

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 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	

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were R. Scholz (Co. Administrator), T. Pauls (Corporation Counsel), K. Klingberg and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM).

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public present.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2
SECONDER:	Don Hauser, District 6
AYES:	Gullickson, Steele, Sikorski, Schmitt, Hauser, Pingel

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes
3. Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee - Regular Meeting - Jan 19, 2022 4:30 PM
4. Schedule Next Meeting Date -March 16, 2022

5. REPORTS

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Resolution to Support a Goal of Limiting the Wisconsin Wolf Population to 350 Animals as Part of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wolf Management Plan - R. Scholz

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Motion to approve the Resolution to Support a Goal of Limiting the Wisconsin Wolf Population to 350 Animals as Part of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wolf Management Plan: Sikorski/Steele.

There was general discussion regarding the U.S. district court ruling, that returned wolves to the Federal Endangered Species list, and the general population of wolves in Chippewa County.

Motion carried by voice vote.

RESULT:	FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 3/8/2022 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Glen Sikorski, District 2	
SECONDER:	Harold Steele, District 1 (Vice-Chair)	
AYES:	Gullickson, Steele, Sikorski, Schmitt, Hauser, Pingel	

2. LCFM Project Proposal for ARPA Funds (America Rescue Plan Act) - R. Scholz

R. Scholz addressed the Committee. He noted that the LCFM had submitted two (2) project requests for ARPA funding: Lake Wissota Stewardship; Targeted Water Quality & Farm Conservation Project and Chippewa County Ice Age Trail; Eastern Trail Establishment. After further review, it was found that the Ice Age Trail project did not qualify for funding.

There was general discussion on using ARPA funding to introduce a project to address rising groundwater/drinking water nitrate nitrogen concentrations in the County. Further discussion focused on:

1. Data availability and analyses of the data.
2. Full spectrum of testing in conjunction with the 2022 UWSP groundwater sampling project and current testing budget.
3. Demonstration sites in agricultural areas.

Motion to approve ARPA funding for the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project: Steele/Sikorski. Motion failed as all members voted to disapprove by voice vote.

Motion to allocate \$500,000 in ARPA funding to enhance testing programs, compile data, and come up with a demonstration site program: Schmitt/Steele. Motion carried by voice vote.

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

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Future agenda items will include discussion on the Chippewa County Stewardship Fund and the proposed LCFM ARPA funding project to address the nitrate issue in Chippewa County.

8. ADJOURN

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Motion to adjourn: Hauser/Schmitt. Motion carried by voice vote at 5:48 pm.

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

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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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**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION**

Resolution No. 08 - 22

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A GOAL OF LIMITING THE WISCONSIN WOLF
POPULATION TO 350 ANIMALS IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WOLF MANAGEMENT PLAN -
RANDY SCHOLZ**

- 1 Passage of this resolution will encourage the Wisconsin Department of Natural
- 2 Resources to have a goal to limit the wolf population to 350 animals in the State of Wisconsin
- 3 as part of the DNR's Wolf Management Plan.
- 4

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ANIMALS IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES WOLF
MANAGEMENT PLAN - RANDY SCHOLZ**

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) established a wolf population goal of 350 animals in 1999, and reaffirmed this population goal in 2007, based on prey availability and human population density; and

WHEREAS, the WDNR plans to review and revise the previous wolf management plan, adopted in 1999 and reviewed and revised in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation, Wisconsin Farm Bureau, and the Wisconsin Conservation Congress (2011, 2013, 2021), officially support a Wisconsin Wolf population goal of 350 or less; and

WHEREAS, thirty-six (36) county boards have passed resolutions that recommend a Wisconsin wolf population goal of 350 animals or less; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's residents have experienced depredations and threatening incidents involving wolves, including 107 officially listed conflicts in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the high predator population, in particular wolves, has resulted in the reduction of the deer population where wolves are plentiful, reduced hunting opportunities, curtailed livestock and pleasure horse activities, and are a danger to pets and people.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors does hereby support a wolf population goal of 350 or less animals as part of the next Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors encourages the WDNR to include elected officials from counties with high wolf conflicts in the DNR Wolf Advisory Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors requests that the WDNR and other partners implement meaningful population controls in the Wisconsin Wolf Management Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors requests that the WDNR not relocate problem wolves from other counties in the state into Chippewa County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to the offices of the Wisconsin Governor, Secretary of the WDNR, Preston Cole, Secretary of DATCP, Randy Romanski, and the state legislators who represent Chippewa County.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to Chippewa County by passage of this resolution.

02/16/2022 Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee RESULT: FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS] Next: 3/8/2022 6:00 PM MOVER: Glen Sikorski, District 2 SECONDER: Harold Steele, District 1 (Vice-Chair) AYES: Gullickson, Steele, Sikorski, Schmitt, Hauser, Pingel
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Approved as to Form:

Todd A. Pauls

Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

2/8/2022

Lori Zwiefelhofer

Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

2/8/2022

Randy B. Scholz

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

2/8/2022



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

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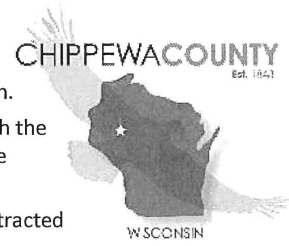
The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is a \$1.9 Trillion Economic Stimulus Package that was signed into law on March 11, 2021. The current estimate for Chippewa County to receive is \$12.5 million.

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.

On 1/19/22, the LCFM Committee reviewed two (2) proposals, submitted by the LCFM Dept., as follows: Lake Wissota Stewardship; Targeted Water Quality & Farm Conservation Project, and Chippewa County Ice Age Trail; Eastern Trail Establishment. The Lake Wissota Project has been selected to proceed in the process.

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

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.

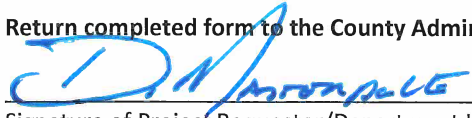
Is there a current program/service that will no longer be offered? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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.

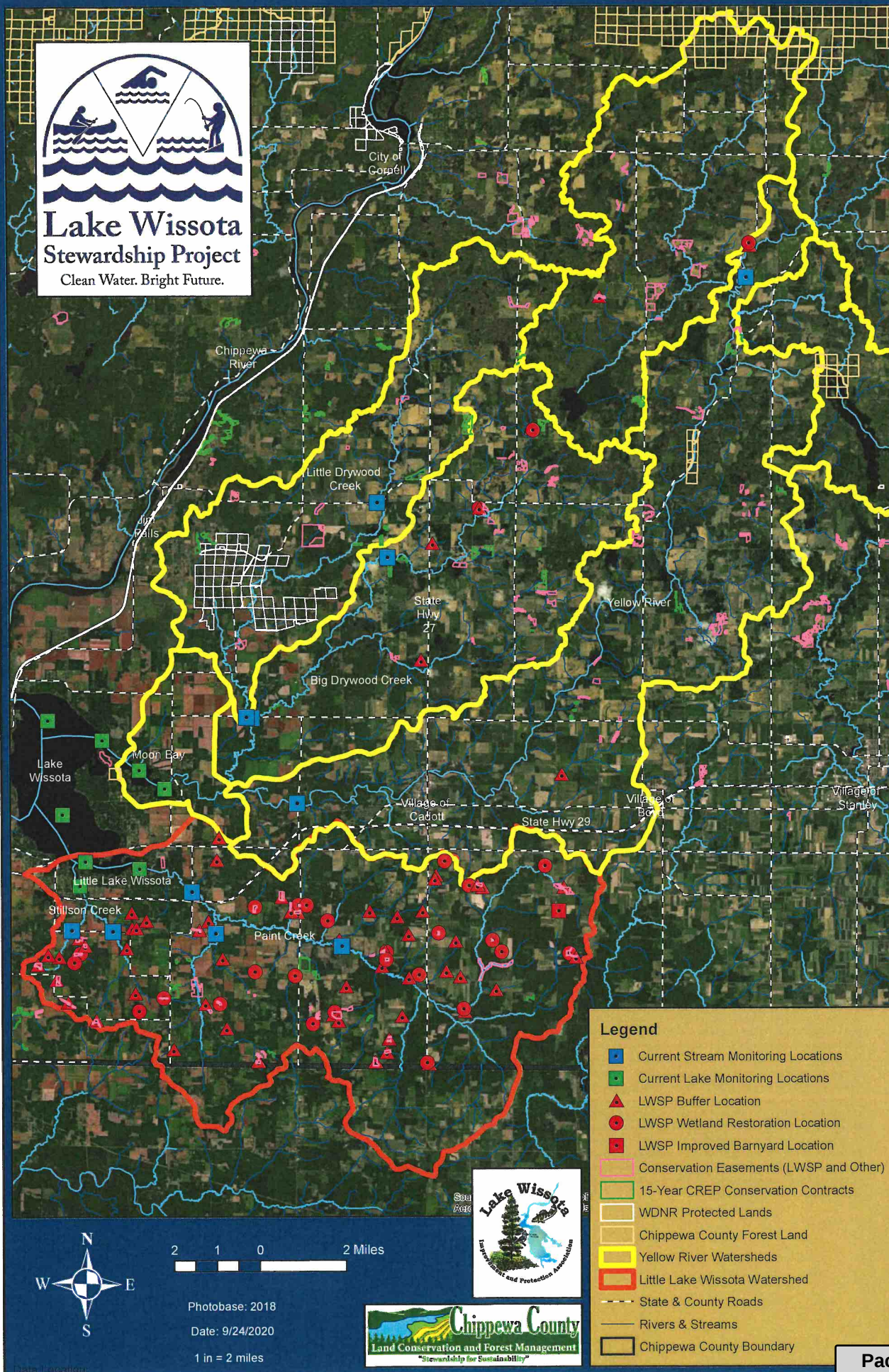
The proportional use and allocation of ARPA funds, as proposed, is: 75% as allocated to eligible farms, and 25% as allocated to contracted service providers and to LCFM LTE staff (assuming 15% toward contracted private sector service provider or NGO, and 10% toward LCFM).

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 Be	6.2.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	it ng
	<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	1
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	1
	<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 disturbance minimize soil increase infiltration enhance soil	1
	<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	1

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

" " + Cont

" " + high

Max 200 acres ↓ Target

Csilage, SB

• Start with our NMP current clients