

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 19, 2022

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

4:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Dean Gullickson	Chippewa County	District 7 (Chair)	Present	
Harold Steele	Chippewa County	District 1 (Vice-Chair)	Present	
Glen Sikorski	Chippewa County	District 2	Present	
Ken Schmitt	Chippewa County	District 3	Present	
Don Hauser	Chippewa County	District 6	Present	
James Pingel	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

The Chair noted that all members were present.

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were R. Scholz (Co. Administrator by phone), T. Pauls (Corporation Counsel), L. Zwiefelhofer (Finance Director), K. Clow, M. Hansen, K. Klingberg, D. Masterpole, R. Yohnk, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM).

Members of the public present at times throughout the meeting were D. Barrickman, B. Henderson, and G. Olson.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

P. Popple submitted written comments to the Committee (copy on file). There no members of the public wishing to speak present at the meeting.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2
SECONDER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3
AYES:	Gullickson, Steele, Sikorski, Schmitt, Hauser, Pingel

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes
3. Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee - Regular Meeting - Dec 15, 2021 4:30 PM
4. Schedule Next Meeting Date - February 16, 2022

5. REPORTS

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1. Overview of LCFM 2021 Annual Report - D. Masterpole

M. Hansen, R. Yohnk, and D. Masterpole presented an oral report. The report was supported by a Power Point titled: Dept. of Land Conservation & Forest Management's Annual Performance Report for 2021 (1/19/22 - copy on file). The Power Point provides a summary of the 2021 LCFM annual work plan.

There was limited discussion.

2. Overview of 2022 Land Conservation & Forest Management Annual Work Plan - D. Masterpole

D. Masterpole presented an oral report. The report was supported by a spreadsheet titled: Draft Chippewa County Dept. of Land Conservation & Forest Management - 2022 Work Plan - Dept. Director/Co. Conservationist, (LCFM 1/19/22 - copy on file).

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. The purpose of the annual work plan.
2. Activities scheduled in Qtr. 1 and Qtr. 2.

3. Consider & Rank LCFM Project Proposal(s) for ARPA Funds (America Rescue Plan Act) - D. Masterpole, K. Klingberg

D. Masterpole presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Form titled: ARPA Project Request Form - Lake Wissota Stewardship; Targeted Water Quality & Farm Conservation Project; (Distributed 1/14/22 - copy on file & attached).
2. Form titled: ARPA Project Request Form - Chippewa County Ice Age Trail; Eastern Trail Establishment; (Distributed 1/14/22 - copy on file & attached).
3. Correspondence from R. Scholz to Department Heads and Elected Officials (12/9/21), (Distributed 1/14/22 - copy on file & attached), with instructions on submitting ARPA projects.
4. Calendar titled: 2021-2026 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Calendar, (Distributed 1/14/22, copy on file & attached).

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. The guidance and process, as provided by DOA.
2. The rational and merits of the proposals, as introduced by the Department.
3. The next steps in the process, including a determination of eligibility by the County Administrator.

4. Overview of Core Changes to Stormwater Management Construction Site Erosion Control & Post-Construction Ordinance & Schedule for Committee Consideration - D. Masterpole, K. Clow

K. Clow presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Power Point report titled: Overview of Changes to the Stormwater Mgmt - Construction Site Erosion Control & Post-Construction Ordinance & Schedule for Ordinance Review, (LCFM

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1/19/22 - copy on file & attached).

2. Several pages from a Power Point report titled: Overview of Key Changes to the Chippewa Falls Urban Area Storm Water Intermunicipal Agreement, What Changed?, (presented to the Committee in August, 2021), (Distributed 1/14/22 - copy on file & attached), regarding the changes made to the Chippewa Falls Stormwater Intermunicipal Agreement.
3. Spreadsheet titled: 2021 & Draft 2022 Annual Work Plan; Chippewa Falls Urban Area Storm Water Management Program, (LCFM 1/14/22 - Distributed 1/14/22 - copy on file & attached).

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. The schedule for conducting a staff review through LCFM & Planning & Zoning, and a legal review through Office of Corporation Counsel.
2. The schedule for introducing the ordinance through the LCFM Committee and Planning & Zoning Committee.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Consider Amendment to Cooperative Agreement Between Chippewa County & the LWIPA to Implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project (LWSP) - D. Masterpole, L. Richardson
D. Masterpole presented an oral report. The report was supported by a draft agreement titled: Amendment to Cooperative Agreement Between the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association and the Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee to Implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project, (LCFM 1/13/22 - Distributed 1/14/22 - copy on file & attached). The amended agreement shows the recent changes to the agreement made by the LCFM Committee (12/15/21) and Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association Board (1/12/22).

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. The language in Section II, Term of Agreement and whether it adequately reflects the motion made and recorded in the 12/15/21 minutes.
2. The language in Section II, Terms of Agreement, with a focus on alternative language that could be used to replace the term "rolling (3) three year contract" while seeking a (3) three year term, that includes provisions for annual review, reauthorization, and one year extensions.
3. The language in Section IVC.10, Duties, which specifies that the County will assign a qualified project manager, and one or more limited term staff positions that will be dedicated to the project to assure "a historic maintenance of effort", equal to that as previously achieved through a contracted third party service provider.

T. Pauls summarized the general points of agreement, as interpreted from the discussion, as follows:

1. The Committee will not be authorizing or signing successive contracts (but rather will be amending the current agreement to provide for an additional two (2) year term (2023 and 2024) and to provide the opportunity for the parties to further extend the agreement for

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successive one (1) year periods (2025, 2026, etc.) upon annual review beginning in 2023).

2. The amended agreement should indicate that the County is allowed to use LTE positions to perform the work.

Motion to follow through with these concepts and have Corporation Counsel and the County Administrator come back to the Committee for final review in March: Hauser/Schmitt. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Don Hauser, District 6
SECONDER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3
AYES:	Gullickson, Steele, Sikorski, Schmitt, Hauser, Pingel

2. The LCFM Committee will go into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Consider real estate transaction for parcel in T32N, R5W) - M. Hansen
Motion for the LCFM Committee to go into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Consider real estate transaction for parcel in T31N, R7W): Sikorski/Steele. The Chair indicated that M. Hansen, J. Schemenauer, D. Masterpole, T. Pauls, and R. Scholz would be included for closed session attendance. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Committee went into closed session at 6:06 p.m.

Motion to go into open session: Schmitt/Steele. Motion carried by voice vote.

The Committee went into open session at 6:38 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2
SECONDER:	Harold Steele, District 1 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Gullickson, Steele, Sikorski, Schmitt, Hauser, Pingel

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The Chair noted that if the supervisors would like anything added to the next agenda, to contact him.

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Schmitt/Steele. Motion carried by voice vote at 6:39 p.m.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3
SECONDER:	Harold Steele, District 1 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Gullickson, Steele, Sikorski, Schmitt, Hauser, Pingel

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Glen Sikorski	Chippewa County	District 2	Present	
Ken Schmitt	Chippewa County	District 3	Present	
Don Hauser	Chippewa County	District 6	Present	
James Pingel	Chippewa County	Citizen Rep	Present	

The Chair noted that all members were present.

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were R. Scholz (Co. Administrator by phone), T. Pauls (Corporation Counsel), D. Hutchison (DNR), K. Clow, M. Hansen, J. Larson, D. Masterpole, C. Meyer, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM).

Other individuals present at times throughout the meeting were E. Gabriel (Ice Age National Scenic Trail).

Members of the public present at times throughout the meeting were: A. Anderson, D. Barrickman, T. Belohlavek, P. Krumenauer, and B. Wierman.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

D. Barrickman, Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association (LWIPA) addressed the Committee. He expressed support for the Lake Wissota project initiative.

A. Anderson, New Auburn ATV Club, addressed the Committee. He expressed support for ATV trails and routes.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Harold Steele, District 1 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3
AYES:	Gullickson, Steele, Sikorski, Schmitt, Hauser, Pingel

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes
3. Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee - Regular Meeting - Nov 17, 2021 4:30 PM

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4. Schedule Next Meeting Date - January 19, 2022

5. REPORTS

1. Overview of Current County Forest ATV Trail Seasonal Schedule & Proposal for Changing Closing Date - M. Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Correspondence from P. Krumenauer (President, CVATVC), to the Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management, (5/24/21), requesting a change to the ATV Trail Ordinance to allow the closure of the ATV trail the Monday prior to gun deer hunting (Distributed 12/10/21 - copy on file & attached).
2. Map titled: Chippewa County ATV Trail Map (2019-2020), (Distributed 12/10/21 - copy on file & attached).

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. The rationale used to establish the current closing date and the pros and cons of changing the date, as requested.
2. The process and schedule that would be used if the ordinance were to be updated.
2. Consider Annual 2022 Matching Grant Criteria; Chippewa County Stewardship Fund - D. Masterpole
D. Masterpole presented an oral report. The report was supported by a document titled: Annual Criteria for Evaluating and Selecting Projects Submitted to the Chippewa County Stewardship Fund Local Match Grant Programs in 2022 ~~2021~~, (LCFM 12/8/21 - Distributed 12/10/21 - copy on file & attached).

The report focused on changes to the annual criteria, proposed by staff, as follows:

1. Dates changed from 2021 to 2022.
2. Under Year 2022 Annual Grant Application Evaluation Criteria:
 - 1.a. Added "and eligible non-profit organizations"as identified in a current land use or public recreation, "or trail corridor" plan.
 - 1.c. Added "Projects that result in the acquisition" of land.....
3. Strike outs of sections ii. and iii as no longer applicable, due to changes in 1.a. and 1.c.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. The standing policy requirements that a permanent conservation easement, with public access, be required as a condition of eligibility and receipt of County Stewardship funds.
2. Whether all applicants and landowners of the subject properties are fully aware of this requirement.

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3. Overview of Status of Ice Age National Trail Corridor Planning & Project Implementation; Eastern Chippewa County - D. Masterpole

D. Masterpole introduced E. Gabriel, (Superintendent, Ice Age National Scenic Trail), via a phone conference connection.

E. Gabriel presented an oral report.

The report focused on the status of public planning that has been conducted by the National Park Service to extend the National Ice Age Trail through eastern Chippewa County; and the next steps in the process to establish this hiking trail, using the Eastern Chippewa County Corridor Plan.

The report was supported by the following materials:

1. Map titled: Map 4-4, Aerial Photo - Preferred Alternative Eastern Chippewa County, (Ice Age National Scenic Trail - copy on file & attached).
2. Map titled: Eastern Chippewa County Possible Route Options, (Ice Age National Scenic Trail - copy on file & attached).
3. Map titled: E. Chippewa Co. Possible Route Options - North, (Ice Age National Scenic Trail - copy on file & attached).
4. Map titled: E. Chippewa Co. Possible Route Options - Central, (Ice Age National Scenic Trail - copy on file & attached).
5. Map titled: E. Chippewa Co. Possible Route Options - South, (Ice Age National Scenic Trail - copy on file & attached).

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. The public participation process and extent of outreach to local communities, as conducted by the National Park Service.
 2. Comments received during the public comment period.
 3. The proposed route corridors and routes.
 4. Concerns expressed by the Committee regarding a lack of Committee awareness and direct involvement during the public comment period.
- ## 4. Overview of 2022 Land Conservation & Forest Management Annual Work Plan - D. Masterpole
- D. Masterpole presented an oral report introducing the 2022 Land Conservation & Forest Management Department work plan. The 2022 plan will focus on planned activities to achieve environmental and program objectives, as referenced in the Chippewa County Land & Water Resource Management Plan.

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1. Resolution to Approve the 2022 Annual Work Plan of the Forest and Trails Division of the Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management and to Authorize the County Forest Administrator to Apply for a County Forest Administration Grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources - M. Hansen

Motion to approve 2022 work plan: Schmitt/Hauser.

M. Hansen presented an oral report. The report was supported by an annual work plan titled: 2022 Annual Workplan for the Forest and Trails Division of the Chippewa County Department of Land Conservation and Forest Management, (LCFM - Distributed 12/10/21 - copy on file & attached). M. Hansen noted an error in the Statement of Explanation and resolution, which incorrectly stated that the County Forest Administration Grant will be used to offset expenses relating to the Assistant County Forest Administrator. Instead, the grant will be used to offset expenses relating to the County Forest Administrator, not the Assistant County Forest Administrator.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on the ranked order of priorities, as listed under the work plan.

Amendment to propose to move #5. Respond to public requests and inquiries to #1, (under tasks in the work plan priority section): Steele/Sikorski. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to approve amendment and strike out Assistant (in Statement of Explanation and Resolution): Schmitt/Hauser. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to approve the amended plan: Schmitt/Hauser. Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/11/2022 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3	
SECONDER:	Don Hauser, District 6	
AYES:	Gullickson, Steele, Sikorski, Schmitt, Hauser, Pingel	

2. Consider Amended Cooperative Agreement Between Chippewa County and the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association to Administer the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project - D. Masterpole

D. Masterpole presented an oral report. The report was supported by a draft proposal titled: Alternative A - Conceptual Proposal to Extend the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project Contract Using a Soft Close, Pay-As-You Go Funding Approach, (LCFM 11/11/21 - Distributed 12/10/21 - Copy on file & attached).

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. The value of the project.
2. The mechanics of evaluating and extending a rolling three (3) year contract.
3. The length of the proposed contract extension, and opportunity for future LCFM Committee evaluation and input.

Motion to approve Lake Wissota Stewardship Project proposal (Alternative A): Hauser/Schmitt.

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Motion to amend (the terms of the renewal) to say that at beginning of every year, we sign a contract that starts at the end of the year (i.e. January of 2022, sign contract for 2023 and 2024, recognizing that the following January (2023), it would be for 2025): Steele/Sikorski. Voting yes were Supervisors Hauser, Sikorski and Steele and Chair Gullickson. Voting no were Supervisor Schmitt and FSA Representative Pingel. Motion carried on 4-2 voice vote.

Motion to amend #4 & #5 (of the proposal) because of two (2) year cycle. The LWIPA will be responsible for 100% of funding for 2022 and 2023; beyond that is open for discussion: Hauser/Steele. Motion failed on voice vote.

Motion to strike #4 & #5 (of the proposal) and replace with " The Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association (LWIPA) will be responsible for 100% of the project manager position and, upon each renewal, negotiate with the Committee the percentage of the project manager's position that the LWIPA is responsible for": Schmitt/Steele. Motion carried on voice vote.

Motion to approve the Lake Wissota Stewardship Proposal, as amended: Hauser/Schmitt. Motion carried on voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Don Hauser, District 6
SECONDER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3
AYES:	Gullickson, Steele, Sikorski, Schmitt, Hauser, Pingel

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The Chair noted that if supervisors would like anything added to next agenda, to contact him.

8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Schmitt/Hauser. Motion carried at 7:12 p.m. by voice vote.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ken Schmitt, District 3
SECONDER:	Don Hauser, District 6
AYES:	Gullickson, Steele, Sikorski, Schmitt, Hauser, Pingel

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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION OVERVIEW OF LCFM 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

5.1

The LCFM has developed the Chippewa County Land and Water Resource Mngt. Plan.

The plan identifies local conservation issues of priority concern, identifies the programs and projects that will be used to systematically address those concerns, and is applied to allocate available resources (staff hrs, skill sets and \$) to meet program objectives.

For purposes of accountability, the LCFM prepares an annual performance report that serves to explain the responsibilities and accomplishments of the three (3) Department divisions: Land & Water Conservation, Forest & Trails, and Recycling.

This agenda item will be used to present a PowerPoint summary of the 2021 LCFM Annual Report.

Dept. of Land Conservation & Forest Management



Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management

Annual Performance Report

2021

1/19/2022

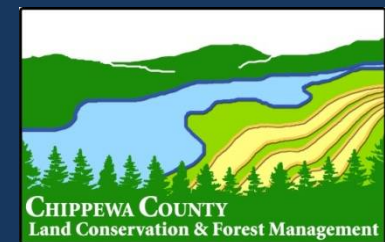


Dept. of Land Conservation & Forest Management

**Our mission is to encourage
“Stewardship for Sustainability”.....**

**to support a quality environment
and productive economy.**

*“We provide the services that allow people to make the conservation
choices that benefit us all.”*



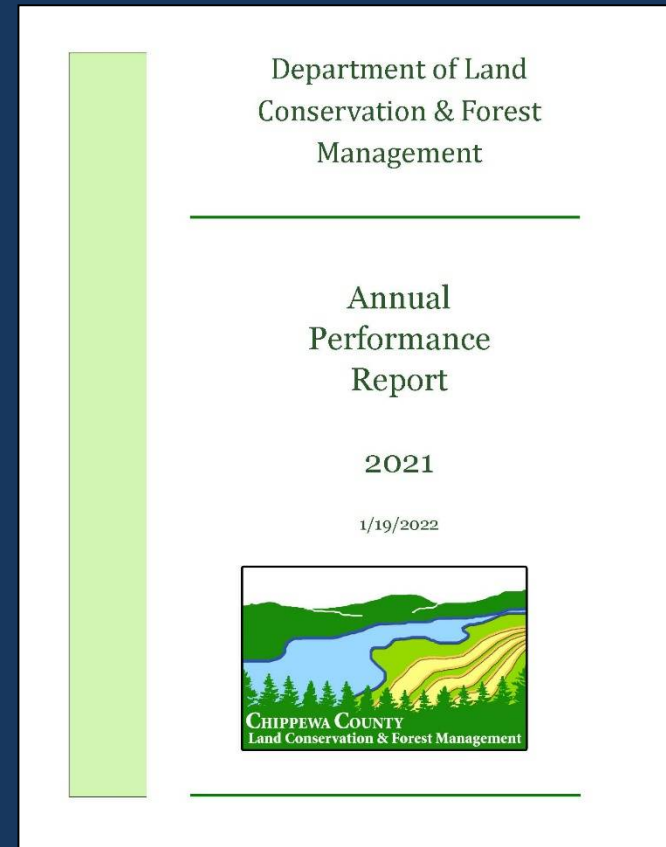
LCFM 2021 Annual Report

Structure



Report Structure

- Overview of Services
- Accomplishments by Division
- Maps & figures showing status of program efforts
- Fiscal mgnt. & Finances



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Current Challenges

- There is a global trend toward climate change that will have direct impacts on the growing season, weather events & the land, water, & resource base
- Global demand for food, fiber, & energy has placed greater demands on local working farms and forests
- Ongoing consumption of manufactured products depletes finite resources, expends energy, & generates solid and hazardous waste
- Ongoing demographic and recreational trends have placed greater recreational demands on public lands

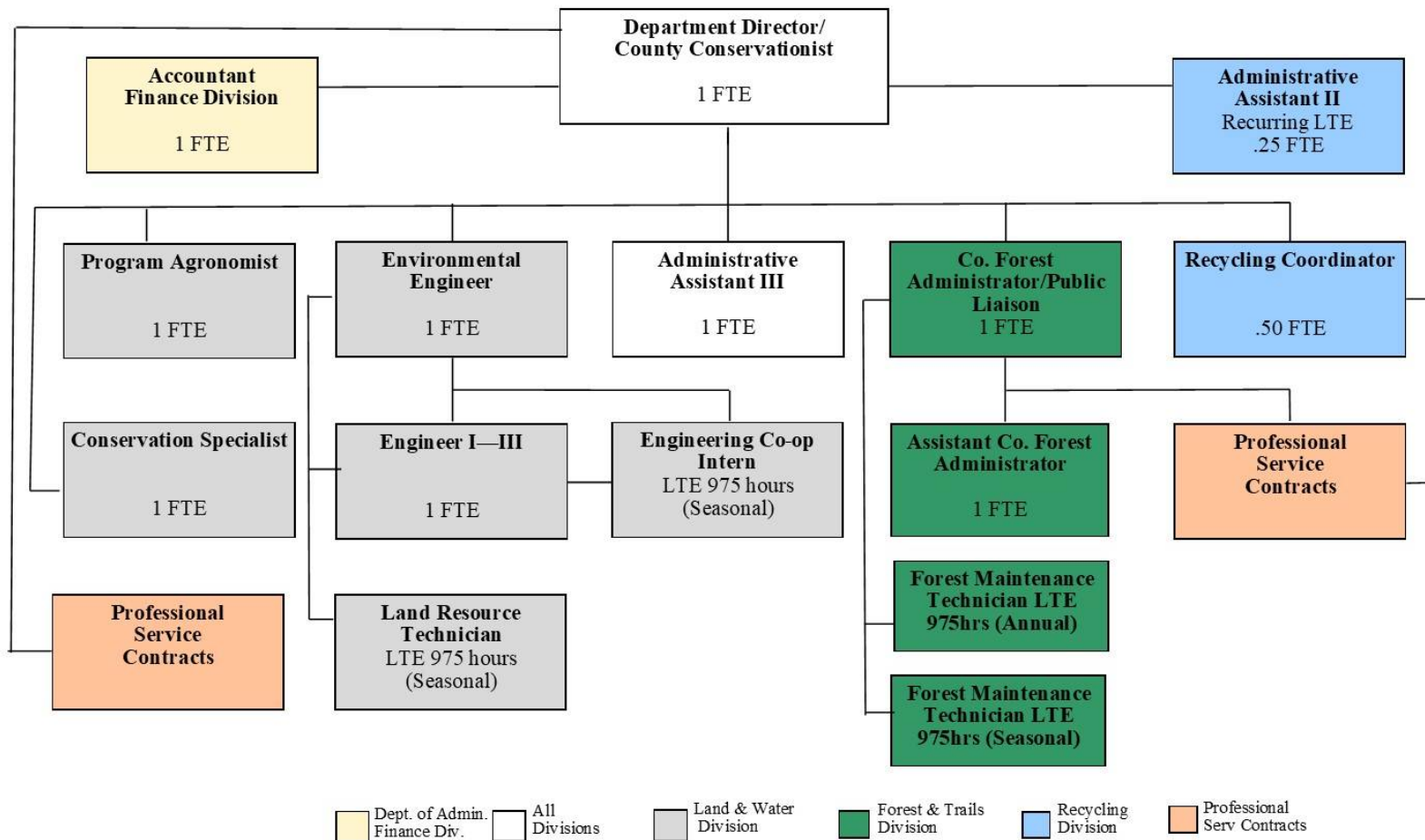
LCFM

Organizational Chart



**Organizational Chart Showing the
Supervisory Structure of the
Dept. of Land Conservation and Forest Management**

LCFM 5/9/19



Land & Water Conservation Div.



Chippewa County Land & Water Resource Management Plan

2019 - 2023



- Implemented the Chippewa County Land & Water Resource Management Plan (2019-2023), adopted by the Co. Board on 5/14/19
- Plan sets:
 - Land & water goals
 - Implementation schedule for programs & project initiatives
- Prepared by Dept. with input from public, ad hoc stakeholder advisory group, & LCFM Committee

Land & Water Conservation Div.

Vol. Initiatives



- Provided \$ & tech. services to rural landowners to install conservation practices via:
 - L. Lake Wissota Stewardship Project
(Paint/Stillson/Yellow River watersheds)
 - CREP Agricultural Buffer Initiative
(County-wide via USDA/WI CREP)
- Conservation practices used to:
 - Reduce runoff pollution & meet water quality mgt. objectives
 - Increase grndwtr recharge/flood storage
 - Increase biodiversity/wildlife habitat

Land & Water Conservation Div. Regulatory Mandates



- With municipalities, updated 66.03 intergovt. for joint Chippewa Falls Urban Area Stormwater Mgt. Program (WPDES Permit #WI-S050075)
- With P&Z, administered Co. Urban Stormwater Ord. & Construction Site Erosion Control Ord.



- Stormwater facility plan review
- Annual facility inspection (Stormwater ponds & outfalls)
- Stormwater drain & ditch line inspection (Illicit discharge)

Land & Water Conservation Div. Regulatory Mandates



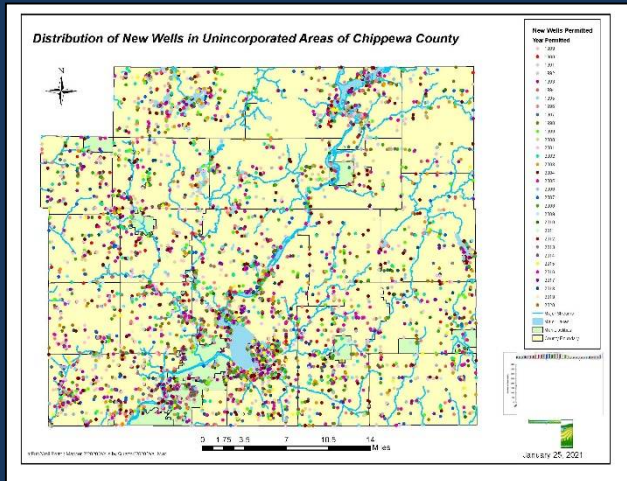
- Revised & updated Agricultural Performance Standards, Manure Storage & Livestock Facility Mngt. Ordinance:
 - Ag land, cropping operations, & livestock operations
 - Provides an assurance of public cost-share \$ to assist landowners & operators, when required by State law
 - Added State ag performance standards as basis for local regulation
 - Incorporated current process to evaluate & resolve public complaints

Land & Water Conservation Div. Regulatory Mandates



- Revised & updated Nonmetallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance:
 - Added language to clarify admin. procedures & requirements
 - Provided cross references to State Admin. Rules for environmental protection
 - Referenced free standing “Administrative Guidance” to assist in reclamation planning in determining “Reclamation Success”

Land & Water Conservation Div. Resource Monitoring

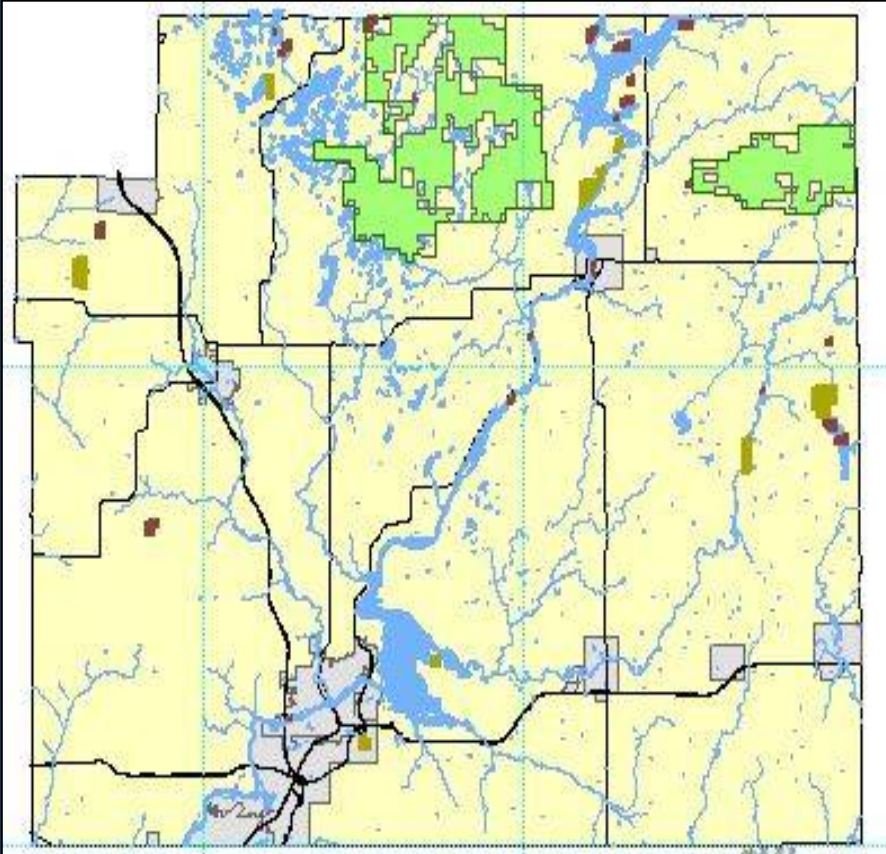




- Advanced Environmental Education Initiatives
 - Agricultural Education Coordinating Council
 - K-12 Environmental/STEM Curriculum Inventory Pilot Project (Evaluated)
 - Lakes citizen science water quality network via DNR/Beaver Creek Reserve

Forest & Trails Div.

Forest Mgnt.



- The Chippewa County Forest is a public asset, managed as a “Business Enterprise” for multiple objectives:
 - Timber Production
 - Public Recreation
 - Environmental Values

Forest & Trails Div.

Planning



Chippewa County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan

2021 - 2035



- Co. Brd. approved Co. Forest 15 Year Land Use Plan (2021-2035)
- Plan provides policy guidance on County Forest management
- Co. Brd. approves annual work plans guided by the 15 year plan
- Annual work plans and reports are incorporated into the 2021-2035 plan

Forest & Trails Div.

Forest Mgmt.



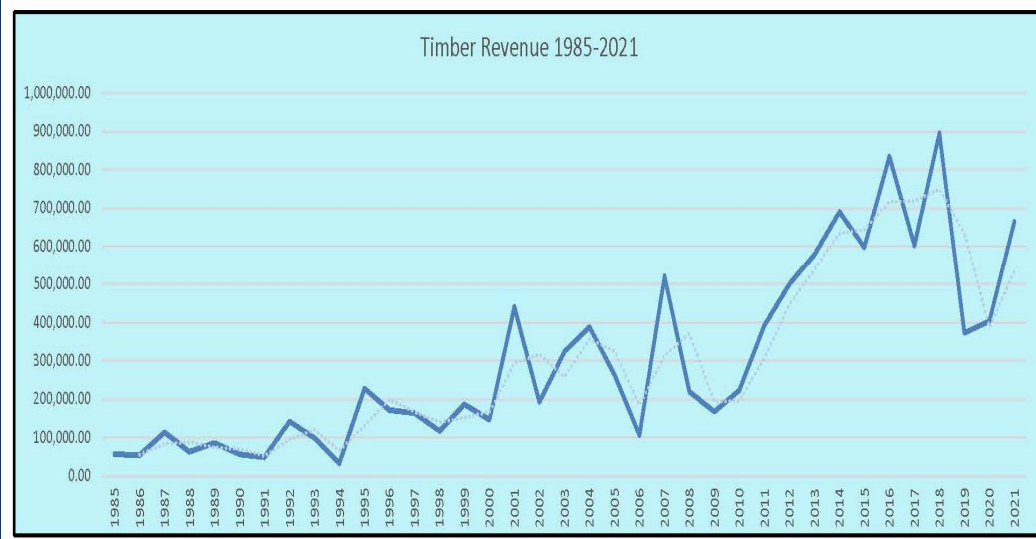
- Administered & provided oversight to (19) active timber sale harvests:

2021 Sales offered for bids

§39 timber sales contracted

§1,514 acres contracted

§\$1,539,779 estimated revenue



2021 timber sale revenue

§County 68%	\$451,409
§State 20%	\$132,457
§Towns 12%	<u>\$ 79,618</u>
Total	\$663,484

As there is no balance due to the State, \$583,866 is retained by Chippewa County

Forest & Trails Div.

Forest Mgnt.



- Reinvested in County Forest Infrastructure

- Upgraded condition of Primary and Secondary County Forest roads

- Replaced failed Culvert on Beaver Flowage

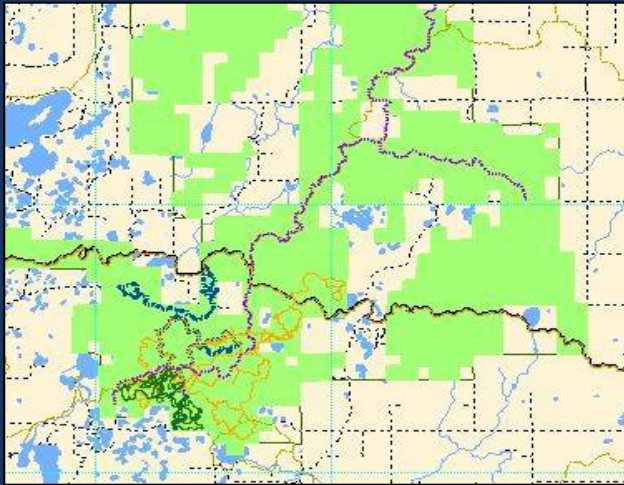
- Administered 1 of 2 Type B tax deed land timber sales, generating \$1,200 in revenue

Revenue from harvests is divided:

- 40% LCFM land acquisition
 - 40% Parks & Facilities improvements
 - 20% General Fund

Forest & Trails Div.

Trails



- Provided (\$) & technical support to manage a recreation trails network, maintained by User Groups

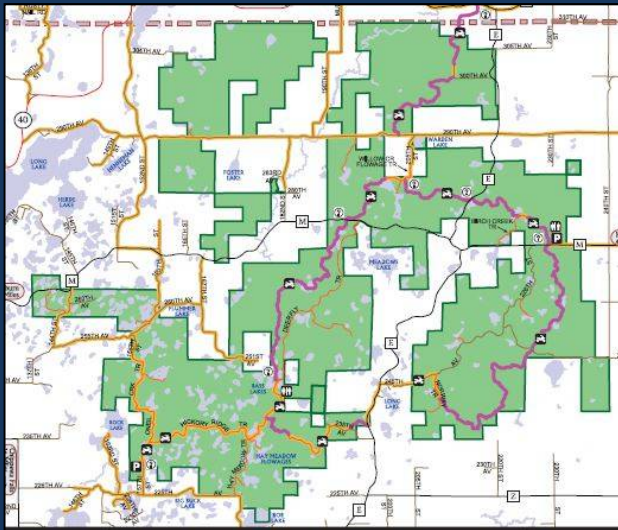
Motorized
Snowmobiles
ATV/UTV

Non-Motorized
Hiking, Biking,
Skiing, Horse, &
Canoe

- Maintained the training structure to implement Citizen Volunteer Program
- Hosted an Invasive Species Identification Training for user groups
- Administered County Conservation Aids Grant to stock 10,000 Perch across 5 lakes within the County Forest

Forest & Trails Div.

Trails



- Worked with stakeholders to maintain and improve the motorized trail network:
 - Administered frozen ground motorized access in Towns of Birch Creek & Ruby
 - Administered \$148,125 grant to rehabilitate 7.5 miles of ATV trail
 - Administered grant of \$111,330 for snowmobile trail maintenance
 - Administered grant of \$18,480 for ATV/UTV trail maintenance

Forest & Trails Div.

Trails



- Worked with stakeholders to improve portions of non-motorized trail network
 - Hickory Ridge Ski & Hiking Trail
 - Ice Age Trail
 - Mountain Bike/Snowshoe Trail
 - Horse Trail
 - Began construction of the Townline-Knickerbocker Canoe Trail
- State Trail pass sales for the Old Abe Trail generated \$23,540 from 671 annual and 1,356 daily passes, \$7,062 (30%) passed on to the state

Recycling Div.

Role



- Served as “Responsible Unit” (R.U.) to coordinate recycling for 28 of 31 municipalities:

County Role:

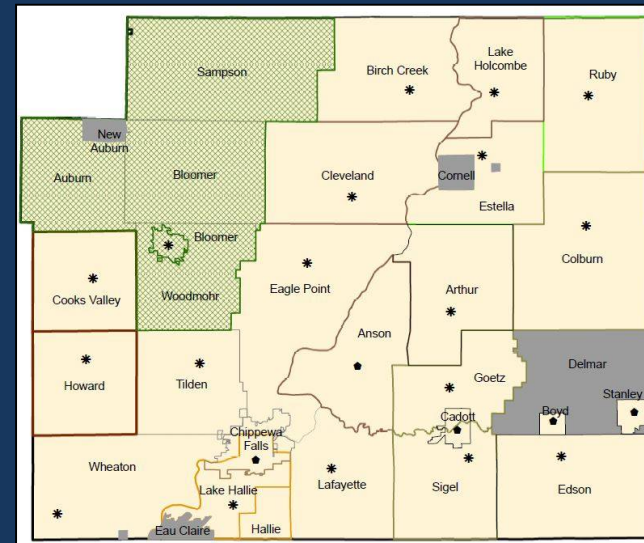
- Distribute state \$/file reports
- Provide info/education
- Enforce Co. Recycling Ord.

City/Town Role:

- Contract haulers for recycling collection

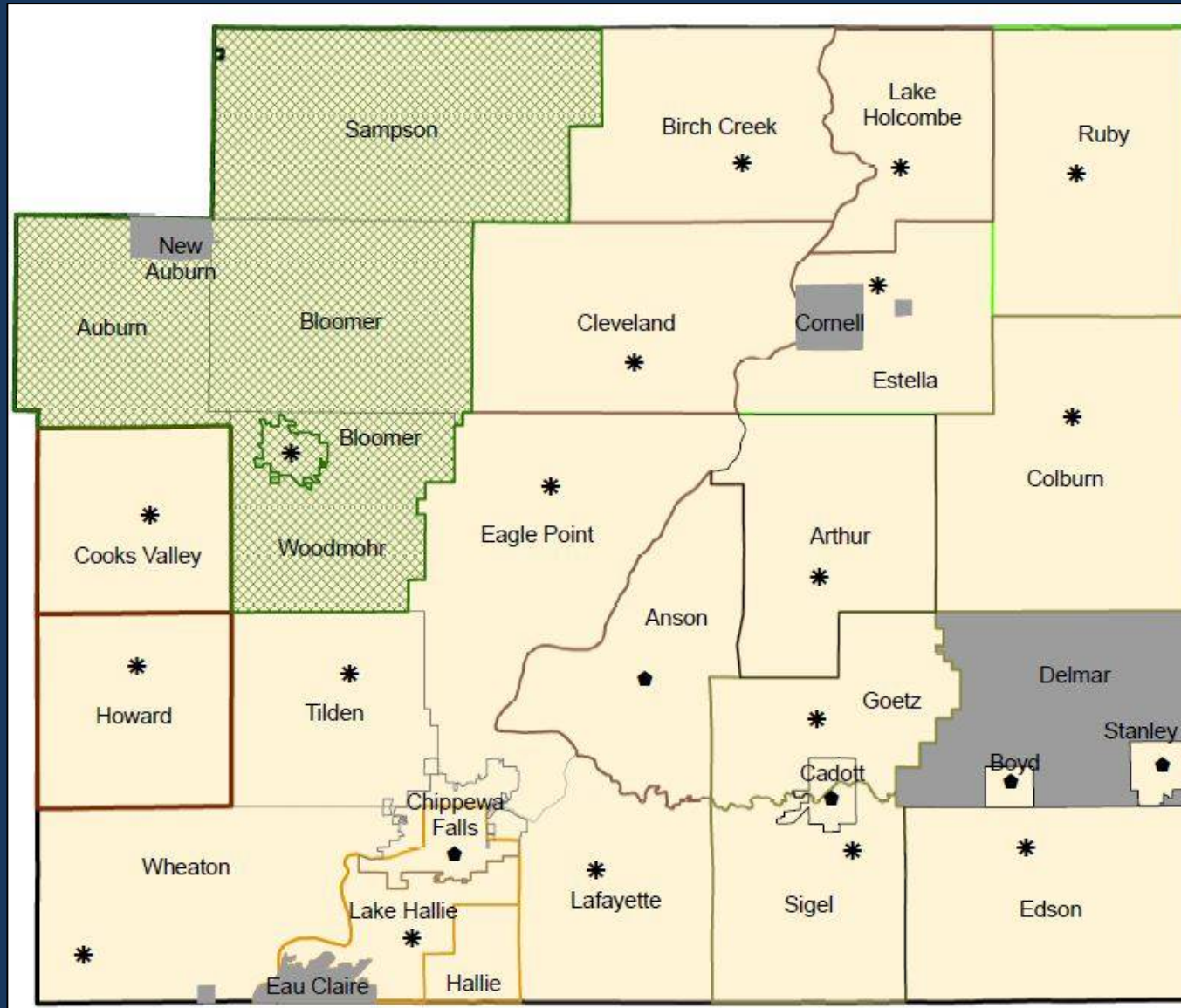
§ Curbside collection (Urban)

§ Drop-off sites (Rural)



Recycling Div.

Location of Municipalities in Chippewa County Responsible Unit (RU)



Recycling Div.

Household Recycling Collection



Curbside (Urban)



Drop Off (Rural)



Recycling Div.

Collection Events



- Administered Targeted Collections
 - Ag and Household Hazardous Waste
 - Appliances/Electronics
 - Tires
 - Ditch Clean-Up



Recycling Div.

Public Place Recycling

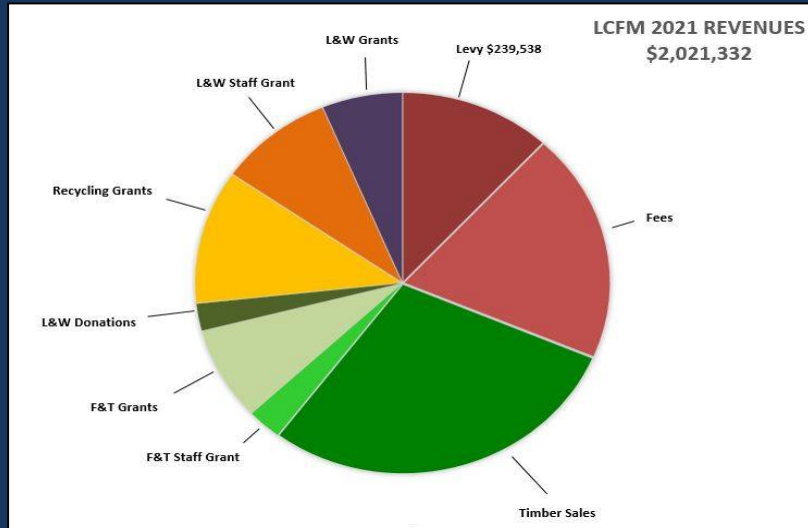


- Implemented project to provide standardized recycling containers to schools & municipal parks (CIP):

-92 containers purchased
-92 distributed

LCFM

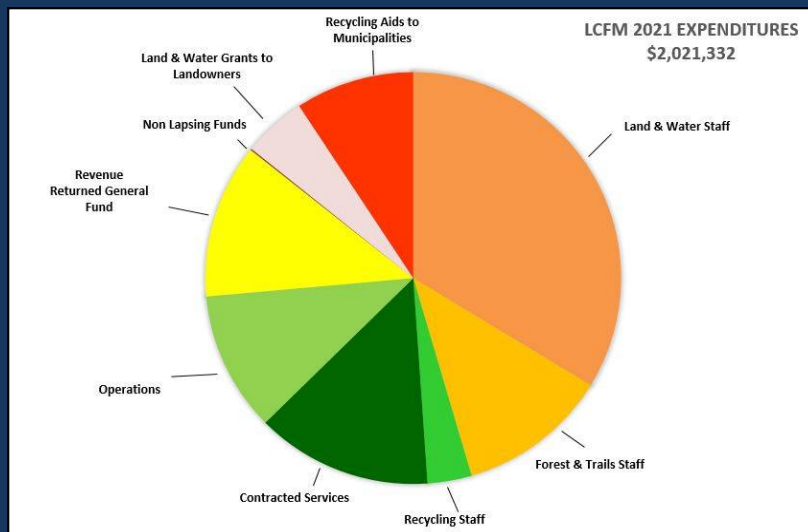
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2021 BUDGET

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REVENUE

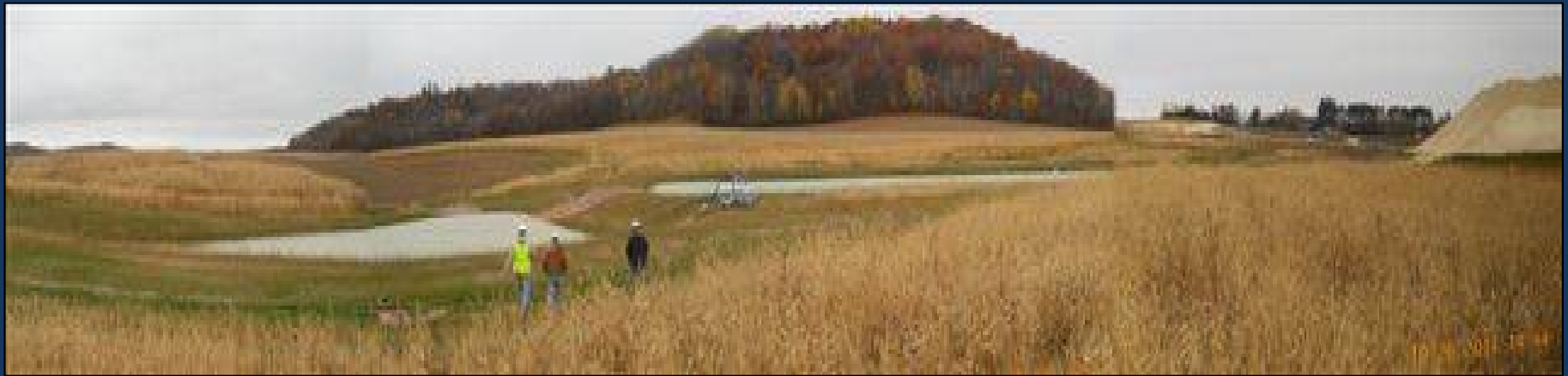
-Levy	12%
-Forest Rev./Grants	40%
-L/W Cons Fees/Grants	35%
-Recycling Grants	13%

2021 EXPENDITURES

-Staff/Contracted services	63%
-Grants to municipalities grps., landowners	14%
-Operations	11%
-Carry over or General Fund	12%

LCFM receives $\pm$ 2% of County levy

Dept. of Land Conservation & Forest Management



- We Welcome Your Questions and Feedback
- Full Report to be posted on LCFM website
www.co.chippewa.wi.us/lcfm



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
OVERVIEW OF 2022 LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT
ANNUAL WORK PLAN

5.2

In Wisconsin, counties have been assigned responsibility to plan and manage the local land, soil, and water resource base. In carrying out this responsibility, counties work directly with individual landowners, other municipalities, state and federal agencies, and nonprofit conservation organizations.

Wisconsin Stats., Chapter 92 establishes a general framework for land and water conservation programs. Wisconsin Stats., 92.06 requires that each county create a land conservation committee.

Wisconsin Stats. 92.10 establishes a state land and water resource management planning program and requires that each county prepare a land and water management plan.

Wisconsin Admin. Code ATP 50.10(1)(a) requires each land conservation committee to establish a land and water resource management plan and a program to implement that plan.

On 6/14/19, the County Board adopted the Chippewa County Land & Water Resource Management Plan (2019-2023).

The program goals, objectives, and associated activities contained in this Land & Water Resource Management Plan have been prioritized and are implemented through an annual work plan prepared by the Department.

The annual Department work plan is reviewed annually by the LCFM Committee, in conjunction with the county budget process. This review is conducted to evaluate progress toward meeting planned objectives, and to solicit feedback on scheduled activities and program priorities.

The resulting Department work plan and budget are used by each LCFM staff member as a basis for developing individual staff work plans that will be implemented to pursue scheduled activities.

This agenda item will be used to provide a general overview of the Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management 2022 work plan, with a focus on regularly scheduled administrative processes; and on ordinance work, as referenced in the Chippewa County Land & Water Resource Management Plan.

Attachment: 2022 Workplan LCFM (6768 : Overview of 2022 Land Conservation & Forest Management Annual Work Plan)

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STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
CONSIDER & RANK LCFM PROJECT PROPOSAL(S) FOR ARPA FUNDS
(AMERICA RESCUE PLAN ACT)

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is a \$1.9 Trillion Economic Stimulus Package that was signed into law on March 11, 2021. The current estimate for Chippewa County to receive is \$12.5 million.

On 12/9/21, R. Scholtz (Co. Administrator) submitted correspondence to Department Heads and elected officials informing them of ARPA funding and the process for submitting projects, following the identified guidelines and procedures (Resolution #19-21), for allocating ARPA funds for Chippewa County.

This agenda item will be used to present the Dept. of Land Conservation & Forest Management's submittal for recommended use of ARPA funds, and to solicit feedback from the Committee.

ARPA Project Request Form



- DH have 30 days to complete Section 1 and submit draft ideas to the CA for review and discussion.
- If CA supports the project, then DH have another 30 days to complete Section 3 and review it with the policy committee to get ideas and feedback. The ARPA Project Request Form with the committee feedback is then submitted back to the CA to be incorporated into the draft multi-year plan.
- All projects must be completed by September 30, 2024 in order to be considered, unless it is contracted until December 31, 2026.
- For a project to be considered, there must be NO ongoing costs for future budgets beyond 2026.

SECTION 1 – To Be Completed by DH Before Submitting to the CA for Initial Review

Project Requester/Department: LCFM **Date:** 1/14/22

Name of ARPA Project: Lake Wissota Stewardship; Targeted Water Quality & Farm Conservation Project

☐ New Project ☒ Expansion of Existing Project *(identify below)* ☐ Replace Future CIP Project *(identify below)*
 Identify: Lake Wissota Stewardship Project

Estimated Start Date of Project: 1/1/2023 **Estimated Date of Completion:** 1/1/2027

Identify the Category for Eligible Use: *(see Page 3 for list from the US Treasury)*

☐ Responding to the Public Health Emergency ☒ Addressing Negative Economic Impacts
☐ Serving the Hardest Hit ☒ Improving Access to Infrastructure ☐ Revenue Loss

Description — *Provide an explanation about what the project entails.*

See attached.

How does this project benefit the citizens of Chippewa County?

See attached.

Estimated Total Cost of Project: \$ 1,000,000

Amount of Chippewa County ARPA Funds Requested: \$ 1,000,000

Budget Year: ☐ 2021 ☐ 2022 ☒ 2023 ☒ 2024 ☒ 2025 ☒ 2026

Note: ARPA Funds are to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026.

Will matching funds be used by another organization/municipality? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, identify who and amount: It's anticipated that other organizations & municipalities will contribute ARPA funds

Will this project result in savings for your department or Chippewa County beyond 2026? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you anticipate this project to increase future revenues for Chippewa County? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what revenues will be affected?

Maintain and increase property tax base.

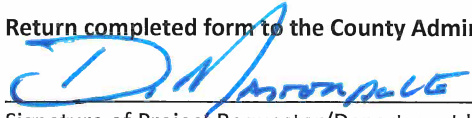
Is there a current program/service that will no longer be offered? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please identify the program and costs of the current program:

Will this new project require additional staff only for the duration of the project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how many staffing hours are anticipated? 2040 per 1 year provided as 1-2 LTE's

Return completed form to the County Administrator


Signature of Project Requester/Department Head

12/14/22
Date

SECTION 2 – To Be Completed by the County Administrator

☐ Approved for Committee Review and Feedback ☐ Denied ☐ More Information Needed

If Approved, Confirm the Category for Eligible Use:

☐ Responding to the Public Health Emergency ☐ Addressing Negative Economic Impacts
☐ Serving the Hardest Hit ☐ Improving Access to Infrastructure ☐ Revenue Loss

If Approved, Confirm the Budget Year: ☐ 2021 ☐ 2022 ☐ 2023 ☐ 2024 ☐ 2025 ☐ 2026

Total Amount of Chippewa County ARPA Funds Recommended by County Administrator: \$ _____

County Administrator

Date

Comments:

SECTION 3 – Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee

Committee Meeting Date: _____ ☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ More Information Needed

Department Head Recommended Ranking: _____ Committee Approved Ranking: _____

Total Amount of Chippewa County ARPA Funds Approved by Committee: \$ _____

Comments:

➤ Submit completed form back to the County Administrator after policy committee has reviewed/approved.

LCFM 1/14/22

Background

The Lake Wissota Stewardship Project (LWSP) is an existing public/private partnership that is now being used by Chippewa County, cooperating State and Federal agencies, and community sponsors to meet water quality and conservation program objectives for Lake Wissota and Little Lake Wissota, as established in the Chippewa County Land & Water Resource Management Plan, WDNR basin plans and recently adopted EPA Watershed Plans.

This project was designed as a lake/watershed-based model using established business principles that focus on efficiency and accountability.

The project has a well-defined administrative framework and delivery system.

This delivery system has been in place since 2010, and has proven to be an effective and highly successful mechanism to provide financial and technical services that have allowed farmers and rural landowners to install conservation “best management practices” to control agricultural runoff and nonpoint source water pollution.

The location of the Lake Wissota and Little Lake Wissota, their contributing watersheds, and the projects installed through the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project, to date, are provided on Map 1.

Purpose

This ARPA project proposal has been developed to help systematically implement the recently adopted EPA water quality plans to protect both surface water and groundwater. This project will use an accelerated voluntary approach, working with farmers and rural landowners who are ready, willing, and able to immediately adopt and install farm conservation practices.

To maximize cost efficiency and the use of public funds, the project has been designed to focus on and to facilitate the adoption of low cost/high value cropland field conservation practices, and vegetative buffers.

These practices require a limited amount of technical assistance to adopt and install. They are listed and described in Table 1. They include: Contour filed layout, cover crops, vegetative field buffers, conservation tillage, and nutrient management planning.

ARPA funds will also be applied to facilitate the adaption of low cost/high volume stream and wetland buffers, and for small-scale wetland restorations. These projects will restore basin hydrology, reduce runoff, filter sediments, and achieve a wide range of wildlife and ecological benefits. These funds will be allocated to expand eligibility and to augment and enhance existing opportunities now available through the WI CREP Program.

To optimize the use of time and to achieve product deliverables within a proposed four (4) year project timeframe (1/1/2023-12/31/2026), the project has been designed to incorporate an immediate “fast track” for farms that have already participated in a standard (NR 151.09) cropland field evaluation, (through previous program participation) that are “shovel ready” and prepared to select, contract, and install cropland conservation practices and buffers.

This project has also been designed to include a staged “entry track” for farms that choose to request a standard (NR 151.09) cropland field evaluation, to allow them to become “shovel ready” and to enter the “fast track” for contracting.

Those choosing to participate through staged entry will receive a cropland field evaluation at no cost, as provided by a qualified service provider, as contracted by the project to provide this service.

To meet administrative guidance, all funding contracts will be contracted before 9/30/24, so that conservation practices will be fully installed and documented before 12/31/26.

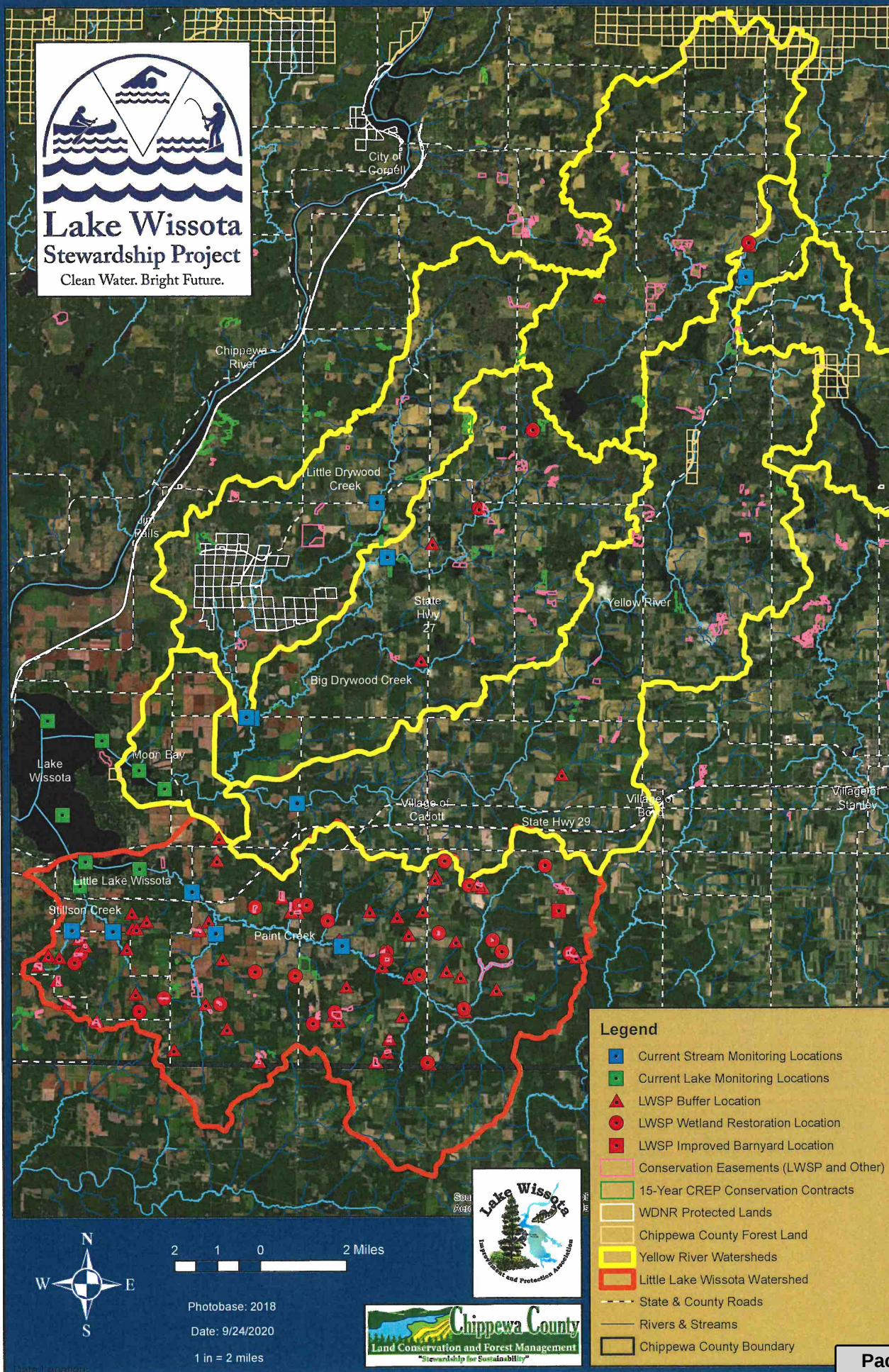
The proportional use and allocation of ARPA funds, as proposed, is: 75% as allocated to eligible farms, and 25% as allocated to contracted service providers and to LCFM LTE staff (assuming 15% toward contracted private sector service provider or NGO, and 10% toward LCFM).

How does the project benefit the citizens of Chippewa County?

Installation of farm conservation practices and use of funds:

1. Reduces sediment and phosphorus delivery to Lake Wissota system, reducing potential for and frequency of algae blooms. Keeps lake swimmable, fishable.
2. Help maintain the Chippewa River and Wisconsin system as a high value (Quality of Life) natural resource, and protects an important regional economic asset.
3. Improves and protects surface and groundwater quality in the contracting watershed.
4. Increases infiltration, reduces runoff, and reduces flood peaks.
5. Limits the potential for groundwater pollution, protects rural domestic drinking water supply.
6. Improves fish and wildlife habitat and increases biodiversity with wide ranging ecological benefits.

Lake Wissota Stewardship Project



Practices From 9-Key	Practice	Description	Env. Benefits	5.3.a
STPL Modeling	<u>Nutrient Management Planning & Implementation</u> 10\$/ac/yr Cost Share rate	Field specific method to decide and apply crop nutrients (fertilizer, manure, etc) for productivity and water quality (surface + ground water).	Proper nut Type, rate, + and placement to grow and limit Pin surface and N in groundwater	
	<u>Vegetative Buffer/Filter</u> Top of Stream [100\$/ac/yr riparian CREP] Below Cropland [?]	35+ ft wide vegetative strip at bottom of Cropland or top edge of riparian. Receives surface water and allows settling of sediment + nutrients.	receives a slows runoff water, provides for settling sediment, utilize + cycle nutrients	
Cheapest for farmer to implement	<u>Contour Field Layout</u> 9\$/ac/yr	Cropland field directional travel and formal layout across landscape slope; with buffer strips to reduce slope length, as needed.	Slows surface water runoff Enhance infiltration reduces ephemeral formation minimize soil	
	<u>High residue Cropping Systems</u> 18.50\$/ac/yr Involves machinery updates, attachments	Field preparation and crop establishment while maintaining ≥ 50% surface residue after planting pass; limited or no-tillage.	less soil dist minimize soil increase infiltration enhance soil	
	<u>Cover Crops</u> 25\$/ac/yr	Practice of planting a ground covering vegetative seed mix immediately after primary crop is harvested. Provides ground cover for erosion protection and living roots to utilize and cycle left over nutrients.	ground cover erosion protection Carbon capture into soil enhance soil utilize + cycle over nutrients Primary Crop	

Pollutant load modeling suggests that combining more than one best management practice increases the efficiency of keeping ^{Cropland} nutrients and sediment out of surface water

Tier 1 → Pick 3

Tier 2 Pick 4

Tier 3 Pick 5

Nutrient, Cover, Buffer

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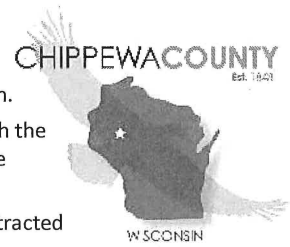
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Max 200 acres ↓ Target

Csilage, SB

• Start with our NMP current clients

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SECTION 1 – To Be Completed by DH Before Submitting to the CA for Initial Review

Project Requester/Department: LCFM **Date:** 1/14/22

Name of ARPA Project: Chippewa County Ice Age Trail; Eastern Trail Establishment

☒ New Project ☐ Expansion of Existing Project (*identify below*) ☐ Replace Future CIP Project (*identify below*)
Identify: _____

Estimated Start Date of Project: 1/1/2023 **Estimated Date of Completion:** 1/1/2027

Identify the Category for Eligible Use: (*see Page 3 for list from the US Treasury*)

☒ Responding to the Public Health Emergency ☒ Addressing Negative Economic Impacts
☐ Serving the Hardest Hit ☒ Improving Access to Infrastructure ☐ Revenue Loss

Description — *Provide an explanation about what the project entails.*

See attached.

How does this project benefit the citizens of Chippewa County?

See attached.

Estimated Total Cost of Project: \$ \$500,000

Amount of Chippewa County ARPA Funds Requested: \$ \$500,000

Budget Year: ☐ 2021 ☐ 2022 ☒ 2023 ☒ 2024 ☒ 2025 ☒ 2026

Note: ARPA Funds are to be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026.

Will matching funds be used by another organization/municipality? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, identify who and amount: National Park Service or non-profit organizations (NGO)

Will this project result in savings for your department or Chippewa County beyond 2026? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Do you anticipate this project to increase future revenues for Chippewa County? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what revenues will be affected?

Tourism and sales tax property tax base

Is there a current program/service that will no longer be offered? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please identify the program and costs of the current program:

Will this new project require additional staff only for the duration of the project? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, how many staffing hours are anticipated? _____

Return completed form to the County Administrator

Dan Montanapelo

Signature of Project Requester/Department Head

1/14/22

Date

SECTION 2 – To Be Completed by the County Administrator

☐ Approved for Committee Review and Feedback ☐ Denied ☐ More Information Needed

If Approved, Confirm the Category for Eligible Use:

☐ Responding to the Public Health Emergency

☐ Addressing Negative Economic Impacts

☐ Serving the Hardest Hit

☐ Improving Access to Infrastructure

☐ Revenue Loss

If Approved, Confirm the Budget Year: ☐ 2021 ☐ 2022 ☐ 2023 ☐ 2024 ☐ 2025 ☐ 2026

Total Amount of Chippewa County ARPA Funds Recommended by County Administrator: \$ _____

County Administrator

Date

Comments:

SECTION 3 – Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee

Committee Meeting Date: _____ ☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ More Information Needed

Department Head Recommended Ranking: _____ Committee Approved Ranking: _____

Total Amount of Chippewa County ARPA Funds Approved by Committee: \$ _____

Comments:

➤ Submit completed form back to the County Administrator after policy committee has reviewed/approved.

LCFM 1/14/22

Background

The Ice Age Trail was authorized as a National Scenic Trail by Congress in 1980 and a State Scenic Trail in 1987. When completed, the trail will meander over 1,200 miles through some of the finest glacial scenery in Wisconsin providing day walkers, backpackers, school children, and general outdoor enthusiasts with a premier hiking and educational experience. Today, approximately 700 miles of the trail is built.

Chippewa County, the National Park Service (NPS) Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and the Ice Age Trail Alliance have worked over time to plan, install, and complete the trail through Chippewa County.

In developing the trail, the NPS and Chippewa County have collaborated to plan the trail to link public land holdings, including County Parks, to optimize public assets and community use.

The Ice Age Trail is nearly complete from Cornell extending west to the Chippewa/Barron County line.

The Ice Age Trail is incomplete in Chippewa County from the City of Cornell to the Chippewa/Taylor County line.

In recent years, the National Park Service has conducted an extensive trail corridor planning process to determine the most appropriate trail route through eastern Chippewa County.

This plan is now in the final stages of approval by the NPS. Upon plan approval, the NPS will begin the process of acquiring voluntary trail access agreements, and land and easement acquisition between Cornell and the Chippewa/Taylor County line.

This process is anticipated to begin in 2022 through contacts with key landowners.

Purpose

The Chippewa County Land & Water Resource Management Plan, (2019-2023), states that: *“(The LCFM will) work in association with local landowners, the National Park Service, the Ice Age Trail Alliance, and the Chippewa County Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance to plan and establish the location of the Ice Age Trail Corridor of Opportunity and Trail, east of the Chippewa River.”*

The Chippewa County LCFM proposed to use ARPA funds to support the development of the Ice Age Trail between Cornell and the Chippewa/Taylor County line.

The preferred route would allow 22-25 miles of Ice Age Trail to be constructed from the City of Cornell to the Taylor County line.

The location of the different planning corridors and trail route, as specified in the draft corridor plan, is provided as Map Attachment 1.

The intention is to acquire an approximately 50-1,000 foot wide trailway from willing recreational landowners for the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. This width of trailway provides for a high-quality hiking experience for the public while maintaining a buffer for neighboring landowners.

In some areas, more land may be desired to preserve outstanding resource features or to accommodate the wishes of the landowner. In those cases, additional land may be acquired.

This ARPA funding would serve to identify and secure contracts with early adopters to develop a trail path and corridor based on the attached map. This initiative will help to define the early adapters and ultimate trail locations.

Any APRA funds would be used in conjunction with NPS and DNR to provide the highest amount of grant match and funding use efficiency.

How does the project benefit the citizens of Chippewa County?

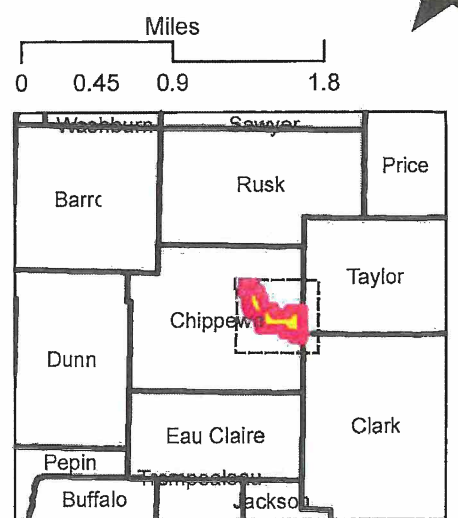
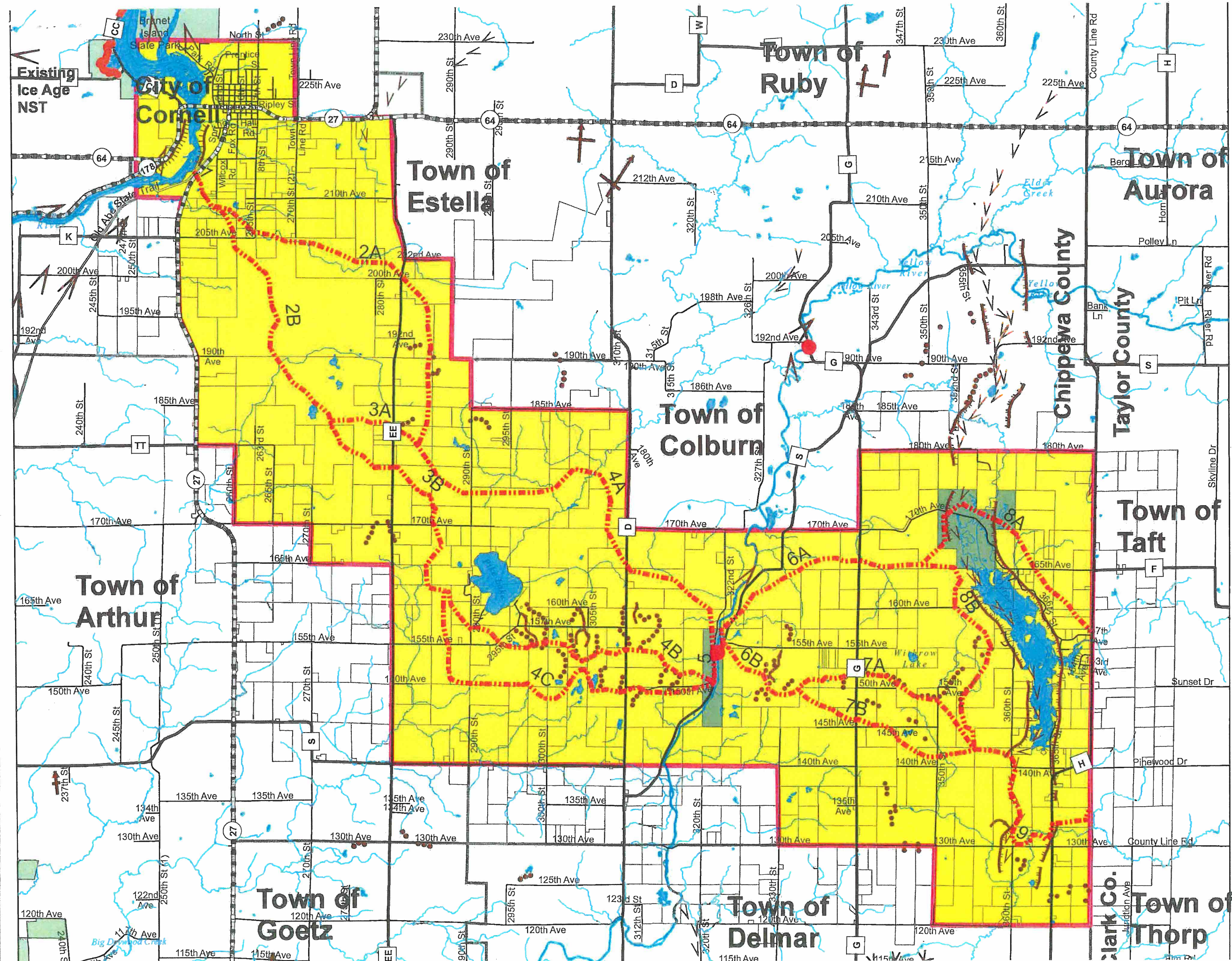
1. Provides public health benefits by encouraging exercise and outside recreational use.
2. Provides significant economic benefits via tourism and support of small business and area communities.
3. Preserves land and provides significant environmental and ecological value.
4. Provides significant opportunities for environmental education, nature study, and quality of life experience.

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2014 DRAFT Ice Age NST E. Chippewa County "Preferred" Corridor

- Legend**
- Yellow River bridges
 - Existing Ice Age NST
 - Possible Trail Routes
 - Property Boundaries
 - Chippewa County Forest
 - Chippewa_preferred2014



Attachment: Request Form - Ice Age Trail & Attachments (6785 : Consider & Rank LCFM Project Proposal(s) for ARPA Funds)

Department of Administration

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

December 9, 2021

TO: Department Heads
Elected Officials

FR: Randy Scholz

RE: 2021 – 2026 ARPA Instructions

Attached are the instructions and timeline for submitting ARPA projects. As a reminder The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is a \$1.9 Trillion Economic Stimulus Package that was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021. The current estimate for Chippewa County to receive is \$12.5 million.

On May 19, 2021, Chippewa County received the first transaction of \$6,279,529.50. Chippewa County will receive the second half of the funds in May 2022. Per the U.S. Treasury, all funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026. **However, the goal for Chippewa County is to have all projects completed by September 30, 2024 in order to be considered, unless it is contracted until December 31, 2026.** This will allow us enough time to ensure that all funds are spent and proper documentation and invoicing is received per guidelines.

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) has four allowable areas of usage:

- *“(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality;*
- *“(B) to respond to workers performing essential work during the COVID–19 public health emergency by providing premium pay to eligible workers of the metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county that are performing such essential work, or by providing grants to eligible employers that have eligible workers who perform essential work;*
- *“(C) for the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county due to the COVID–19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the metropolitan city, non-entitlement unit of local government, or county prior to the emergency; or*
- *“(D) to make necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.*

On May 10, 2021, the U.S. Treasury issued an Interim Final Rule and Counties are still waiting for additional guidance on what is considered an “allowable expense”. It is important to note that if the funds are spent on projects that are not considered “allowable expenses” then the funds will need to be repaid back.

On July 20, 2021 the Chippewa County Board approved Resolution 19-21, which identifies the guidelines and procedure for allocating ARPA funds for Chippewa County. I attached a copy of that document for your reference. We initially wanted to wait until we received the Final Rule from the U.S. Treasury. However, it sounds like we may not receive that information until the end of 1st quarter 2022. Therefore, the County Board supports us moving forward with the process based off guidance from the Interim Final Rule so we can meet the deadlines.

Process and Timeline

1. If you have a project that you think may qualify for ARPA funds, then complete Section 1 of the ARPA Project Request Form. **Please provide your draft ideas to Randy, Lori and Traci by Friday, January 14, 2022 at the latest.** Department Heads are encouraged to submit information sooner if possible.

2. Randy and Lori will meet with Department Head to discuss the draft idea the week of January 17-21, 2022. After that meeting Randy will complete Section 2 of the ARPA Project Request Form. If the project fits within the guidelines then it can go to the committee for review.
3. Department Heads have 30 days to meet with policy committees to review the project and get feedback. Departments should provide your committee with a recommendation for project ranking for the next fiscal year. At the meeting the Committees should rank the projects for the next fiscal year and that information should be indicated in Section 3 of the ARPA Project Request Form before submitting them to my office. Also indicate any other changes or comments the committee made during your meeting.

➤ **Submit committee approved projects to Randy, Lori and Traci by February 25, 2022.**

4. Traci will compile the information into a draft multi-year plan (similar to the CIP plan) and Randy will present it to the Executive Committee for review.

You can see on the ARPA calendar there are several more steps after this including meeting with the municipalities, brainstorming with the County Board, holding a listening session with the public, etc. That is why the deadline dates are firm. It's the only way we can complete this process in a timely fashion.

Below you will find links to the ARPA guidelines, procedure and forms.

ARPA Guidelines & Procedures for Allocating ARPA Funds

<https://www.co.chippewa.wi.us/home/showpublisheddocument/31406/637629710221600000>

(Click on the Finance tab and then on ARPA)

ARPA Project Request Form

<https://www.co.chippewa.wi.us/home/showpublisheddocument/32122>

(Click on the Finance tab and then on ARPA)

ARPA Contract Approval Form

<https://www.co.chippewa.wi.us/home/showpublisheddocument/32118>

(Click on the Finance tab and then on ARPA)

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Randy Scholz
County Administrator

2021 – 2026 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Calendar



- American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is a \$1.9 trillion economic stimulus package signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021.
- The current estimate for Chippewa County to receive is \$12.5 million.
- The funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024 and spent by December 31, 2026.
- On July 20, 2021 the County Board adopted Resolution 19-21 and approved the Guidelines and Procedures for Allocating ARPA Funds for Chippewa County.

Note: The dates specific to ARPA are bolded in black. We left some of the CIP dates in gray so it is easier to reference that timeline as well since they will be going on at the same time.

11/09/2021	CA gave CB update on ARPA process and requested support to move forward based on guidelines established in the Interim Final Rule
12/06/2021	CA sends CIP instructions and justification forms to Department Heads
12/09/2021	CA sends ARPA letter and justification forms to Department Heads (DH have 30 days to submit draft ideas to CA)
01/14/2022	Deadline for DH to submit draft ideas to CA (DH are encouraged to submit earlier if possible)
01/17/21 – 01/21/22	CA and Finance Director meet with DH to review draft ideas
01/24/22 – 02/24/22	DH have 30 days to meet with policy committees to review ideas and get feedback
12/06/21 – 03/24/22	CIP justification forms (See Appendix DOA-304-A) are completed by Departments and reviewed with the policy committees for feedback and priority ranking
01/27/22	CA holds listening session with town, city, and village leaders to get feedback and identify municipalities that may want to partner with the County in order to leverage dollars (Note: WI Towns Association meets on 1/25/22. Randy will attend and use that opportunity to give a broad update to everyone on ARPA and remind them of the listening sessions)
02/15/2022	Special CB meeting for CB brainstorming session (Same day as Exec – if we need an Exec meeting then the CB can meet after)
02/25/2022	DH submit committee approved projects to CA to be incorporated into multi-year plan
02/25/22 – 03/04/22	Randy, Lori and Traci compile and finalize draft multi-year plan
03/15/2022	CA presents draft multi-year plan to Executive Committee as a report for review (current committee)
03/24/2022	CIP justification forms are submitted electronically to Traci Bremness to be compiled for review by the Finance Division and County Administrator
April	No committee meetings due to CB election and reorganization
04/21/2022	Special CB meeting/orientation (issue new committee assignments and provide training) – There will be new CB members so use this meeting to give an overview of ARPA – Inform them there will be a special meeting in May to review the draft plan and a hold listening session for the public

04/18 – 04/29/2022	Finance Division reviews and follows up with departments for clarification and/or additional information if needed
05/02/2022	Finance Division provides CIP requests to County Administrator for review and approval or denial
05/24/2022	Special CB meeting – listening session to receive feedback from the public and to review the draft multi-year plan and provide feedback
05/25/2022	CA sends multi-year plan to auditing firm for compliance review before finalizing plan
06/07/2021	County Administrator presents the proposed five-year CIP, CIP resolutions, and sales tax resolutions to the <u>Executive Committee</u> for recommendation to the County Board
06/14/2022	County Administrator presents the proposed five year CIP, CIP resolutions, and sales tax resolutions to <u>County Board</u> for approval
07/05/2022	County Administrator presents the final multi-year plan and supporting resolutions to the <u>Executive Committee</u> for recommendation to the County Board
07/12/2022	County Administrator presents the final multi-year plan and supporting resolutions to <u>County Board</u> for approval
07/15/2022	A copy of the multi-year ARPA Plan is posted on the employee portal and county website
09/16/2022	A copy of the 5-year Capital Improvement Program is distributed electronically to department heads and elected officials and posted on the employee portal

Revised: 11/19/2021

Things to Do

- Finalize timeline – Randy, Lori and Traci will meet 11/18/21
- 11/18/22 – Randy will send email to DH – inform them of his vacation, the CIP instructions will go out 12/6/21 and the ARPA instructions will go out 12/10/21
 - Randy will start draft email
- 12/10/21 – Email ARPA instructions to DH
 - Need to draft/finalize ARPA letter/instructions
 - ARPA forms are finished
 - No sales tax can be used for ARPA projects
- Contact WI Towns Association to have Randy placed on agenda for 1/27/22 to give an update on ARPA – remind them of the listening sessions on 1/26/22 and 1/27/22
- Draft letter to towns RE process and listening sessions on 1/26/22 and 1/27/22
 - Randy will start draft letter
 - When do we want to send this letter out?
 - Will need to post this as a meeting so CB members can come if they want
- Send email to CB RE timeline and listening session



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
OVERVIEW OF CORE CHANGES TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
CONSTRUCTION SITE EROSION CONTROL & POST-CONSTRUCTION
ORDINANCE

Chippewa County, the Village of Lake Hallie, the Town of Anson, the Town of Eagle Point and the Town of Lafayette are now required to implement a storm water management program to comply with Wisconsin Administrative Rule NR 216, and the Wisconsin Pollution Discharge Elimination System under WPDES Permit #WI- S050075.

To meet this requirement, Chippewa County and the affected municipalities have previously conducted a formal planning process and have completed a joint storm water management plan for designated areas within the Chippewa Falls Urban Area.

The resulting *Chippewa Falls Urban Area Storm Water Plan* (10/10/07), defines a joint storm water management program that assigns program responsibilities to meet WPDES permit requirements.

On 12/12/2017, Chippewa County adopted a Stormwater Management Construction Site Erosion Control and Post-Construction Ordinance to meet WPDES Stormwater permit requirements, on behalf of both the County and cooperating municipalities.

In Qtrs. 1, 2, and 3 of 2021, the County worked with the municipalities to review and update the intergovernmental agreement to more clearly define program responsibilities, including those that apply to stormwater ordinance administrative and enforcement.

On 9/14/21, the County Board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement.

This agenda item will be used to introduce conceptual changes and a proposed activity schedule to update the Chippewa County Stormwater Management Construction Site Erosion Control & Post-Construction Ordinance, so that it reflects the points of agreement, as outlined in the newly approved intergovernmental agreement.

Overview of Key Changes to the Chippewa Falls Urban Area Storm Water Intermunicipal Agreement

What Changed?

August, 2021

Chippewa County Land Conservation &
Forest Management

What Changed?



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What changed?

- New WPDES storm water permit places higher expectations is more prescriptive,
& requires higher level of dedicated programming
- New agreement more clearly defines roles/responsibilities of the County & each municipality

Attachment: PowerPoint Pages (6771 : Overview of Changes to Stormwater Management Construction Requirements, Attachment Recommendation 6.2.2.a, 10000 : Recommendation to Approve

Attachment: Summary of Responsibilities 1-14-2022 (6771 : Overview of Changes to Stormwater Management Construction Site Erosion

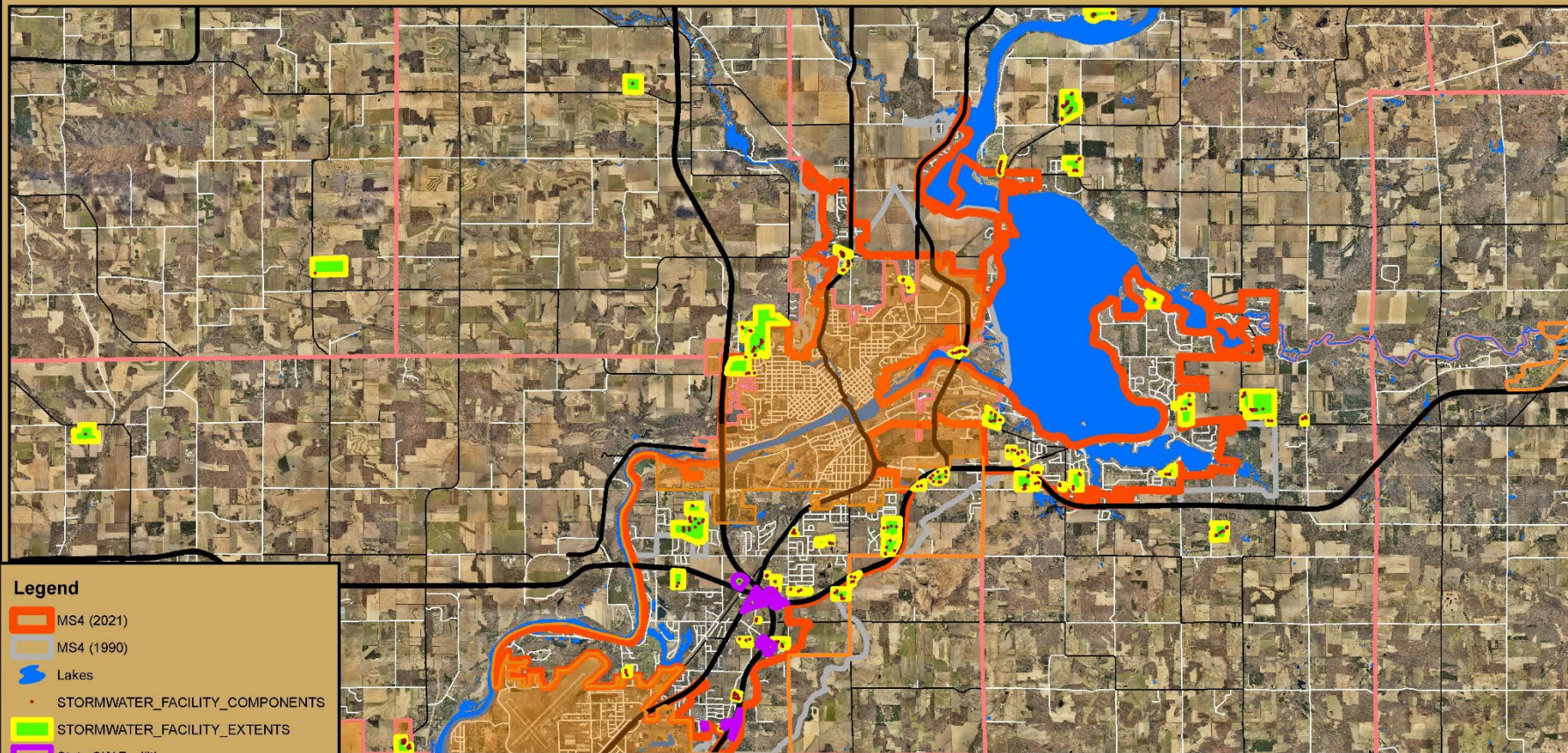
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Overview of Changes to the Stormwater Mgmt - Construction Site Erosion Control & Post-Construction Ordinance & Schedule for Ordinance Review

01/19/2022

Chippewa County Land Conservation &
Forest Management

Updated MS4, Municipal Boundaries, Stormwater Systems, and Roads



Legend

- MS4 (2021)
- MS4 (1990)
- Lakes
- STORMWATER_FACILITY_COMPONENTS
- STORMWATER_FACILITY_EXTENTS
- State SW Facilities
- CITY
- VILLAGE
- TOWN
- MunicipalRoads
- CountyRoads
- StateRoads



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Overview of Program Elements & Agreement



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Roles & Responsibilities

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		COUNTY			MUNICIPALITIES			
		Planning & Zoning	LCFM	Highway	Lake Halia	Amson	Eagle Point	Lafayette
PROGRAM AREA AND ACTIVITY								
2.1 Public Education and Outreach								
2.1.1 Topics		X				(0)	(0)	(0)
2.1.2 Delivery Mechanism		X				(0)	(0)	(0)
2.1.3 Target Audience		X				(0)	(0)	(0)
2.2 Public Involvement & Participation								
2.2.1 Permit Activities		X			(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
2.2.2 Delivery Mechanism		X			(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
2.2.3 Volunteer Activities		X			(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
2.2.4 Target Participants		X			(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
2.3 Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination								
2.3.1 TDD Ordinance		X	X					X
2.3.2 TDD Field Screening		X	X					X
2.3.3 TDD Source Investigation & Elimination		X						X
2.3.4 Remove Known Illicit Discharges From MS4 System		X			X	X	X	X
2.3.5 In Case of Interconnected MS4s, Permitted Shall Notify Appropriate Municipality if Illicit Discharge Originated from Permit's Permitted Area or has Been Tracked Upstream to Interconnected Point			X		X	X	X	X
2.3.6 Name, Title, & Phone Number of Individuals Responsible for Responding to Reports Included in Response Procedure		X			X	X	X	X
2.4 Construction Site Pollutant Control								
2.4.1 Construction Site Ordinance		X	X					
2.4.2 Erosion & Sediment Control MS4 Review		X						
2.4.3 Administrative Procedures		X						
2.4.4 Construction Site Inspections & Enforcement		X	X					
2.5 Post-Construction Storm Water Management								
2.5.1 Post-Construction Storm Water Ordinance		X	X		X	X	X	X
2.5.2 Administrative Procedures		X						
2.5.3 Storm Water Management Plan Review		X						
2.5.4 Long-term Maintenance, Inspection, & Enforcement		X	X		X	X	X	X
2.6 Pollution Prevention								
2.6.1 Storm Water Management Facilities				X	X	X	X	X
2.6.2 Maintenance Plan				X	X	X	X	X
2.6.3 Municipality Owned Public Works Facilities				X	X	X	X	X
2.6.4 Source Water Protection Areas				X	X	X	X	X
2.6.5 Collective Sewer/Storm Sewer System Maintenance Activities				X	X	X	X	X
2.6.6 Winter Road Management				X	X	X	X	X
2.6.7 Nutrient Management				X	X	X	X	X
2.6.8 Environmentally Sensitive Development				X	X	X	X	X
2.6.9 Internal Training & Education		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2.7 Storm Water Quality Management								
2.7.1 Implement & Maintain all Storm Water Management Practices				X	X	X	X	X
2.8 Storm Sewer System Map								
2.8.1 Identify Values of the State		X						
2.8.2 Identify Known Wetlands, Endangered, Threatened Resources, & Historical Property		X						
2.8.3 Identify All Known MS4 Outfalls		X						
2.8.4 Location of Any Known MS4 Discharge		X						
2.8.5 Location of Municipality Owned or Operated Structural Storm Water Management Facilities		X						
2.8.6 Identification of Publicly Owned Parks, Recreational Areas, & Other Open Lands		X						
2.8.7 Location of Municipal Garages, Storage Areas, & Other Public Works Facilities		X						
2.8.8 Identification of Streets		X						
2.9 Annual Report								
2.9.1 Status of Implementing Permit Requirements		X						
2.9.2 Fiscal Analysis for Reporting Year & Budget for Next Year		X				X	X	X
2.9.3 Summary of Number & Nature of Inspections & Enforcement Actions		X			X	X	X	X
2.9.4 Identification of Any Known Water Quality Improvements or Degradation		X			X	X	X	X
2.9.5 Evaluation of Program Compliance		X			X	X	X	X
2.9.6 Notice that Permittee is Relying on Another Municipality to Satisfy Permit Requirements, if Applicable		X			X	X	X	X
2.9.7 Representative of Permittee Shall Sign & Certify Annual Report		X			X	X	X	X
2.9.8 Annual Report & Required Reports Submitted Electronically		X						
2.10 Cooperation								
2.10.1 Municipality or Entity Implements Required Control Measure or Permit Requirement		X	X		X	X	X	X
2.10.2 Particular Control Measure is at Least as Stringent as Corresponding Permit Requirements		X	X		X	X	X	X
2.10.3 Other Municipality or Entity Agrees to Implement Control Measure or Permit Requirement on the Permittee's Behalf		X	X		X	X	X	X
2.11 Amendments								
2.11.1		X			X	X	X	X
2.12 Reapplication for Permit Coverage								
2.12.1		X			X	X	X	X

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Roles & Responsibilities



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X - Mandatory
 (X) - Discretionary to Augment
 County Activities

SUMMARY OF CORE RESPONSIBILITIES OF COOPERATING MUNICIPALITIES AND AGENCIES UNDER THE JOINT PERMIT AND ASSOCIATED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

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PROGRAM AREA AND ACTIVITY	COUNTY			MUNICIPALITIES			
	Planning & Zoning	LCFM	Highway	Lake Hallie	Anson	Eagle Point	Lafayette
2.3 Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination							
2.3.1 IDDE Ordinance	X						X
2.3.2 IDDE Field Screening		X					
2.3.3 IDDE Source Investigation & Elimination		X					
2.3.4 Remove Known Illicit Discharges From MS4 System	X			X	X	X	X
2.3.5 In Case of Interconnected MS4s, Permitted Shall Notify Appropriate Municipality if Illicit Discharge Originated from Permitt's Permitted Area or has Been Tracked Upstream to Interconnected Point		X		X	X	X	X
2.3.6 Name, Title, & Phone Number of Individuals Responsible for Responding to Reports Included in Response Procedure		X		X	X	X	X
2.4 Construction Site Pollutant Control							
2.4.1 Construction Site Ordinance	X	X					
2.4.2 Erosion & Sediment Control Plan Review		X					
2.4.3 Administrative Procedures		X					
2.4.4 Construction Site Inspections & Enforcement	X	X					
2.5 Post-Construction Storm Water Management							
2.5.1 Post-Construction Storm Water Ordinance	X	X		X	X	X	X
2.5.2 Administrative Procedures		X					
2.5.3 Storm Water Management Plan Review		X					
2.5.4 Long-Term Maintenance, Inspections, & Enforcement	X	X		X	X	X	X

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CHAPTER 12 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT – CONSTRUCTION SITE EROSION CONTROL AND POST-CONSTRUCTION

Article I. In General

Sec. 12-01 Effective

Date. Sec. 12-02

Authority.

Sec. 12-03 Purpose.

Sec. 12-04 Intent.

Sec. 12-05 Severability.

Sec. 12-06 Jurisdiction.

Sec. 12-07 Applicability.

Sec. 12-08 Exceptions.

Sec. 12-09 Exclusions.

Sec. 12-10 Definitions.

Sec. 12-11 to 12-20 Reserved.

Article II: Administration and Enforcement

Sec. 12-21 Enforcement.

Sec. 12-22 Special Inspection

Warrants. Sec. 12-23 Stop Work Orders.

Sec. 12-24 Board of

Adjustment. Sec. 12-25

Technical Discretion.

Sec. 12-26 Construction Site Erosion Control or Post-Construction Stormwater

Permits. Sec. 12-27 Fee Schedule.

Sec. 12-28 to 12-30 Reserved

Article III: Construction Site Erosion Control

Sec. 12-31 Design Requirements.

Sec. 12-32 Erosion and Other Pollutant Control

Standards. Sec. 12-33 Mandatory Site Protection.

Sec. 12-34 Mandatory Erosion and Sediment Control Practices.

Sec. 12-35 Use of Stormwater Facilities for Erosion and Sediment

Control. Sec. 12-36 Specifications.

Sec. 12-37 Permits.

Sec. 12-38 Surety Bond.

Sec. 12-39 Maintenance.

Sec. 12-40 to 12-50 Reserved.

Article IV: Post-Construction Stormwater Management

Sec. 12-51 General

Requirement. Sec. 12-52 Design

Standards.

Sec. 12-53 General Consideration for Siting Stormwater Management

Features. Sec. 12-54 Total Suspended Solids.

Sec. 12-55 Peak Runoff

Discharge. Sec. 12-56 Infiltration.

Sec. 12-57 Restrictions on the Location of Infiltration Practices.

Sec. 12-58 Closed Depressions.

Sec. 12-59 Protective Areas.

Sec. 12-60 Swale Treatment for Transportation

What is Changing?



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- Sec 12-10 Definitions
 - Definitions of Clean Runoff, Illicit Connection, and Municipality
- Sec 12-21 Enforcement
 - Revised Construction/Post Construction Enforcement Responsibilities
- Sec 12-65 Maintenance Agreements
 - Revised to include Municipalities
- Sec 16-67 Illicit Discharge (New Section)
- Minor Corrections/Housekeeping

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- To shift the assigned Enforcement Authority for long term maintenance of the storm water facilities from County to Towns/Villages
 - Private sector owners are now responsible to maintain facilities via operation & maintenance agreements
 - Towns and Village will begin to enforce operations & maintenance agreements via their own ordinances
- To clarify the direct responsibilities of the County to detect, resolve, and enforce illicit discharges in the County Highway System.

Schedule

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2021 & DRAFT 2022 ANNUAL WORK PLAN; CHIPPEWA FALLS URBAN AREA STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

I. PUBLIC EDUCATION AND OUTREACH	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Schedule and implement planned outreach and information activities, as outlined in the <u>Chippewa Falls Urban Area Storm Water Management Plan</u> (2007). Targeted audiences and activities planned in 2021 are highlighted in Table X, 2021, (Attached).	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Assign/Schedule resources to participate in regional "Rain to Rivers".												
II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Conduct public meetings & hearings, as necessary, to: -Review & evaluate Chippewa Falls Urban Area Storm Water Plan, (2007). -Consider plan/policy changes and roles/responsibilities -Review, amend, and renew (?) 66.03 intermunicipal agreement. -Change ordinances.	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
						16	21	2 12	14			
III. ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Inform municipalities of MS4 boundary changes, made by DNR, that reflect most recent changes (Date).	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Re-inventory ditch line conveyances and associated storm water outfalls subject to WPDES requirements that are located within newly established MS4 boundary.								27				
Amend and create new sets Pacer/Illicit Discharge Inspection Maps. Distribute to County and municipal road patrol/maintenance teams.									17			
Schedule & conduct illicit discharge training.									29			
Schedule & conduct bi-annual illicit discharge inspections, including outfalls.										16		
Compile, submit, & record inspection reports										29		
IV. CONSTRUCTION SITE/STORMWATER ORDINANCE	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Assign/Schedule resources to amend the <u>Stormwater Management – Construction Site Erosion Control and Post-Construction Ordinance</u> to add provisions to regulate and enforce illicit discharge.	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Initiate & complete revisions to Co. Ordinance; LCFM & P/Z Committees.	20			24								
Provide working draft of Co. Ord. to municipalities.		27	16	30					9			
Complete/Adopt Co. ordinance.						7	30		23			
Complete/Adopt municipal ordinance.												7
V. POLLUTION PREVENTION/WATER QUALITY MODEL	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Determine methods to segregate pollutant loading analysis by municipal jurisdiction	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Conduct GIS analysis to reflect changes in MS4 boundary, storm water system watersheds, and storm water outfalls.												
Assign pollution loads and 20% TSS reduction limits												
VI. STORM SEWER SYSTEM MAP	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Schedule & conduct annual storm water facility inspections	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Update and amend storm water management plan map and GIS databases to reflect changes in MS4 boundary, storm water system watersheds, and storm water outfalls.								13				
Conduct GIS analysis to segregate separate municipal storm water systems based upon municipal boundaries as watersheds and identify interconnecting municipal conveyances.								?				
Update GIS databases to reflect storm water facility custodial status								?		8		
VII. PERMIT REPORTING AND ADMINISTRATION	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Form & support functions of storm water coordinating work group	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4	1 2 3 4
Review and evaluate Chippewa Falls Urban Area Storm Water Plan, (2007).				30	28				24			
Consider plan/policy changes and roles/responsibilities.				30	28							
Conduct 2021 WPDES benchmark & SWMP reporting.						16	21					
Review, amend, and renew (?) 66.03 intermunicipal agreement.				31					14			
Apply County budget process to restructure storm water program budget to better account for program revenues and expenses by storm water program element.										26		

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Timeline



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IV. CONSTRUCTION SITE/STORMWATER ORDINANCE	January				February				March				April				May				June			
	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
Assign/Schedule resources to amend the <u>Stormwater Management – Construction Site Erosion Control and Post-Construction Ordinance</u> to add provisions to regulate and enforce illicit discharge.			20																					
Initiate & complete revisions to Co. Ordinance; LCFM & P/Z Committees.				27			16					24												
Provide working draft of Co. Ord. to municipalities.												30												
Complete/Adopt Co. ordinance.																						7		
Complete/Adopt municipal ordinance.																								3

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We would be pleased to answer any questions.



STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION
CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
CHIPPEWA COUNTY & THE LAKE WISSOTA IMPROVEMENT &
PROTECTION ASSOCIATION TO ADMINISTER THE LAKE WISSOTA
STEWARDSHIP PROJECT (LWSP)

The Lake Wissota Stewardship Project (LWSP) is a community based watershed and lake improvement initiative that has been co-sponsored through time by the Jacob Leinenkugel Brewing Company, the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association, and the Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee.

The project was initiated in 2009 as a pilot project to encourage water conservation and improve the water quality of Little Lake Wissota.

Under the project, technical and financial assistance are provided to landowners in the contributing watersheds to encourage the adoption of best management practices to control runoff and reduce nonpoint source pollutant loads.

The project is unique in that it is community driven and is funded from a combination of private and public sources, including corporate and business contributions, private donations, and state and federal grants.

On 10/18/17, the LCFM Committee approved a resolution to expand and extend the pilot project to include Moon Bay of Lake Wissota and the Yellow River basin.

This resolution authorized implementation of the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project, and provided authority to approve cooperative agreements with the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association (LWIPA) and the Community Foundation.

The cooperative agreement between the LWIPA and Chippewa County was signed on 10/24/17 and is set to expire 12/31/22.

On 6/14/19, the County Board adopted the Chippewa County Land & Water Resource Management Plan.

One of the planned objectives and actions under Sec. 8.5 of that plan is: "With the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association, administer the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project as the water resource management mechanism to account for, reduce, and monitor point and nonpoint source pollutant loads to Little Lake Wissota, and to meet any established TMD pollution load reduction goals and water quality management objectives for Moon Bay of Lake Wissota".

On 2/1/21, the LWIPA submitted correspondence to R. Scholz (Co. Administrator) requesting an extension to the agreement.

In support of that request, the LWIPA has prepared a conceptual proposal to apply a rolling

three (3) year contract extension that would serve to provide stability, and allow for a soft close to the project, using a three (3) year close out window.

On 9/15/21, an oral report was presented to the Committee to introduce the request.

At that meeting, a Power Point report was also presented to provide a general overview of the project with a focus on project structure, funding sources, and 2021 accomplishments.

On 10/20/2021, a more detailed Power Point report was presented that focused on the project structure, the procedures used to track time, products deliverable, and the type and location of conservation practices being installed by project participants.

On 11/17/21, an oral report was presented to the Committee to review the specific terms of a proposal to apply a rolling three (3) year contract extension to pursue planned program objectives, and to facilitate a soft close to the project, using a three (3) year close out window.

On 12/15/21, the Committee took action to support the concept of the rolling three (3) year concept, subject to annual review and renewal.

On 12/20/21, the Department received notice from the County's contracted service provider that the project management service contract would not be renewed for 2022.

In response to that notice, the Department worked with the County DOA team to determine and to evaluate options to maintain services.

On 1/12/22, the Department met with the Lake Association to present and solicit feedback on the changes to the existing agreement, as proposed, to both implement the rolling three (3) year contract and to maintain services in the absence of a contracted service provider.

This agenda item will be used to present these changes and to solicit conceptual feedback from the LCFM Committee, in the interest of gaining concurrence, so that an agreement can be finalized and executed.

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**AMENDMENT TO COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
LAKE WISSOTA IMPROVEMENT & PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
AND THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION &
FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TO IMPLEMENT
THE LAKE WISSOTA STEWARDSHIP PROJECT**

I. PARTIES

This Cooperative Agreement, hereinafter referred to as “Agreement,” is made and entered into between the **Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association (LWIPA)** and the **Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee (LCFM)**, acting as the County Land Conservation Committee under WI Stats., Chapter 92.

It is the intent of **LWIPA and LCFM** to use and amend this agreement to add other corporations, businesses, public agencies and non-profit conservation organizations that may wish to contribute to the project.

All additional signators are by addendum, and hereinafter referred to individually as “Party” and collectively as the “Lake Wissota Stewardship Project Sponsors (LWSPS).”

II. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into pursuant to Wis. Stat. §92.07(7) to specify the responsibilities of the **LWIPA and LCFM** in the implementation of the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project during the term of this Agreement. This Agreement shall commence upon signing and continue, **using a rolling three (3) year contract term, subject to annual review and renewal. through December 31, 2022.**

To initiate the first three (3) year rolling contract term, which will extend from December 31, 2022 through December 31, 2025, the LWPIA shall provide documentation during the 2022 budget process that their financial contribution can be met through calendar year 2025.

To maintain and renew the term of the three (3) year rolling contract, the LWIPA shall provide documentation that this financial commitment can again be met for the following three (3) year term, as documented during the County budget process, for each calendar year thereafter.

This agreement can be renewed and extended at any time during the term of the agreement upon mutual written consent of both parties.

The **LWIPA and LCFM** will implement this agreement within the limits of available resources using an annual work planning and budgeting process.

In the event that **LWIPA, LCFM** or any Party determines that it is in their best interest to terminate participation in this cooperative agreement they may do so by sending written correspondence to all signators indicating its desire to terminate participation in this Agreement.

In the event that **LWIPA, LCFM** or any Party withdraws and terminates its participation in this Agreement, they shall be responsible for their financial contribution under Sections IV & V with regard to this Agreement until December 31 of the year they withdraw. No partial refund based on the date of the withdrawal shall be given.

III. **PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT**

The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the roles and responsibilities of the **LWIPA** and the Chippewa County **LCFM** as required to implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project. This Agreement provides the framework for establishing annual goals, work plans and budgets.

IV. **DUTIES**

As lead sponsors of the LWSP, the **LWIPA** and **LCFM** shall facilitate structured communication among project sponsors and co-host project oversight meetings during the term of the agreement.

These meetings will be scheduled on an annual basis to allow the project sponsors to systematically evaluate the progress toward meeting community and environmental objectives, as measured using established performance measures.

These project oversight meetings will be held independent of regularly scheduled project implementation team meetings, as referenced in Sec. IV. B & C of this agreement.

A. **The parties to the agreement will:**

1. Implement a watershed and water quality improvement and protection project that will focus on Little Lake Wissota and Moon Bay of the Yellow River, following the lake and watershed business model developed through the Little Lake Wissota Project (2009-2017).
2. Before December 31, 2017, complete administrative actions to establish a pass-through fund with the Community Foundation of Chippewa County to facilitate community contributions to the project; and the transfer of available funds that have been donated through the Little Lake Wissota Stewardship Project.

3. Participate in a joint annual work planning, budgeting, and project evaluation process.
4. Using the results of that process, evaluate and individually determine the extent of support that can be offered to the project on an annual basis.
5. Allocate staff or financial resources, as authorized by the contributing party, to implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project.

Specific levels of annual commitment, including staff assignments, hours of staff time, direct financial commitments, and in-kind services shall be documented in a joint annual work plan and schedule of product deliverables. The schedule of product deliverables will include an outline of all meetings, events, and activities planned to advance the goals and objectives of the project.

B. Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association agrees to be the lead organization. To carry out this responsibility LWIPA agrees to:

1. Commit \$50,000 per year during the term of this project agreement /yr. over a period of five (5) years to provide baseline funding that will be allocated to secure a qualified staff service provider who will be contracted to lead, and manage, and implement the project.

The amount of this annual financial commitment shall be open to negotiations that will be conducted during the annual County budget process, prior to any annual renewal of the agreement.

2. Co-sponsor the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project Implementation Team. The Implementation Team will meet monthly and more frequently as needed, to:
 - a) implement a project plan and associated multi-year activity schedule,
 - b) review project accomplishments and
 - c) recommend adjustments to the project plan and activity schedule to optimize available resources.
3. Encourage the participation by other corporations, businesses, public agencies, non-profit conservation organizations and members of the community.
4. Assist in promotional efforts and encourage community support.

5. Participate in the development and implementation of a community outreach and education program to increase public awareness of the project, support water stewardship and to improve the water quality of Lake Wissota.
6. Provide recognition to landowners and groups who have agreed to participate in the project.

C. The Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee agrees to be the lead public agency. To carry out this responsibility the LCFM agrees to assign staff from the Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management to:

1. Target available resources during the term of this **project five (5) year** agreement to; maintain **and accelerate** the current watershed management efforts for Little Lake Wissota, **conduct watershed inventories** and **associated planning efforts for Moon Bay of Lake Wissota**, and actively pursue public and private funds to support voluntary conservation efforts in both the Little Lake Wissota and Yellow River Basins.
2. Co-sponsor the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project Implementation Team. The Implementation Team will meet monthly, and more frequently as needed, to:
 - a) implement a project plan and associated multi-year activity schedule.
 - b) review project accomplishments, and
 - c) recommend adjustments to the project plan and activity schedule to optimize available resources.
3. Develop and manage an annual project budget.
4. Apply for and manage public and private grants to further advance the project objectives.
5. Participate in the development and implementation of a community outreach and education program to increase public awareness of the project, support water stewardship and to improve the water quality of Lake Wissota.
6. Systematically contact landowners to explain project opportunities and solicit participation in the project.
7. Provide technical assistance to:
 - a) evaluate sites and identify best management practices.
 - b) prepare contracts, conservation plans, and conservation easements.

- c) calculate site specific environmental benefits associated with the installation of best management practice including phosphorus, nitrogen and sediment load reduction, changes in watershed hydrology and groundwater recharge and ecological benefits to the watershed.
 - d) survey sites, design best management practices, and develop cost estimates.
 - e) stake and supervise the installation of the best management practices.
 - f) monument easement sites and monitor conservation easements for compliance.
8. Implement the project monitoring component by tracking environmental benefits and maintaining a GIS data base of participants.
 9. Prepare an annual report for the **LWIPA** the Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee (**LCFM**), and other project sponsors. The report will evaluate and track progress, summarize environmental benefits and outline project costs.
 10. ~~Before March 1, assign~~ Assign a qualified project manager ~~2018,~~ develop, secure, and supervise a technical service contract with a third party service provider who will be contracted to lead and manage ~~implement~~ the project; and assign one or more limited term staff position(s) that will be dedicated to the project to assure “a historic maintenance of effort”, as defined here for those positions, to total 1,950 hours/year.
 11. ~~Before June 1, 2018, complete and submit to DNR a completed EPA Nine Key Element Plan for Little Lake Wissota and its contributing watershed.~~
 12. ~~Before June 1, 2018, initiate a planning process, with public participation, to develop an EPA Nine Key Element Plan for the Moon Bay and the following contributing HUC 12 Watersheds 070500050301, 070500050302, 070500050303, 070500050304, 070500050305, and 070500050308.~~
 - 11.13. ~~Before June 1, 2018,~~ Assess ~~assess~~ interest and explore the creation of a farmer-led watershed council to encourage and support ~~soil and water~~ conservation ~~and nonpoint pollution control~~ efforts in the project area.
 12. Systematically implement the EPA Nine Key Element Plans for Little Lake Wissota and Moon Bay of Lake Wissota, as now approved, to reduce nonpoint pollution from the following

contributing HUC 12 watersheds; 070500050103, 070500050206, 070500050207, and 070500060105, 070500050301, 070500050302, 070500050303, 070500050304, 070500050305, 070500050306, 070500050307, and 070500050308.

14. Before October 1, 2019, complete and submit to DNR a completed EPA Nine Key Element Plan for the Moon Bay and contributing watersheds.

V. **BUDGET**

An annual project budget will be used to implement a multi-year activity schedule using available financial resources. The budget will be prepared as part of the annual County budget process.

Budget expenditures and revenue will be monitored throughout the year by the County and summarized in an annual report.

VI. **LIAISONS**

For LWIPA:

Mary Jo Fleming President, P.O. Box 903 18790 54th Avenue, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729, (715) 723-0822

For Chippewa County LCFM:

Department Director/County Conservationist, Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management, 711 N Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729, (715) 726-7920.

VII. **NOTICES**

Notices required or deemed advisable under this Agreement shall be placed in writing and delivered personally or by registered or certified mail upon LWIPA Mary Jo Fleming President, 18790 54th Avenue, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729, (715) 723-0822 and upon Chippewa County to: Department Director/County Conservationist, Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management, 711 N Bridge Street, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729, (715) 726-7920.

VIII. **INSURANCE**

Each party to this Agreement shall maintain its own liability insurance sufficient to insure against the risks arising from each party's responsibilities under this Agreement.

IX. **MUTUAL INDEMNIFICATION**

The parties agree fully to indemnify and hold one another harmless from and against all claims, actions, judgments, costs, and expenses, arising out of damages or injuries to third persons or their property, caused by the fault or negligence of the said party, its agents, or employees, in the performance of this Agreement. The parties shall give to each other prompt and reasonable notice of any such

claims or actions and the other party shall have the right to investigate, compromise, and defend the same.

X. WAIVER OF BREACHES

No waiver of any breaches of this Agreement shall be held to be a waiver of any other or any subsequent breaches. All remedies afforded in this Agreement shall be considered to be cumulative and in addition to any other remedies provided by law.

XI. APPLICABLE LAW

This Agreement shall be governed under the laws of the State of Wisconsin and is made at Chippewa County, Wisconsin, and venue for any legal action to enforce the terms of this Agreement shall be in Chippewa County Circuit Court.

XII. SECTION HEADINGS

The headings of the several sections, and any table of contents appended hereto, shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction or effect hereof.

XIII. NON-ASSIGNMENT OF AGREEMENT

The parties agree that there shall be no assignment or transfer of this Agreement, nor of any interests, rights or responsibilities herein contained, except as agreed to in writing.

XIV. MODIFICATIONS TO AGREEMENT

There shall be no modifications to this Agreement, except in writing, signed by both parties.

XV. INTEGRATION OF AGREEMENT

The entire agreement of the parties is contained herein, and this Agreement supersedes all previous agreements, whether written or oral and all negotiations as well as any previous agreements presently in effect between Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association and Chippewa County relating to the subject matter.

Both parties hereto having read and understood the entirety of this Agreement consisting of seven (7) typewritten pages hereby affix their duly authorized signatures.

LAKE WISSOTA IMPROVEMENT & PROTECTION ASSOCIATION BY:

Dick Barrickman, Mary Jo Fleming, President

Date

CHIPPEWA COUNTY BY:

Randy Scholz, Frank Pascarella, County Administrator

Date

Dan Masterpole, Department Director/County Conservationist

Date

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**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION**

THE LCFM COMMITTEE WILL GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI STATUTES 19.85(1)(E) FOR THE PURPOSES OF "DELIBERATING OR NEGOTIATING THE PURCHASING OF PUBLIC PROPERTIES, THE INVESTING OF PUBLIC FUNDS, OR CONDUCTING OTHER SPECIFIED PUBLIC BUSINESS, WHENEVER COMPETITIVE OR BARGAINING REASONS REQUIRE A CLOSED SESSION" (CONSIDER REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION FOR PARCEL IN T32N, R5W).

The LCFM Committee will go into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85(1)(e) for the purposes of "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session" (Consider real estate transaction for parcel in T32N, R5W).