



**Walworth County  
Land Conservation Committee Meeting  
Monday, April 27, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Walworth County Government Center  
County Board Room 114  
Elkhorn, WI 53121**

Land Use and Resource  
Management Department

***Nancy Russell – Chair    Charlene Staples - Vice Chair    Daniel Kilkenny - Supervisor  
Matthew Polyock – USDA/FSA Representative    Rosemary Badame – Citizen Member***

***(Posted in Compliance with Sec. 19.84 Wis. Stats.)***

***It is possible that a quorum of the County Board or a committee of the County Board could be in attendance.***

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of the Agenda Pg. 1
4. Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2015 LCC Meeting Pg. 2-3
5. Public Comment
6. Discussion/Possible Action – Update on DATCP Certification of Farmland Preservation Zoning ordinance – Neal Frauenfelder (enclosures) Pg. 4-7
7. Discussion/Possible Action – Discussion/Possible Action – Farmland Preservation Non Compliance Recipients Voluntary Waivers (John Ames, Robert E Behnart, Jeff and Teresa Chapman, Dale C and Fail F Folkers Trust, Geraldine and Dennis Greving, Hahn Family Revocable Trust, William and Catherine Jacques , Ray E and Betty J McManaway, Papcke Family LLC, Papcke Properties LLC, Terry C Papcke, Kenneth S Schmitt Trust, Steven and Jodi Scott , Dennis Wellnitz); and Failure to Certify (Robert and Louise Bleser, Clover Valley Farms of Whitewater, James Felland, Roger and Christine Kutz) – Brian Smetana -----
8. Discussion/Possible Action – Response to Walworth County exemption request from MS4 permit coverage – Michael Cotter (enclosures) Pg. 8-10
9. Discussion/Possible Action - Wisconsin Biennial Budget - County Land Conservation Grant Levels - Michael Cotter (enclosures) Pg. 11-14
10. Discussion/Possible Action - Walworth County Land and Water Resource Management Plan - 5 Year Extension - Brian Smetena (enclosures) Pg. 15-43
11. Discussion/Possible Action - 2015 Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Contract – Michael Cotter (enclosures) Pg. 44-51
12. Discussion/Possible Action – County Board referral of Wood County Resolution Opposing SB21 & AB21 as it relates to repealing Wisconsin Statute 145.245, Wisconsin Fund Program – Michael Cotter (enclosure) Pg. 52
13. Next meeting date: Monday, May 18, 2015, 2:00 p.m.
14. Adjournment

**Submitted by: Michael P. Cotter, Director, Land Use and Resource Management Department**

Posted: April 22, 2015

## **DRAFT**

**Walworth County Board of Supervisors  
Land Conservation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 16, 2015  
Walworth County Government Center  
County Board Room 114  
100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Nancy Russell at 2:20 p.m.

Roll call was conducted. Members present included Chair Nancy Russell, Vice Chair Charlene Staples, Supervisor Dan Kilkenny, USDA/FSA Representative Matt Polyock and Citizen Member Rosemary Badame. A quorum was declared.

### **Others in Attendance:**

County Staff: Michael Cotter, Director of Land Use and Resource Management (LURM)/Deputy Corporation Counsel; David Bretl, County Administrator; Neal Frauenfelder, LURM Senior Planner

Members of the public: None

**On motion by Citizen Member Badame, second by Vice Chair Staples, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.**

**On motion by Vice Chair Staples, second by Supervisor Kilkenny, the January 19, 2015 Land Conservation Committee meeting minutes and the January 19, 2015 Joint Land Conservation and Public Works Committee meeting minutes were approved by voice vote.**

**Public Comment** – There was none.

### **New Business**

- SEWRPC Sanitary Sewer Service Area for the Villages of Fontana and Walworth  
Michael Cotter, Director of LURM/Deputy Corporation Counsel, explained that this amendment was brought before the committee to explain the expansion of the sewer service area. Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) is looking for an endorsement of the amendment from the County Board. Cotter said the committee could choose whether or not to endorse the expansion. Neal Frauenfelder, LURM Senior Planner, stated SEWRPC reviews and looks for capacity within the plan, and in most cases, there is excess capacity. He commented on the timing of their review and receipt of the initial letter from SEWRPC. The letter stated the public hearing for SEWRPC and the sewer system expansion was to be held on March 10<sup>th</sup>, which is too late for input from LCC today. He prepared a Staff Report which was sent to Dave Schilling at SEWRPC for their consideration at the hearing. He informed Mr. Schilling that LCC would be meeting today and that there may be additional comment coming from the committee. SEWRPC will not be voting on this until Wednesday. He explained that the property in question is 113 acres, which is east of the Village of Walworth and South of the Village of Fontana, and is to be annexed to the Village of Walworth. He said there is also a letter from the Dept. of Administration approving the annexation, and the State Department of Administration plat submittal shows the proposed subdivision plat for the parcel that will be sewered. There is a portion of the development that goes outside of the sewer service expansion area and outside the annexation area that is going to utilize lands

left in the township for a stormwater retention pond. There are additional areas that the DNR has mapped as potential wetlands that go beyond what SEWRPC identified as wetland areas.

Staff recommendation is that these wetland areas be delineated and placed in the appropriate wetland zoning district within the Village of Walworth zoning ordinance. The Walworth County Erosion Control and Stormwater Management Ordinance would come into play due to the location of the stormwater retention basin which, as proposed, would remain in the Town of Walworth. The Zoning Division has indicated that the portion outside the annexed area would not be an allowable use in the A-1 zoning district. There are three alternatives: 1. To rezone A-1 area to a zoning district that would allow this use and may require a possible conditional use; 2. Annex the additional land to the south; 3. Move the stormwater infrastructure to the boundaries of the annexed area of the plat.

Supervisor Kilkenny asked who would have authority over this and how to exercise this under the Smart Growth Plan. Frauenfelder stated by law, the County is required to incorporate City and Village Plans “as is” up to their corporate limits. The County Comprehensive Plan recognizes that the County is basically adopting all City and Village Plans, which would include expansion through annexation. Cotter stated whatever is forwarded to SEWRPC is purely advisory. Chair Russell stated she would like no resolution or a resolution that states this is A-1 land in our County Plan and, therefore, it would not be subject to this type of development. Frauenfelder stated SEWRPC and the DNR are the review and approval agencies for sewer service expansion areas. Chair Russell announced she will be going to SEWRPC to vote on this and that SEWRPC is in favor of smaller lots because it uses up less land. Frauenfelder stated if this were in the County’s jurisdiction, the Comprehensive Plan and the Farmland Preservation Plan would have to be amended. Cotter stated SEWRPC will most likely be approving this. Supervisor Kilkenny agreed to highlighting the problems with the plan. **Supervisor Kilkenny made a motion to take no position, but to direct staff to highlight any concerns that this application brought to their attention, second by Chair Russell. Motion carried 5-0.**

- Discussion/Possible Action – LURM Land Conservation Division Annual Report – Michael Cotter Cotter presented the Annual Report and indicated there was no action to be taken. He advised the committee to monitor the State for funding of the land conservation programs throughout the state. Some counties are being aggressive in lobbying and this will impact the report next year if the cuts that were proposed are maintained in the next budget cycle. Chair Russell stated the importance of maintaining stormwater management and nutrient management, and commended Cotter and his staff for the report.

**Confirmation of next meeting** – The next meeting was confirmed for Monday, April 27, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

**On motion by Vice Chair Staples, second by Supervisor Kilkenny, the meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.**

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Submitted by Trisha Sommers, Account Clerk III. Meeting minutes are not considered final until approved by the committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

A-1NC Prime agricultural land holding district. The primary purpose of this holding district is to provide a temporary zoning district category for lands that are rezoned into a prime agricultural land district that are not currently designated as Farmland Preservation Areas in the Walworth County Farmland Preservation Plan. This district designation is to be considered temporary in nature and will be rezoned to the standard A-1 zoning district at such time as the Farmland Preservation Plan is amended to include A-1 NC zoned land as a Farmland Preservation Area. Wis. Stats. Ch. 91.10(1)(d). Additionally, the purpose of this holding district is to maintain highly productive exclusive agricultural lands in food and fiber production by effectively limiting encroachment of non-agricultural development and minimizing land use conflicts among incompatible uses. Such lands are generally covered by Class I, II, and III soils as rated by the U.S. Natural Resource Conservation Service and as a matter of policy, it is hereby determined that the highest and best use of these lands is agricultural. All structures and improvements must be consistent with agricultural use. (Wis. Stats. Chp.91) Lands zoned A-1NC may be included with A-1 zoned land for purposes of meeting acreage requirements.

(1) Principal uses

a. Farm residence

b. Dairying.

c. Floriculture (cultivation of ornamental flowering plants).

d. Grazing, subject to regulations in division 2.

e. Livestock raising, except commercial feed lots and livestock facility.

f. Orchards.

g. Paddocks.

h. Plant nurseries, Christmas tree production.

i. Poultry raising, except commercial egg production.

j. Crop or forage production.

k. Raising of tree fruits, nuts, and berries.

l. Sod farming.

m. Vegetable raising.

n. Viticulture (grape growing).

o. Equestrian trails for the farm family.

p. Forest and game management.

q. Nature trails and walks for the farm family.

r. Apiculture (beekeeping).

s. The separation of farm structures from farmland. The separation of the farm structures must conform with the regulations set forth in sections 74-39 and 74-40 of this ordinance; the parcel shall not be less than 40,000 square feet in area, nor greater than the larger of either five acres in area, or the acreage necessary to maintain the minimum yard required in the A-1, A-2, or A-3 district; it shall not leave the balance of the land in a substandard condition; and the property owner will be required to record deed restrictions on both the farm separation parcel and on a parcel which meets the minimum required by the applicable zoning district, which directly adjoins or abuts the majority of the farm separation parcel, and

which meets the intent of these provisions. A plat of survey for said parcel shall be prepared by a registered land surveyor licensed in the State of Wisconsin. Said deed restriction shall state that no structures may be placed on the adjoining acreage without first obtaining a conditional use approval from the committee and that no land may be deeded to the separation parcel which increases its size above that outlined above without first obtaining proper approval which may include a rezone.

- t. Enrolling land in a federal agricultural commodity payment program or a federal or state agricultural land conservation payment program.
- u. Aquaculture
- v. Undeveloped natural resource and open space areas.

(2) *Accessory uses (permitted in accordance with 74-131).*

- a. A building, structure, or improvement that is an integral part of and consistent with an agricultural use (for example but not limited to: barn, stable, greenhouse).
- b. Roadside stands not exceeding one per farm, limited to a structure having a ground area of not more than 300 sq. ft., not permanently fixed to the ground, readily removable in its entirety, not fully enclosed and to be used solely for the sale of farm products produced on the premises (or adjoining premises) in conformance with Wis. Stats. Chp 91.01(1)).
- c. Minor home occupation/professional home office in conformance with Wis. Stats. Chpt 91.01(1)).

(3) *Conditional uses. (See division 4 for additional requirements)*

- a. Additional farm residences. The approval for more than one farm residence is limited to one per a minimum of 35 acres of A-1. If approval is granted for more than one farm residence, the residence may be separated from the farm parcel provided that any parcel so created conforms with all regulations set forth in [section 74-39](#) and [74-40](#) of this ordinance, except that no such parcel shall be less than 40,000 square feet in area nor greater than the larger of either five acres in area or the acreage necessary to maintain the minimum required; it shall not leave the balance of the land in a substandard condition; and the property owner will be required to record a deed restriction on a remnant area which meets the minimum required by the applicable zoning district, which directly adjoins or abuts the majority of the farm residence separation parcel, and which meets the intent of these provisions. A plat of survey for said parcel shall be prepared by a registered land surveyor licensed in the State of Wisconsin. Said deed restriction shall state that no structures may be placed on the remnant acreage without first obtaining a conditional use permit that meets all requirements of this ordinance, from the committee and that no land may be deeded to the separation parcel which increases its size above that outlined above without first obtaining proper approval which may include a rezone.
- b. A migrant labor camp (certified under s. 103.92)
- c. Mobile homes for farm laborers. The approval for a mobile home is limited to one per 35 acres of A-1 zoned land.
- d. Commercial feed lots.
- e. Livestock Facility
- f. Livestock sales facilities.
- g. Veterinarian facility for livestock
- h. Fur farms, Wild.
- i. Commercial egg production (A livestock facility used or designed for the raising of poultry for egg production having a capacity of 500 or more animal units.)
- j. Land restoration.

k. Business directory signs.

l. Sewage disposal plants if the committee determines that all of the following apply: The use and its location in the farmland preservation zoning district are consistent with the purposes of the farmland preservation zoning district; The use and its location in the farmland preservation zoning district are reasonable and appropriate, considering alternative locations, or are specifically approved under state or federal law; The use is reasonably designed to minimize the conversion of land, at and around the site of the use, from agricultural use or open space use; The use does not substantially impair or limit the current or future agricultural use of surrounding parcels of land that are zoned for or legally restricted to agricultural use; Construction damage to land remaining in agricultural use is minimized and repaired, to the extent feasible.

m. Airports, airstrips, landing fields and heliports, which are related to agricultural activities. (Wis. Stats. Chp 91.46(4))

n. Governmental and cultural uses, such as fire, and police stations, community centers, libraries, public emergency shelters, parks, playgrounds, museums, and park and ride facilities if the committee determines that all of the following apply: The use and its location in the farmland preservation zoning district are consistent with the purposes of the farmland preservation zoning district; The use and its location in the farmland preservation zoning district are reasonable and appropriate, considering alternative locations, or are specifically approved under state or federal law; The use is reasonably designed to minimize the conversion of land, at and around the site of the use, from agricultural use or open space use; The use does not substantially impair or limit the current or future agricultural use of surrounding parcels of land that are zoned for or legally restricted to agricultural use; Construction damage to land remaining in agricultural use is minimized and repaired, to the extent feasible.

o. Utilities, provided all principal structures and uses associated with the utility are not less than 50 feet from all district lot lines except business, park and industrial if the committee determines that all of the following apply: The use and its location in the farmland preservation zoning district are consistent with the purposes of the farmland preservation zoning district; The use and its location in the farmland preservation zoning district are reasonable and appropriate, considering alternative locations, or are specifically approved under state or federal law; The use is reasonably designed to minimize the conversion of land, at and around the site of the use, from agricultural use or open space use; The use does not substantially impair or limit the current or future agricultural use of surrounding parcels of land that are zoned for or legally restricted to agricultural use; Construction damage to land remaining in agricultural use is minimized and repaired, to the extent feasible.

p. Schools and churches if the committee determines that all of the following apply: The use and its location in the farmland preservation zoning district are consistent with the purposes of the farmland preservation zoning district; The use and its location in the farmland preservation zoning district are reasonable and appropriate, considering alternative locations, or are specifically approved under state or federal law; The use is reasonably designed to minimize the conversion of land, at and around the site of the use, from agricultural use or open space use; The use does not substantially impair or limit the current or future agricultural use of surrounding parcels of land that are zoned for or legally restricted to agricultural use; Construction damage to land remaining in agricultural use is minimized and repaired, to the extent feasible.

q. Yard waste Composting.

r. Home occupations that will not impair or limit future or current agricultural use of the farm in conformance with Wis. Stats Chpt 91.01(1)(d)..

s. Farm family business in the A-1, Prime Agricultural Land District is a use which is accessory to an agricultural use consisting of uses listed in the A-4 district except the production, packing, packaging, and light assembly of products from glass, metals, plaster, and plastics. A farm family business may be permitted as a conditional use for farm owners if limited to existing farm residence or farm structures not dedicated to agricultural uses. No more than two persons who are not members of the resident farm family may be employed in the farm family business and that does not impair or limit the current or future agricultural use of the farm or of other protected farmland.

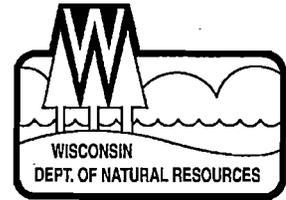
t. Hunting and fishing club land without structures.

u. Slurry storage for industrial waste water of agricultural by products.

v. Placement of any structures on remnant parcels where the separation of farm structures has been approved and separated. All structures and improvements must be *an integral part of or incidental to an agricultural use.* (Wis. Stats Chpt 91)

(4) Area, height and yard requirements.

<u>Lot (farm size)</u>	<u>Area</u>	<u>Minimum 35 acres</u>
	<u>Width</u>	<u>Minimum 300 feet</u>
<u>Building</u>		
<u>Farm dwelling</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Maximum 45 feet</u>
<u>Agricultural structures</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Maximum two times their distance from the nearest lot lines (See division 9)</u>
<u>Yards</u>		
<u>Farm dwelling and agricultural structures</u>	<u>Rear</u>	<u>Minimum 100 feet</u>
	<u>Side</u>	<u>Minimum 20 feet except structures used for the housing of animals must be located at least 100 feet from side and rear lot lines and comply with 74-44</u>
	<u>Street:</u>	
	<u>Subdivision road</u>	<u>Minimum 25 feet</u>
	<u>Town road</u>	<u>Minimum 50 feet</u>
	<u>County road</u>	<u>Minimum 65 feet</u>
	<u>State and federal highway (not including freeways)</u>	<u>Minimum 85 feet</u>



March 11, 2015

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Mr. David Bretl, County Administrator  
Walworth County  
P.O. Box 1001  
Elkhorn, WI 53121

WALWORTH COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

**SUBJECT:** Response to Exemption Request from the Requirement to Obtain  
Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit Coverage.

Dear Mr. Bretl:

This letter is in response to Walworth County's request to be excluded from the requirement to obtain municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permit coverage under Chapter NR 216, Wis. Adm. Code. The Department of Natural Resources received the request on January 26, 2015. With this letter, the Department is granting the request. Below is the rationale behind the exemption request decision.

Walworth County (County) was identified for permitting in s. NR 216.02(3), Wis. Adm. Code, because a portion of Walworth County is located within the Round Lake Beach Urbanized Area as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau. Section NR 216.023, Wis. Adm. Code, describes the means by which the Department may exempt MS4 permit coverage. All four criteria must be met to qualify for an exemption.

**NR 216.023 Urbanized area exemption.** The department may waive the requirement to obtain permit coverage under this subchapter for a municipal separate storm sewer system within an urbanized area listed under s. NR 216.02 (3) that meets all of the following:

- (1) The owner or operator of the system is not otherwise required to obtain permit coverage pursuant to s. NR 216.02 (2).
- (2) The system serves a population less than 1,000.
- (3) The system is not contributing substantially to the pollutant loadings of a physically interconnected municipal separate storm sewer system that is regulated under this subchapter.
- (4) If the system discharges a pollutant that has been identified as a cause of impairment of any water body to which it discharges, storm water controls must not be needed based on wasteload allocations that are part of a U.S. EPA approved or established TMDL that addresses any pollutant of concern.

The Department has determined that the portion of the Walworth County's MS4 that lies within the Round Lake Beach Urbanized Area meets the four criteria given above, as described below.

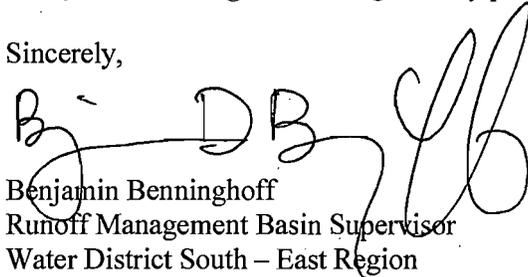
- s. NR 216.02(2), Wis. Adm. Code., applies to those municipalities where the Department had notified in writing prior to August 1, 2004 to obtain WPDES municipal storm water permit coverage. The County has not previously been notified by the Department to obtain permit coverage, and therefore meets the criteria.

- The population served by the County's system within the urbanized area was estimated to be 146 persons, which is less than 1,000 population thresholds included in NR 216.023.
- The County's municipal separate storm sewer system associated with County Trunk Highways B, H, and U within the urbanized area does not contribute substantially to the overall pollutant load of the physically interconnected and regulated systems of the Village of Genoa City and Village of Bloomfield.
- Runoff from the County's municipal storm sewer system and adjacent areas within the urbanized area drain into to the North, West, and East Branches of Nippersink Creek. These waters are not currently listed or proposed for listing on the State of Wisconsin's Section 303(d) impaired waters list. Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) have not been developed by the Department or approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for these waters.

**Conclusion:** It is the Department's decision to grant Walworth County's exemption request. Please be aware that this exemption may be rescinded if the Department determines that conditions have changed to the point where permit coverage is required.

Thank you for your cooperation in this process and your efforts at protecting Wisconsin's natural resources. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact DNR Water Resources Engineer, Bryan Hartsook, at [Bryan.Hartsook@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Bryan.Hartsook@wisconsin.gov) or by phone at (262) 574-2129.

Sincerely,



Benjamin Benninghoff  
Runoff Management Basin Supervisor  
Water District South – East Region

cc: Jim Bertolacini – Storm Water Program Coordinator, WDNR  
Michael Cotter- Director, Walworth County Land Use & Resource Management  
Kevin Brunner - Director of Central Services, Walworth County Public Works Department  
Fay Amerson – Urban Program Specialist, Walworth County Land Conservation Division  
Joseph Kroll – Engineer, Walworth County Public Works Department

*Local government officials, departmental managers, and staff are encouraged to subscribe to the free GovDelivery notification service used to keep Wisconsin citizens informed about important activities of the Department. To sign up for the MS4 topic, go to [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and click on the red envelop icon at the lower right corner of the webpage. Follow the instructions to sign up and check the box for "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)" under the "Water" topic. The Department will use the GovDelivery notification service to send out important notices and updates on the MS4 program including future outreach and training opportunities, webinars, guidance, and technical resources.*

### Notice of Appeal Rights

If you believe that you have a right to challenge this decision, you should know that the Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules establish time periods within which requests to review Department decisions must be filed. For judicial review of a decision pursuant to ss. 227.52 and 227.53, Wis. Stats., you have 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the Department, to file your petition with the appropriate circuit court and serve the petition on the Department. Such a petition for judicial review must name the Department of Natural Resources as the respondent.

To request a contested case hearing pursuant to s. 227.42, Wis. Stats., you have 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the Department, to serve a petition for hearing on the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. All requests for contested case hearings must be made in accordance with s. NR 2.05(5), Wis. Adm. Code, and served on the Secretary in accordance with s. NR 2.03, Wis. Adm. Code. The filing of a request for a contested case hearing is not a prerequisite for judicial review and does not extend the 30 day period for filing a petition for judicial review.

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Agenda No. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION  
\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Subject: Provide adequate resources to support county land conservation and cost-sharing for farmers and other land users

**WHEREAS**, the County Land Conservation Department is the necessary local delivery mechanism for a wide range of natural resource management programs including non-point pollution control, reclamation of non-metallic mines, invasive species control, woodland management, lakes protection ; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation:

- supports the concept of credit trading and adaptive management between municipalities and the agriculture community to reduce phosphorus discharge
- urges the state to stop the spread of invasive species into Wisconsin
- supports adequate funding to local units of government to implement the nonpoint program, provided that local regulations do not exceed state standards

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection acknowledges the counties' statutory role in coordinating and implementing farm conservation standards at the local level, and supports efforts to ensure that adequate resources are available for counties to do their job ; and

**WHEREAS**, County Land Conservation staff supported by state grants have decreased since the program began, and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governor's budget has not requested maintenance of the staff funding allocations that were included in the 2013-15 biennial budget, thus reducing the funding to \$8 million annually in the 2015-17 budget, down from the 2001 to 2011 average of \$9.3 million; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) 2015 statewide policy recognizes the value of the work County Land Conservation Departments provide to farmers and Wisconsin citizens by supporting adequate resources to implement maintaining this base level of funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the inability to adequately fund local, voluntarily accepted farm conservation practices has led to environmental problems and increasing citizen suits and court decisions against farmers; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the \_\_\_\_\_ County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 does hereby urge the Governor of the State of Wisconsin and all elected representatives in the Wisconsin State Legislature to return to the \$9.3 million appropriation for state aid to counties, recognizing the invaluable service that county conservation employees provide in helping Wisconsin farmers grow our state's agriculture while preserving the state's land and water resources for future generations.

Respectfully Submitted,

\_\_\_\_\_ **COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Vote of Board: \_\_\_\_\_ Approve \_\_\_\_\_ Not Approve

\*\*\*DRAFT\*\*\*

| March \_\_, 2015

Representative XXX  
Wisconsin State Capitol, XXX  
Madison, WI 537XX

Senator XXX  
Wisconsin State Capitol, XXX  
Madison, WI 537XX

**Re: State Support for County Land Conservation Departments**

Dear XXX:

The long-term disinvestment in conservation has come home to roost. Wisconsin's 80 year history of voluntarily working with farmers to conserve soil and protect water quality appears in jeopardy. It is a system of providing technical assistance and incentives to willing farmers to keep their soil in place and to minimize polluted runoff. County Land Conservation Departments (LCDs) are tasked by the state to partner with farmers to implement potentially effective conservation standards. But the funding for the program has steadily eroded along with the state's precious top soil as well as progress in improving water quality.

State aid from the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) for county LCDs has been declining for the past decade, including a proposed reduction of \$1.6 million over the next biennium for staffing. Without your help, further cuts to \_\_\_\_\_ County are on the way, and resource protection will suffer.

More of the state's lakes and streams are being added to EPA's impaired waters list than are being removed. Drinking water wells are contaminated with manure. Lakes are drying up in areas with large numbers of high-capacity irrigation wells. No longer willing to wait for our voluntary system of conservation to work, citizen suits are being filed and courts are ruling against farmers. The regulation that agriculture fears is already here, and in other states too.

We face a stark choice. We can adequately fund local land conservation to make it work, or we can allow an increasing volume of suits against farmers, and ultimately a heavily regulatory system. The Wisconsin Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection adopted a resolution supporting adequate staffing resources for LCDs at its March 11, 2015 meeting.

***We urge you to reverse the county conservation staffing cuts and return to the long-term average base DATCP budget (2001 to 2011) of \$9.3 million per year in state aid for county LCDs.***

A return to the prior state aid level for county conservation staff will benefit Wisconsin's rural and urban communities and offer a positive return on investment by:

- ❖ **Providing Federal and State Resources to Farmers.** Last year, with state funding to help pay for the work of LCDs, county staff assisted farmers and other landowners in capturing over \$50 million in state and federal cost-share dollars, money that helped over 10,000 Wisconsin farmers meet their environmental responsibilities while growing their businesses. Land conservation staff help about 15,000 farmers each year stay eligible for up to \$20 million in Farmland Preservation tax credits.
- ❖ **Assisting Farms of all sizes.** Wisconsin dairy production is increasing dramatically toward the goal of 30 billion pounds of milk by 2020. For every storage facility built utilizing state cost-share funds, 75-125 cows are typically added, resulting in 1.5 to 2.5 million pounds of additional milk per year. The investment in local conservation staff helps to ensure that Wisconsin farmers, from large to small, grazing to organic, have access to the technical expertise required to remain in compliance with all state and federal requirements whether expanding production or not.
- ❖ **Benefiting Rural Development.** Cost-share funds distributed by county staff help put millions of dollars in the hands of local businesses involved in the diverse land conservation supply chain, including private nutrient management planners, foresters, equipment manufacturers and construction companies.
- ❖ **Reducing Costs to Municipalities to Reduce Phosphorus Levels.** The DNR's new phosphorous rules allow for "adaptive management," meaning that municipalities, through the expertise of their county LCDs, may provide additional cost-share assistance to landowners upstream. Without fully-staffed LCDs, local municipalities may be forced to pursue more expensive upgrades to municipal sewerage plants in order to comply with the new state standards.

**I strongly urge you to support full restoration of funding for state aid to county LCDs, and likewise that you oppose any efforts that make it more difficult for conservationists, like me/us, to help Wisconsin farmers and other landowners.**

Sincerely,

XXXX XXXX



## **MEMO**

Date: April 20, 2015

To: Walworth County Land Conservation Committee

From: Fay U Amerson, Urban Conservation Specialist, LURM

Land Use and Resource  
Management Department

**RE: Walworth County Land and Water Resource Management Plan - 5-year Extension Request**

In order to remain eligible for grants to fund local state land and water conservation programs, each Wisconsin county is required to have a current Land and Water Resource Management (LWRM) Plan approved by Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). The LWRM Plan is developed to recognize a County's unique natural resources and establish long-range goals, objectives, activities and actions to protect and restore those resources. County LWRM plans are developed to cover a duration of 10 years, but approved by the State for a term of 5 years.

**On August 4, 2015, the Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation Board is scheduled to review Walworth County's request for a 5-year extension to the County's LWRM Plan.**

The current Walworth County LWRM Plan was adopted by the Walworth County Board of Supervisors on February 9, 2010, (Exhibit #1.) This Plan establishes a vision for land and water conservation in Walworth County and was developed for an implementation term beginning in the year 2010 and ending in the year 2020. The Plan Summary of the current Walworth County LWRM Plan is included with this Memo, (Exhibit #2.)

The 5-year Work Plan is an important component of the LWRM Plan. The 5-year Work Plan for the Walworth County LWRM Plan serves to prioritize the County's conservation program goals, objectives, priorities and outcomes. The 5-year Work Plan also estimates staffing needs and other costs necessary to undertake the targeted conservation actions and activities.

An up-dated 5-year Work Plan for the Walworth County LWRMP has been drafted for implementation commencing in the year 2016 and is included with this Memo, (Exhibit #3.)

**Committee Action Requested:** The LURM Department staff respectfully requests the Land Conservation Committee members review the Draft 5-year Work Plan for the Walworth County Land and Water Resource Management Plan. The adoption of the 5-year Work Plan for 2016-2020 and request for a 5-year extension to the Walworth County Land and Water Conservation Plan will be considered at the next LCC Committee meeting.

Resolution No. 78 – 02/10  
Amending Walworth County's Land and Water Resource Management Plan

1 Moved/Sponsored by: Land Conservation Committee

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3 **WHEREAS**, Chapter 92 of the Wisconsin Statutes requires counties to establish a County Land  
4 & Water Resource Management Program through the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture,  
5 Trade and Consumer Protection; and,

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7 **WHEREAS**, ATCP 50.12 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code includes specific requirements  
8 and procedures for the preparation and approval of a County Land & Water Resource  
9 Management Plan; and,

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11 **WHEREAS**, the Walworth County Board of Supervisors adopted the initial Land & Water  
12 Resource Management Plan pursuant to Resolution No. 14-5/99; and,

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14 **WHEREAS**, the Walworth County Board of Supervisors adopted the amended Land & Water  
15 Resource Management Plan pursuant to Resolution No. 98-02/04; and,

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17 **WHEREAS**, the Walworth County Land Conservation Committee, through the Land  
18 Conservation Division and the designated County Advisory Committee, has developed a County  
19 Land and Water Resource Management Plan, fulfilling all the requirements of the planning and  
20 development process of ATCP 50.12 Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and  
21 Consumer Protection guidelines; and,

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23 **WHEREAS**, the Walworth County Land Conservation Committee conducted a Public Hearing,  
24 on Monday, January 18, 2010, at 1:30 p.m., in Elkhorn, Wisconsin; and,

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26 **WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin Land and Water Resource Board will review Walworth  
27 County's Land and Water Resource Management Plan on April 6, 2010, and an approval by the  
28 Land and Water Resource Board shall be for a period not to exceed 5 years; and,

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30 **WHEREAS**, in addition to the values of program direction and focus on natural resource  
31 conservation and protection, the Land and Water Resource Management Plan makes Walworth  
32 County eligible to receive significant pollution abatement funding, effective after adoption of  
33 said resolution through the budget process; and,

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35 **WHEREAS**, upon adoption of this amended Land and Water Resource Management Plan,  
36 Walworth County may assist in the appropriation of available state funding for the installation of  
37 best management conservation practices to landowners throughout the County, as authorized by  
38 the plan, said funds will be reimbursed by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and  
39 Consumer Protection.

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41 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Walworth County Board of Supervisors that  
42 the updated Walworth County Land and Water Resource Management Plan is hereby approved,

Exhibit #1

1 and the Board hereby authorizes the Walworth County Land Conservation Committee to carry  
2 out the intent of said plan, as authorized through the budget process.

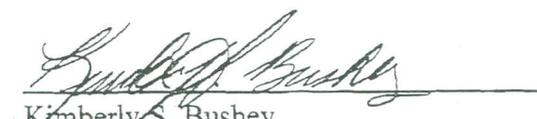
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4 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon adoption of this amended Land and Water Resource  
5 Management Plan, cost sharing dollars will be appropriated to landowners who meet eligibility  
6 requirements of the plan, for conservation practices to improve soil and water quality throughout  
7 Walworth County; and,

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9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said funds will be eligible for reimbursement by the  
10 Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

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Nancy Russell  
County Board Chair



Kimberly S. Bushey  
County Clerk

County Board Meeting Date: February 9, 2010

Action Required:    Majority Vote   X              Two-thirds Vote                   Other       

Policy and Fiscal Note is attached.  
Reviewed and approved pursuant to Section 2-91 of the Walworth County Code of Ordinances:

	
David A. Bretl	Nicole Andersen
County Administrator/Corporation Counsel	Deputy County Administrator - Finance
1/21/10	1/21/10
Date	Date

If unsigned, exceptions shall be so noted by the County Administrator.

This ~~Resolution~~ Ordinance was:  
Adopted: Roll Call/U.C./Voice  
Rejected/Referred/Laid Over  
Ayes:        Noes:        Absent:  
Date   2-9-10

# Walworth County Land and Water Resource Management Plan 2010-2020

## Plan Summary

### Introduction

The Walworth County Land and Water Resource Management Plan (LWRMP) is a State-mandated long-range plan to guide the land and water quality programs, activities and priorities of the Walworth County Land Conservation Committee and the Committee Staff. The initial LWRMP was adopted by Walworth County in 1999 and up-dated in 2004. This Plan Amendment presents the current conditions of Walworth County's natural resource base, prioritizes resource issues and concerns and identifies opportunities to achieve land and water resource management goals. This Plan promotes new ideas and strategies and serves as a means to target staff and financial resources on those land and water resource management issues the residents of Walworth County are most concerned about. The LWRMP was developed to define and shape policies, programs and activities that can be cooperatively undertaken by Walworth County agencies and organizations, to guide landowners towards the use of better practices protect Walworth County land and water resources.

The Walworth County LWRMP Amendment includes the following new elements:

- An assessment of current land use and natural resource data and goals articulated in the *Walworth County Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan* or Smart Growth Plan.  
<http://www.sewrpc.org/smartgrowth/walworthcounty>
- Recognition of the "Wisconsin Working Lands Initiative", including actions to assist Walworth County landowners and elected officials consider these institutional tools aimed at protecting Walworth County's rich agricultural lands.  
<http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/workinglands/index.jsp>
- New strategies to help landowners, developers, contractors and communities comply with the Non-agricultural and Agricultural Performance Standards and the Agricultural Prohibitions, pursuant to NR 151 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code.  
<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/nr/nr151.PDF>
- Strengthens and broadens initiatives that advance biodiversity and sustainability of Walworth County's diverse and rich mosaic of natural resources, including its lakes, streams, wetlands, and woodlands.

Walworth County developed this LWRMP Amendment for implementation from 2010 through 2020, recognizing the plan will be reviewed in 2015 and up-dated if needed. The 5-year Work Plan serves to prioritize goals, estimate staffing needs and other costs necessary to implement the programs and activities identified in the LWRMP. The Work Plan will be reviewed annually and amended to accommodate changing programs, policies, funding availability and opportunities. **It should be noted, the implementation of the activities in the multi-year work plan is subject to the availability of federal, state and local funding to support staff and program support costs.**

Exhibit #2

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## **Plan Development Process and Public Input**

The major strength of the LWRMP comes from the participatory process used to develop the Plan that brought together a thoughtful and diverse group of Walworth County citizens and natural resource professionals. A Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) convened on March 24, 2009 and August 4, 2009. The ideas, concerns, priorities and proposed activities represent a consensus of the most important land and water resource concerns in Walworth County.

A public hearing on the plan was held on January 18, 2010.

This Plan is intended to complement other planning efforts guiding Walworth County toward a more productive and sustainable future. The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) provided essential and timely technical information gathered for the preparation of the *Walworth County Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan* or “*Smart Growth Plan*”. Water quality reports prepared by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) were also used as the foundation of this plan.

The LWRMP is not intended to replace any current plan, policy or ordinance approved by the Walworth County Board of Supervisors and will be implemented with the availability of staffing and funding.

The Plan contains an information and education strategy to support and achieve the Plan’s goals and objectives. The strategy focuses on the strengths and diverse interests of County agencies, organizations and citizens. The Plan stresses activities that result in public engagement and participation for the protection, improvement and enhancement of Walworth County’s land and water resources.

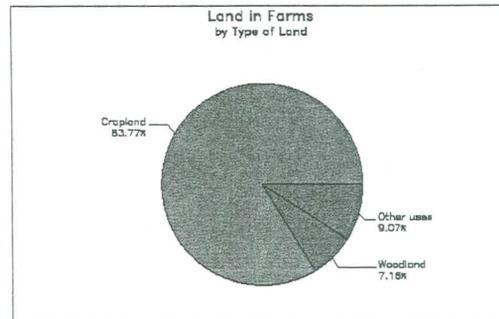
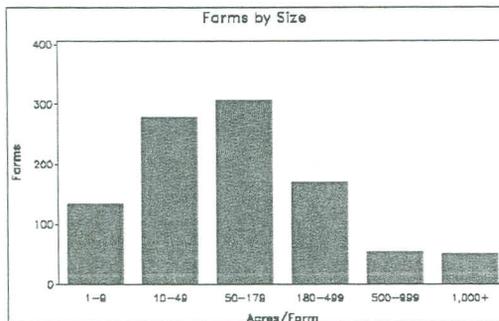
## **Land Use and Natural Resource Issues of Concern**

This Plan reaffirms Walworth County’s continued commitment to protect and restore Walworth County’s natural resources and renews the vision developed in the initial Walworth County LWRMP. This Plan addresses the following land use and resource management challenges facing Walworth County:

- Farmland preservation.
- Protection of Walworth County’s groundwater quality and abundance.
- Protection and restoration of Walworth County’s natural communities with significant biodiversity, wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities.
- Building partnerships and collaboration to inspire citizens and organizations to promote the protection of watersheds within Walworth County.
- Impact of farming on the quality of Walworth County streams, rivers, lakes, groundwater and wetlands.
- Impact of urban development on the quality of Walworth County streams, rivers, lakes, groundwater and wetlands.

## Land Use in Walworth County

Agriculture is the dominant land use in Walworth County. Approximately 238,000 acres or 64% of Walworth County is classified as agricultural land. Although the extent of agricultural land has declined since 2002, the number of farms in the County has risen to 1000. The average farm size in 2007 was 217 acres. Corn, soybeans and hay are the major crops produced in the County. Over 100 dairy farms operate in Walworth County and dairy products account for one-third of the total agricultural product sales in the County. Each year over 400 owners of farmland in Walworth County participate in the current Wisconsin Farmland Preservation Program and claim program tax credits, averaging \$550.



Natural areas, including lakes, streams, wetlands, upland woodlands and other open spaces cover approximately 23% of Walworth County or 73,000 acres. These areas support a wide diversity of recreational uses, such as boating, hiking, biking, scenic viewing and hunting.

Land used for urban purposes, such as residential dwellings, commercial, industrial and institutional sites covers 12% of Walworth County. Land currently used as a source for sand and gravel covers about 1000 acres.

## Assessment of Walworth County Land And Water Resources

**Walworth County Soil Resources** - How land is used is greatly influenced by the soil beneath it. Walworth County soil maps and data are published in the *Soil Survey for Walworth County*, (USDA, 1971). Soil properties and interpretations contained in the soil survey help determine the potential and limitations of Walworth County soils and assist in land use and management decisions. Walworth County has over 170,000 acres land classified as prime farmland or land formed in soils that have the best combination of physical and chemical characteristics for producing food, feed, and forage, with no or few limitations. Data collected and assessed from the Transect Survey from 1999 through 2007, indicated nearly 75% of the County's cropland fields are meeting annual soil loss goals. Cropland erosion rates have remained low, despite recent extreme spring rains and a reduction in the use of hay and lands enrolled in CRP. Contributing to soil conservation effort has been the use of no-till planting for corn and soybeans.

**Walworth County Water Resources** - Walworth County's water resources are attractive sites for a variety of recreational uses. Over 30 Walworth County lakes lure residents, businesses and visitors to their shores. Equally important are the 173 miles of perennial streams and hundreds of miles of intermittent streams that flow through the County.

Lulu Lake, Bluff Creek, Potowatomi Creek Van Slyke Creek are designated *Outstanding*

*Resource Waters of the State.* The Mukwonago River, Little Turtle Creek, and some reaches of Turtle Creek are designed *Exceptional Resource Waters of the State.* These waterways feature valuable fisheries, unique environmental settings, outstanding recreational sites and are not significantly impacted by human activities.

The Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) has ranked Walworth County surface waters with respect to their quality as *Critical Aquatic Habitat Areas.*

The following Walworth County streams and lakes are ranked as **AQ-1, Aquatic Areas of Statewide or Greater Significance:** Beulah Lake, Mukwonago River, Pickerel Lake, Lulu Lake, and Bluff Creek.

Twelve Walworth County streams and lakes are ranked as **AQ-2, Aquatic Areas of County-wide or Regional Significance:** Benedict Lake, Turtle Lake, White River, Geneva Lake, Mill Lake, Turtle Creek, Pleasant Lake, Tripp Lake, Potowatomi Creek, Comus Lake, Southwick Creek, Van Slyke Creek.

Thirty-three Walworth County streams and lakes ranked as **AQ-3, Aquatic Areas of Local Significance:** Army Lake, Booth Lake, Lake Wandewega, Swift Lake, Lake Ivanhoe, Cravath Lake, Lake No. 10, Tombeau Lake, Silver Lake, Green Lake, Peters Lake, Potter Lake, Powers Lake, Lake Como, Honey Lake, Whitewater Lake, Rice Lake, Loraine Lake, Swan Lake, Middle Lake, 4 un-named lakes, Honey Creek, Lake Ivanhoe Creek, Ladd Creek, Nippersink Creek, Sugar Creek, Steel Brook Creek, Spring Creek, Darien Creek, Whitewater Creek, Little Turtle Creek, Spring Brook, Honey Creek.

The following 6 Walworth County waterways are currently not meeting water quality standards and occur on the List of Impaired Waters, (WDNR, 2003).

<u>Waterbody</u>	<u>Watershed</u>	<u>Listed Category of Impairment</u>
Turtle Creek	Lower Rock River (L. Comus to County Line)	Habitat – Dominated
Spring Creek	Sugar-Honey Creeks	Sediment, Phosphorus, Habitat, Temperature
Perennial Str. (SPP1)	Sugar Honey Creeks	Sediment, Phosphorus, Habitat, Temperature
Perennial Str. (TM2)	Sugar Honey Creeks	Sediment, Phosphorus, Habitat, Temperature
Perennial Str. (B4)	Sugar Honey Creeks	Sediment, Phosphorus, Habitat, Temperature
Perennial Str. (B5)	Sugar Honey Creeks	Sediment, Phosphorus, Habitat, Temperature

**Walworth County Groundwater Resources** - Everyone in Walworth County drinks groundwater from public or private wells. Groundwater is also a major source of water to Walworth County lakes, streams and wetlands. Although Walworth County is groundwater rich, there is a growing concern the groundwater is being used faster than it is being replenished. Protection of groundwater recharge areas in the County has become a major resource management issue. Groundwater contamination problems from septic systems, improperly managed animal waste, spills, improper use of fertilizers and pesticides, abandoned dump sites, leaky underground storage tanks, abandoned wells, and storm water runoff have been noted in Walworth County.

**Walworth County Wetland Resources** - Approximately 26,900 acres (42.0 square miles) of wetlands are present in Walworth County. Wetlands support and perform important ecological services. The Turtle Valley Wildlife Area is a recent reclaimed wetland established through a partnership of Federal, State and local governments. Currently this new wildlife area spans nearly 1600 acres and is vibrant habitat for a diversity of migratory birds and other wildlife.

**Walworth County Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat Sites** - A total of 77 natural areas were identified in Walworth County in 1994. Natural areas contain intact native plant and animal species and represent rich surviving examples of Walworth County's natural heritage before European Settlement. These sites encompassed about 9,200 (14.3 square miles), or 2.5 percent of the total area of the County.

**Walworth County Land Legacy Places** - The Wisconsin Land Legacy Report was prepared by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at the request of the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board. The purpose of this report was to identify those places in Wisconsin the citizens believe are most important in meeting Wisconsin's conservation and recreation needs over the next 50 years. This report and the important information it contains can serve to mobilize partners and stakeholders to consider these places as they plan their resource protection strategies and discover opportunities to provide places for people to hunt, watch birds, canoe, fish, hike or participate in enjoying other outside recreational activities. The land legacy report includes 229 legacy places that are ecologically distinct throughout Wisconsin.

The Land Legacy Report identified the following ecologically special places in Walworth County: 1) The Sugar Creek Valley; 2) the Kettle Moraine State Forest; 3) the Southern Kettle Moraine, from Whitewater Lake to Turtle Creek; 4) the White River (Bloomfield Area); 5) the Troy Wildlife Area; 6) Lake Beulah Bog and Pickerel Lake Fen and; 7) the Mukwonago River, including Lulu Lake.

**Woodlands** - Woodlands are the most distinctive natural communities in Walworth County and perform a number of ecological services, provide shade, clean air and contribute to the County's natural scenic beauty. Woodlands cover approximately 31,000 acre in Walworth County, with the largest concentration found in the Kettle Moraine Forest and corridor of Sugar Creek. The introduction and spread of non-native invasive species in Walworth County woodlands such as common buckthorn create dense shade and effectively prevent native woodlands from reproducing. In addition, the fragmentation of woodlands by development is noted as a concern to the preservation of these important communities.

**Environmental Corridors** - Environmental corridors represent the best remaining elements of the natural resource base in Walworth County. SEWPRC identified and delineated over 67,000 acres of environmental corridors in Walworth County. The preservation of the environmental corridors

is paramount for the maintenance of the environmental quality of Walworth County and sustaining the high quality of life for the County's residents.

### **Land and Water Resource Management Implementation Plan**

The LWPRP includes a detailed list of goals and objectives aimed at addressing the land and water resource management issues expressed by Walworth County residents, natural resource professionals and elected officials during the preparation of this Plan. **Advancing the specific activities, programs, and policies described in the work plan is dependent on receiving adequate financial resources to cover staff and cost-sharing programs.**

The following LWRMP Goals have been developed and will be achieved through the preparation of conservation plans implementation of conservation practices and advancement of the information and education strategy.

- Protect Walworth County lakes, streams and wetlands from agricultural runoff.
- Protect Walworth County streams, lakes, wetlands and groundwater from the adverse impact of urban development and nonmetallic mining.
- Prevent the introduction and dispersal of aquatic invasive species in Walworth County lakes, streams, and wetlands.
- Protect Walworth County's productive agricultural land.
- Preserve and restore Walworth County's environmental corridors, natural areas, critical species habitat sites, wetlands, floodplains and groundwater.
- Protect Walworth County's watersheds by seeking collaboration and supporting partnerships.
- Initiate solution-based information and education outreach programs to land users, youth, residents, businesses, visitors and elected officials to encourage the support and use of sustainable conservation practices.

### **Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions Implementation Strategy**

The LWRMP must include a strategy to help Walworth County land users comply with the State Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions contained in NR 151. LURM will implement the following strategy:

The LURM will give preference to landowners that voluntarily seek technical assistance from Walworth County to comply with the State Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions.

The LURM staff will use the following order to schedule inventories and assessments of farms and determine compliance with State Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions.

1. Landowners voluntarily seeking program or technical assistance from Walworth County LURM.

2. Landowners issued County Zoning Permits or County Waste Storage Permit.
3. Livestock operations with State WPDES Permit.
4. Livestock operations issued WDNR Notice of Discharge, (NR 243).
5. Landowners participating in a State Farmland Preservation Program.
6. Landowners participating in current or past local, state or federal conservation programs.

The LURM staff will use a watershed approach to select and evaluate additional parcels for compliance with State Agricultural Performance Standards and Prohibitions. The LURM staff will use the following order of priority areas to select and evaluate parcels:

1. Parcels that drain to “Impaired Waters”.
2. Parcels that drain to outstanding or exceptional waters.
3. Parcels that drain to any Walworth County lake basin.
4. Parcels located within a WQMA.
5. Parcels in the Turtle Creek watershed.
6. Parcels in the Sugar and Honey Creek watershed.
7. Parcels in the Piscasaw Creek watershed.
8. Parcels in the Mukwonago River watershed.
9. Parcels in the White River and Nippersink watersheds.
10. Parcels in the Scuppernong River watershed.

### **Walworth County Public Information & Educational Strategy**

The CAC preferred LURM staff to help engage Walworth County residents, businesses, youth, or visitors by doing the following: update web site with local conservation concerns, activities, and important events; use quarterly newsletters or news articles, including the County Administrator feature in local newspapers; contact landowners on a one-to-one basis; network with local organizations; sponsor workshops on specific conservation issues for targeted audience; inform various municipalities and planning commissions about conservation efforts and learn their needs; work with County Board.

Events or activities determined by the CAC most likely to lure public participation were: workshops on lakeshore buffers; workshops on invasive species; workshops on private well management; field trips to view lakeshore buffers, agricultural conservation practices, urban storm water practices, prairies; and wetlands restoration projects, and; special activities to engage youth.

### **Assessment of Plan Accomplishments and Tracking Progress**

Since 1999, LURM has participated in the state-wide “transect survey” program to estimate cropland soil erosion rates. This inventory is based on a visual examination of 694 sites annually throughout Walworth County. The Walworth County LURM staff will continue to collect, record and assess this data.

The Walworth County LURM will continue to record and monitor the progress of conservation and nutrient management plan implementation for each land user or program participant. Soil erosion and pollution reduction achieved by land users will be calculated and recorded in State and County-approved electronic data monitoring programs.

LURM will continue to monitor and record erosion control and storm water management

progress on construction sites and make program and ordinance modifications, if necessary and offer training if needed.

LURM will continue to monitor and assess Walworth County waterways for the presence and abundance of aquatic invasive species (AIS) and make adjustments to the County AIS program when and where needed.

LURM staff will recruit citizen volunteers to monitor Walworth County lakes and streams and record the water quality conditions.

Evaluations from attendees and participants of workshops and other information and educational programming will be solicited. Feed back from attendees will be used to make program improvements or modifications.

**Walworth County Land and Water Resource Management Plan  
5-Year Work Plan - 2010-2015 **2016-2020****

The Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management Department (LURM) developed this Work Plan based on the goals and objectives contained in the Walworth County LWRMP. The Work Plan will be reviewed annually and amended, if needed, to accommodate changing programs, policies, funding availability and opportunities.

**Goal #1 Protect Walworth County Lakes, Streams and Wetlands from Agricultural Runoff Pollution.**

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When Target Priority</u>	<u>Staff Hours Costs (\$) Staff</u>	<u>Source of Funding</u>	<u>Progress Assessment</u>
<b>1. Implement State Agricultural Runoff Performance Standards and Prohibitions, pursuant to NR 151.</b>	1. Enter into (MOU) with WDNR to formalize NR 151 implementation and enforcement strategy. Monitor and adjust MOU.	LCC DNR	Annually Signed MOU <b>HIGH</b>	20 hrs./yr. \$1000 ADM.	COUNTY	LURM, WNR and LCC signed MOU on 10/20/09.
	2. <b>Continue to examine</b> inventory- Walworth County agricultural lands & assess compliance status with <b>revisions to</b> NR 151, (Priority Farms) Notify Landowners of inventory findings. <b>Priority: 1) Landowners participating in the farmland preservation program; 2) Farmlands identified in Jackson Creek Watershed Protection Plan and Delavan Lake Watershed Plan; 3) Farms identified in Rock River Recovery TMDL Plan or other approved TMDL plans.</b>	LURM, DNR, NRCS	Annually 60 farms/year <b>HIGH</b>	800 hrs./yr. <b>1000</b> hrs./yr. <del>\$30,400./yr.</del> <b>\$41,490./yr.</b> ADM <b>R. TECH.</b>	COUNTY DATCP WDNR <b>Local Units of Government, WWTP and NCOs</b> <b>TRM Grant Funding</b>	# of farms assessed  Tracking system
	3. Assist landowners prepare and implement conservation plans and conservation practices needed for compliance with NR 151 and the <b>conservation compliance requirements of farmland preservation tax credits</b> , and based on the strategy articulated in LWRMP.	LURM DNR	Annually 30 farms/year <b>HIGH</b>	1800 hrs./yr. <del>\$68,400./yr.</del> <b>\$74,682./yr</b> ADM <b>R. TECH.</b>	COUNTY FSA.NRCS DATCP <b>\$150,000/yr.</b> <b>SWRM</b>	# of cons. plans prepared # of conservation practices installed. RUSLE2 comps.
	4. Conduct educational outreach, <b>to assist farmers comply with NR 151</b> , through newsletters, workshops, <b>web-site postings</b> and direct contact.	LURM UWEX	Annually 6 activities/yr. <b>MEDIUM</b>	100 hrs/yr. <del>\$5,000/yr</del> <b>\$5000./yr</b> <b>R. TECH</b> ADM.	COUNTY	Feedback from workshop attendees. # of inquires
	5. Continue to conduct annual transect survey to monitor cropland erosion levels and use of conservation practices. Monitor progress of conservation implementation and compliance.	LURM	Annually 694 sites/monitored <b>HIGH</b>	<del>400</del> <b>100</b> hrs/yr <del>\$6,800./yr</del> <b>\$4146./yr.</b> <b>R. TECH</b> ADM	COUNTY	Annual County-wide cropland erosion report.
	6. Seek funding sources to help landowners implement conservation practices.	LURM, WDNR, DATCP, NRCS	Annually Grant awarded <b>HIGH</b>	50 hr/yr. \$2,500/yr. ADM, <b>R. TECH</b>	COUNTY. Local units of government, NCOs, <b>WDNR, FSA, NRCS</b>	# Grants awarded

Goal #1, (Continued). Protect Walworth County Lakes, Streams and Wetlands from Agricultural Runoff Pollution.

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When Target Priority</u>	<u>LURM Staff Hr. Costs (\$)</u>	<u>Source of Funding</u>	<u>Progress Assessment</u>
<b>2. Manage animal waste and nutrient use on Agricultural Lands by increasing the use of nutrient management plans.</b>	1. Assist farmers prepare and implement NMP consistent with NRCS Conservation Practice Code #590.	NRCS/FSA LURM UWEX	Annually 30 farms/yr.  <b>HIGH</b>	300 hrs./yr. <del>\$11,400./yr.</del> <b>\$12,438./yr.</b> <b>R. TECH</b>	COUNTY FSA.NRCS DATCP	# of NPM and acres covered.
	2. Assist consultants in developing NPM for farmers by providing training, Walworth County soils information and other mapping resources, when requested.	NRCS UWEX LURM	Annually 10 consult/yr.  <b>MEDIUM</b>	100 hrs./yr. <del>\$3800./yr.</del> <b>\$4149./yr.</b> <b>R. TECH</b>	COUNTY FSA.NRCS DATCP	# of consultants assisted #Number of NPM reviewed
	3. Seek funding to assist farmers prepare NMP.	LURM NRCS/FSA DATCP/DNR	Annually Grant Award <b>HIGH</b>	60 hrs./yr. \$3000./yr. <b>ADM.</b>	COUNTY	# of grants awarded
	4. Assist landowners comply with Co-approved Conditional Use Permitting for new or expanding livestock operations.	LURM CZA DNR	Annually 5 operators /yr <b>HIGH</b>	100 hrs./yr <del>\$3800./yr.</del> <b>\$4149./yr.</b> <b>ADM</b> <b>R. TECH.</b>	COUNTY WDNR	# of CUP approved for livestock operations
	5. Conduct educational outreach, through newsletters, workshops, web-site and direct contact.	LURM, UWEX NRCS	On-going 5 activities/yr. <b>MEDIUM</b>	50 hrs./yr. <del>\$1900./yr.</del> <b>\$2075./yr.</b> <b>R. TECH</b>	COUNTY	# of activities undertaken, feed-back from recipients
<b>3. Animal waste storage structures are built, expanded and abandoned, consistent with Walworth County Animal Waste Storage Ordinance.</b>	1. Assist landowners with planning, permitting and construction or abandonment of animal waste storage structures.	LURM WDNR DATCP NRCS	Annually 2 operations  <b>HIGH</b>	80 hrs./yr.  <del>\$3040/yr.</del> <b>\$3319./yr.</b> <b>R. TECH</b>	COUNTY FSA.NRCS DATCP, WDNR  Permit Fees: \$100/yr.	# of facilities successfully construction/or abandoned.
<b>4. Wells are properly abandoned.</b>	2. Provide information to landowners about well abandonment standards and offer financial support, if available.	LURM FSA/NRCS DATCP WDNR	Annually 3 wells properly abandoned <b>HIGH</b>	10 hrs./yr. <del>\$380/yr.</del> <b>\$4149./yr.</b> <b>R. TECH</b> <b>ADM</b>	Federal and State Funding, if available	# of certified and properly abandoned wells. Ground water protected.
<b>5. Establish permanent vegetation or buffers along streams, lakes and wetlands.</b>	1. Assist landowners plan and establish permanent vegetation or buffers, consistent with NRCS Technical Standards.	LURM WDNR NRCS	Annually 10 sites/yr. 5000 ft./yr. <b>HIGH</b>	400 hrs./yr. <del>\$15,200./yr.</del> <b>\$16,596./yr.</b> <b>R. TECH</b>	COUNTY FSA.NRCS DATCP, WDNR	# of buffers established

**Goal #2 Protect Walworth County Streams, Lakes, Wetlands, Groundwater and other Environmental Resources from the Adverse Impact of Urban Development & Nonmetallic Mining.**

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When Target Priority</u>	<u>Staff Hr. Costs (\$) Staff</u>	<u>Source of Funding</u>	<u>Progress Assessment</u>
<b>1. Construction and other land disturbing activities will comply with State and County CSE Control &amp; SWM Control Performance Standards.</b>	1. Keep county Ordinances consistent with current with NR 151, Non-agricultural Performance Standards and recommendations in adopted watershed plans.	LURM WDNR LCC	Annually When Needed <b>HIGH</b>	20 hrs./yr. <del>\$760/yr.</del> <b>\$973./yr.</b> <b>URB SPEC. ADM.</b>	Permit Application Fees	Amendments adopted by LCC & County Board.
	2. Review and process 500 CSE/SWM plans and permit applications./year.	LURM	Annually 500 permits <b>HIGH</b>	2080 hrs./yr. <del>\$79,040./yr.</del> <b>\$83,374./yr.</b> <b>URBAN SPEC. U. TECH. ADM.</b>	Permit Application Fees	# of Permits and plans processed.
	3. Conduct timely inspections and effective enforcement actions.	LURM	Annually 300 inspections /yr. <b>HIGH</b>	500 hrs./yr. <del>\$19,000/yr.</del> <b>\$19,565./yr.</b> <b>URBAN SPEC. U. TECH</b>	Permit Application Fees. Compliance Inspection Fees	Inspection documentation completed and recorded
<b>3. Promote Conservation-Design Development Standards.</b>	5. Conduct educational outreach, on conservation design standards through workshops, newsletters, web-site and direct contact.	LURM UWEX County Towns CZA	Annually 1 activity/yr. <b>HIGH</b>	20 hr.s/yr. <del>\$760/yr.</del> <b>\$973./yr.</b> <b>URBAN SPEC.</b>	Urban NPS & SW Planning Grant	30% of new subdivisions use Conservation-Design Standards
<b>4. Landscaping practices protect water quality and scenic beauty.</b>	1. Conduct educational outreach through newsletters, workshops, web-site <b>postings</b> and direct contact. Emphasize rain gardens, use of native plants, etc.	LURM WDNR UWEX	Annually 4 activities/yr. <b>HIGH</b>	100 hours <del>\$3800/yr.</del> <b>\$4867./yr.</b> <b>URBAN SPEC. U. TECH ADM.</b>	Workshop registration Fees	# of landscapers certified
<b>5. Constructed SWM practices are maintained and provide required "level of service and protection".</b>	1. Establish and adopt SWM practice inspection and maintenance program.	LURM	Annually 10 practices /year <b>HIGH</b>	100 hrs./yr. <del>\$3800.00</del> <b>\$4867./yr.</b> <b>URBAN SPEC.</b>	Urban NPS & SW Planning Grant Annual Permit Fee	# of inspections # of compliance reports.
<b>6. Strengthen County Urban StormWater Pollution Prevention through the establishment of a County-wide SWPP Program.</b>	1. Continue <del>Establish and execute, through a MOU</del> Walworth County-wide Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program (WCSWPPP).	LURM, LCC Walworth County Towns, Cities and Villages	Annually <del>MOU and 6-2</del> meetings/yr. <b>MEDIUM</b>	100 hours <del>\$3800/yr.</del> <b>\$4867./yr.</b> <b>URBAN SPEC. ADM.</b>	Urban NPS & SW Planning Grant	County-wide SWPP group established and collaborates at least 4 times/yr.
	2. <del>Prepare and</del> Implement Walworth County SWPP Strategy and Action Plan, including SWPP education plan <b>for MS-4 Communities.</b>	LURM, UWEX WDNR	Begin 2011 Plan complete. <b>MEDIUM</b>	120 hrs./yr. <del>\$4560/yr.</del> <b>\$5840./yr.</b> <b>URBAN SPEC.</b>	Urban NPS & SW Planning Grant	County-wide SWPPP plan prepared & Implemented.

**Goal #2, (Continued). Protect Walworth County Streams, Lakes, Wetlands, Groundwater and other Environmental Resources from the Adverse Impact of Urban Development & Nonmetallic Mining.**

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When Target Priority</b>	<b>Staff Hr. Costs (\$) Staff</b>	<b>Source of Funding</b>	<b>Progress Assessment</b>
<b>6. Strengthen County Urban Storm Water Pollution Prevention through the establishment of a County-wide SWPP Program,</b>	3. Prepare and distribute a CSE and SWM permit handbook and other materials Walworth County contractors, developers and landscapers, <b>including technical information on permeable pavement, infiltration trenches and basins.</b>	LURM, LCC WDNR, UWEX, WCSWPPP	Annually  1 material/yr.  <b>MEDIUM</b>	100 hrs./yr. <del>\$3800/yr.</del> <b>\$4867./yr.</b> <b>URBAN SPEC. ADM</b>	Urban NPS & SW Planning Grant	# of materials produced/ feedback
	4. Adopt/amend and administer local construction site erosion control and storm water management ordinances to include NR 151 Performance Standards and consistent with NR 152.	LURM, LCC WCSWPPP	Annually <b>WN</b> 2 <sup>1</sup> amendment /yr. <b>HIGH MEDIUM</b>	150 hrs./yr. <b>100 hr./yr.</b> <del>\$5700/yr.</del> <b>\$4867./yr.</b> <b>URBAN SPEC. ADM</b>	Urban NPS & SW Planning Grant	# of ordinances updated.
	5. Identify and access funding sources to implement SWPM BMPs, conduct SW education and advance other activities identified in the Walworth County Storm Water Pollution Prevention Strategy and Action Plan.	LURM, LCC WCSWPPP	Annually  1 grant app.  <b>MEDIUM</b>	80 hrs./yr.  \$4000./yr.  <b>ADM</b>	COUNTY	Grant awarded to Walworth County
	6. Conduct Construction Site Erosion Control and Storm Water Management Workshops for contractors, engineers, building inspectors and landscapers.	LURM, LCC WCSWPPP	Annually  1 workshop/yr.  <b>MEDIUM</b>	80 hrs./yr. <del>\$3040/yr.</del> <b>\$3894./yr.</b> <b>ADM URBAN SPEC. U. TECH.</b>	Urban NPS & SW Planning Grant Registration Fees	# of Workshop attendees. Feedback from attendees.
	7. <del>Prepare and</del> Distribute sample storm water pollution prevention plans for fueling and vehicle maintenance facilities and contractor storage yards.	LURM, LCC WCSWPPP	Annually  2 plans/yr. <b>MEDIUM</b>	120 hrs./yr. <del>\$4560/yr.</del> <b>\$5840./yr.</b> <b>URBAN SPEC.</b>	Urban NPS & SW Planning Grant	# of vendors served. Sample SWPP prepared.
	8. Develop and distribute nutrient management information for non-agricultural use of fertilizers.	LURM, UWEX, WCSWPPP	Annually  2 aets/yr.  <b>MEDIUM</b>	120 hrs./yr. <del>\$4560/yr.</del> <b>\$5840./yr.</b> <b>ADM. URB. SPEC.</b>	Urban NPS & SW Planning Grant	# of material prepared and distributed. Feedback.

**Goal #2, (Continued). Protect Walworth County Streams, Lakes, Wetlands, Groundwater and other Environmental Resources from the Adverse Impact of Urban Development & Nonmetallic Mining.**

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When Target Priority</u>	<u>Staff Hr. Costs (\$)</u> <u>Staff</u>	<u>Source of Funding</u>	<u>Progress Assessment</u>
<b>8. Constructed SWM practices are maintained and provide required “level of service” and protection.</b>	1. Establish and adopt SWM practice inspection and maintenance program.	LURM	Annually 10/year <b>HIGH</b>	100 hrs./yr. <del>\$3800./yr.</del> <b>\$4867./yr.</b> <b>URB.SPEC.</b>	Urban NPS & SW Planning Grant Annual Permit Fee	# of inspections # of compliance reports.
<b>9. All nonmetallic mining sites are successfully reclaimed to productive uses.</b>	1. Keep County Ordinance current with State NR 135 Standards.	LURM LCC	Annually (WN) <b>HIGH</b>	50 hrs./yr. <del>\$1900./yr.</del> <b>\$2433./yr.</b> <b>ADM</b> <b>URB.SPEC.</b>	Nonmetallic Mining Permit Fees.	Ordinance amendments approved/
	2. Review and approve reclamation plans <b>or reclamation plan revisions.</b>	LURM	Annually 3 sites/yr. <b>HIGH</b>	100 hrs/yr. <del>\$3800/yr.</del> <b>\$4867./yr.</b> <b>URB.SPEC.</b>	Nonmetallic Mining Permit Fees.	Plans meet reclamation standards.
	3. Monitor mining sites for compliance with permit conditions, approved reclamation plan, <b>and financial assurance.</b>	LURM	Annually <del>30</del> <b>24</b> sites/yr. <b>HIGH</b>	450 <del>400</del> hrs./yr. <del>\$13,300/yr.</del> <b>\$19568./yr.</b> <b>U &amp; R.</b> <b>TECH</b> <b>URB.SPEC</b>	Nonmetallic Mining Permit Fees.	# of compliance reports issued.
<b>10. Private waste treatment systems are properly installed and maintained.</b>	1. Continue to enforce County Sanitation Code.	LURM <del>DOC</del> <b>DSPC</b>	Annually 250 systems/yr <b>HIGH</b>	<del>3120 hrs./yr.</del> <b>4308 hrs./yr.</b> <del>\$18,560/yr.</del> <b>\$163,078./yr</b> <b>U. TECH.</b> <b>Co.</b> <b>Sanitarian</b>	Permit Fees Citations-forfeitures	# of systems installed and maintained

**Goal #3. Prevent the Introduction and Dispersal of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in Walworth County Lakes, Streams and Wetlands.**

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When Target Priority</b>	<b>Staff Hr. Costs (\$) LURM Position</b>	<b>Source of Funding</b>	<b>Progress Assessment</b>
<b>1. Prevent the introduction and the spread of AIS in Walworth County Lakes. Assess and monitor Walworth Co. waterbodies for the presence of AIS.</b>	1. Monitor Walworth County Lakes and <u>other aquatic environments</u> for AIS.	LURM WDNR	Annually 8 lakes/year <b>HIGH</b>	200 <del>150</del> hours/yr. \$7600 <del>\$6057</del> /yr <b>LAKE SPEC.</b>	<del>WDNR AIS Control Grant Program</del> <u>WDNR Surface Water Grant</u>	# of lakes monitored
	2. Offer Citizen Lake Monitoring for AIS Training	<u>LURM</u>	<u>Annually</u> <u>1/year</u> <u>HIGH</u>	<u>50 hours/year</u> <u>\$2019./yr.</u> <u>Lake Specialist</u>	<u>WDNR Surface Water Grant</u>	<u># of Citizens recruited</u>
	3. Respond to citizen reports of new possible AIS populations and report findings to WDNR.	LURM <u>WDNR</u>	Annually 8 reports/year <b>HIGH</b>	50 hours/yr. \$1900./yr. <u>\$2019./yr.</u> <b>LAKE SPEC.</b>	<del>WDNR AIS Control Grant Program</del> <u>WDNR Surface Water Grant</u>	Reports to WDNR complete.
2. Assist prepare and execute AIS prevention and control plans, when needed.	3. Assist in Rapid Response Plans <u>and with post rapid response monitoring</u> , when needed.	LURM WDNR	When needed <u>1/year</u> <b>HIGH</b>	50 hours/yr. \$1900./yr. <u>\$2019./yr.</u> <b>LAKE SPEC.</b>	<del>WDNR AIS Control &amp; Rapid Response Grant</del> <u>WDNR Surface Water Grant</u>	# of Rapid Response Projects assisted.
	4. Prepare Aquatic Plant Management Plans, including AIS prevention, monitoring and rapid response plans for underserved lakes.	<u>LURM</u>	<u>Annually</u> <u>1 plan/ year</u> <u>HIGH</u>	<u>330 hours/year</u> <u>\$13,325./year</u> <u>LAKE SPEC.</u>	<u>WDNR Surface Water Grant</u>	<u># of APM plans prepared</u>
3. Walworth County <u>boaters and anglers</u> will prevent the introduction and spread on AIS.	1. Recruit and Train <u>volunteers individuals</u> to inspect watercraft and educate boaters at boat launches. "Clean Boats, Clean Waters"	LURM	Annually 5-10 workshops/yr. <b>HIGH</b>	300 <del>150</del> hours/yr. \$11,400/ <u>\$6057./yr</u> <b>LAKE SPEC.</b>	<del>WDNR AIS Control Grant Program</del> <u>WDNR Surface Water Grant</u>	# of volunteers required, trained. # of lakes monitored <u>with boat inspectors.</u>
	2. Educate boat launch managers and monitors at <u>using</u> workshops and one-on-one contact.	LURM	Annually 15 managers/yr. <b>HIGH</b>	280 <del>100</del> hours/yr. \$10,640 <u>\$4038./yr</u> <b>LAKE SPEC.</b>	<u>WDNR AIS Control Grant Program</u> <u>WDNR Surface Water Grant</u>	# of launch monitors managers trained.
	3. Furnish owners of boat launches information on AIS. <u>Inspect boats entering and leaving boat launches and educate boaters and anglers about AIS preventions and steps required by state law.</u>	LURM	Annually 20 launches/ yr. <b>HIGH</b>	300 hours/yr. \$11,400/yr. <u>\$12,114/yr.</u> <b>LAKE SPEC.</b>	<u>WDNR AIS Control Grant Program</u> <u>WDNR Surface Water Grant</u>	# of launches furnished with information-boats inspected

Goal #3 (Continued). Prevent the Introduction and Dispersal of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) in Walworth County Lakes, Streams and Wetlands

<p><b>4. Prepare and distribute information on AIS. Broaden public awareness of AIS</b></p>	<p>1. Conduct workshops on AIS for Co. Lake organizations, students, boat safety program participants, and landscapers.</p>	<p>LURM UWEX</p>	<p>Annually 8 workshops/yr. <b>HIGH</b></p>	<p>300 hours/yr. <del>\$11,400/yr.</del> <b>\$12114./yr.</b> <b>LAKE SPEC.</b> <b>ADM.</b></p>	<p><u>WDNR AIS Control Grant Program</u> <u>WDNR Surface Water Grant</u></p>	<p># of workshops and feedback from attendees</p>
	<p>2. Prepare and distribute AIS information and materials to nurseries, bait shops, and boat dealers and other outlets.</p>	<p>LURM</p>	<p>Annually 8 outlets/yr. <b>HIGH</b></p>	<p>250 hours/yr. <del>\$9500/yr.</del> <b>\$10,095./yr.</b> <b>LAKE SPEC.</b> <b>ADM</b></p>	<p><u>WDNR AIS Control Grant Program</u> <u>WDNR Surface Water Grant</u></p>	<p># of vendors assisted.</p>
	<p>3. Prepare press releases on AIS <u>and AIS prevention and control measures.</u></p>	<p>LURM</p>	<p>Annually 2 press releases/yr. <b>HIGH</b></p>	<p>50 hours/yr. <del>\$1900./yr.</del> <b>\$2018./yr.</b> <b>LAKE SPEC.</b></p>	<p><u>WDNR AIS Control Grant Program</u> <u>WDNR Surface Water Grant</u></p>	<p># of press releases, feedback</p>
<p><b>5. Provide AIS training, information and education to other counties and communities on AIS.</b></p>	<p>1. Serve as the AIS regional liaison for, <u>AIS Education</u> attend or <u>by</u> presenting at workshops, meeting and other events, <u>when requested.</u></p>	<p>LURM WDNR UWEX</p>	<p>Annually 5 events/ yr. <b>HIGH</b></p>	<p>150 hours/yr. <del>\$5700/yr.</del> <b>\$6057./yr.</b> <b>LAKE SPEC.</b></p>	<p><u>WDNR AIS Control Grant</u> <u>Program</u> <u>WDNR Surface Water Grant</u></p>	<p># of events feedback</p>
	<p>2. Assist other SE WI counties with AIS education.</p>	<p>LURM WDNR UWEX</p>	<p>On-request 5 requests/yr. <b>HIGH</b></p>	<p>150 hours/yr. <del>\$5700./yr.</del> <b>\$6057./yr.</b> <b>LAKE SPEC.</b></p>	<p><u>WDNR AIS Control Grant Program</u> <u>WDNR Surface Water Grant</u></p>	<p># of programs conducted in SE counties</p>

**Goal #4. Preserve Walworth County's Productive Agricultural Lands.**

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When Target Priority</u>	<u>Staff hrs. Costs LURM Position</u>	<u>Source of Funding</u>	<u>Progress Assessment</u>
1. Preserve Agricultural Land as recommended in the Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Walworth County: 2035,	1. Support the Implementation of the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Land Use Plan for Walworth County "Smart Growth Plan" and the County Farmland Preservation Plan, through the review of RZ and CUP apps.	CZA, LCC LURM UWEX CO. Towns	Annually Revisions to plan minimized <b>HIGH</b>	100 hours/yr. \$3800.00 \$4575./yr. <b>URBAN SPEC.</b> <b>CO Planner</b>	Application Fees	Monitor and assess the number of RZ petitions consistent with plan.
	2. Up date the Walworth County Farmland Preservation Plan.	CZA, LCC, LURM DATCP CO. Towns. SEWRPC UWEX	2010-2011 <b>HIGH</b>	2080 Hours \$79,040 <b>ADM</b> <b>CO-Planner</b> <b>SEWRPC</b> (\$30,000)	DATCP Grant \$30,000	Status of Plan Adoption
	2. Promote and Implement Conservation-Design Development Standards for new Residential Subdivision.	LURM, CZA UWEX CO. Towns	Annually 2 cons. design/yr. <b>HIGH</b>	120 40 hrs./yr. \$4560.00 \$1947./yr. <b>CO Planner</b> <b>URB. SPEC.</b>	Application Fees	# of new residential developments using conservation designs.
2. Use best management practices to minimize the impacts of farming activities on the natural resources and protect the productivity of the soil.	1. Continue to assist land owners enrolled in State Farmland Preservation Program comply with the conservation requirements, annual certification and noncompliance.	LURM	Annually 120 farms/yr. <b>HIGH</b>	2080-1200 hours/yr. \$79,040/yr. \$49,788./yr. <b>CO. PLANNER</b> <b>ADM.</b> <b>R. TECH.</b>	COUNTY FSA.NRCS DATCP	# farms in compliance, RUSLE 2 Computations # of participates issued certificates. # of landowners issued non-compliance orders.
3. Preserve large blocks of Walworth County farmland to promote more efficient farming and minimize conflicts between farming operations and urban-type uses.	1. Continue to explore the potential for establishing a Walworth County agricultural land PDR program, as recommended in the up-dated Farmland Preservation Plan.	LURM, UWEX CZA, LCC Farm Bureau, CO. NCOs.	Annually 1 PDR/yr. <b>MEDIUM</b>	80 hours/ yr. \$3040/yr. \$3660./yr. <b>CO Planner</b> <b>R. TECH.</b>	County	Up-dated Ag. Preservation plan includes a PDR program. # of PRD approved
	2. Identify and consider the establishment of "Agricultural Enterprise Areas" as recommended up-dated Farmland Preservation Plan.	LURM, UWEX, CZA, LCC Farm Bureau. Towns, DATCP	Annually 1 Area /yr. <b>MEDIUM</b>	80 hours/ year \$3040/yr. \$3660./yr. <b>R. TECH.</b> <b>CO Planner</b>	County DATCP	Up-dated Ag. Preservation plan designates AEA # of AEA approved
4. Gain support for State and Federal Farmland Preservation and Protection Programs.	1. Distribute information and Sponsor a Workshop on the State Workings Lands Initiative and the Federal Farm and Ranch Program.	LCC, CZA, LURM, NCOs UWEX, DATCP Towns Farm B.	Annually 2 acts/yr. <b>HIGH</b>	80 hours/year \$4000./yr. <b>ADM</b>	County DATCP	# of attendees and media coverage feedback from attendees
5. Increase support and use of soil management systems to improve the health and function of County soils.	1. Distribute information on soil organic matter, use of soil testing, no-till farming and cover crops, through workshops, one-on-one contacts, newsletters, & web-postings.	LCC, UWEX NRCS, DATCP.	Annually	120 hrs/yr. \$5840./yr. <b>R. TECH.</b>	County DATCP NRCS	Acres of soil testing Acres of no-till Acres of cover crops planted

**Goal #4, (Continued). Preserve Walworth County's Productive Agricultural Lands.**

Objectives	Actions	Who	When Target Priority	Staff hrs. Costs LURM Position	Source of Funding	Progress Assessment
6. Support Wildlife Abatement Program for County landowners to protect crops from damage or loss caused by wildlife.	1. Administer a grant program to prevent wildlife damage to County agricultural crops and a compensate farmers for crop loss caused by wildlife.	LCC, LURM, USFWS, NRCS, WDNR	Annually	50 hrs/yr. \$2500. ADM R. TECH.	\$6000./year for Claims County US FWS NRCS WDNR	# of Claims

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**Goal #5. Preserve and Restore Walworth County's Environmental Corridors, Natural Areas, Critical Species Habitat Sites, Wetlands, Floodplains and Groundwater.**

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When</u> <u>Target</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>Staff hrs.</u> <u>Costs</u> <u>LURM Position</u> <u>Other Costs</u>	<u>Source of Funding</u>	<u>Progress</u> <u>Assessment</u>
<b>1. Preservation &amp; Conservation of Walworth County's Natural Resources as recommended in the Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Walworth County: 2035 (SEWRPC 2009) and the Regional Natural Areas and Critical Species Habitat and Protection and Management Plan For SE Wisconsin, (SEWRPC).</b>	1. Support the implementation of the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Land Use Plan for Walworth County "Smart Growth Plan," and the County Farmland Preservation Plan, through the review of RZ petitions and CUP applications.	CZA, LCC LURM Walworth CO. Towns	Annually  <b>HIGH</b>	See Goal #4, Objective #1 Action #1	See Goal #4, Objective #1 Action #1	See Goal #4, Objective #1 Action #1
<b>2. Decrease the fragmentation of woodlands and environmental corridors by land development and other land disturbing activities.</b>	1. Encourage and support landowners participation and enrollment in the Wisconsin Managed Forest Law Program	LURM,UWEX WDNR	Annually 1 parcel/yr <b>MEDIUM</b>	20 hrs./yr. \$1000/yr. <b>R.TECH.</b> <b>ADM</b>	COUNTY WDNR	
	2. Provide natural resource information and maps to Towns, developers, citizens, elected officials and other agencies.	LURM, SEWRPC WDNR LIS/GIS	Annually 2 requests/yr. <b>HIGH</b>	80 hrs./yr. <del>\$3040/yr.</del> <b>\$4000./yr.</b> <b>ADM</b>	COUNTY Fees for Copies	# of distributions
	3. Promote and implement Conservation-Design Development Standards for new residential subdivision.	LURM, CZA Walworth County Towns	Annually	See Goal #4 Objective #1 Activity #3		
<b>3. Preserve and restore the ecological services and functional values provided by Walworth County Wetlands.</b>	1. Assist landowners enroll in state and federal programs to preserve and restore wetlands on their property.	LURM NRCS, FSA	Annually 2 parcels/yr <b>HIGH</b>	100 hrs./yr. <del>\$3800/yr.</del> <b>\$4149./yr.</b> <b>R. TECH</b>	COUNTY NRCS/FSA WDNR	# of wetlands restored
	2. Require the determination of wetland boundary lines early during preparation of land development plans.	LURM, WDNR, SEWRPC	Annually 4 parcels/yr. <b>HIGH</b>	20 hrs./yr. <del>\$760/yr.</del> <b>\$973./yr.</b> <b>URB.SPEC.</b> <b>CO. PLANNER</b>	Permit Applications.	# of wetland delineations approved.
	3. Provide Walworth County wetland inventory data and maps to Towns, Developers, Citizens, elected officials agencies and other organizations.	LURM,WDNR, SEWRPC LIS/GIS	Annually  <b>HIGH</b>	See Goal #5 Objective #2 Activity #2	COUNTY	

**Goal #5. (Continued) Preserve and Restore Walworth County’s Environmental Corridors, Natural Areas, Critical Species Habitat Sites, Wetlands, Floodplains and Groundwater.**

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When Target Priority</u>	<u>LURM Staff Hr. Costs (\$)</u>	<u>Source of Funding</u>	<u>Progress Assessment</u>
<b>3. Preserve and restore the ecological services and functional values provided by Walworth County Wetlands.</b>	4. Support the acquisition of large wetland communities by WDNR, NCOs, and others.	LCC, WDNR NCOs	Annually <b>MEDIUM</b>	20 hrs./year <del>\$760/yr.</del> <b>\$973./yr.</b> <b>URB.SPEC CO. Planner</b>	<u>County WDNR State Stewardship Program, Lake Protection Program &amp; others</u>	Tracking of wetlands permanently protected.
<b>4. Protect Walworth County Floodplains</b>	1. Provide Walworth Co. Floodplain Map inventory data & maps to Towns, Developers, Citizens, and other agencies.	LURM, DNR, FEMA LIS/GIS	Annually <b>HIGH</b>	See Goal #5 Objective #2 Activity #2		
<b>5. Protect Walworth County’s Ground Water Supply</b> by supporting and implementing the recommendations in the <i>“Regional Water Supply Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin”</i>	1. <del>Prepare &amp;</del> Implement a County-wide comprehensive <b>water conservation</b> plan & program aimed at reducing the average daily demand by at least 10 percent.	LURM, DNR, NRCS	2012-2014 <b>2015-2020</b> <b>MEDIUM</b>	500 hours. <del>300 hr./yr.</del> <del>\$19,000.</del> <b>\$14601./yr.</b> <b>URB. SPEC ADM</b>	Federal and State Grants, if available	<del>Conservation Plan prepared and adopted by County Board LCC in 2015.</del> Public Feedback.
	2. Seek funding sources to <del>help prepare County-wide Water Conservation Plan &amp;</del> assist landowners and business implement <b>water conservation</b> measures.	LURM UWEX	Begin 2010 <b>MEDIUM</b>	40 hrs/year <del>\$1520/yr.</del> <b>\$2000./yr.</b> <b>ADM</b>		Grant to prepare and implement Plan awarded to Walworth County.
	3. Conduct educational outreach on <b>water conservation</b> , through newsletters, workshops, web-site, and direct contact.	LURM UWEX	<del>Begin in 2010</del> <b>Annually</b> 6 activities/yr. <b>MEDIUM</b>	20 hrs/yr. <del>\$760/yr.</del> <b>\$973./yr.</b> <b>ADM URB. SPEC</b>		Feedback from workshop attendees. #of inquiries from newsletters
	4. <b>Protect Groundwater Recharge Areas</b> classified as high or very high recharge areas in Walworth County by supporting the implementation of the “Smart Growth Plan,” through the review of RZ petitions and CUP applications.	LURM, CZA, LCC Walworth CO., Towns	Annually <b>3/reviews/yr.</b> <b>MEDIUM</b>	See Goal #4, Objective #1 Action #1		
	5. Promote the use of storm water infiltration practices that result in <b>maintaining the natural recharge capacity</b> at a proposed development site.	LURM WDNR	Annually <b>3/reviews/yr.</b> <b>HIGH</b>	See Goal #2 Objective #2		
	2. Supply rain barrels to Walworth County residents.	LURM UWEX	Annually 50 barrels/yr <b>HIGH</b>	5 hrs/yr. <del>\$190/yr.</del> <b>\$243./yr.</b> <b>URB. SPEC</b>	Sale of Rain Barrels	# of Rain barrels installed. <del>Reduction in water use.</del> Positive Publicity

**Goal #5. (Continued) Preserve and Restore Walworth County’s Environmental Corridors, Natural Areas, Critical Species Habitat Sites, Wetlands, Floodplains and Groundwater.**

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When Target Priority</u>	<u>LURM Staff Hr. Costs (\$)</u>	<u>Source of Funding</u>	<u>Progress Assessment</u>
<b>5. Protect Walworth County’s Ground Water Supply</b> by supporting and implementing the recommendations in the <i>“Regional Water Supply Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin”</i> , (SEWRPC.)	6. Encourage and assist landowners test the water quality of their private wells.	LURM, DNR, CO Health Department	Annually <del>10</del> 100 private wells/ year <b>Medium</b>	8 hours/yr. \$400/year <b>URB. SPEC. ADM</b>	County Fees for testing	# of wells tested. Report and assessment of well testing reports.
<b>6. Reduce the loss and impairment of Walworth County Woodlands and Specimen Trees.</b>	1. Prepare and distribute information on tree pests and diseases and control & invasive species, through web-site, workshops and other outlets.	LURM UWEX WDNR	Annually 4 activities/yr. <b>Medium</b>	10 hrs/yr \$500/yr <b>ADM URB. SPEC.</b>	County	Public Feedback Reduction in the introduction and spread of diseases.
	2. Support invasive species and pest suppression programs and projects when needed to protect the health of Walworth County Woodlands.	LURM UWEX Walworth CO Towns <b>County DPW</b>	Annually 4 activities/yr <b>High</b>	<del>10 hrs./yr.</del> <b>160 hrs./yr.</b> <del>\$380/yr.</del> <b>\$7787./yr.</b> <b>ADM R &amp; U. TECH URB SPEC</b>	Permit Fees <b>WDNR Grants.</b>	# of programs supported or approved for permits.
	3. Continue to distribute and encourage the adoption of the model “Tree Preservation and Woodland Protection Ordinance” prepared by LURM.	LURM	Annually 1 muni/yr. <b>Medium</b>	5 hrs./yr. <del>\$190/yr.</del> <b>\$243./yr.</b> <b>URB. SPEC</b>	County	# of municipalities adopting standards.
	4. Continue to sponsor workshop for landscapers and provide timely information on tree selection, planting, pruning, diseases and management.	LURM UWEX WDNR	Annually 1 event/yr. <b>HIGH</b>	20 hrs/yr. <del>\$760/yr</del> <b>\$1000./yr</b> <b>ADM URB. SPEC. U. TECH</b>	Workshop Registration fees	Feedback from attendees Improvement in plans submitted. Fewer enforcement actions.
<b>7. Increase restoration of declining native communities in Walworth County, through the control of invasive species and the reintroduction of the native plant communities.</b>	1. Support the establishment of a “master naturalist program” to recruit, train and mobilize citizens to undertake restoration activities.	LURM, UWEX, WDNR CO. Parks Committee	<b>Annually</b> Guidance prep. 1 workshop/yr <b>MEDIUM</b>	80 hours/yr. \$4000/yr <b>ADM URB.SPEC.</b>	Registration Fees <b>WDNR Grant</b>	# recruited, trained and engaged.
	2. Continue to co- sponsor a “Prairie Walk” to showcase prairie restoration efforts in Walworth County	LURM UWEX NRCS WDNR	Annually 1 walk/yr <b>HIGH</b>	40 hours \$2000/yr. <b>ADM</b>	Registration Fees	# of attendees Feedback from attendees

**Goal #5. (Continued) Preserve and Restore Walworth County’s Environmental Corridors, Natural Areas, Critical Species Habitat Sites, Wetlands, Floodplains and Groundwater.**

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When Target Priority</u>	<u>LURM Staff Hr. Costs (\$)</u>	<u>Funding Source</u>	<u>Progress Assessment</u>
<b>7. Increase restoration of declining native communities in Walworth County, through the control of invasive species and the reintroduction of the native plant communities.</b>	3. Continue the County Tree and Shrub Sale & help landowners establish wind breaks, wildlife habitat and scenic beauty.	LURM UWEX WDNR NRCS	Annually 45,000 species sold/yr. <b>HIGH</b> <b>LOW</b>	150 hours/yr. \$7500/yr.  <b>ADM</b> <b>TECH</b>	Trees and shrub sales	# of sales
	4. Seek funding to implement special resource restoration projects in Walworth County.	LURM <b>DPW, NCOs</b>	Annually 1 grant/yr <b>MEDIUM</b>	20 hrs./yr. \$1000/yr <b>ADM</b>	County/ <b>WDNR</b>	Grant awarded to Walworth County

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**Goal #6. Protect Walworth County Watersheds by Seeking Collaboration and Supporting Partnerships.**

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When Target Priority</u>	<u>Staff Hr. Costs (\$)</u> <u>LURM Position</u>	<u>Source of Funding</u>	<u>Progress Assessment</u>
<b>1. Support the implementation of the Mukwonago River Protection Plan.</b>	1 Consider SWM ordinance amendments recommended in the Mukwonago River Protection Plan address the impacts of the increase in intensity of flood peaks and stream “flashiness”	LURM	Annually Ordinance Drafted  <b>HIGH</b>	See Goal #2, Object #1 Activity #1	Permit Fees County Urban NPS & SW Planning Grant	Amendments approved by the County Board
	2. Implement protection to the springs and groundwater recharge areas recommended in the Mukwonago River Watershed Plan, through mapping, zoning standards and proposed development reviews.	LURM MRI	Annually  Zoning adopted Maps published  <b>HIGH</b>	20 hrs./yr.  <del>\$760./yr.</del> <b>\$973./yr.</b> <b>URB. SPEC. CO. Planner.</b>	County	# of mapped springs protected
	3. Support the Mukwonago River Initiative by attending Initiative meetings and responding to the Initiative’s requests for information and technical assistances.	LURM WDNR MRI	Annually 3 requests complete/yr.  <b>MODERATE</b>	20 hrs./yr.. <del>\$760./yr.</del> <b>\$973./yr.</b> <b>URB. SPEC.</b>	County	# of requests fulfilled/yr.
	4. Expand web-site to include information on of the Mukwonago River ecosystem	LURM GIS/IS	Annually Web-site updates  <b>HIGH</b>	8 hrs./yr. <del>\$304/yr.</del> <b>\$371./yr.</b> <b>R. TECH.</b>	County WDNR River Planning Grant	Web-site updated, responses from users
<b>2. Support the goals, objectives, and activities of the SE Fox River Basin Partnership and the Rock River Basin Partnership.</b>	1. Continue to advise and counsel the formal river basin partnership teams and work cooperatively on solution-based activities.	LURM RRP SEFRP UWEX	Annually 2-8 activities/yr..  <b>HIGH</b>	<del>80 hrs/ yr.</del> <b>320 hrs./yr.</b> <del>\$3040/yr</del> <b>\$15,574/yr.</b> <b>LAKE SPEC. R. TECH URB. SPEC.</b>	County	# of activities implemented Feedback
	2. Update and distribute <i>Options for Open Space” A guide for private and public landowners and land managers</i>	LURM SEFRP UWEX	Annually 2 up-dates, 2 recipients  <b>MEDIUM</b>	20 hours/yr. \$1000/yr  <b>ADM.</b>	<u>County</u> <u>SEFRP</u>	# of up-dates # of recipients
	3. Continue to update and distribute the <i>Farm Atlas of SE Wisconsin</i>	LURM UWEX RRP,	Annually 1 up-date  <b>MEDIUM</b>	8 hrs./yr. \$400./yr.  <b>ADM.</b>	<u>County</u> <u>RRP</u>	# of recipients.
3,Support the mission of the Walworth County Lakes Association and individual lake districts and lake associations.	1. Continue to advise and counsel the Walworth County Lakes Association and individual lake protection groups work cooperatively on solution-based initiatives and activities.	LURM WDNR WLA	Annually  10 activities/yr  <b>HIGH</b>	See Goal # 3, Objective # 3 Activity #1  LAKE SPEC.	See Goal # 3, Objective # 3 Activity #1	Feedback from recipients.

**Goal #6. Protect Walworth County Watersheds by Seeking Collaboration and Supporting Partnerships.**

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When Target Priority</u>	<u>Staff Hr. Costs (\$)</u> <u>LURM Position</u>	<u>Source of Funding</u>	<u>Progress Assessment</u>
<b>4. Support the mission of the Geneva Lake Conservancy , the Kettle Moraine Conservancy, the Nature Conservancy, the Kishwaukee Nature <u>the Hackmatack National Refuge</u> other Walworth County non-profit conservation organizations.</b>	1. Continue to advise and counsel the Walworth County non-profit conservation organizations, <u>the County DPW and other State and Federal Agencies,</u> in their pursuit to protect environmental sensitive lands through purchase of title or the acquisition of conservation easements.	LURM NCOs GIS/IS	Annually  10 activities/year  <b>MEDIUM HIGH</b>	40 hrs./yr.  \$1520/yr <u>\$1946./yr.</u> <b>URB. SPEC. CO. PLANNER ADM.</b>	COUNTY	# of requests completed/yr.  # of sites protected.
	2. Continue to support and advise the Geneva Lakes Environmental Agency with their efforts to improve the water quality and recreational use of Geneva Lake and its watershed.	LURM WDNR UWEX	Annually  2 activities /yr.	40 hrs./yr. \$1520/yr. <u>\$1946./yr.</u> <b>LAKES SPEC. URB SPEC.</b>	COUNTY	# of requests competed/yr.
<b>5. Establish a formal White-River Nippersink Watershed Partnership Organization.</b>	3. Seek funding to assist prepare a Nippersink Watershed Protection Plan	LURM NRCS FSA DATCP WDNR	Annually  Grant Award <b>MODERATE HIGH</b>	60 hrs./yr.  \$3000./yr.  <b>ADM.</b>	COUNTY <u>WDNR Surface Water Grant</u>	# of grants awarded
	2. Sponsor an organizational meeting and prepare a Nippersink Watershed Protection Plan Prospectus	LURM WDNR UWEX UWEX NRCS	<del>2010-2011</del> <u>2016-2017</u> Group formalized Prospectus comp. <b>MODERATE HIGH</b>	240 hrs. <del>\$9120.</del> <u>\$11,680./yr.</u>  <b>ADM. URB. SPEC.</b>	County <u>WDNR Surface Water Grant</u> -River Planning Grant	Nippersink Partnership formed Feedback
<b>5. Strengthen County Storm Water Pollution Program through partnerships with Walworth County municipalities, organizations and agencies, <u>specifically MS-4 Permittees</u></b>	See Goal # 2, Objective #5					
<b>6. Support the community efforts to protect the water quality and recreational use of Delavan Lake through watershed protection.</b>	1. Continue to advise and counsel the Delavan Lake Improvement Association, the Delavan Lake Sanitary District and the Town of Delavan with their efforts to protect the Delavan Lake Watershed	LURM NRCS WDNR UWEX	Annually  4 activities/yr.  <b>HIGH</b>	40 hrs/yr <u>200 hrs/yr.</u> <del>\$1520/yr.</del> <u>\$9734./yr.</u> <b>R. TECH URB. SPEC.</b>	County <u>Delavan Lake Community</u>	# of requests completed.

**Goal #7. Initiate Solution-based Information and Education Outreach Programs to Land Users, Youth, Residents, Businesses, and Elected Officials to Encourage the Use of Sustainable Conservation Practices.**

Information and educational outreach programs are identified in each of the Goals of this work plan. The following information and education activities were identified by the Citizens Advisory Committee and it was determined that these should be uniquely highlighted.

<u>Objectives</u>	<u>Actions</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>When Target Priority</u>	<u>Staff Hr. Costs (\$)</u> <u>LURM Position</u>	<u>Source of Funding</u>	<u>Progress Assessment</u>
<del>1. Increase Alternative Energy Use and Research in Walworth County.</del>	1. Distribute information and sponsor workshops and other activities to on alternative forms of energy and	LURM UWEX WDNR	Annually 1 activity/yr <b>MEDIUM</b>	10 hrs/yr \$500/yr <b>ADM</b>	<u>County Grants</u>	Reduction in conventional energy use.
	3. Seek funding to assist County promote alternative energy use.	LURM UWEX	Annually Grant Award <b>MODERATE</b>	5 hrs./yr. \$250/yr <b>ADM.</b>	COUNTY	# of grants awarded
	4. Sponsor workshops and other activities to inform agricultural producers about Agricultural Carbon Trading opportunities.	LURM UWEX	Annually 1 event/yr. <b>MODERATE</b>	5 hrs/yr. \$250/yr <b>ADM</b>	COUNTY	Feedback from workshop attendees.
2. Increase opportunities for elected officials to learn about the economic and social importance of protecting the County's resource base.	1. Submit timely resource information to County Administrator for inclusion in the "County Administrator's Report"	LURM UWEX	Monthly 1 report/month <b>HIGH</b>	24 hrs/yr \$1200/yr <b>ADM</b>	COUNTY	Feed back from County Board
	2. Submit monthly reports to Walworth County Townships listing activities or programs undertaken by LURM.	LURM	Monthly 1 report/month <b>HIGH</b>	30 hrs/yr \$1500./yr <b>ADM</b>	COUNTY	Feedback f from municipalities
	3. Offer training, workshops and other training opportunities to LCC and other County Board Committees.	LURM	Annually 3 events/yr <b>HIGH</b>	30 hrs/yr. \$1500/yr. <b>ADM.</b>	COUNTY	Feedback from supervisors.
3. Increase the engagement of Youth in community environmental stewardship and awareness.	1. Sponsor and support Pontoon Classroom events on Walworth County Lakes.	LURM WDNR Lake Org.	Annually 1 classroom/yr <b>MODERATE</b>	10 hrs/year. <del>\$380/year</del> <b>\$403./yr.</b> <b>LAKE SPEC.</b> <b>URB. SPEC.</b>	COUNTY WDNR GRANTS	# of participants Feedback Publicity
	2. Sponsor annual conservation poster contest for County Schools.	LURM UWEX	Annually 2 entries/yr <b>MODERATE</b>	5 hrs/yr. \$250/yr <b>ADM</b>	COUNTY	# of posters submitted for judging.
4. Citizens, including Youth, are trained to monitor, Walworth County streams and lakes.	3. Recruit and train citizens in monitoring protocol, and data entry.	LURM UWEX WDNR	Annually 10 citizens recruited <b>MODERATE</b>	20 hrs/yr. \$760 <b>\$808./yr.</b> <b>LAKE SPEC.</b> <b>URB. SPEC.</b> <b>ADM</b>	COUNTY State Grant	# of volunteers recruited.

**Goal #7 (Continued) Initiate Solution-based Information and Education Outreach Programs to Land Users, Youth, Residents, Businesses, and Elected Officials to Encourage the Use of Sustainable Conservation Practices.**

Objectives	Actions	Who	When Target Priority	Staff Hr. Costs (\$) LURM Position	Source of Funding	Progress Assessment
<b>4. Improve County Website to inform, educate and engage users and browsers.</b>	1. Update County Website with timely and useful Walworth County Land and Water Information	LURM GS/IS	Annually Up-dated monthly <b>HIGH</b>	120 hrs/yr \$4560/yr \$5568./yr. <b>R, TECH</b>	COUNTY	Measure and assess the number of website hits. Feedback.
<b>5. Increase the use of media to educate Walworth County residents on conservation issues and sustainable practices.</b>	1. Publish news features on conservation needs, practices, events and accomplishments, including the County Administrator's Column.	LURM FSA UEWX <b>NRCS</b>	Annually 1 feature/yr <b>HIGH</b>	5 hrs/yr. \$250/yr <b>ADM.</b>	COUNTY	# of press releases, feedback
<b>6. Sponsor opportunities for the public to learn about sustainable land &amp; water conservation practices.</b>	1. Sponsor tours of conservation practices in Walworth County	LURM WDNR UWEX	Annually 1 event/yr <b>MODERATE</b>	20 hours/yr. <b>\$1000./yr</b> <b>ADM</b>	Registration Fees	Feedback from tour participants

**Disclaimer – Financial availability**

The implementation of the activities scheduled in this work plan are subject to the availability of federal, state and local sources of funding to support staff and program support costs.

**SUMMARY OF ANNUAL WALWORTH COUNTY CONSERVATION STAFF HOURS and COST.**

<u>Annual Conservation Program</u>	<u>Staff Hours/year</u>	<u>Costs/year</u>
<b>Rural Conservation Program:</b>	<b>6813 hrs</b>	<b>\$ 257,250.</b>
<b>Aquatic Invasive Species, (Lakes Specialist):</b>	<b>2170 hrs.</b>	<b>\$ 82,460.</b>
<b>Urban Conservation Program:</b>	<b>4538 hrs.</b>	<b>\$ 171,020.</b>
<b>Other Urban/Urban Conservation Programs:</b>	<b>3712 hrs.</b>	<b>\$ 42,184.</b>

**SUMMARY OF ANNUAL WALWORTH COUNTY CONSERVATION DIVISION STAFF HOURS and STAFF COST.**

<u>Land &amp; Water Resource Management Program</u>	<u>Staff Assignments</u>	<u>Staff Hours</u>	<u>Staff Cost</u>
<b><u>Rural Conservation Program (Goals #1 and #4)</u></b>	<u>Senior Conservation Technician (Rural)</u> <u>Conservation Technician (Rural)</u>	<b><u>5680 hours</u></b>	<b><u>\$243,141</u></b>
<b><u>Aquatic Invasive Species (Goal #3)</u></b>	<u>Conservation Technician (Lakes)</u>	<b><u>2080 hours</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 83,989</u></b>
<b><u>Urban Conservation Program (Goal #2)</u></b>	<u>Urban Conservation Specialist</u> <u>Urban Conservation Technician</u>	<b><u>4430 hours</u></b>	<b><u>\$192,891</u></b>
<b><u>Other Conservation Programs (Goals 4, 5, 6, &amp; 7)</u></b>	<u>Senior Conservation Technician</u> <u>Urban Conservation Specialist Conservation</u>	<b><u>2303 hours</u></b>	<b><u>\$111,668</u></b>
		<b><u>14,493 hours</u></b>	<b><u>\$631,689</u></b>

**SPECIAL PROJECTS (Potential State and Federal Grant Funded Projects)**

<u>Project</u>	<u>Total Staff Hours</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
<u>Groundwater Protection/Water Conservation:</u>	<u>560 hrs.</u>	<u>\$21,280.</u>
<u>County-wide Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program</u>	<u>650 hrs.</u>	<u>\$25,660.</u>
<u>Farmland Preservation Plan Development</u>	<u>2080 hrs.</u>	<u>\$79,040.</u>

**2015 SOIL AND WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GRANT CONTRACT**

The Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection (DATCP) and Walworth County, through the Land Conservation Committee ("LCC") or other authorized representative, enter into the following contract. Under this contract, DATCP awards soil and water resource management grants to the LCC in the following specified amounts, subject to the conditions specified in this contract.

Contract Date		Contract Number		Contract Period		Contact Name, Title and Phone No.		Mailing Address	
4/3/2015		9214-15-65-00		1/1/2015-12/31/2015		MICHAEL P COTTER Director (262) 741-4972		WALWORTH CO LAND USE & RES 100 West Walworth Street PO Box 1001 Elkhorn, WI 53121	
2015 ALLOCATION PLAN									
SINGLE AUDIT REF.	DATCP ORG. CODE	FUNDING CATEGORY		NEW	EXTENSION FROM 2014 *	TOTAL AWARD	AVAILABLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT		
		<b>STAFF AND SUPPORT</b>							
115.15	7611	SEG FUND 274		\$90,220.00	\$0.00	\$90,220.00	\$90,220.00		
115.15	7211	GPR FUND 100		\$46,664.00	\$0.00	\$46,664.00	\$46,664.00		
<b>TOTAL STAFFING GRANTS</b>				\$136,884.00	\$0.00	\$136,884.00	\$136,884.00		
		<b>CONSERVATION GRANTS - LW</b>		<b>CONSERVATION GRANTS - LW PLAN IMPLEMENTATION</b>					
115.40	7510 or 7520	Bond FUND 495		\$57,500.00	\$7,451.81	\$64,951.81	\$64,951.81		
<b>TOTAL CONSERVATION GRANTS</b>				\$57,500.00	\$7,451.81	\$64,951.81	\$64,951.81		
<b>CONTRACT TOTAL</b>				<b>\$194,384.00</b>	<b>\$7,451.81</b>	<b>\$201,835.81</b>	<b>\$201,835.81</b>		

\* See Exhibit A for specific details

**A. GENERAL CONTRACT TERMS**

- A.1.** This contract is subject to s. 92.14 (all citations to chapter 92 or sections thereof refer to the Wisconsin Statutes) in effect at the time this contract is signed, and is also subject to ch. ATCP 50 (all citations to ATCP 50 or sections thereof refer to the Wisconsin Administrative Code) including a department order dated February 9, 2015 waiving, by postponement, the deadline for county submission of its first staffing grant reimbursement request (“February 2015 waiver”). The county Land Conservation Committee or other county board committee designated to carry out the functions in ch. 92 and s. ATCP 50.10 (the designated committee is hereinafter referred to as the “LCC”) has approved the terms of this contract, and will approve any amendments hereto, before this contract or any amendments are signed by a non-LCC representative on behalf of the county. The DATCP Secretary has approved the contract amounts listed in the 2015 allocation plan (including extensions of 2014 projects and any revisions to the plan) according to the procedures in ch. 92 and ch. ATCP 50. All grants are subject to the terms and restrictions specified in the allocation plan (including those specified in the environmental assessment accompanying the allocation plan) and any plan addenda, and may not be spent on other projects or for any other purposes.
- A.2.** This contract takes effect when signed by both parties, and ends on December 31 of the grant year (which for the purposes of this contract is 2015). This contract replaces any previous contracts between DATCP and the LCC related to the SWRM program under s. 92.14 and ch. ATCP 50.
- A.3.** This contract is made pursuant to legislative appropriations and is subject to adjustment or termination if appropriations are not adequate or lapses are required due to budget shortfalls. DATCP will notify the LCC if grants must be reduced, or the contract must be terminated due to the non-availability of funds. If funding is reduced, the LCC may adjust its work plan to reflect this change, or may exercise the right of termination provided in this contract.
- A.4.** This contract authorizes DATCP to reimburse counties up to the total amount of the county’s annual grant award in each of the funding categories as specified on page 1 of this contract, and as amended in writing by any transfers and re-allocations approved by DATCP.
- A.5.** The County agrees to have a qualified independent auditor perform a financial and compliance audit of DATCP programs as required by *the State Single Audit Guidelines* issued by the Wisconsin Department of Administration and DATCP’s *Audit Guidelines for the Soil and Water Resource Management Grant Program*. Both audits will include an examination of LCC operations and administration of grant funds under this contract. DATCP may conduct additional audits as it deems appropriate. The LCC may use the grant funds identified in Section B of this contract to pay for the cost of required financial and compliance audits as provided by s. ATCP 50.32(4). The county shall make work papers, whether electronic or hard copy, of the auditor available to DATCP for inspection, and may not withhold permission to review these work papers. Audits are not accepted until DATCP is satisfied that the audit and the county’s reimbursement requests are in substantial agreement.
- A. 6.** In connection with the performance of work under this contract, the LCC agrees not to discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, or applicant for cost-sharing because of age, race, religion, color, handicap, gender, physical conditions, developmental disability, sexual orientation or national origin. This provision shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. Except with respect to sexual orientation, the LCC further agrees to take affirmative action to ensure equal employment opportunities. The LCC agrees to post, in conspicuous places available for employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of the nondiscrimination clause.
- A.7.** Neither the LCC nor its employees or agents are employees or agents of DATCP for any purpose, including worker’s compensation.
- A.8.** Funds provided under this contract may not be used, directly or indirectly, for lobbying or for illegal activities.
- A.9.** Amendments to this contract, if any, must be approved in writing by DATCP and the LCC before expiration of the contract.

- A.10** Either party may terminate this contract upon 30 days advance written notice to the other party. In addition to exercising its right to terminate the contract based on LCC violations of contract terms, including the requirements in Section B.1, DATCP may withhold reimbursement payments, in whole or in part, pending a determination of a possible contract violation. If DATCP terminates this contract, DATCP may be liable for any actual costs incurred for salary and fringe benefits of staff who performed work under this contract as of the date of any notice of termination. In addition, DATCP may be liable for other non-cancelable commitments incurred as long as the LCC has pursued reasonable actions to avoid such commitments. If the LCC terminates this contract, DATCP will not reimburse any costs incurred after the date of termination.
- A.11.** The LCC agrees to submit documents electronically, as required by DATCP, including but not limited to cost-share contracts and change orders, reimbursement requests, and extension requests, and to retain original documents for a minimum of 3 years after the end of the year of the grant award unless a longer period applies. See s. ATCP 50.34(7)(b). The LCC further agrees to allow DATCP and grant auditors to inspect and copy any records that the LCC is required to keep under this contract.

## **B. LCC STAFF AND SUPPORT GRANTS; CONTRACT TERMS**

A grant for LCC staff and support (“staffing grant”) is subject to these terms and conditions:

- B.1.** The LCC and its agents shall comply with ch. 92 and ch. ATCP 50 including, but not limited to:
- County soil and water program requirements as provided in Subch. III of ch. ATCP 50.
  - Farmland preservation program requirements imposed on counties including compliance monitoring and issuance of notices of noncompliance.
  - Cost-sharing requirements if landowners are required to install conservation practices that change existing operations, as required by s. 92.15 and s. ATCP 50.40.
  - Local ordinance requirements related to consistency with state standards, and agency review and approval, as required by s. 92.15, and ss. ATCP 50.56 and 50.60.
- B.2.** Subject to the annual allocation plan and this contract, the LCC may seek reimbursement for salaries, fringe benefits, and contractor fees identified under s. ATCP 50.32 for LCC employees and agents engaged in soil and water resource management (SWRM) activities. The county must provide the match required under s. 92.14(5g)(a) using county levy, permit fees, private grants, federal grants, state funds other than those under chs. 92, 281 and 283, Stats., or any other qualifying source. The county shall implement internal accounting procedures to ensure that under this contract it seeks staff and support payments for work defined under s. 92.14 (3) only, and does not seek payment for such work under any other grant awarded by DATCP including nutrient management farmer education grants awarded under s. 92.14(10).
- B.3** Subject to the annual allocation plan and this contract, the LCC may seek reimbursement of staff training, LCC supervisor training, eligible staff support costs and other eligible costs identified under s. ATCP 50.32 related to SWRM activities. The total grant amount reimbursed to a county for training and support costs may not exceed 10% of a county’s annual grant allocation. Only the following county employee and LCC member training costs (including registration fees, travel and materials) may be reimbursed out of a county’s annual staff and support grant:
- (a) Training in conservation planning and management, technical standards implementation, clerical assistance, computer usage, and communications.
  - (b) Courses building skills to perform current responsibilities or develop professionally in the field of soil and water management.
  - (c) Other training costs identified in the grant application for the grant year in which the funds are to be expended.
- B.4.** DATCP may reimburse a county for eligible costs, at the prescribed statutory rate, up to the amount of the county’s annual staffing grant award (shown on page 1). DATCP shall pay reimbursement within 30 days after the LCC files a complete and valid reimbursement request.
- B.5.** DATCP provides reimbursement payments for eligible staff and support costs that the county incurs during the grant year as long as the cost is paid by the county before January 31 of the following year. Unspent grant funds remain with DATCP for allocation in future years.

- B.6.** To obtain payments, the LCC must file a reimbursement request on a DATCP-approved form signed by an authorized county representative. Pursuant to the February 2015 waiver, the county is encouraged to file its first reimbursement request on or after November 1 for eligible costs incurred before November 1 of the grant year. If necessary, the county may file a second reimbursement request for eligible costs incurred on or after November 1 of the grant year. The county must file all requests by February 15 of the year following the grant year.
- B.7.** DATCP shall reimburse counties for eligible county costs for employee salaries/fringe benefits and contractor fees at the rates provided under s. 92.14. Based on the county's designation of employees, DATCP may reimburse employee salaries and fringe benefits for the county's first designated staff person at 100%, second designated staff person at 70% and third and any additional staff at 50%, up to the total staffing grant award. The department may reimburse eligible support costs at 100%.
- B.8.** The County agrees to maintain the expenditure of county funds for its SWRM efforts at or above the amounts expended by the county in 1985 and 1986 [see s. 92.14(7)]. The county may count, as part of its contributions under this paragraph, county expenditures related to natural resource protection activities in any county department. The county may not count capital improvement expenditures, or the expenditure of grant revenues that the county receives from other governmental entities.
- B.9.** The LCC agrees to keep records documenting its expenditures for staff and other eligible costs for at least 3 years after the end of this contract. The records must document the staff hours for which reimbursement is claimed, and the activities performed by staff for whom reimbursement is claimed. The records will also document all staff, support and training costs paid during the grant year. The following support costs may be reimbursed with grant funds: mileage charges at the state rate; personal computers, software, printers and related devices; proportionate share of the costs for required financial and compliance audits; information and education materials, maps and plats; newsletters; and office supplies, including paper, copies, printing and postage. If a county requires a cost-share practice for a landowner who may qualify for economic hardship treatment under s. ATCP 50.42(4), a county may seek reimbursement, as support cost, for the costs related to an eligibility determination, including the costs related to the preparation of a financial statement. The county may also seek reimbursement for the costs of performing an *archaeological assessment* of a project site as part of a cultural resources assessment.
- B.10.** DATCP approval is required to (a) reallocate this grant to fund staff in another county department, town, municipality, tribe or local governmental entity, or (b) redirect this grant to fund cost-share grants to landowners. See ss. ATCP 50.28(5), and 50.32(1), (6) and (11).

### **C. CONSERVATION GRANTS; CONTRACT TERMS**

Grants for conservation practices ("conservation grants") are subject to these terms and conditions:

- C.1.** Conservation grant funds may only be used for the purposes identified in the annual grant allocation plan and this contract, or as authorized for extended funds in Section C.7. The LCC may distribute grant funds to landowners or operators for conservation practices authorized by ch. ATCP 50. DATCP may not reimburse the LCC for any amount that exceeds the amount of the county's allocation as specified on page 1 of this contract, and as amended by any transfers, reallocations, and redirections approved by DATCP.
- C.2.** The LCC agrees to enter into a cost-share contract with each landowner or operator to whom the LCC distributes conservation grant funds. The LCC further agrees to provide written notice, when applicable, to inform each landowner and operator of the full ramifications of a cost-share contract, including future compliance obligations. Conservation practices installed under cost-share contracts must comply with the state conservation standards under NR 151, Wis. Admin. Code and s. ATCP 50.04, and state requirements (ch. 44, Stats.) regarding cultural resource assessments. The LCC must use the most recent DATCP-approved cost-share contracts and related forms to cost-share projects, or obtain DATCP approval of a county form to ensure that cost-sharing complies with ch. ATCP 50. Counties must record all contracts exceeding \$14,000 in cost-sharing except for contracts involving only the conservation practices listed in s. ATCP 50.08(5)(b). Counties may voluntarily record contracts that are not subject to recording requirements. For contracts exceeding \$50,000 in DATCP cost-sharing, the county must obtain DATCP's written approval before practice installation

(No separate approval is required in cases where DATCP approves an NOD/NOI project for cost-share funding in excess of \$50,000). DATCP, at any time, may require advance approval of any practice cost-shared under ch. ATCP 50, and shall provide written notice to affected parties of the cost-shared practices requiring DATCP pre-approval by email or publication of the information on DATCP's website. Before DATCP imposes a pre-approval requirement, it will provide an opportunity for the affected parties to comment on the proposed pre-approval requirement.

**C.3.** DATCP provides conservation grant funds on a reimbursement-basis only. As conditions of reimbursement, the LCC must do all of the following:

- Submit a copy of the signed cost-share contract for the practices.
- Ensure that cost-shared practice invoices are fully paid and cost-share recipients have made all payments for which they are responsible.
- Submit the request using the most current DATCP-approved reimbursement form, properly completed to provide the following for each practice: watershed code, NR 151 compliance, LWRM plan priority. DATCP may return incomplete requests or seek clarification by contacting the county staff.
- Ensure that the person who approves the design and the construction of each cost-shared practice has adequate job certification/approval under s. ATCP 50.46 or is otherwise qualified.
- Provide required documentation specified in the DATCP reimbursement form or, where appropriate, the necessary certification showing that the cost-shared practice was properly designed, installed and implemented according to ch. ATCP 50.
- Submit a nutrient management checklist using the most current form authorized by DATCP where the practice requires a nutrient management plan (e.g., ss. ATCP 50.62 and ATCP 50.78), and provide DATCP checklists for annual plan updates for each year of cost-sharing or each year of the ten-year maintenance period.
- Submit other documentation required by DATCP including acknowledgements of continuing compliance and certifications for reimbursement involving the conservation practices identified in ss. ATCP 50.67, 50.68, 50.82 and 50.89.

**C.4.** DATCP reimbursements will be governed by the following requirements:

- A partially completed conservation practice may be reimbursed only if the partially completed portion has independent conservation benefits, and complies with ch. ATCP 50 and the cost-share contract.
- No DATCP cost-share funds can be used to (a) pay for the installation of a practice on land owned by the state of Wisconsin, (b) bring a landowner into compliance with standards required under the landowner's WPDES permit under ch. 281 and ch. 283, Stats, or (c) pay for any state or local administrative permit fees.
- No DATCP payments may be made for heavy use area protection unless this practice is a component of another practice such as manure storage systems (s. ATCP 50.62), barnyard runoff control systems (s. ATCP 50.64), livestock watering facilities (s. ATCP 50.76), prescribed grazing (s. ATCP 50.80), sediment basins (s. ATCP 50.86), or stream bank or shoreline protection (s. ATCP 50.88).
- DATCP payments for the following practices may not exceed a cost-share rate of 50 percent unless the practice is required to implement a performance standard on a farm: access roads (s. ATCP 50.65), roof runoff systems (s. ATCP 50.85), stream-bank or shoreline protection (s. ATCP 50.88), stream crossing (s. ATCP 50.885), or wetland development or restoration (s. ATCP 50.98).
- DATCP payments for any conservation practice installed on land owned by local governments may not exceed a cost-share rate of 50 percent.
- The cost-share rate of 90 percent for economic hardship is only available for the installation of practices on farm land when DATCP cost-sharing is provided either to the landowner or a grant recipient who operates the farm.
- Cost-shared practices may be installed based on updated technical standards, newer than those identified in Subch. VIII of ch. ATCP 50, as long as (a) the standard provides conservation benefits at least as beneficial as the version listed in Subch. VIII, (b) the newer standard has been adopted by NRCS, DNR or the applicable technical standards entity identified in Subch. VIII, and (c) the landowner voluntarily agrees, in writing, to the use of the newer, updated standard.

- C.5.** Bond revenue funds may be used to finance cost-share practices identified in ch. ATCP 50 including any recording fees, and cultural resource assessments if pre-approved by DATCP, except that bond revenue funds may not be used to finance cost-shared practices identified in ss. ATCP 50.67, 50.68, 50.78, 50.79, 50.82 and 50.89.
- C.6.** DATCP may not pay out any conservation grant funds under this contract after December 31 of the grant year, except to reimburse the county under section C.3. for costs incurred on or before December 31 of the grant year and paid by January 31 of the following year. The LCC may ask for an extension of funding for cost-share projects where contracts are fully executed but not completed by December 31 of the grant year. The LCC must submit an extension request by the postmark deadline of December 31 of the grant year, but late filings may be accepted based on good cause through February 15<sup>th</sup> of the following grant year if authorized by ch. ATCP 50. The county must attach appropriate signed cost-share contracts to the extension request including any change order(s) and addenda if applicable. If DATCP grants an extension request, DATCP may add the spending authorization to the previously determined county grant award for the next grant year. DATCP may not extend project funding for more than one year.
- C.7.** For this grant year, DATCP has approved extension projects generally referenced on page one of this contract and specified in **Exhibit A** which details the name of each project and the dollar amounts extended from the prior grant year. Funds allocated for these extensions may be used in the current grant year only for the purposes and projects specified in Exhibit A except that DATCP may apply funds extended for one specific project to pay for eligible costs incurred in connection with other extended cost-share projects that may be paid from the same fund source, consistent with the waiver authorizing pooling of extended funds and s. ATCP 50.34(6) (b). The LCC is expected to complete all projects extended from the prior grant year by December 31 of this grant year. Grant funds that are not committed in contracts in the grant year or that are extended but not spent on extended projects remain with the DATCP for possible allocation in future years.
- C.8.** The LCC agrees to retain all cost-share records for at least 3 years after making the last cost-share payment to the landowner or operator, or for the duration of the required maintenance period specified in the cost-share contract, whichever is longer. The records will include all the following:
- A copy of the LCC's cost-share contract with the landowner or operator including any provisions related to operation and maintenance of installed practices, and any change orders or addenda or other modifications to that contract.
  - Documentation required for reimbursement as provided under section C.3, including receipts and disbursements of all grant funds.
  - Other documents needed to verify county compliance with ch. ATCP 50 and the grant contract.
- C.9.** The LCC agrees to monitor cost-shared practices during the life of each cost-share contract including the maintenance period, and take appropriate actions to ensure that landowners meet their contractual responsibilities to operate and maintain any cost-shared practice. If a landowner fails to maintain a cost-shared practice, the LCC must take reasonable and appropriate action to gain compliance including landowner notification of contract violation, and if compliance cannot be voluntarily secured, demand repayment, seek specific performance, or pursue other appropriate actions to enforce the cost-share contract. Counties shall reimburse DATCP from any funds recovered from a landowner.
- C.10.** Cost-share funds may be transferred to, or from, the county in accordance with the terms and conditions of a transfer agreement (ARM-LWR-407). Extended cost-share funds and GPR revenue funds cannot be transferred between counties. A transfer agreement must be approved by DATCP in accordance with applicable procedures. Any approved transfer agreement will be attached to this annual grant contract, and will amend the county's grant amount.
- C.11.** Bond revenue cost-share funds may be distributed to the county from DATCP's NR 243 reserve to resolve a Notice of Intent/Notice of Discharge, in accordance with the terms and conditions of a re-allocation agreement (ARM-LWR-434). Any approved agreement will be attached to this annual grant contract, and will amend the county's grant amount.
- C.12.** The LCC shall employ necessary safeguards to ensure all cost-share grant recipients, regardless of the source of grant funding, are not reimbursed for the same costs that another governmental entity is also reimbursing.

**C.13.** Unless otherwise specified in a modification to this contract, all awards of SEG cost-share funds are primarily for cost-sharing nutrient management plans and related practices, and the LCC agrees to do the following in connection with any such award:

- Make expenditures in accordance with the terms of the grant application and award.
- Take all steps necessary to secure a landowner or operator’s continuing compliance with the nutrient management standard by providing:
  - A lump sum payment of \$7 an acre per year for four years, or a lower payment for four years if the operator or landowner voluntarily agrees to comply for less.
  - A notice regarding the obligation of continuing compliance to each landowner or operator before either signs a cost-share contract, and providing DATCP a copy of the notice initialed by the landowner or operator if the county offers cost-sharing less than \$28 per acre (at the rate of \$7 per acre for 4 years). A landowner’s continuing compliance responsibilities shall also include control of soil erosion if cost-sharing is provided for a conservation practice under ss. ATCP 50.67, 50.68, 50.82 and 50.89 (“erosion control practice”).
- The cost-sharing primarily for nutrient management plans, and only providing cost-sharing for an erosion control practice needed to implement a nutrient management plan if the following conditions are satisfied: (1) the cumulative amount of county cost-sharing for erosion control practices does not exceed 25 percent of the county’s 2015 SEG cost-share allocation (unless the allocation provides otherwise), and (2) the county certifies that the supporting practice is (a) required to meet “T” or other requirement of the NRCS 590 standard, and (b) the most cost-effective approach to meeting the requirement.

To execute this contract, you are required to attach your electronic signature below. By checking the box indicating your agreement, typing your name in the designated box and entering the date, you are signing this grant contract for the entity you are authorized to represent. If required, you should check your official title as an authorized representative. This electronic signature will become part of this contract, and it has the same force and effect, pursuant to Chapter 137 of the Wisconsin Statutes, as a non-electronic signature.

<p><b>State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP)</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I agree on behalf of DATCP to the terms of this contract</p> <p>Please enter your name: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/> Date: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> mm/dd/yyyy</p> <p>Administrator DATCP, Agricultural Resource Management Division</p>	<p><b>Authorized County Representative</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I agree on behalf of county listed on page 1 to the terms of this contract</p> <p>Please enter your name: <input style="width: 150px;" type="text"/> Date: <input style="width: 100px;" type="text"/> mm/dd/yyyy</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LCC Chair.    <input type="checkbox"/> County Board Chair.    <input type="checkbox"/> County Executive or Administrator (Check only one)</p>
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**EXHIBIT A**

2014 Cost-Share Conservation Plan extension into 2015

Walworth County

Grant Contract: 9214-15-65-00

<b>CS Number</b>	<b>Name of Recipient</b>	<b>CS Commit</b>	<b>Extended CS Amount</b>	<b>Fund</b>
LW14-04	Amos Farms LLC	\$1,653.75	\$1,653.75	CS Bond Extended
LW14-06	David E & Sharon L Travis	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	CS Bond Extended
LW14-09	Raymond & Marlene Beestra	\$1,638.00	\$1,638.00	CS Bond Extended
LW14-11	Holt Brothers, Inc	\$2,410.06	\$2,410.06	CS Bond Extended
<b>CS Bond Extended Total</b>			<b>\$7,451.81</b>	

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RESOLUTION# 15-3-6

ITEM# 4-2

DATE March 17, 2015

Effective Date March 17, 2015

Introduced by CEED & Judicial and Legislative  
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Motion: Adopted:

1<sup>st</sup> Henkel Lost:

2<sup>nd</sup> Hamilton Tabled:

No: 2 Yes: 17 Absent: 0

Number of votes required:

Majority  Two-thirds

Reviewed by: AAK, Corp Counsel

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_, Finance Dir.

**INTENT & SYNOPSIS:** Oppose SB 21 and AB 21 as it relates to repealing Wisconsin Statutes 145.245, Wisconsin Fund Program that awarded \$2.3 million in year 2014 to 654 low income property owners statewide for replacement of failing septic systems.

**FISCAL NOTE:** Loss of an average of \$98,398 annually, affecting an average of 41 Wood County households.

		NO	YES	A
1	Nelson, J	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	Rozar, D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	Feirer, M	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	Wagner, E	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	Hendler, P	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Breu, A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7	Ashbeck, R	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8	Miner, T	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Winch, W	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Henkel, H	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Curry, K	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	Machon, D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Hokamp, M	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Polach, D	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Clendenning, B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Plimi, L	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Zurfluh, J	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Hamilton, B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Leichtnam, B	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**WHEREAS,** pursuant Wood County Ordinance 702.4(2)(C) "... malfunctioning and failing POWTS, are a menace to the health, general welfare, and natural resources of the residents of Wood County, and are declared to be a human Health hazard pursuant to Comm. 83 (Departments of Safety & Professional Services (DSPS) 383), Wisconsin Administrative Code, and in violation of this ordinance and they shall be subject to the enforcement provision of this ordinance, and SS 145.20 and 254.59 of the Wisconsin Statutes."

**WHEREAS,** the Wisconsin Fund is a program that provides grants to low income homeowners and small commercial businesses to help offset a portion of the cost for the repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of existing failing Private Onsite Waste Treatment System (POWTS).

**WHEREAS,** Wood County utilizes the Wisconsin Fund Grant Program as a positive leverage tool for property owners with failing septic systems to receive partial funding for septic replacement,

**WHEREAS,** Wood County has been participating in the Wisconsin Fund Program since 1985, and over the past 30 years has received \$2,951,929 dollars that averages \$98,398 annually,

**WHEREAS,** over the past 30 years 1259 applicants have received an average rebate of \$2,658 to apply to the costs of replacing their failing septic systems,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Wood County Board of Supervisors opposes SB 21 and AB 21 as it relates to repealing Wisconsin Statutes 145.245, the Wisconsin Fund Program,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the state legislature, and to each Wisconsin County.

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Adopted by the County Board of Wood County, this 17th day of March 2015.

Gytha Capress County Clerk

Ronnie A. Plimi County Board Chairman