0.00%	224	30	224
300 - Supplies and Expense	108,800	+4.62%	104,000	45,888	93,063
1802-56122 - DATCP Grant Total	312,451	+10.59%	282,531	170,962	282,530
Expense / Expenditure Total	312,451	+10.59%	282,531	170,962	282,530
1802 - Land & Water Conservation-DATCP Total	0	-102.64%	1	170,962	0
1803 - Land & Water Conservation-Wildlife Damage Abatement					
<u>Revenue / Funding Source</u>					
1803-43586 - State Grants-Conservation					
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	143,344	+1.09%	141,800	8,885	61,800
1803-43586 - State Grants-Conservation Total	143,344	+1.09%	141,800	8,885	61,800
Revenue / Funding Source Total	143,344	+1.09%	141,800	8,885	61,800
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>					
1803-56123 - Wildlife Damage Abatement					
100 - Personnel Services	51,664	+5.11%	49,153	20,921	48,880
200 - Contractual Services	1,367	+0.74%	1,357	306	961
300 - Supplies and Expense	88,675	-1.12%	89,675	1,467	6,350
500 - Fixed Charges	1,638	+1.44%	1,614	1,076	1,614
1803-56123 - Wildlife Damage Abatement Total	143,344	+1.09%	141,800	23,770	57,805
Expense / Expenditure Total	143,344	+1.09%	141,800	23,770	57,805
1803 - Land & Water Conservation-Wildlife Damage Abatement Total	0	+100.00%	0	14,885	(3,995)
1804 - Land & Water Conservation-Non Metallic Mining					
<u>Revenue / Funding Source</u>					
1804-45110 - Non-Metallic-Fines/Forfeitures					
45 - Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	22,388	+100.00%	0	22,388	22,388
1804-45110 - Non-Metallic-Fines/Forfeitures Total	22,388	+100.00%	0	22,388	22,388
1804-46825 - Non-Metallic Mining Fees					
46 - Public Charges for Services	48,000	+4.97%	45,728	50,021	48,311
1804-46825 - Non-Metallic Mining Fees Total	48,000	+4.97%	45,728	50,021	48,311
Revenue / Funding Source Total	70,388	+53.93%	45,728	72,408	70,698
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>					
1804-56125 - Non-Metallic Mining					
100 - Personnel Services	44,308	+5.10%	42,157	30,839	41,808
200 - Contractual Services	1,371	+0.96%	1,358	766	1,073
300 - Supplies and Expense	1,685	0.00%	1,685	173	585



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	2026 Budget	% Change	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Estimate
500 - Fixed Charges	538	+1.99%	528	352	528
1804-56125 - Non-Metallic Mining Total	47,903	+4.76%	45,728	32,130	43,994
Expense / Expenditure Total	47,903	+4.76%	45,728	32,130	43,994
1804 - Land & Water Conservation-Non Metallic Mining Total	(22,485)	-	0	(40,278)	(26,705)
		29938122.70 %			
1805 - Land & Water Conservation-MDV					
<u>Revenue / Funding Source</u>					
1805-43586 - State Grants-Conservation					
- Uncategorized Revenues	0	0.00%	0	0	
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	25,000	-19.35%	31,000	27,762	27,762
1805-43586 - State Grants-Conservation Total	25,000	-19.35%	31,000	27,762	27,762
Revenue / Funding Source Total	25,000	-19.35%	31,000	27,762	27,762
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>					
1805-56126 - MDV Non-Point Source					
100 - Personnel Services	0	0.00%	0	0	0
300 - Supplies and Expense	25,000	-19.35%	31,000	0	27,762
1805-56126 - MDV Non-Point Source Total	25,000	-19.35%	31,000	0	27,762
Expense / Expenditure Total	25,000	-19.35%	31,000	0	27,762
1805 - Land & Water Conservation-MDV Total	0	0.00%	0	(27,762)	0
1806 - Land & Water Conservation-Trust Account					
<u>Revenue / Funding Source</u>					
1806-46825 - Tree Sales					
46 - Public Charges for Services	0	0.00%	0	0	
1806-46825 - Tree Sales Total	0	0.00%	0	0	
Revenue / Funding Source Total	0	0.00%	0	0	
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>					
1806-56127 - Tree Expense					
300 - Supplies and Expense	0	0.00%	0	0	
1806-56127 - Tree Expense Total	0	0.00%	0	0	
1806-59220 - Transfer to Special Revenue Funds					
900 - Other Financing Uses	0	0.00%	0	0	
1806-59220 - Transfer to Special Revenue Funds Total	0	0.00%	0	0	
Expense / Expenditure Total	0	0.00%	0	0	
1806 - Land & Water Conservation-Trust Account Total	0	0.00%	0	0	
1807 - Land & Water Conservation-NonLapsing					



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With Previous Year Comparison and Annual Estimate

	2026 Budget	% Change	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Estimate
<u>Revenue / Funding Source</u>					
1807-44413 - Land & Water Conservation					
44 - Licenses and Permits	600	0.00%	600	200	600
1807-44413 - Land & Water Conservation Total	600	0.00%	600	200	600
Revenue / Funding Source Total	600	0.00%	600	200	600
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>					
1807-56130 - L&W - Other Professional Services					
200 - Contractual Services	0	0.00%	0	0	
1807-56130 - L&W - Other Professional Services Total	0	0.00%	0	0	
1807-59210 - Transfers to General Fund					
900 - Other Financing Uses	0	0.00%	0	0	
1807-59210 - Transfers to General Fund Total	0	0.00%	0	0	
Expense / Expenditure Total	0	0.00%	0	0	
1807 - Land & Water Conservation-NonLapsing Total	(600)	0.00%	(600)	(200)	(600)
1808 - Land & Water Conservation-Mill Creek					
<u>Revenue / Funding Source</u>					
1808-43586 - State Grants-Conservation					
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	200,000	0.00%	200,000	0	200,000
1808-43586 - State Grants-Conservation Total	200,000	0.00%	200,000	0	200,000
Revenue / Funding Source Total	200,000	0.00%	200,000	0	200,000
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>					
1808-56128 - Mill Creek					
100 - Personnel Services	0	0.00%	0	0	0
200 - Contractual Services	0	0.00%	0	0	0
300 - Supplies and Expense	200,000	0.00%	200,000	2,755	200,000
500 - Fixed Charges	0	0.00%	0	0	0
1808-56128 - Mill Creek Total	200,000	0.00%	200,000	2,755	200,000
Expense / Expenditure Total	200,000	0.00%	200,000	2,755	200,000
1808 - Land & Water Conservation-Mill Creek Total	0	0.00%	0	2,755	0
1809 - Land & Water Conservation-14 Mile Creek					
<u>Revenue / Funding Source</u>					
1809-43586 - State Grants-Conservation					
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	0	-100.00%	70,420	0	70,420
1809-43586 - State Grants-Conservation Total	0	-100.00%	70,420	0	70,420
Revenue / Funding Source Total	0	-100.00%	70,420	0	70,420
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>					
1809-56129 - 14-Mile Creek					



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	2026 Budget	% Change	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Estimate
300 - Supplies and Expense	0	-100.00%	70,420	70,420	70,420
1809-56129 - 14-Mile Creek Total	0	-100.00%	70,420	70,420	70,420
Expense / Expenditure Total	0	-100.00%	70,420	70,420	70,420
1809 - Land & Water Conservation-14 Mile Creek Total	0	0.00%	0	70,420	0
18 - Land & Water Conservation Total	236,131	-25.18%	315,589	363,649	248,788



Department Operating Budget Narrative

Account Number	Description	2026 Requested	2025 Budget	Difference		Change Justification 10% or greater change
				Amount	%	
18 - Land & Water Conservation						
1801 - Land & Water Conservation-Administration						
<u>Revenue / Funding Source</u>						
1801-43300 - Other Federal Grants						
101-1801-43300-???-000	43-000 - Intergovernmental Revenues	137,400	125,000	12,400	+9.92%	ARPA funds included under 1801-56121 for 2026
1801-43586 - State Grants						
101-1801-43586-???-000	43-000 - Intergovernmental Revenues	52,732	0	52,732	0.00%	Surface Water 3-Year Grant (DNR) / LMPN Grant (DNR)
1801-44413 - Animal Waste Ordinance						
101-1801-44413-???-000	44-000 - Licenses and Permits	600	600	0	0.00%	
1801-46825 - Public Charges-Land & Water Conservation						
101-1801-46825-???-000	46-000 - Public Charges for Services	36,269	77,889	(41,620)	-53.44%	ARPA grant funds
1801-49110 - Proceeds from Capital Lease - No Till Drill						
101-1801-49110-???-000	49-000 - Other Financing Sources	3,800	5,000	(1,200)	-24.00%	Decrease in use of no till drill related to weather and some landowners purchasing or borrowing no-till drill; roller-crimper is rarely being used/rented (at most once a year).
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>						
1801-56121 - Land Conservation						
101-1801-56121-???-101	101 - Wages-Permanent	147,984	157,214	(9,229)	-5.87%	
101-1801-56121-???-107	107 - Sick Leave	6,906	7,095	(189)	-2.67%	
101-1801-56121-???-108	108 - Vacation	8,073	8,231	(159)	-1.93%	
101-1801-56121-???-109	109 - Holiday	5,724	5,880	(157)	-2.67%	
101-1801-56121-???-110	110 - Funeral/Jury/Other	0	0	0	0.00%	
101-1801-56121-???-111	111 - Clothing Allowance	633	395	238	+60.30%	



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101-1801-56121-???-120	120 - FICA	12,905	13,649	(745)	-5.46%	
101-1801-56121-???-130	130 - Health Insurance	49,041	48,695	345	+0.71%	
101-1801-56121-???-132	132 - Post Employment Benefits	966	1,144	(178)	-15.58%	
101-1801-56121-???-133	133 - Vision Insurance	56	63	(8)	-11.85%	
101-1801-56121-???-140	140 - Life Insurance	21	22	(2)	-7.67%	
101-1801-56121-???-151	151 - Retirement	11,989	11,797	192	+1.63%	
101-1801-56121-???-160	160 - Worker's Compensation	375	553	(178)	-32.21%	
101-1801-56121-???-172	172 - Training / Conference / CPE	2,150	2,150	0	0.00%	
101-1801-56121-???-214	214 - Prof Serv-Printing	500	500	0	0.00%	
101-1801-56121-???-216	216 - Prof Serv-Intern & Temp Employ	0	0	0	0.00%	
101-1801-56121-???-219	219 - Prof Serv-Other	5,806	3,152	2,654	+84.19%	Increase in license costs for 2026
101-1801-56121-???-221	221 - Utility Service-Cellphone / Telephone	2,812	2,452	360	+14.68%	Included cell phone stipend for Conservation Specialist
101-1801-56121-???-230	230 - R/M Serv-PC Replacement	2,810	2,790	20	+0.72%	
101-1801-56121-???-242	242 - R/M Serv Other-Vehicles	7,500	7,500	0	0.00%	
101-1801-56121-???-311	311 - Office Supplies	1,500	126,500	(125,000)	-98.81%	Some ARPA grant funds spent out in 2025
101-1801-56121-???-312	312 - Copy Expense	500	500	0	0.00%	
101-1801-56121-???-313	313 - Postage	900	900	0	0.00%	
101-1801-56121-???-322	322 - Educational Materials	1,150	1,150	0	0.00%	
101-1801-56121-???-325	325 - Dues & Subscriptions	3,578	3,293	285	+8.65%	CEED Cmte voted to increase RC&D Dues to 90% in 2026
101-1801-56121-???-329	329 - Other Pubs, Subs & Dues	105	105	0	0.00%	
101-1801-56121-???-331	331 - Mileage	6,000	6,000	0	0.00%	
101-1801-56121-???-332	332 - Meals	300	300	0	0.00%	
101-1801-56121-???-333	333 - Lodging / Hotels	375	375	0	0.00%	
101-1801-56121-???-336	336 - Parking	0	0	0	0.00%	
101-1801-56121-???-340	340 - Operating Supplies & Expense	2,000	2,000	0	0.00%	
101-1801-56121-???-345	345 - Operating Expense	44,185	79,400	(35,215)	-44.35%	Some ARPA grant funds expended in 2025; Surface Water Grant is a 3-year grant with expenses spread over 3 years of grant. Shane extended FPP Plan Revision Grant to 2027.



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101-1801-56121-???-347	347 - Operating Supplies and Expense	94,000	0	94,000	0.00%	Some ARPA grant funds expended in 2025
101-1801-56121-???-349	349 - Other Operating Supplies	40,160	2,378	37,782	+1588.81%	Some ARPA grant funds expended in 2025
101-1801-56121-???-511	511 - Insurance-Liability	7,655	7,132	522	+7.32%	
101-1801-56121-???-531	531 - Rent-Interdepartment	21,360	21,360	0	0.00%	
101-1801-56121-???-810	810 - Capital Equipment	0	0	0	0.00%	
101-1801-56121-???-813	813 - Vehicles	0	0	0	0.00%	

1802 - Land & Water Conservation-DATCP

Revenue / Funding Source

1802-43586 - State Grants-Conservation

264-1802-43586-???-000	43-000 - Intergovernmental Revenues	312,451	282,530	29,921	+10.59%	Anticipate staffing increase per WI budget
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1802-49220 - Transfer from Special Rev Fund

264-1802-49220-???-000	49-000 - Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0.00%	
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Expense / Expenditure

1802-56122 - DATCP Grant

264-1802-56122-???-101	101 - Wages-Permanent	121,295	106,518	14,777	+13.87%	
264-1802-56122-???-107	107 - Sick Leave	6,783	5,935	848	+14.29%	
264-1802-56122-???-108	108 - Vacation	12,547	10,592	1,955	+18.46%	
264-1802-56122-???-109	109 - Holiday	5,621	4,918	703	+14.29%	
264-1802-56122-???-110	110 - Funeral/Jury/Other	0	0	0	0.00%	
264-1802-56122-???-111	111 - Clothing Allowance	16	5	11	+222.87%	
264-1802-56122-???-120	120 - FICA	11,188	9,789	1,399	+14.29%	
264-1802-56122-???-130	130 - Health Insurance	32,166	28,663	3,504	+12.22%	
264-1802-56122-???-132	132 - Post Employment Benefits	1,786	1,475	311	+21.08%	
264-1802-56122-???-133	133 - Vision Insurance	70	61	9	+14.47%	
264-1802-56122-???-140	140 - Life Insurance	26	24	2	+7.13%	
264-1802-56122-???-151	151 - Retirement	10,530	8,893	1,636	+18.40%	



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264-1802-56122-???-160	160 - Worker's Compensation	1,399	1,433	(35)	-2.43%
264-1802-56122-???-172	172 - Training / Conference / CPE	0	0	0	0.00%
264-1802-56122-???-221	221 - Utility Service-Cellphone / Telephone	224	224	0	0.00%
264-1802-56122-???-311	311 - Office Supplies	0	0	0	0.00%
264-1802-56122-???-331	331 - Mileage	0	0	0	0.00%
264-1802-56122-???-332	332 - Meals	0	0	0	0.00%
264-1802-56122-???-333	333 - Lodging / Hotels	0	0	0	0.00%
264-1802-56122-???-336	336 - Parking	0	0	0	0.00%
264-1802-56122-???-345	345 - Operating Expense	108,800	104,000	4,800	+4.62%

1803 - Land & Water Conservation-Wildlife Damage Abatement

Revenue / Funding Source

1803-43586 - State Grants-Conservation

101-1803-43586-???-000	43-000 - Intergovernmental Revenues	143,344	141,800	1,544	+1.09%
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Expense / Expenditure

1803-56123 - Wildlife Damage Abatement

101-1803-56123-???-101	101 - Wages-Permanent	30,419	28,991	1,428	+4.93%
101-1803-56123-???-107	107 - Sick Leave	1,643	1,564	79	+5.06%
101-1803-56123-???-108	108 - Vacation	2,043	1,909	134	+7.02%
101-1803-56123-???-109	109 - Holiday	1,362	1,296	66	+5.06%
101-1803-56123-???-111	111 - Clothing Allowance	112	112	0	0.00%
101-1803-56123-???-119	119 - In or Out Call Pay	0	0	0	0.00%
101-1803-56123-???-120	120 - FICA	2,713	2,583	131	+5.06%
101-1803-56123-???-130	130 - Health Insurance	10,318	9,827	491	+4.99%
101-1803-56123-???-132	132 - Post Employment Benefits	0	0	0	0.00%
101-1803-56123-???-133	133 - Vision Insurance	16	2	13	+658.44%
101-1803-56123-???-140	140 - Life Insurance	8	8	0	0.00%



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101-1803-56123-???-151	151 - Retirement	2,554	2,346	207	+8.84%
101-1803-56123-???-160	160 - Worker's Compensation	328	366	(38)	-10.47%
101-1803-56123-???-172	172 - Training / Conference / CPE	150	150	0	0.00%
101-1803-56123-???-212	212 - Prof Serv-Accounting	225	225	0	0.00%
101-1803-56123-???-214	214 - Prof Serv-Printing	300	300	0	0.00%
101-1803-56123-???-219	219 - Prof Serv-Other	300	300	0	0.00%
101-1803-56123-???-221	221 - Utility Service-Cellphone / Telephone	252	252	0	0.00%
101-1803-56123-???-230	230 - R/M Serv-PC Replacement	290	280	10	+3.57%
101-1803-56123-???-311	311 - Office Supplies	300	300	0	0.00%
101-1803-56123-???-312	312 - Copy Expense	150	150	0	0.00%
101-1803-56123-???-313	313 - Postage	200	200	0	0.00%
101-1803-56123-???-331	331 - Mileage	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
101-1803-56123-???-332	332 - Meals	50	50	0	0.00%
101-1803-56123-???-333	333 - Lodging / Hotels	175	175	0	0.00%
101-1803-56123-???-336	336 - Parking	0	0	0	0.00%
101-1803-56123-???-345	345 - Operating Expense	84,300	84,300	0	0.00%
101-1803-56123-???-395	395 - Supplies and Expense	1,000	2,000	(1,000)	-50.00% Decrease in venison donations over past two years
101-1803-56123-???-511	511 - Insurance-Liability	342	318	23	+7.32%
101-1803-56123-???-531	531 - Rent-Interdepartment	1,296	1,296	0	0.00%

1804 - Land & Water Conservation-Non Metallic Mining

Revenue / Funding Source

1804-45110 - Non-Metallic-Fines/Forfeitures

265-1804-45110-???-000	45-000 - Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	22,388	0	22,388	0.00%
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1804-46825 - Non-Metallic Mining Fees

265-1804-46825-???-000	46-000 - Public Charges for Services	48,000	45,728	2,272	+4.97% 2 new mines in 2025-26 (Biron & Mathey)
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Expense / Expenditure

1804-56125 - Non-Metallic Mining

265-1804-56125-???-101	101 - Wages-Permanent	26,011	24,813	1,198	+4.83%
265-1804-56125-???-107	107 - Sick Leave	1,403	1,335	68	+5.06%
265-1804-56125-???-108	108 - Vacation	1,744	1,606	137	+8.56%
265-1804-56125-???-109	109 - Holiday	1,163	1,107	56	+5.06%
265-1804-56125-???-111	111 - Clothing Allowance	(12)	(12)	0	0.00%
265-1804-56125-???-120	120 - FICA	2,320	2,208	112	+5.06%
265-1804-56125-???-130	130 - Health Insurance	8,908	8,485	423	+4.99%
265-1804-56125-???-133	133 - Vision Insurance	14	3	11	+358.27%
265-1804-56125-???-140	140 - Life Insurance	6	6	0	0.00%
265-1804-56125-???-151	151 - Retirement	2,183	2,006	177	+8.84%
265-1804-56125-???-160	160 - Worker's Compensation	268	300	(31)	-10.47%
265-1804-56125-???-172	172 - Training / Conference / CPE	300	300	0	0.00%
265-1804-56125-???-214	214 - Prof Serv-Printing	100	100	0	0.00%
265-1804-56125-???-219	219 - Prof Serv-Other	381	378	3	+0.79%
265-1804-56125-???-221	221 - Utility Service-Cellphone / Telephone	600	600	0	0.00%
265-1804-56125-???-230	230 - R/M Serv-PC Replacement	290	280	10	+3.57%
265-1804-56125-???-311	311 - Office Supplies	200	200	0	0.00%
265-1804-56125-???-312	312 - Copy Expense	135	135	0	0.00%
265-1804-56125-???-313	313 - Postage	125	125	0	0.00%
265-1804-56125-???-322	322 - Educational Materials	50	50	0	0.00%
265-1804-56125-???-331	331 - Mileage	975	975	0	0.00%
265-1804-56125-???-332	332 - Meals	50	50	0	0.00%
265-1804-56125-???-333	333 - Lodging / Hotels	150	150	0	0.00%
265-1804-56125-???-336	336 - Parking	0	0	0	0.00%
265-1804-56125-???-511	511 - Insurance-Liability	154	144	11	+7.32%
265-1804-56125-???-531	531 - Rent-Interdepartment	384	384	0	0.00%



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1805 - Land & Water Conservation-MDV

Revenue / Funding Source

1805-43586 - State Grants-Conservation

263-1805-43586-???-000	43-000 - Intergovernmental Revenues	25,000	31,000	(6,000)	-19.35%	Estimate decrease in amount of MDV funds for 2026
263-1805-43586-???-000	43-482 - TBD	0	0	0	0.00%	

Expense / Expenditure

1805-56126 - MDV Non-Point Source

263-1805-56126-???-101	101 - Wages-Permanent	0	0	0	0.00%	
263-1805-56126-???-120	120 - FICA	0	0	0	0.00%	
263-1805-56126-???-130	130 - Health Insurance	0	0	0	0.00%	
263-1805-56126-???-132	132 - Post Employment Benefits	0	0	0	0.00%	
263-1805-56126-???-151	151 - Retirement	0	0	0	0.00%	
263-1805-56126-???-160	160 - Worker's Compensation	0	0	0	0.00%	
263-1805-56126-???-345	345 - Operating Expense	25,000	31,000	(6,000)	-19.35%	Estimate decrease in amount of MDV funds in 2026

1806 - Land & Water Conservation-Trust Account

Revenue / Funding Source

1806-46825 - Tree Sales

819-1806-46825-???-000	46-000 - Public Charges for Services	0	0	0	0.00%	
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Expense / Expenditure

1806-56127 - Tree Expense

819-1806-56127-???-345	345 - Operating Expense	0	0	0	0.00%	
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1806-59220 - Transfer to Special Revenue Funds

819-1806-59220-???-912	912 - Transfer to Special Rev Fund	0	0	0	0.00%	
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Department Operating Budget Narrative

1807 - Land & Water Conservation-NonLapsing

Revenue / Funding Source

1807-44413 - Land & Water Conservation

101-1807-44413-???-000	44-000 - Licenses and Permits	600	600	0	0.00%
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Expense / Expenditure

1807-56130 - L&W - Other Professional Services

101-1807-56130-???-219	219 - Prof Serv-Other	0	0	0	0.00%
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1807-59210 - Transfers to General Fund

101-1807-59210-???-911	911 - Transfer to General Fund	0	0	0	0.00%
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1808 - Land & Water Conservation-Mill Creek

Revenue / Funding Source

1808-43586 - State Grants-Conservation

266-1808-43586-???-000	43-000 - Intergovernmental Revenues	200,000	200,000	0	0.00%
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Expense / Expenditure

1808-56128 - Mill Creek

266-1808-56128-???-109	109 - Holiday	0	0	0	0.00%
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266-1808-56128-???-120	120 - FICA	0	0	0	0.00%
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266-1808-56128-???-130	130 - Health Insurance	0	0	0	0.00%
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266-1808-56128-???-214	214 - Prof Serv-Printing	0	0	0	0.00%
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266-1808-56128-???-219	219 - Prof Serv-Other	0	0	0	0.00%
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266-1808-56128-???-221	221 - Utility Service-Cellphone / Telephone	0	0	0	0.00%
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266-1808-56128-???-311	311 - Office Supplies	0	0	0	0.00%
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266-1808-56128-???-322	322 - Educational Materials	0	0	0	0.00%
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266-1808-56128-???-331	331 - Mileage	0	0	0	0.00%
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266-1808-56128-???-345	345 - Operating Expense	200,000	200,000	0	0.00%
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266-1808-56128-???-535	535 - Leases-Equipment	0	0	0	0.00%
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Department Operating Budget Narrative

1809 - Land & Water Conservation-14 Mile Creek

Revenue / Funding Source

1809-43586 - State Grants-Conservation

268-1809-43586-???-000	43-000 - Intergovernmental Revenues	0	70,420	(70,420)	-100.00%	One-time TRM grant for 2025
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Expense / Expenditure

1809-56129 - 14-Mile Creek

268-1809-56129-???-345	345 - Operating Expense	0	70,420	(70,420)	-100.00%	One-time TRM grant for 2025
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Total 18 - Land & Water Conservation		236,131	315,589	(79,458)	-25.18%	
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OCTOBER 7TH
10:00 AM
2934 CIRCLE ROAD
JUNCTION CITY, WI 54443

ALBERT ACRES'

Demo Trials Field Day

**FREE
LUNCH**

WHAT YOU'LL SEE

Interseeded cover crops in skip-row planted corn

This practice aims to increase cover crop biomass in corn grain planting.

New cover crop species

Come learn about the successes and challenges of planting winter camelina into a soybean rotation.

Soil health

Learn about soil health best management practices and how they can be integrated into your operation.



RSVP REQUIRED
BY OCTOBER 1ST



TO RSVP CALL 715-421-8475 OR
EMAIL LANDCONS@WOODCOUNTYWI.GOV

Land Records Projects 2026

Total Cost: \$45,000

Project 1: Scanning Right of Way Information, \$25,000

We would like to scan in right of way plats that have been housed in the Clerk's Office as well as the Highway Department Vault. There are many mixed large and small format plats that On Q Solutions would take to their home office and scan in. These scans will then be integrated into our existing GIS, allowing the public and professionals to find this right of way information very easily.

The Highway Department has agreed to help out on the project, funding at least \$1,000 but going up to \$2,000 depending on available funds.

Project 2: Highway Right of Way Project, \$10,000

We would like to continue to partially fund the project to Research, Survey and Map Right of Ways. Official Transportation Project Plats are created along county highways. This is in conjunction with the Highway Department and Surveyor.

Project 3: Purchasing a scanner: \$10,000

We would like to purchase a new scanner to replace our aging one.



Proposal / Statement of Work

Date: August 18, 2025

Organization: Wood County

Contact Info: Mr. Paul Bernard
Land Records Coordinator
400 Market Street
PO BOX 8095
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495-8095
(715) 421-8469
paul.bernard@woodcountywi.gov

Project # WC0004: Converting Paper to (Digital) Electronic Images

Project Scope:

Wood County Planning and Zoning Office is interested in conversion services of ROW, paper documents. Source documents will be transported to our secure facility for processing. This is a 2026 Project.

Right of Way (ROW) Documents

- Capture 200 DPI Color JPG and convert to multi page PDFs.
- **Project #1** - Highway Dept (files located at 555 17th Ave North, Wisconsin Rapids)
 - 14 boxes with 32 files per box, average of 10-20 images per file
 - Remove boxes from mezzanine via library ladder and transport in storage boxes
 - Large format
 - Name PDFs by Box# and file#, located on each box (example Box 03_File 12)
- **Project #2** - County Clerk's office (files located at 400 Market Street, Wisconsin Rapids)
 - Two 40 inch drawers of mixed sized documents, rice paper and 6 rolls of large format
 - Name PDFs by folder label (legal sized folders)
 - On Q to provide boxes, place files in boxes and label the source materials
 - Folders will be reassembled

*Return source materials to customer

	Estimated Images	Cost per Image	Extended Price
Pick Up & Delivery Fee			\$2,000.00
Project #1 - Highway Dept	4,500-9,000	\$1.00	\$4,500.00-\$9,000.00
Project #2 - County Clerk's Office	18,000	\$0.75	\$13,500.00
usb drive (for PDF files)			\$100.00
Total			\$20,100.00-\$24,600.00



Project Deliverables:

Project will have a 100% Quality Control check.

PDF files will be provided on usb drive, the usb drive will remain the property of Wood County.

Customer will be invoiced for actual images processed

Wood County may request documents from On Q Solutions during the conversion process. We will scan and send requested documents via e-mail at no additional cost. E-mail requests can be sent to **support@onqsolution.com**

Insurance:

On Q Solutions will provide a Certificate of Liability listing Wood County's Planning & Zoning Office as additional insured. On Q Solutions will pick up and deliver your source materials in boxes or bins.



Acceptance of Proposal: # WC0004

Payment Terms:

- 50% down at order signing, balance due upon project completion, net 10 days.

“Thank you for the opportunity to provide a proposal for your conversion project. We realize how important the success of this project is to you and your staff”

“We respectfully request you to accept this Proposal / Statement of Work”

“Thank You”

On Q Solutions L.L.C.
1957 County Rd XX
Kronenwetter, WI 54455
Phone (715) 370-1338

Wood County - Planning & Zoning
400 Market Street
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
Phone (715) 421-8469

By: _____

Name: Rhonda Burish

Title: President

Date: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

We will guarantee our pricing for 12 months from the proposal date.



Department Operating Budget Summary

2026 Budget Summary									
<u>Department: 22 - Planning & Zoning</u>	2201 - Planning & Zoning	2202 - Planning & Zoning-Land Records	2203 - Planning & Zoning-Private Sewage	2204 - Planning & Zoning-Census	2205 - Planning & Zoning-Surveyor	2026 Total	Change %	Change \$	2025 Budget
Revenue / Funding Source									
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	0	21,000	0			21,000	-88.00%	(154,032)	175,032
44 - Licenses and Permits	27,325		167,900			195,225	-14.44%	(32,950)	228,175
45 - Fines, Forfeits and Penalties			3,000			3,000	-40.00%	(2,000)	5,000
46 - Public Charges for Services		100,100	11,500			111,600	-3.88%	(4,500)	116,100
47 - Intergov. Charges for Services	600	0				600	-14.29%	(100)	700
48 - Miscellaneous Revenues		4,545	100			4,645	-93.96%	(72,263)	76,908
Revenue / Funding Source Total	27,925	125,645	182,500	0	0	336,070	-44.17%	(265,845)	601,915
Expense / Expenditure									
100 - Personnel Services	454,056	105,094	171,159			730,309	+5.25%	36,421	693,888
200 - Contractual Services	4,210	46,520	24,617	0	50,041	125,388	+161.12%	154,498	95,890
300 - Supplies and Expense	7,850	56,106	50,350		2,880	117,186	0.00%	0	117,186
500 - Fixed Charges	14,693	1,736	8,321		603	25,353	-6.49%	(1,761)	27,114
700 - Grants and Contributions			0			0	-100.00%	(70,000)	70,000
800 - Capital Outlay	0	61,407	0			61,407	-57.78%	(84,033)	145,440
Expense / Expenditure Total	480,809	270,863	254,447	0	53,524	1,059,643	-7.82%	(89,875)	1,149,518
Beginning Carryover	0	177,698	245,199	4,500	0	427,397	-6.20%	(28,263)	455,660
Ending Carryover	0	93,887	173,252	4,500	0	271,639	-29.59%	(114,175)	385,814
22 - Planning & Zoning Total	452,884	61,407	(0)	0	53,524	567,815	+18.85%	90,058	477,757

2025 Budget Summary						
<u>Department: 22 - Planning & Zoning</u>	2201 - Planning & Zoning	2202 - Planning & Zoning-Land Records	2203 - Planning & Zoning-Private Sewage	2204 - Planning & Zoning-Census	2205 - Planning & Zoning-Surveyor	2025 Budget
Revenue / Funding Source						
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	0	105,032	70,000			175,032
44 - Licenses and Permits	33,425		194,750			228,175
45 - Fines, Forfeits and Penalties			5,000			5,000
46 - Public Charges for Services		100,100	16,000			116,100
47 - Intergov. Charges for Services	700	0				700
48 - Miscellaneous Revenues		76,408	500			76,908
Revenue / Funding Source Total	34,125	281,540	286,250			601,915
Expense / Expenditure						
100 - Personnel Services	432,395	100,038	161,455			693,888
200 - Contractual Services	2,850	21,160	21,839	0	50,041	95,890
300 - Supplies and Expense	7,850	56,106	50,350		2,880	117,186
500 - Fixed Charges	15,263	1,935	9,314		603	27,114
700 - Grants and Contributions			70,000			70,000
800 - Capital Outlay	0	145,440	0			145,440
Expense / Expenditure Total	458,358	324,679	312,957	0	53,524	1,149,518
Beginning Carryover	0	175,772	275,388	4,500	0	455,660
Ending Carryover	0	132,633	248,681	4,500	0	385,814
22 - Planning & Zoning Total	424,233	(0)	0	0	53,524	477,757



Department Operating Budget Detail

With Previous Year Comparison and Annual Estimate

	2026 Budget	% Change	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Estimate
22 - Planning & Zoning					
2201 - Planning & Zoning					
<u>Revenue / Funding Source</u>					
2201-43581 - State Aid-Planning and Zoning					
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	0	0.00%	0	900	900
2201-43581 - State Aid-Planning and Zoning Total	0	0.00%	0	900	900
2201-44411 - County Planner Plat Review Fee					
44 - Licenses and Permits	7,100	-26.42%	9,650	4,650	7,000
2201-44411 - County Planner Plat Review Fee Total	7,100	-26.42%	9,650	4,650	7,000
2201-44413 - Shoreland Zoning Fees & Permit					
44 - Licenses and Permits	7,100	-15.48%	8,400	3,800	7,600
2201-44413 - Shoreland Zoning Fees & Permit Total	7,100	-15.48%	8,400	3,800	7,600
2201-44414 - Well Location Permit Fees					
44 - Licenses and Permits	13,125	-14.63%	15,375	8,160	12,410
2201-44414 - Well Location Permit Fees Total	13,125	-14.63%	15,375	8,160	12,410
2201-47351 - Local Gov Charges-Planning Assistance					
47 - Intergov. Charges for Services	600	-14.29%	700	600	700
2201-47351 - Local Gov Charges-Planning Assistance Total	600	-14.29%	700	600	700
Revenue / Funding Source Total	27,925	-18.17%	34,125	18,110	28,610
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>					
2201-56310 - County Planner					
100 - Personnel Services	454,056	+5.01%	432,395	250,151	433,237
200 - Contractual Services	4,210	+47.72%	2,850	1,672	2,906
300 - Supplies and Expense	7,850	0.00%	7,850	3,680	7,850
500 - Fixed Charges	14,693	-3.73%	15,263	10,175	15,263
800 - Capital Outlay	0	0.00%	0	0	
2201-56310 - County Planner Total	480,809	+4.90%	458,358	265,679	459,256
Expense / Expenditure Total	480,809	+4.90%	458,358	265,679	459,256



Department Operating Budget Detail

With Previous Year Comparison and Annual Estimate

	2026 Budget	% Change	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Estimate
2201 - Planning & Zoning Total	452,884	+6.75%	424,233	247,569	430,646
2202 - Planning & Zoning-Land Records					
<u>Revenue / Funding Source</u>					
2202-43516 - State Aid-Modernization Grants					
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	21,000	0.00%	21,000	22,920	22,920
2202-43516 - State Aid-Modernization Grants Total	21,000	0.00%	21,000	22,920	22,920
2202-43581 - Land Records - State Aid					
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	0	-100.00%	84,032	0	84,032
2202-43581 - Land Records - State Aid Total	0	-100.00%	84,032	0	84,032
2202-46135 - Public Charges-Land Rec Fees					
46 - Public Charges for Services	100,000	0.00%	100,000	47,056	100,000
2202-46135 - Public Charges-Land Rec Fees Total	100,000	0.00%	100,000	47,056	100,000
2202-46195 - Public Chrgs-Map & Data Sales					
46 - Public Charges for Services	100	0.00%	100	0	50
2202-46195 - Public Chrgs-Map & Data Sales Total	100	0.00%	100	0	50
2202-47351 - Local Gov Charges-Planning Assistance					
47 - Intergov. Charges for Services	0	0.00%	0	0	
2202-47351 - Local Gov Charges-Planning Assistance Total	0	0.00%	0	0	
2202-48900 - Miscellaneous Revenues - Land Record					
48 - Miscellaneous Revenues	4,545	-94.05%	76,408	12,045	12,045
2202-48900 - Miscellaneous Revenues - Land Record Total	4,545	-94.05%	76,408	12,045	12,045
Revenue / Funding Source Total	125,645	-55.37%	281,540	82,021	219,047
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>					
2202-56320 - Land Record					
100 - Personnel Services	105,094	+5.05%	100,038	58,084	100,039
200 - Contractual Services	46,520	+119.85%	21,160	3,942	21,160
300 - Supplies and Expense	56,106	0.00%	56,106	18,565	56,106



Department Operating Budget Detail

With Previous Year Comparison and Annual Estimate

	2026 Budget	% Change	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Estimate
500 - Fixed Charges	1,736	-10.26%	1,935	1,290	1,935
800 - Capital Outlay	61,407	-57.78%	145,440	150,264	150,264
2202-56320 - Land Record Total	270,863	-16.58%	324,679	232,144	329,504
Expense / Expenditure Total	270,863	-16.58%	324,679	232,144	329,504
2202 - Planning & Zoning-Land Records Total	145,218	+236.63%	43,139	150,123	110,457
2203 - Planning & Zoning-Private Sewage					
<u>Revenue / Funding Source</u>					
2203-43549 - State Grants-Private Sewage					
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	0	-100.00%	70,000	0	0
2203-43549 - State Grants-Private Sewage Total	0	-100.00%	70,000	0	0
2203-44300 - Sanitary Permit Fees					
44 - Licenses and Permits	54,450	-36.80%	86,150	47,575	71,000
2203-44300 - Sanitary Permit Fees Total	54,450	-36.80%	86,150	47,575	71,000
2203-44412 - WI Fund Application Fees					
44 - Licenses and Permits	0	-100.00%	1,500	0	
2203-44412 - WI Fund Application Fees Total	0	-100.00%	1,500	0	
2203-44415 - HT Database Annual Fee					
44 - Licenses and Permits	113,450	+5.93%	107,100	4,775	107,100
2203-44415 - HT Database Annual Fee Total	113,450	+5.93%	107,100	4,775	107,100
2203-45191 - Private Sewage Fines					
45 - Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	3,000	-40.00%	5,000	1,185	2,000
2203-45191 - Private Sewage Fines Total	3,000	-40.00%	5,000	1,185	2,000
2203-46826 - Public Charges-Private Sewage					
46 - Public Charges for Services	11,500	-28.13%	16,000	7,760	10,000
2203-46826 - Public Charges-Private Sewage Total	11,500	-28.13%	16,000	7,760	10,000
2203-48900 - Miscellaneous Revenue					



Department Operating Budget Detail

With Previous Year Comparison and Annual Estimate

	2026 Budget	% Change	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Estimate
48 - Miscellaneous Revenues	100	-80.00%	500	0	100
2203-48900 - Miscellaneous Revenue Total	100	-80.00%	500	0	100
Revenue / Funding Source Total	182,500	-36.24%	286,250	61,295	190,200
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>					
2203-56943 - Private Sewage System					
100 - Personnel Services	171,159	+6.01%	161,455	97,182	161,455
200 - Contractual Services	24,617	+12.72%	21,839	8,894	21,839
300 - Supplies and Expense	50,350	0.00%	50,350	2,670	47,850
500 - Fixed Charges	8,321	-10.66%	9,314	6,209	9,314
700 - Grants and Contributions	0	-100.00%	70,000	0	0
800 - Capital Outlay	0	0.00%	0	0	0
2203-56943 - Private Sewage System Total	254,447	-18.70%	312,957	114,955	240,457
Expense / Expenditure Total	254,447	-18.70%	312,957	114,955	240,457
2203 - Planning & Zoning-Private Sewage Total	71,947	+169.39%	26,707	53,660	50,257
2204 - Planning & Zoning-Census					
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>					
2204-56315 - Census Redistricting					
200 - Contractual Services	0	0.00%	0	0	0
2204-56315 - Census Redistricting Total	0	0.00%	0	0	0
Expense / Expenditure Total	0	0.00%	0	0	0
2204 - Planning & Zoning-Census Total	0	0.00%	0	0	0
2205 - Planning & Zoning-Surveyor					
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>					
2205-56340 - Surveyor					
200 - Contractual Services	50,041	0.00%	50,041	10,591	50,041



Department Operating Budget Detail

With Previous Year Comparison and Annual Estimate

	2026 Budget	% Change	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Estimate
300 - Supplies and Expense	2,880	0.00%	2,880	123	2,880
500 - Fixed Charges	603	0.00%	603	402	603
2205-56340 - Surveyor Total	53,524	0.00%	53,524	11,116	53,524
Expense / Expenditure Total	53,524	0.00%	53,524	11,116	53,524
2205 - Planning & Zoning-Surveyor Total	53,524	0.00%	53,524	11,116	53,524
22 - Planning & Zoning Total	723,573	+32.13%	547,603	462,468	644,884



Department Operating Budget Narrative

Account Number	Description	2026 Request	2025 Budget	Difference		Change Justification 10% or greater change
				Amount	%	
22 - Planning & Zoning						
2201 - Planning & Zoning						
Revenue / Funding Source						
2201-43581 - State Aid-Planning						
101-2201-43581-???-000	43-000 - Intergovernmental Revenues	0	0	0	0.00%	
2201-44411 - County Planner Plat						
101-2201-44411-???-000	44-000 - Licenses and Permits	7,100	9,650	(2,550)	-26.42%	
2201-44413 - Shoreland Zoning						
101-2201-44413-???-000	44-000 - Licenses and Permits	7,100	8,400	(1,300)	-15.48%	
2201-44414 - Well Location Permit						
101-2201-44414-???-000	44-000 - Licenses and Permits	13,125	15,375	(2,250)	-14.63%	
2201-47351 - Local Gov Charges-						
101-2201-47351-???-000	47-000 - Intergovernmental Charges for Services	600	700	(100)	-14.29%	
Expense / Expenditure						
2201-56310 - County Planner						
101-2201-56310-???-101	101 - Wages-Permanent	275,567	262,292	13,275	+5.06%	
101-2201-56310-???-107	107 - Sick Leave	15,004	14,281	723	+5.06%	
101-2201-56310-???-108	108 - Vacation	21,808	20,758	1,050	+5.06%	
101-2201-56310-???-109	109 - Holiday	12,435	11,836	599	+5.06%	
101-2201-56310-???-110	110 - Funeral/Jury/Other	0	0	0	0.00%	
101-2201-56310-???-120	120 - FICA	24,848	23,651	1,197	+5.06%	
101-2201-56310-???-130	130 - Health Insurance	72,886	69,435	3,451	+4.97%	
101-2201-56310-???-132	132 - Post Employment Benefits	2,438	2,320	117	+5.06%	
101-2201-56310-???-133	133 - Vision Insurance	182	129	52	+40.35%	Predetermined
101-2201-56310-???-134	134 - Dental Insurance	481	935	(455)	-48.60%	
101-2201-56310-???-140	140 - Life Insurance	30	45	(15)	-33.33%	
101-2201-56310-???-151	151 - Retirement	23,387	21,487	1,899	+8.84%	
101-2201-56310-???-160	160 - Worker's Compensation	1,991	2,224	(233)	-10.48%	
101-2201-56310-???-172	172 - Training / Conference /	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%	
101-2201-56310-???-214	214 - Prof Serv-Printing	0	0	0	0.00%	
101-2201-56310-???-219	219 - Prof Serv-Other	1,080	0	1,080	0.00%	
101-2201-56310-???-221	221 - Utility Service-Cellphone / Telephone	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%	
101-2201-56310-???-230	230 - R/M Serv-PC Replacement	1,630	1,350	280	+20.74%	Power PCs added and inventory corrected.
101-2201-56310-???-311	311 - Office Supplies	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%	
101-2201-56310-???-312	312 - Copy Expense	500	500	0	0.00%	



Department Operating Budget Narrative

101-2201-56310-???-313	313 - Postage	700	700	0	0.00%
101-2201-56310-???-321	321 - Publications	250	250	0	0.00%
101-2201-56310-???-325	325 - Dues & Subscriptions	800	800	0	0.00%
101-2201-56310-???-331	331 - Mileage	2,750	2,750	0	0.00%
101-2201-56310-???-332	332 - Meals	300	300	0	0.00%
101-2201-56310-???-333	333 - Lodging / Hotels	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
101-2201-56310-???-336	336 - Parking	50	50	0	0.00%
101-2201-56310-???-511	511 - Insurance-Liability	2,021	2,591	(570)	-21.99%
101-2201-56310-???-531	531 - Rent-Interdepartment	12,672	12,672	0	0.00%
101-2201-56310-???-815	815 - Computer Software	0	0	0	0.00%

2202 - Planning & Zoning-Land

Revenue / Funding Source

2202-43516 - State Aid-

261-2202-43516-???-000	43-000 - Intergovernmental Revenues	21,000	21,000	0	0.00%
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2202-43581 - Land Records - State

261-2202-43581-???-000	43-000 - Intergovernmental Revenues	0	84,032	(84,032)	-100.00%
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2202-46135 - Public Charges-Land

261-2202-46135-???-000	46-000 - Public Charges for Services	100,000	100,000	0	0.00%
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2202-46195 - Public Chrgs-Map &

261-2202-46195-???-000	46-000 - Public Charges for Services	100	100	0	0.00%
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2202-47351 - Local Gov Charges-

261-2202-47351-???-000	47-000 - Intergovernmental Charges for Services	0	0	0	0.00%
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2202-48900 - Miscellaneous

261-2202-48900-???-000	48-000 - Miscellaneous	4,545	76,408	(71,863)	-94.05%
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Expense / Expenditure

2202-56320 - Land Record

261-2202-56320-???-101	101 - Wages-Permanent	62,404	59,407	2,996	+5.04%
261-2202-56320-???-107	107 - Sick Leave	3,378	3,215	162	+5.04%
261-2202-56320-???-108	108 - Vacation	4,199	3,997	202	+5.04%
261-2202-56320-???-109	109 - Holiday	2,799	2,665	134	+5.04%
261-2202-56320-???-120	120 - FICA	5,568	5,300	267	+5.04%
261-2202-56320-???-130	130 - Health Insurance	18,365	17,490	875	+5.00%
261-2202-56320-???-133	133 - Vision Insurance	78	78	0	0.00%
261-2202-56320-???-140	140 - Life Insurance	15	15	0	0.00%
261-2202-56320-???-151	151 - Retirement	5,240	4,815	425	+8.82%
261-2202-56320-???-160	160 - Worker's Compensation	49	55	(6)	-10.91%
261-2202-56320-???-172	172 - Training / Conference /	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%



Department Operating Budget Narrative

261-2202-56320-???-219	219 - Prof Serv-Other	35,360	10,000	25,360	+253.60%	Projects needed for 2026-Carryover
261-2202-56320-???-221	221 - Utility Service-Cellphone / Telephone	250	250	0	0.00%	
261-2202-56320-???-230	230 - R/M Serv-PC Replacement	560	560	0	0.00%	
261-2202-56320-???-233	233 - R/M Serv-Equipment	10,350	10,350	0	0.00%	A new large format scanner is needed.
261-2202-56320-???-311	311 - Office Supplies	780	780	0	0.00%	
261-2202-56320-???-312	312 - Copy Expense	100	100	0	0.00%	
261-2202-56320-???-313	313 - Postage	45	45	0	0.00%	
261-2202-56320-???-328	328 - Dues	250	250	0	0.00%	
261-2202-56320-???-329	329 - Other Pubs, Subs & Dues	20,000	20,000	0	0.00%	
261-2202-56320-???-331	331 - Mileage	700	700	0	0.00%	
261-2202-56320-???-332	332 - Meals	380	380	0	0.00%	
261-2202-56320-???-333	333 - Lodging / Hotels	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%	
261-2202-56320-???-336	336 - Parking	50	50	0	0.00%	
261-2202-56320-???-340	340 - Operating Supplies &	32,801	32,801	0	0.00%	
261-2202-56320-???-511	511 - Insurance-Liability	704	903	(199)	-21.99%	
261-2202-56320-???-531	531 - Rent-Interdepartment	1,032	1,032	0	0.00%	
261-2202-56320-???-815	815 - Computer Software	0	0	0	0.00%	
261-2202-56320-???-819	819 - Other Equipment	61,407	145,440	(84,033)	-57.78%	

2203 - Planning & Zoning-Private

Revenue / Funding Source

2203-43549 - State Grants-Private

262-2203-43549-???-000	43-000 - Intergovernmental Revenues	0	70,000	(70,000)	-100.00%
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2203-44300 - Sanitary Permit Fees

262-2203-44300-???-000	44-000 - Licenses and Permits	54,450	86,150	(31,700)	-36.80%
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2203-44412 - WI Fund Application

262-2203-44412-???-000	44-000 - Licenses and Permits	0	1,500	(1,500)	-100.00%
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2203-44415 - HT Database Annual

262-2203-44415-???-000	44-000 - Licenses and Permits	113,450	107,100	6,350	+5.93%
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2203-45191 - Private Sewage Fines

262-2203-45191-???-000	45-000 - Fines, Forfeits and Penalties	3,000	5,000	(2,000)	-40.00%
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2203-46826 - Public Charges-

262-2203-46826-???-000	46-000 - Public Charges for Services	11,500	16,000	(4,500)	-28.13%
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2203-48900 - Miscellaneous

262-2203-48900-???-000	48-000 - Miscellaneous	100	500	(400)	-80.00%
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Expense / Expenditure

2203-56943 - Private Sewage

262-2203-56943-???-101	101 - Wages-Permanent	99,015	93,181	5,834	+6.26%
262-2203-56943-???-107	107 - Sick Leave	5,166	4,860	306	+6.29%



Department Operating Budget Narrative

262-2203-56943-???-108	108 - Vacation	6,292	5,895	397	+6.74%	
262-2203-56943-???-109	109 - Holiday	4,281	4,028	253	+6.29%	
262-2203-56943-???-110	110 - Funeral/Jury/Other	0	0	0	0.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-111	111 - Clothing Allowance	250	200	50	+25.00%	Boots and Shirts needed for inspections
262-2203-56943-???-120	120 - FICA	8,779	8,259	519	+6.29%	
262-2203-56943-???-130	130 - Health Insurance	35,582	33,930	1,652	+4.87%	
262-2203-56943-???-132	132 - Post Employment Benefits	1,082	1,005	77	+7.70%	
262-2203-56943-???-133	133 - Vision Insurance	51	51	0	0.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-134	134 - Dental Insurance	240	312	(71)	-22.90%	
262-2203-56943-???-140	140 - Life Insurance	30	30	0	0.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-151	151 - Retirement	8,262	7,503	759	+10.11%	Predetermined
262-2203-56943-???-160	160 - Worker's Compensation	627	700	(72)	-10.36%	
262-2203-56943-???-172	172 - Training / Conference /	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-219	219 - Prof Serv-Other	9,268	7,000	2,268	+32.40%	Carmody increased their fee structure in 2025 2025. Increase for AI software.
262-2203-56943-???-221	221 - Utility Service-Cellphone / Telephone	1,519	1,519	0	0.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-230	230 - R/M Serv-PC Replacement	1,330	820	510	+62.20%	Power PCs added and inventory corrected.
262-2203-56943-???-233	233 - R/M Serv-Equipment	10,000	10,000	0	0.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-242	242 - R/M Serv Other-Vehicles	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-311	311 - Office Supplies	2,560	2,560	0	0.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-312	312 - Copy Expense	500	500	0	0.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-313	313 - Postage	5,250	5,250	0	0.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-323	323 - Public Notices	0	0	0	0.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-328	328 - Dues	390	390	0	0.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-329	329 - Other Pubs, Subs & Dues	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-331	331 - Mileage	1,250	1,250	0	0.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-332	332 - Meals	200	200	0	0.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-333	333 - Lodging / Hotels	1,200	1,200	0	0.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-341	341 - Operating Supplies &	30,000	30,000	0	0.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-343	343 - Operating Supplies &	5,000	5,000	0	0.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-511	511 - Insurance-Liability	3,521	4,514	(993)	-21.99%	
262-2203-56943-???-531	531 - Rent-Interdepartment	4,800	4,800	0	0.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-710	710 - Grants, Donations, Contrib	0	70,000	(70,000)	-100.00%	
262-2203-56943-???-819	819 - Other Equipment	0	0	0	0.00%	

2204 - Planning & Zoning-Census

Expense / Expenditure

2204-56315 - Census Redistricting

101-2204-56315-???-219	219 - Prof Serv-Other	0	0	0	0.00%
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2205 - Planning & Zoning-Surveyor



Department Operating Budget Narrative

Expense / Expenditure

2205-56340 - Surveyor

101-2205-56340-???-219	219 - Prof Serv-Other	13,520	13,520	0	0.00%
101-2205-56340-???-221	221 - Utility Service-Cellphone / Telephone	218	218	0	0.00%
101-2205-56340-???-230	230 - R/M Serv-PC Replacement	250	250	0	0.00%
101-2205-56340-???-239	239 - R/M Serv-Other	36,053	36,053	0	0.00%
101-2205-56340-???-311	311 - Office Supplies	130	130	0	0.00%
101-2205-56340-???-312	312 - Copy Expense	0	0	0	0.00%
101-2205-56340-???-313	313 - Postage	100	100	0	0.00%
101-2205-56340-???-328	328 - Dues	100	100	0	0.00%
101-2205-56340-???-331	331 - Mileage	50	50	0	0.00%
101-2205-56340-???-340	340 - Operating Supplies &	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
101-2205-56340-???-531	531 - Rent-Interdepartment	603	603	0	0.00%

Total 22 - Planning & Zoning	723,573	547,603	175,970	+32.13%
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Operating Position Cost Summary

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Fiscal Year 2026
 Forecast Year 2026
 Department or Sub-Department 22 - Planning & Zoning

Position	Pay Grade	Alloc. %	Salary	Modifiers	Premiums	Total	Hours	Premium Hours	FTE
22 - Planning & Zoning									
2201 - Planning & Zoning									
2201-56310 - County Planner									
(Unassigned)									
2901-Planning & Zoning Dir	Grade P	100.00	121,888	40,384	-	162,272	2,080	-	1.00
2902-Code Administrator	Grade J	100.00	73,403	30,237	-	103,640	2,080	-	1.00
2903-County Planner	Grade K	100.00	79,269	30,256	-	109,525	2,080	-	1.00
2912-Program Assistant	Grade F	96.88	50,254	25,365	-	75,620	2,015	-	0.97
Total (Unassigned)			324,814	126,242	-	451,056	8,255	-	3.97
Total 2201-56310 - County Planner			324,814	126,242	-	451,056	8,255	-	3.97
Total 2201 - Planning & Zoning			324,814	126,242	-	451,056	8,255	-	3.97
2202 - Planning & Zoning-Land Records									
2202-56320 - Land Record									
(Unassigned)									
2904-Land Record Coord/GIS	Grade I	100.00	72,779	29,315	-	102,094	2,080	-	1.00
Total (Unassigned)			72,779	29,315	-	102,094	2,080	-	1.00
Total 2202-56320 - Land Record			72,779	29,315	-	102,094	2,080	-	1.00
Total 2202 - Planning & Zoning-Land Records			72,779	29,315	-	102,094	2,080	-	1.00
2203 - Planning & Zoning-Private Sewage									
2203-56943 - Private Sewage System									
(Unassigned)									
2905-Code Technician	Grade H	96.88	60,631	27,641	-	88,273	2,015	-	0.97
Total (Unassigned)			60,631	27,641	-	88,273	2,015	-	0.97
Administrative Services									
2913-Program Assistant	Grade F	96.88	54,123	27,013	-	81,136	2,015	-	0.97
Total Administrative Services			54,123	27,013	-	81,136	2,015	-	0.97
Total 2203-56943 - Private Sewage System			114,754	54,655	-	169,409	4,030	-	1.94
Total 2203 - Planning & Zoning-Private Sewage			114,754	54,655	-	169,409	4,030	-	1.94
Total 22 - Planning & Zoning			512,348	210,211	-	722,559	14,365	-	6.91

Operating Position Cost Summary

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Fiscal Year 2026
Forecast Year 2026
Department or Sub-Department 22 - Planning & Zoning
Grand Total

512,348	210,211	-	722,559	14,365	-	6.91
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LUNCH AT PIZZA RANCH

I am a section corner
South Galvin Ave
Marshfield

Kevin Boyer, Wood County Surveyor, will tell a story about section corners and how they have evolved over the years.

Auburndale Park Association
10654 Park Ave
Auburndale

The CEED Committee awarded a grant of \$25,000 to the Village of Auburndale in 2024 for park improvements, and a grant of \$4,000 to the Auburndale Park Association & Auburndale Alumni and Youth Basketball Association for improvements to the basketball hoops at the park in 2025.

4H Site
4290 State Hwy 73
Wisconsin Rapids



The four H's are head, heart, hands, and health. That means we are committed to providing opportunities for youth to learn life skills like decision-making, problem solving, caring for others, generosity, making healthy choices, and more.

September 12, 2025

7:45 am: Meet in front of the Courthouse
8:00 am: Bus will leave
8:00 am-8:05 am: Wisconsin Rapids Downtown Master Plan
8:30 am-8:45 am: Jim Freeman Memorial Boat Landing project
(Enjoy the ride as we drive through Cranberry country!)
9:30 am-9:50 am: Power's Bluff & restroom break
10:00 am-10:10 am: Well Inspection site on Wood County property
10:25 am-11:25 am: Hauke Honey Corporation
11:45 pm-12:45 pm: Lunch at Pizza Ranch
1:00 pm-1:15 pm: I am a Section Corner
1:35 pm-1:45 pm: Auburndale Park (Restroom will be available)
2:10 pm-2:40 pm: 4H Site
2:40 pm-3:00 pm: Return to Courthouse

*This schedule is subject to change without notice.

CONSERVATION, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE TOUR



September 12, 2025



Wood County
University of Wisconsin-Extension

**Registration deadline is
Friday September 5, 2025**

Moderate walking on uneven ground is a requirement for the tour.

Closed toed shoes are required

Call Victoria at 715-421-8467 or email
victoria.wilson@woodcountywi.gov

**Wisconsin Rapids Downtown
Master Plan
Wisconsin Rapids**



This master plan for Downtown provides the vision, recommendations, and tools necessary to strengthen Downtown as the heart of the city.

Wisconsin Rapids sits at the very center of the State, straddling its longest river - the Wisconsin River. The City formed when two cities - divided culturally and geographically by the Wisconsin River - merged in 1900 to become Grand Rapids, renamed to Wisconsin Rapids in 1920.

Downtown Wisconsin Rapids, is the heart of the community. It is where the community expresses its history, ideals, and aspirations. It is the nexus of government, the prevailing identity of the community, and where the community's ever changing relationship with the Wisconsin River is most evident.

The community and the Downtown is at a cross-roads. Wisconsin Rapids's main source of stability and prosperity, the mill, shut down in 2022 - putting 900 employees out of work while sending economic ripples through Downtown. The impact of the mill's closure has forced the community to confront its future in a way it hadn't in the past.

Instead of relying on the fortunes of what appeared to be a "forever industry", the community has to regroup, assess its identity, re-discover its assets, think differently about the new challenges it faces, and determine a course forward.

The goal of this plan therefore is to create a vision for growth and development to reach a better future for Downtown and its users. The vision laid out in this master plan will serve as a road map for future decisions by the City of Wisconsin Rapids, the development and philanthropic communities, other associated agencies, and individuals.

**Jim Freeman Memorial Boat Landing
Fishing Pier & Bank Stabilization
Nekoosa**

The CEED Committee awarded a grant of \$18,875 to the City of Nekoosa, Jim Freeman Memorial Boat Launch in 2025 for fishing pier improvements and a bank stabilization project.

**Power's Bluff County Park
6990 Bluff Dr
Arpin**



Paul Bernard, Wood County Land Records Coordinator, will display some of Wood County's maps and talk about the layers that go into them, and how the information for the layers is collected.

**Well Inspection
7091 County Rd N
Arpin**



Brad Cook, Code Administrator, will give a brief demonstration of what is inspected when a new well has been drilled or an old well is being replaced or re-constructed.

**Hauke Honey Corporation
9316 Klondike Dr
Marshfield**

Doug Hauke, CEO of Hauke Honey Corporation, will take us inside his state-of-the-art extracting facility in Marshfield. He produces honey in Wisconsin, produces bees and breeding stock in Texas, sells honey in 2,500-pound totes to Molsen Coors Beverage Company in Milwaukee (formerly Miller Brewing), and pollinates in California. He runs over 3,000 bee colonies in Wisconsin across Wood, Clark, Marathon & Portage counties and works with the Wood County Land & Water Conservation Department through the Wildlife Claims & Abatement Program to address bear abatement issues with bee hives in Wood County. Doug will speak about beekeeping on an industrial scale as well as some of the issues with beekeeping (pests, pathogens, insecticides and loss of forage). His dad started with 120 hives which Doug took over and expanded, leading the charge in innovation and technology, to build the only kosher USDA/FDA certified extracting facility in Wisconsin.





RESOLUTION#

DATE September 16, 2025
Effective
Date September 16, 2025

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Conservation, Education and Economic Development Committee

Introduced by

Motion:	Adopted:	<input type="checkbox"/>
1 st	Lost:	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 nd	Tabled:	<input type="checkbox"/>
No: _____	Yes: _____	Absent: _____
Number of votes required:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Majority <input type="checkbox"/> Two-thirds		
Reviewed by: _____, Corp Counsel		
Reviewed by: _____, Finance Dir.		

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To adopt the Wood County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan so that Wood County is eligible for future grant funding opportunities.

FISCAL NOTE: No fiscal impact to Wood County.

WHEREAS, the current Wood County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan (the “Plan”) was originally adopted in 1995 and is in need of a comprehensive update to reflect current issues and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, communities across Wisconsin are increasingly recognizing the benefits that biking and walking-friendly places offer in terms of quality of life to residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, representatives from Wood County, municipalities, transportation agencies, planning agencies and many others in the County have worked cooperatively on updates to the Plan in order to make biking and walking safer and more accessible forms of transportation and recreation; and

WHEREAS, the updated Plan will improve the quality and safety of bicycling and walking through new and improved infrastructure, policies and programs, for all types of users; and

WHEREAS, the updated Plan will increase transportation choices by improving connectivity of the route and trail network while increasing accessibility to key destinations throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the updated Plan will improve health and wellness by increasing access to routes and trails, thereby offering more opportunities for recreation, active transportation, and physical activity; and

WHEREAS, the updated Plan promotes trail-related tourism and economic development for communities in Wood County; and

Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, September 16, 2025

County Clerk

County Board Chairman

WHEREAS, an adopted Plan is very beneficial in obtaining grant money for trail projects; and

WHEREAS, supporting this resolution does not otherwise replace any local plans nor commit Wood County or any local units within to dedicate any funding, but rather indicates a willingness to consider support for the updated Plan's recommended projects and programs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Wood hereby adopts the updates to the Wood County Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan.

Link to Bike and Ped Plan below:

(Hard copy available in Planning & Zoning office)

<https://www.ncwrpc.org/wood-county-bicycle-and-pedestrian-plan-2023/>



**Wood County Economic Development
(Planning & Zoning/Extension)**

400 Market Street/ P.O. Box 8095, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
Phone: 715-421-8466

Wood County (WI) Economic Development Funding Application Instructions & Grant Information

The Wood County CEED (Conservation, Education, and Economic Development) Committee and the Board of Supervisors have made available a limited amount of economic development funds to be awarded each year to projects or proposals that seek to enhance the economic vitality of Wood County. This includes projects or proposals to encourage business growth and development, promote tourism and recreational opportunities, develop workforce retention or attraction strategies, and more.

To be successful, proposals should be clear and concise with a detailed description of the project's scope, program, or activity, timeline, and 1:1 match funding. A successful proposal will -

1. **Align to REDI Plan Goals:** Wood County's economic development strategy ([The Rural Economic Development Initiative \(REDI\) Plan](#)) outlines strategic goals in key focus areas. Proposals should align with one of these strategic goals -
 - Supporting **Entrepreneurship**
 - Offering collaborative **Economic Development Networking**
 - Ensuring robust **Technology Infrastructure**
 - Addressing **Housing** needs throughout the County
 - Engaging in solutions for **Child Care** Accessibility & Affordability
 - Supporting **Asset-Based Branding & Tourism**
 - Developing combined county-wide **Recreational Mapping** to increase use and attract tourism
2. **Provide an ROI to Wood County:** Proposals should provide a detailed ROI (Return on Investment) description for the funds invested.
3. **Be Completed in One Year:** These economic development grant funds are not ongoing. Successful proposals will have a clear timeline and be completed within the 2025 calendar year.
4. **Include a 1:1 Match:** Proposals should include at least a 1:1 match. The match can be monetary or in-kind contributions. A description of the match must be included in the application.

Who Can Apply? Applications are welcome from local municipalities or units of government, non-profit/community organizations, or project-based teams. Proposals should have a Wood County focus.

Funds Available & Grant Size: A total of \$400,000 is available in this fund for the 2025 grant cycle. There is no cap in place for these requests, but keep in mind there is a **1:1 match preference** and scoring will be based, in part, on the match details.

What we do not generally fund: Annual campaigns, Operating expenses or losses, Debt retirement, Endowments, Direct support of individuals, Lobbying, Sectarian causes

Process: All applications are due by 4:30pm on Friday, July 5, 2024. Applications are reviewed in August, approved by the County Board in November and grantees will be notified following approval of the County budget. Note that funds will not be released until a project results report is presented to the CEED Committee.

Questions/More Information: Contact Jason or Victoria in Wood County Planning & Zoning with questions. 715-421-8466, jason.grueneberg@woodcountywi.gov, victoria.wilson@woodcountywi.gov.



**Wood County Economic Development
(Planning & Zoning/Extension)**
400 Market Street/ P.O. Box 8095, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
Phone: 715-421-8466

2025 Wood County (WI) Economic Development Funding Request

Proposal Title:

Applicant Organization:

Website:

Mailing Address:

Street Address: (if different)

Contact Name & Title:

Phone:

Email:

Proposal Narrative

1. REDI Alignment (select one)

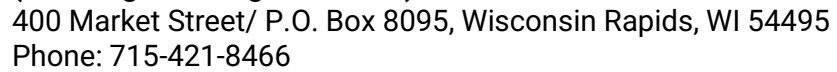
If selected other, please describe:

2. Please provide a summary of your proposal. Explain how it is consistent with and supports the Wood County REDI (Rural Economic Development Initiative) Plan.

3. Have you received funds through this grant in the past? (if yes, check box)

Have you applied in the past? (if yes, check box)

If yes, in which years did you receive funds and in which years did you apply?



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**Wood County Economic Development
(Planning & Zoning/Extension)**

400 Market Street/ P.O. Box 8095, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495
Phone: 715-421-8466

Funding Considerations/Request Summary

(provide separate spreadsheet/budget if needed)

Budget Summary		Budget Detail	
Total Organization Budget	\$	Revenue/Income	
Total Proposal Cost	\$		\$
Total Amount Requested	\$		\$
Total Match *	\$	Total Revenue/Income	\$
* Please provide a match explanation in question 6.		Expenses	
			\$
			\$
			\$
		Total Expense	\$

Project Reporting Requirement

As a reporting requirement of receiving an Economic Development Grant, a one-page summary project report will be prepared and presented to the CEED Committee. **This report must be submitted no later than Tuesday, October 1, 2025.** Funding will not be released to the applicant prior to the reporting requirement being met. Please also note that funds are not able to be carried over into the following year.

Signatures

I attest that the information in this application submitted to Wood County is true and correct.

Applicant

<i>Kishon R Hoffmann</i>		
Signature	Printed Name	Date

Highest Organization Elected Official/Board Chair

<i>Tyler Freund</i>		
Signature	Printed Name	Date

WISCONSIN RAPIDS DOWNTOWN

BUY LOCAL *Farmers Market* EAT LOCAL

Thursdays & Saturdays
8AM - 1PM

AVERAGE NUMBER OF VISITORS
PER THURSDAY MARKET DAY:

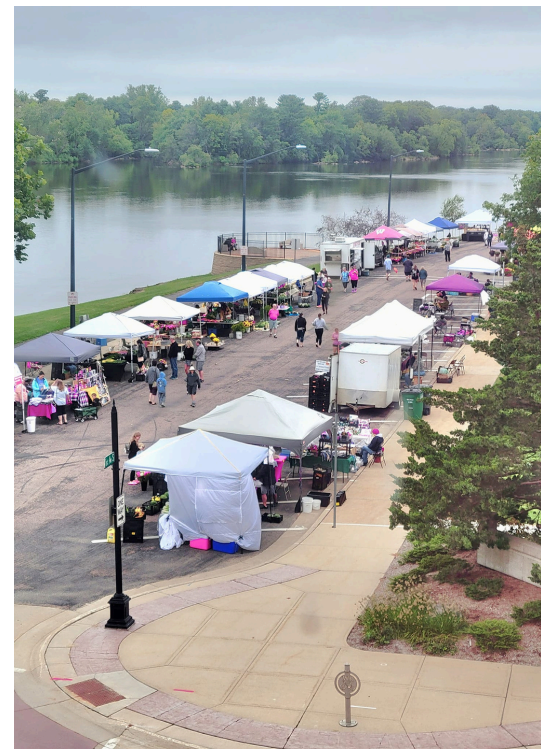
1,224

AVERAGE AMOUNT SPENT AT THE
MARKET PER VISITOR PER VISIT:

\$23

AVERAGE AMOUNT SPENT AT
NEIGHBORING BUSINESSES PER
MARKET VISITOR PER VISIT:

\$35



Vendors: 30 - 60 (depending on the month)

2x per week outside of River Block Building on 1st Avenue

MARSHFIELD FARMERS MARKET

DATA FROM 2022:

Average number of visitors:
1,134

Average amount spent at the
market per visitor per visit:
\$26

Average amount spent at
neighboring businesses per
market per visit: \$88

- Vendors: 40 - 60 (depending on the month)
- Saturdays in Festival Foods Parking Lot
- Self-organized with previous support from Festival Foods staff & temporarily by Marshfield Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MACCI)

CURRENTLY

Regional Farmers Market Coordinator
facilitating business structure creation:
2 meetings with 12 organizing vendors

WISCONSIN RAPIDS DOWNTOWN

BUY LOCAL *Farmers Market* EAT LOCAL

Double Dollars funding: \$2,000

What is the Double Dollars Program?



Low-income families and individuals can shop at our farmers market with their SNAP/EBT card. They go to the Farmers Market Info Booth...



...Swipe their SNAP/EBT card and get tokens to spend with vendors. With Double Dollars funding, they can swipe their card, and the market will match their swipe up to \$20, meaning they would have a total of \$40 to spend at the market (once per eligible market day).



They then spend the tokens at vendor booths to purchase local food items like fresh fruits and vegetables. Vendors are reimbursed for the tokens via check 2 weeks after turning them in.

With this \$2,000 in funding, the market could expand the number of days Double Dollars is offered to include 12 additional days throughout the market season, as we currently see an average of \$163 spent on our Double Dollar days. Double Dollars is currently offered on the last Thursday and Saturday of the month. This support will directly impact low-income families and the amount of money they can spend at our market, while also supporting our local entrepreneurs throughout the summer. It is also important to note that having consistent days for Double Dollars increases customer retention and regular attendance by making the farmers' market part of their shopping routine. This program is directly tied to an increase in healthier food choices, such as an increase in fruit and vegetable intake, which aligns with one of the objectives in the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for Wood County. In the REDI Plan, one of the objectives is to support the CHIP, as successful economic development depends on a healthy community.

MARSHFIELD FARMERS MARKET

Business Start-up Expenses: \$4,000

The Marshfield Farmers Market is at a critical scaling point. After many years of being run by vendors with assistance from Festival Foods, it is time for them to create a more formal business structure to maintain compliance with Department of Revenue needs and ensure a sustainable market. With help from the Regional Farmers Market Coordinator a team of 12 farmers market vendors are in the process of formalizing this business.

This funding will allow the market to focus on building community partnerships, and a sustainable business model - led by community members, for community members.

The assistance of these start-up funds will help the Marshfield Farmers Market establish itself in a way that will allow them to maintain their farmers market for years to come.

Expense	Amount
WIX website subscription	\$350.00
Domain purchase Marshfieldfarmersmarketwi.com	\$100.00
Logo Design	\$900.00
Website build	\$1,000.00
Large advertising signs/banners	\$560.00
Business Registration - Co-op or Non Stock Corp or Non-profit	\$100.00
Business consultation, chart of accounts set up, filing taxes	\$465.00
Market Manager Workshops/education	\$200.00
Farmers Market Insurance through WI Farmers Market Association	\$325.00
TOTAL	\$4,000.00



We see potential for an exciting farmers market collaboration between Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids. Having this funding will give Marshfield a big step forward, allowing it to implement a farmers market information booth with tokens similar to the Wisconsin Rapids market. The establishment of this market is part of creating a healthy community and economy.

REDI Plan Connection

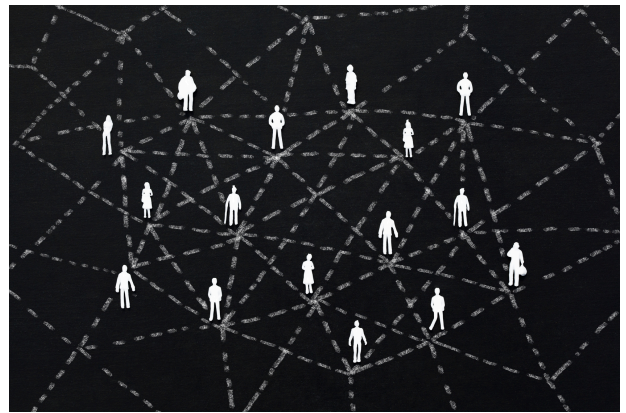
Establishing an Entrepreneurial “ecosystem” in Wood County

Farmers Markets are exactly where many existing and emerging local entrepreneurs in our area have gotten their start or scaled their business. This funding will allow farmers markets to continue being a significant part of their business models and livelihoods (some for decades!).

Tourism in Wood County

Farmers Markets are more than just a place of economic development..

- they are a community staple where people connect with their community weekly
- a place to become a part of the community story of growth and development
- farmers markets are a weekly attraction that tourists can visit



Healthy Communities & Healthy Economies

The REDI Plan acknowledges that in order to have a healthy economy, you also need to have a healthy community - farmers markets are where these two concepts intersect.

This is an opportunity to impact a multitude of businesses and community members at two of our greatest gatherings of entrepreneurs in Wood County.



Department Operating Budget Summary

2026 Budget Summary							
<u>Department: 38 - Transportation & Economic Development</u>	3801 - Transportation & Economic Development- Property Taxes	3803 - Transportation & Economic Development Grants	3804 - Transportation & Economic Development- CDBG	3805 - Transportation & Economic Development-Jr. Fair	2026 Total	Change %	Change \$
Revenue / Funding Source							
41 - Taxes	371,700				371,700	+2.54%	9,200
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues		0			0	0.00%	0
48 - Miscellaneous Revenues			60,010		60,010	0.00%	0
Total Operating Revenues	371,700	0	60,010		431,710	+2.18%	9,200
Revenue / Funding Source Total	371,700	0	60,010		431,710	+2.18%	9,200
Expense / Expenditure							
200 - Contractual Services		40,000	60,000		100,000	-0.99%	(1,000)
300 - Supplies and Expense		4,200			4,200	+5.00%	200
700 - Grants and Contributions		327,500		38,000	365,500	+2.81%	10,000
Total Operating Expenditures		371,700	60,000	38,000	469,700	+2.00%	9,200
Expense / Expenditure Total		371,700	60,000	38,000	469,700	+2.00%	9,200
Beginning Carryover							
Ending Carryover							
38 - Transportation & Economic	(371,700)	371,700	(10)	38,000	37,990	0.00%	0

2025 Budget Summary					
<u>Department: 38 - Transportation & Economic Development</u>	3801 - Transportation & Economic Development- Property Taxes	3803 - Transportation & Economic Development Grants	3804 - Transportation & Economic Development- CDBG	3805 - Transportation & Economic Development-Jr. Fair	2025 Budget
Revenue / Funding Source					
41 - Taxes	362,500				362,500
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues		0			0
48 - Miscellaneous Revenues			60,010		60,010
Total Operating Revenues	362,500	0	60,010		422,510
Revenue / Funding Source Total	362,500	0	60,010		422,510
Expense / Expenditure					
200 - Contractual Services		41,000	60,000		101,000



Department Operating Budget Summary

300 - Supplies and Expense		4,000			4,000
700 - Grants and Contributions		317,500		38,000	355,500
Total Operating Expenditures		362,500	60,000	38,000	460,500
Expense / Expenditure Total		362,500	60,000	38,000	460,500
Beginning Carryover					
Ending Carryover					
38 - Transportation & Economic	(362,500)	362,500	(10)	38,000	37,990

2025 Budget
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Department Operating Budget Detail

With Previous Year Comparison and Annual Estimate

	2026 Budget	% Change	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Estimate
38 - Transportation & Economic Development					
3801 - Transportation & Economic Development-Property Taxes					
<u>Revenue / Funding Source</u>					
3801-41110 - General Property Taxes - Trans and Econ Devel.					
41 - Taxes	371,700	+2.54%	362,500	241,667	
3801-41110 - General Property Taxes - Trans and Econ Devel. Total	371,700	+2.54%	362,500	241,667	
Revenue / Funding Source Total	371,700	+2.54%	362,500	241,667	
3801 - Transportation & Economic Development-Property Taxes Total	(371,700)	-2.54%	(362,500)	(241,667)	
3803 - Transportation & Economic Development Grants					
<u>Revenue / Funding Source</u>					
3803-43581 - State Aid-Forestry					
43 - Intergovernmental Revenues	0	0.00%	0	15,400	15,400
3803-43581 - State Aid-Forestry Total	0	0.00%	0	15,400	15,400
Revenue / Funding Source Total	0	0.00%	0	15,400	15,400
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>					
3803-56750 - Transp & Economic Development					
200 - Contractual Services	40,000	-2.44%	41,000	38,601	38,601
300 - Supplies and Expense	4,200	+5.00%	4,000	12,941	14,704
700 - Grants and Contributions	327,500	+3.15%	317,500	220,096	317,500
3803-56750 - Transp & Economic Development Total	371,700	+2.54%	362,500	271,638	370,805
Expense / Expenditure Total	371,700	+2.54%	362,500	271,638	370,805
3803 - Transportation & Economic Development Grants Total	371,700	+2.54%	362,500	256,238	355,405
3804 - Transportation & Economic Development-CDBG					
<u>Revenue / Funding Source</u>					
3804-48110 - CDBG Loan Interest-Bank					
48 - Miscellaneous Revenues	10	0.00%	10	23	23
3804-48110 - CDBG Loan Interest-Bank Total	10	0.00%	10	23	23



Department Operating Budget Detail

With Previous Year Comparison and Annual Estimate

	2026 Budget	% Change	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Estimate
3804-48900 - Miscellaneous Revenue					
48 - Miscellaneous Revenues	60,000	0.00%	60,000	18,030	60,000
3804-48900 - Miscellaneous Revenue Total	60,000	0.00%	60,000	18,030	60,000
Revenue / Funding Source Total	60,010	0.00%	60,010	18,053	60,023
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>					
3804-56780 - CDBG-Other Professional Services					
200 - Contractual Services	60,000	0.00%	60,000	20,245	60,000
3804-56780 - CDBG-Other Professional Services Total	60,000	0.00%	60,000	20,245	60,000
Expense / Expenditure Total	60,000	0.00%	60,000	20,245	60,000
3804 - Transportation & Economic Development-CDBG Total	(10)	0.00%	(10)	2,192	(23)
3805 - Transportation & Economic Development-Jr. Fair					
<u>Expense / Expenditure</u>					
3805-56760 - Transportation & Econ-Junior Fair					
700 - Grants and Contributions	38,000	0.00%	38,000	38,000	38,000
3805-56760 - Transportation & Econ-Junior Fair Total	38,000	0.00%	38,000	38,000	38,000
Expense / Expenditure Total	38,000	0.00%	38,000	38,000	38,000
3805 - Transportation & Economic Development-Jr. Fair Total	38,000	0.00%	38,000	38,000	38,000
38 - Transportation & Economic Development Total	37,990	0.00%	37,990	54,763	393,382



Department Operating Budget Narrative

Account Number	Description	2026 Requested	2025 Budget	Difference	
				Amount	%
38 - Transportation & Economic Development					
3801 - Transportation & Economic Development-Property Taxes					
Revenue / Funding Source					
3801-41110 - General Property Taxes - Trans and Econ Devel.					
267-3801-41110-???-000	41-000 - Taxes	371,700	362,500	9,200	+2.54%
3803 - Transportation & Economic Development Grants					
Revenue / Funding Source					
3803-43581 - State Aid-Forestry					
267-3803-43581-???-000	43-000 - Intergovernmental Revenues	0	0	0	0.00%
Expense / Expenditure					
3803-56750 - Transp & Economic Development					
267-3803-56750-???-219	219 - Prof Serv-Other	40,000	41,000	(1,000)	-2.44%
267-3803-56750-???-313	313 - Postage	0	0	0	0.00%
267-3803-56750-???-325	325 - Dues & Subscriptions	0	0	0	0.00%
267-3803-56750-???-328	328 - Dues	700	700	0	0.00%
267-3803-56750-???-331	331 - Mileage	3,500	3,300	200	+6.06%
267-3803-56750-???-341	341 - Operating Supplies & Expense	0	0	0	0.00%
267-3803-56750-???-710	710 - Grants, Donations, Contrib	327,500	317,500	10,000	+3.15%
3804 - Transportation & Economic Development-CDBG					



Department Operating Budget Narrative

Change Justification

10% or greater change



Department Operating Budget Narrative

Revenue / Funding Source

3804-48110 - CDBG Loan Interest-Bank

267-3804-48110-???-000	48-000 - Miscellaneous Revenues	10	10	0	0.00%
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3804-48900 - Miscellaneous Revenue

267-3804-48900-???-000	48-000 - Miscellaneous Revenues	60,000	60,000	0	0.00%
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Expense / Expenditure

3804-56780 - CDBG-Other Professional Services

267-3804-56780-???-219	219 - Prof Serv-Other	60,000	60,000	0	0.00%
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3805 - Transportation & Economic Development-Jr. Fair

Expense / Expenditure

3805-56760 - Transportation & Econ-Junior Fair

101-3805-56760-???-720	720 - Grants & Donations	38,000	38,000	0	0.00%
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Total 38 - Transportation & Economic Development		37,990	37,990	0	0.00%
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