

# CHIPPEWA COUNTY

## LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 26, 2025

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

1:00 PM

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 2. ROLL CALL

| Attendee Name    | Organization    | Title                   | Status  | Arrived |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| Charles Bomar    | Chippewa County | District 12, Chair      | Present |         |
| Matthew Peterson | Chippewa County | District 10, Vice-Chair | Absent  |         |
| James Flater     | Chippewa County | District 1              | Present |         |
| Jason Bergeron   | Chippewa County | District 7              | Present |         |
| Joel Seidlitz    | Chippewa County | District 9              | Present |         |
| Rocky Kempe      | Chippewa County | District 16             | Present |         |
| James Pingel     | Chippewa County | Citizen Rep             | Present |         |

All supervisors were present except Supervisor Peterson, who had contacted the Chair and advised he would be absent for the meeting.

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were R. Scholz (Co. Administrator), A. Foehringer (DNR), K. Clow, M. Hansen, L. Schweikert, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM).

Members of the public present at times throughout the meeting were N. Bates Felix, L. Heilman, P. Jasper, S. Jasper, P. Krumenauer, and J. Sadler.

#### 3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

S. Jasper, founding member of Our Nawakwa, addressed the Committee. She gave a brief history of Camp Nawakwa and the importance of conservation. She indicated that Our Nawakwa's mission is closely aligned with the work of the LCFM Committee.

N. Bates Felix addressed the Committee. She gave examples of activities that are provided at Camp Nawakwa and indicated that Our Nawakwa would like to collaborate with the LCFM.

L. Heilman addressed the Committee. She gave examples of science activities and stewardship projects that area students have completed at Camp Nawakwa.

J. Sadler addressed the Committee. She echoed that Our Nawakwa would like to collaborate with the LCFM.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | James Flater, District 1                         |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Jason Bergeron, District 7                       |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Bomar, Flater, Bergeron, Seidlitz, Kempe, Pingel |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Peterson                                         |

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee - Regular Meeting - Jan 15, 2025 11:00 AM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - March 19, 2025

## 5. REPORTS

## 6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Consider and Re-Rank Land Conservation & Forest Management Capital Improvement Projects (2026-2030) - Matt Hansen

M. Hansen presented an oral report. He reported that for the County to be eligible for federal recreational grant funding, projects must be included in the budget. The Friends of Hickory Ridge Trail have requested that the County submit a grant application to construct a new maintenance shed and warming shelter at the Hickory Ridge Trailhead. As the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) previously passed by the LCFM Committee on 12/18/24 did not include this project, the CIP has been updated to include the Hickory Ridge Trailhead project in the 2026 CIP.

The report was supported by the following documents:

1. Spreadsheet titled: Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management, 2026 Capital Improvement Plan Ranking at 2/26/26 Committee Meeting, (LCFM 2/19/25 - Distributed 2/20/25 - copy on file & attached).
2. Spreadsheet titled: Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management, Capital Improvement Plan Requests & Adjustments, (LCFM 2/19/2025 - Distributed 2/20/25 - copy on file & attached).
3. Forms titled: Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Forms for the LCFM for 2026-2030 fiscal years (Distributed 2/20/25 - copy on file & attached).

There was general discussion.

Motion to approval the CIP plan ranking, as presented: Flater/Kempe. Motion carried by voice vote.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | James Flater, District 1                         |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Rocky Kempe, District 16                         |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Bomar, Flater, Bergeron, Seidlitz, Kempe, Pingel |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Peterson                                         |

2. Annual 2025 Matching Grant Criteria; Chippewa County Stewardship Fund - Lynda Schweikert  
L. Schweikert provided an oral report. The report was supported by the following documents:

1. Document titled: Annual Criteria for Evaluating and Selecting Projects Submitted to the Chippewa County Stewardship Fund Local Match Grant Program in 2024, (LCFM 2/8/24 - Distributed 2/20/24 - copy on file & attached).
2. Updated criteria with track changes titled: Criteria for Evaluating and Selecting Projects Submitted to the Chippewa County Stewardship Fund Local Match Grant Program, (1/22/25 - Distributed 2/20/25 - copy on file and attached).
3. Updated criteria (clean copy) titled: Criteria for Evaluating and Selecting Projects Submitted to the Chippewa County Stewardship Fund Local Match Grant Program, (1/22/25 - Distributed 2/20/25 - copy on file and attached).

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on changes made to the criteria of the Stewardship Fund Local Match Grant Program.

L. Schweikert indicated that a sentence was omitted in the revision. She indicated that the sentence "Application request must be \$50,000." should be included under Application Evaluation Criteria in the document.

There was general discussion.

Motion to approve the Stewardship Criteria, with the addition of the "Application request must be \$50,000." sentence, as presented: Seidlitz/Kempe. Motion carried by voice vote.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Joel Seidlitz, District 9                        |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Rocky Kempe, District 16                         |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Bomar, Flater, Bergeron, Seidlitz, Kempe, Pingel |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Peterson                                         |

## 7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The Chair indicated that if anyone has a future agenda item, to contact him.

Supervisor Bergeron gave an update on the timeline for the advisory resolution on water quality with the Planning & Zoning Committee.

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The Chair thanked R. Scholz for his leadership over the years.

## 8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Kempe/Seidlitz. Motion carried at 1:25 p.m.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Rocky Kempe, District 16                         |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Joel Seidlitz, District 9                        |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Bomar, Flater, Bergeron, Seidlitz, Kempe, Pingel |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Peterson                                         |

# CHIPPEWA COUNTY

## LAND CONSERVATION & FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 15, 2025

CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302

11:00 AM

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

#### 2. ROLL CALL

| Attendee Name    | Organization    | Title                   | Status  | Arrived |
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| Charles Bomar    | Chippewa County | District 12, Chair      | Present |         |
| Matthew Peterson | Chippewa County | District 10, Vice-Chair | Present |         |
| James Flater     | Chippewa County | District 1              | Present |         |
| Jason Bergeron   | Chippewa County | District 7              | Present |         |
| Joel Seidlitz    | Chippewa County | District 9              | Present |         |
| Rocky Kempe      | Chippewa County | District 16             | Present |         |
| James Pingel     | Chippewa County | Citizen Rep             | Present |         |

All supervisors were present.

Agency staff present at times throughout the meeting were R. Scholz (Co. Administrator), K. Clow, M. Hansen, E. Lee, L. Schweikert, and J. Schemenauer - Recorder (LCFM).

There were no members of the public present.

#### 3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

#### 4. CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair noted that the February LCFM Committee meeting date and time has been changed to February 26, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | James Flater, District 1                                   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Matthew Peterson, District 10, Vice-Chair                  |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Bomar, Peterson, Flater, Bergeron, Seidlitz, Kempe, Pingel |

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee - Regular Meeting - Dec 18, 2024 11:00 AM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - 2/26/25 at 1:00 P.M.

#### 5. REPORTS

Minutes Acceptance: Minutes of Jan 15, 2025 11:00 AM (Consent Agenda)

# Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee

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January 15, 2025

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1. 2025 Powder Keg Race Permit Agreement Cancellation - Matt Hansen  
M. Hansen presented an oral report. He indicated that he was advised that the Powder Keg Race will not be held this year.
2. Introduce Lake Wissota Stewardship Project Winter Intern - Lynda Schweikert  
L. Schweikert introduced Emily Lee, the 2025 Lake Wissota Stewardship Project Winter Intern.
3. Discussion on Resolution Supporting Local Control for the Regulation of Nitrate Utilization in Agricultural Applications and Private Onsite Waste Treatment Systems to Protect Water Quality and Public Health - Lynda Schweikert  
L. Schweikert presented an oral report. The report was supported by a draft resolution titled: A Resolution Supporting Local Control for the Regulation of Nitrate Utilization in Agricultural Applications and Private Onsite Waste Treatment Systems to Protect Water Quality and Public Health, (Distributed 1/9/25 - copy on file & attached). The draft resolution advocates for local control over nitrate utilization as a means to protect water quality and public health.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on:

1. What implementation would look like to ensure 590 plans are being followed, as filed with Chippewa County.
2. Development alongside the Comprehensive Plan with the Planning & Zoning Committee.
4. WI Land + Water Conference, March 5-7, 2025 - Lynda Schweikert  
L. Schweikert presented an oral report. The report was supported by an announcement by the WI Land+Water Conservation Association providing information on their 72<sup>nd</sup> annual conference to be held in Green Bay, WI on March 5-7, 2025.

## 6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Restatement of Cooperative Agreement Between Chippewa County & the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association to Implement Lake Wissota Stewardship Project - Lynda Schweikert  
L. Schweikert presented an oral report. The report was supported by the following materials:
  1. Agreement titled: 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 9/20/17 - Distributed 1/9/25 - copy on file & attached). The agreement established roles and responsibilities of the LWIPA and the LCFM to implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project, as well as provided the framework for establishing annual goals, work plans, and budgets.
  2. Amended agreement titled: First 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 - Distributed 1/9/25 - copy on file & attached). The amendment indicates that the agreement be extended for one year terms, no later than March 31 of the year that is two (2) years prior to the year that is mutually agreed upon.

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3. Amended agreement titled: Second 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 - Distribute 1/9/25 - copy on file & attached). The amendment agrees to a one-year extension of the agreement through 12/31/25 by both parties.
4. Amended agreement titled: Third Amendment to Cooperative Agreement Between Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association and the Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Committee to Implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project, (LCFM - Distributed 1/9/25 - copy on file & attached). The amendment agrees to a one-year extension of the agreement through 12/31/26 by both parties.
5. Revised agreement titled: Cooperative Agreement Between the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association and the Chippewa County Land Conservation & Forest Management Department to Implement the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project, (LCFM 1/15/25 - Distributed 1/9/25 - copy on file & attached). The revised agreement shows changes to the original 9/20/17 agreement whereby the Land Conservation & Forest Management Department is now the lead public agency and will implement the Department of Administration contract approval process in the future.

There was general discussion.

Motion to change the approval of the agreement to DOA for restatement of the Cooperative Agreement Between Chippewa County & the Lake Wissota Improvement & Protection Association (LWIPA) to Administer the Lake Wissota Stewardship Project (LWSP), as presented: Flater/Kempe. Motion carried by voice vote.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | James Flater, District 1                                   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Rocky Kempe, District 16                                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Bomar, Peterson, Flater, Bergeron, Seidlitz, Kempe, Pingel |

2. 2025 Living Land Endowment Fund Advisor Recommendation - Lynda Schweikert  
L. Schweikert provided an oral report. The report was supported by the following documents:
  1. Correspondence, summary of fund activity for the Living Land Endowment Fund, Donor Advised Disbursement Form, and Frequently Asked Questions about Spending Policy 2024, from the Community Foundation of Chippewa County to L. Schweikert, (12/12/24 - Distributed 1/9/25 - copy on file & attached).
  2. Agreement titled: Community Foundation of Chippewa County, Inc. Letter of Agreement for a Donor Advised Endowment Fund, (Distributed 1/9/25 - copy on file & attached). The agreement establishes the Living Land Endowment Fund, to be administered through the Community Foundation of Chippewa County, Inc.

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3. Proposal titled: A Proposal to Establish the Living Land Endowment Fund and the Current Project Pass-Through Fund to Preserve Land and Natural Areas, (LCFM 6/6/06 - Distributed 1/9/25 - copy on file & attached). The proposal outlines the objectives and purpose of the Project Pass-through Fund and the Living Land Endowment Fund, as well as the establishment of an Advisory Committee to recommend grant awards.
4. Portion of Chapter 2, General Government and Administration - Chippewa County Code of Ordinances, Land Conservation and Forest Management Committee (12/11/24 - distributed 1/9/25 - copy on file & attached). The section of the ordinance appoints the LCFM Committee as the Community Foundation of Chippewa County Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee provides recommendations to the Community Foundation Grants Committee for grant awards to be made by the Community Foundation to eligible organizations or local units of government.

There was general discussion. Discussion focused on the Committee's recommendation to either reinvest the grant funds back into the account or to send out a request for project applications.

Motion to roll the \$1,455 (amount available for grant disbursement) back into the grant: Flater/Bergeron. Motion carried by voice vote.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | James Flater, District 1                                   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Jason Bergeron, District 7                                 |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Bomar, Peterson, Flater, Bergeron, Seidlitz, Kempe, Pingel |

## 7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

The Chair suggested that a future agenda item would be to develop disbursement criteria for the Living Land Endowment Fund.

## 8. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn: Seidlitz/Kempe. Motion carried at 11:51 a.m. by voice vote.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                                |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Joel Seidlitz, District 9                                  |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Rocky Kempe, District 16                                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Bomar, Peterson, Flater, Bergeron, Seidlitz, Kempe, Pingel |

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**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION**  
**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - HICKORY RIDGE EXPANSION**  
**(WARMING SHELTER & MAINTENANCE SHED)**

Chippewa County prioritizes Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for budgeting purposes. For the County to be eligible for federal recreational grant funding, projects must be included in the budget. The Friends of Hickory Ridge Trail have requested the County submit a grant application to construct a new maintenance shed and warming shelter at the Hickory Ridge Trailhead. The CIP previously passed by the Committee on 12/18/24 did not include this project, so grant funding would not be available without action.

This agenda item will be used to consider including the Hickory Ridge Trailhead project in the 2026 CIP.

2/19/2025

Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management  
2026 Capital Improvement Plan Ranking at 2/26/2025 Committee Meeting

| Committee | Department |                                                    | Source of Funding |              |           |           |              |
|-----------|------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Rank      | Rank       | Project                                            | Expenditure       | Fund Balance | Sales Tax | Borrowing | Grants/Other |
|           | 1          | Hickory Ridge Warming Shelter and Maintenance Shed | \$ 500,000        | \$ -         | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ 500,000   |
|           | 2          | Snowmobile Bridge - TBD                            | \$ 120,000        | \$ -         | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ 120,000   |
|           | 3          | County Forest Land Acquisitions                    | \$ 300,000        | \$ 150,000   | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ 150,000   |
|           | 4          | County Stewardship Fund                            | \$ 100,000        | \$ 100,000   | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ -         |

2/19/2025

Department of Land Conservation & Forest Management  
Capital Improvement Plan Requests & Adjustments

| Year | Project                                            | Source of Funding |              |           |           |            | Comments          |
|------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------------|
|      |                                                    | Expenditure       | Fund Balance | Sales Tax | Borrowing | Grants     |                   |
| 2026 | Hickory Ridge Warming Shelter and Maintenance Shed | \$ 500,000        | \$ -         | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ 500,000 | Requested in 2025 |
| 2026 | Snowmobile Bridge - TBD                            | \$ 120,000        | \$ -         | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ 120,000 | Requested in 2018 |
| 2026 | County Forest Land Acquisitions ②                  | \$ 300,000        | \$ 150,000   | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ 150,000 | Requested in 2018 |
| 2026 | County Stewardship Fund ①                          | \$ 100,000        | \$ 100,000   | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ -       | Requested in 2018 |
| 2027 | County Forest Dam Infrastructure Maintenance ③     | \$ 100,000        | \$ 50,000    | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ 50,000  | Requested in 2024 |
| 2027 | County Stewardship Fund ①                          | \$ 100,000        | \$ 100,000   | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ -       | Requested in 2018 |
| 2027 | County Forest Land Acquisitions ②                  | \$ 300,000        | \$ 150,000   | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ 150,000 | Requested in 2018 |
| 2027 | Snowmobile Bridge - TBD                            | \$ 120,000        | \$ -         | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ 120,000 | Requested in 2018 |
| 2028 | County Stewardship Fund ①                          | \$ 100,000        | \$ 100,000   | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ -       | Requested in 2018 |
| 2028 | County Forest Land Acquisitions ②                  | \$ 300,000        | \$ 150,000   | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ 150,000 | Requested in 2018 |
| 2028 | Snowmobile Bridge - TBD                            | \$ 120,000        | \$ -         | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ 120,000 | Requested in 2018 |
| 2029 | County Stewardship Fund ①                          | \$ 100,000        | \$ 100,000   | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ -       | Requested in 2018 |
| 2029 | County Forest Land Acquisitions ②                  | \$ 300,000        | \$ 150,000   | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ 150,000 | Requested in 2018 |
| 2029 | Snowmobile Bridge - TBD                            | \$ 120,000        | \$ -         | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ 120,000 | Requested in 2018 |
| 2030 | County Stewardship Fund ①                          | \$ 100,000        | \$ 100,000   | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ -       | Requested in 2018 |
| 2030 | County Forest Land Acquisitions ②                  | \$ 300,000        | \$ 150,000   | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ 150,000 | Requested in 2018 |
| 2030 | Snowmobile Bridge - TBD                            | \$ 120,000        | \$ -         | \$ -      | \$ -      | \$ 120,000 | Requested in 2018 |

① Co. Stewardship Fund requests added per county resolution #76-98 to maintain a working fund balance to offer matching grants to local municipalities and non profit conservation organizations to secure land for conservation public use.

② County Forest Land Acquisitions CIP projects will be funded by state grants with the option of applying a share of forest revenues to acquire land within the County

Forest Blocking Boundary that would support the public forest enterprise. Funding Order to match fund balance allocation: 1-Tax Deed Type B account & sales 2-Special Conservation Fund 3-Forest Loans

③ A 2023 inspection by LCFM staff engineers concluded that the Willow #1 structure needs to be replaced to maintain the dam. This CIP project will be used to match funds to repair the failing structure impounding Willow #1.



## Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Form

| Budget Year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Department Name   | Project Name                                       |           |           |           |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | LCFM              | Hickory Ridge Warming Shelter and Maintenance Shed |           |           |           |
| Priority                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Total Expenditure | Source of Funding                                  |           |           |           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   | Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing                         | Sales Tax | Borrowing | Grants    |
| Desired                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | \$500,000         | \$0                                                | \$0       | \$0       | \$500,000 |
| Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                   |                                                    |           |           |           |
| Department Head Recommended Ranking                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                   | Committee Approved Ranking                         |           |           |           |
| 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                   |                                                    |           |           |           |
| <b>Project Description and Justification</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                   |                                                    |           |           |           |
| <p>The County is applying for a grant to construct a warming house and maintenance shed at the Hickory Ridge Trailhead. A previous Recreational Trails Program grant was utilized to expand the parking area, build an open air shelter and install electricity for a light pole to illuminate the parking lot. The updated Chippewa County Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan includes these buildings as priorities for infrastructure improvements and qualifies the County to apply for funding from a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant.</p> <p>If approved, the project will be funded 50% by a state administered grant and 50% by a private donor (FOHRT)</p> |                   |                                                    |           |           |           |
| <b>Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                   |                                                    |           |           |           |
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| Submitted by: _____ Date: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   |                                                    |           |           |           |

Completed forms should be reviewed with the policy committees and then submitted to the County Administrator's office.



## Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Form

| Budget Year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Department Name   | Project Name               |           |           |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | LCFM              | SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE - TBD    |           |           |           |
| Priority                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Total Expenditure | Source of Funding          |           |           |           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                   | Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing | Sales Tax | Borrowing | Grants    |
| Desired                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$120,000         | \$0                        | \$0       | \$0       | \$120,000 |
| <b>Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.</b>                                                                                                                                       |                   |                            |           |           |           |
| Department Head Recommended Ranking                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                   | Committee Approved Ranking |           |           |           |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                   |                            |           |           |           |
| <b>Project Description and Justification</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                   |                            |           |           |           |
| <p>Planned snowmobile TBD bridge.</p> <p>Bridge grants are requested in March of each year at the request of CVSO, and are paid 100% by WIDNR Grant monies; bridges are identified as needing repair or replacement on an as-needed basis.</p> |                   |                            |           |           |           |
| <b>Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        |                   |                            |           |           |           |
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| Submitted by: _____ Date: _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                   |                            |           |           |           |

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## Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Form

| Budget Year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Department Name   | Project Name                    |           |           |           |
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| Priority                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Total Expenditure | Source of Funding               |           |           |           |
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Attachment: 2026-2030 CIP Justification Forms (8812 : Capital Improvement Project - Hickory Ridge Expansion)

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## Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Form

| Budget Year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Department Name   | Project Name               |           |           |           |
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| 2027                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | LCFM              | SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE - TBD    |           |           |           |
| Priority                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Total Expenditure | Source of Funding          |           |           |           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                   | Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing | Sales Tax | Borrowing | Grants    |
| Desired                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$120,000         | \$0                        | \$0       | \$0       | \$120,000 |
| <b>Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.</b>                                                                                                                                       |                   |                            |           |           |           |
| Department Head Recommended Ranking                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                   | Committee Approved Ranking |           |           |           |
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| <b>Project Description and Justification</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                   |                            |           |           |           |
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Attachment: 2026-2030 CIP Justification Forms (8812 : Capital Improvement Project - Hickory Ridge Expansion)

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## Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Form

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| Desired                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | \$300,000         | \$150,000                       | \$0       | \$0       | \$150,000 |
| <b>Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                   |                                 |           |           |           |
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| <p>The Chippewa County Comprehensive Forest Plan, as adopted by the County Board, establishes public policy to routinely evaluate and consider additions to the County Forest, that are cost effective and in the long term public interest.</p> <p>Strategic additions to the County Forest and recreational land base, will allow for increased annual timber harvest and additional public recreational opportunities.</p> <p>These capital additions will be of long term value and provide direct benefit to area residents, taxpayers, the forest products industry and the tourism industry.</p> <p>The request meets the County strategic plan objective to "Manage and protect the County's natural resources for the future including water, forests, etc." and the Chippewa County Land &amp; Water Resource Management Plan (July 2009) Land Management objectives.</p> <p>The allocation of capital will likely generate matching funds. The State has recently created a special fund within the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund that is dedicated to providing matching grants for County Forest Acquisitions. This dedicated state fund will enhance the County's opportunity to acquire select parcels of high public value.</p> <p>The amount of land within the County Forest Blocking Boundary offered for sale by private landowners consistently exceeds the amount of capital available to acquire the land. Offers are reviewed and evaluated by the Land Conservation &amp; Forest Management as funds become available.</p> |                   |                                 |           |           |           |
| <b>Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   |                                 |           |           |           |
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## Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Form

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| Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   |                            |           |           |        |
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| Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                   |                            |           |           |        |
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## Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Form

| Budget Year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Department Name   | Project Name               |           |           |           |
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| 2028                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | LCFM              | SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE - TBD    |           |           |           |
| Priority                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Total Expenditure | Source of Funding          |           |           |           |
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| Desired                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$120,000         | \$0                        | \$0       | \$0       | \$120,000 |
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| Department Head Recommended Ranking                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                   | Committee Approved Ranking |           |           |           |
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| <b>Project Description and Justification</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                   |                            |           |           |           |
| <p>Planned snowmobile TBD bridge.</p> <p>Bridge grants are requested in March of each year at the request of CVSO, and are paid 100% by WIDNR Grant monies; bridges are identified as needing repair or replacement on an as-needed basis.</p> |                   |                            |           |           |           |
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## Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Form

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| Budget Year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Department Name   | Project Name               |           |           |           |
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| 2029                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | LCFM              | SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE - TBD    |           |           |           |
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| Project Description and Justification                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                   |                            |           |           |           |
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## Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Form

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| <b>Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                   |                                 |           |           |           |
| Department Head Recommended Ranking                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                   | Committee Approved Ranking      |           |           |           |
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| <b>Project Description and Justification</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                   |                                 |           |           |           |
| <p>The Chippewa County Comprehensive Forest Plan, as adopted by the County Board, establishes public policy to routinely evaluate and consider additions to the County Forest, that are cost effective and in the long term public interest.</p> <p>Strategic additions to the County Forest and recreational land base, will allow for increased annual timber harvest and additional public recreational opportunities.</p> <p>These capital additions will be of long term value and provide direct benefit to area residents, taxpayers, the forest products industry and the tourism industry.</p> <p>The request meets the County strategic plan objective to "Manage and protect the County's natural resources for the future including water, forests, etc." and the Chippewa County Land &amp; Water Resource Management Plan (July 2009) Land Management objectives.</p> <p>The allocation of capital will likely generate matching funds. The State has recently created a special fund within the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund that is dedicated to providing matching grants for County Forest Acquisitions. This dedicated state fund will enhance the County's opportunity to acquire select parcels of high public value.</p> <p>The amount of land within the County Forest Blocking Boundary offered for sale by private landowners consistently exceeds the amount of capital available to acquire the land. Offers are reviewed and evaluated by the Land Conservation &amp; Forest Management as funds become available.</p> |                   |                                 |           |           |           |
| <b>Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   |                                 |           |           |           |
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Attachment: 2026-2030 CIP Justification Forms (8812 : Capital Improvement Project - Hickory Ridge Expansion)

Completed forms should be reviewed with the policy committees and then submitted to the County Administrator's office.



## Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Form

| Budget Year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Department Name   | Project Name               |           |           |        |
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| 2030                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | LCFM              | County Stewardship Fund    |           |           |        |
| Priority                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Total Expenditure | Source of Funding          |           |           |        |
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| Desired                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | \$100,000         | \$100,000                  | \$0       | \$0       | \$0    |
| Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   |                            |           |           |        |
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| <b>Project Description and Justification</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                   |                            |           |           |        |
| <p>The Chippewa County Board (through Resolution 76-98) created the Chippewa County Stewardship Fund in 1998 to provide a stable source of matching grant funds to assist landowners, municipalities, and non-profit organizations to meet local conservation objectives in Chippewa Co.</p> <p>Section 3.1 of the "Chippewa County Stewardship Fund Policy &amp; Procedures for Program Administration", (adopted through Resolution 89-99) states "The County Stewardship Fund will be established as a nonlapsing special revenue fund with partial proceeds available from the County Sales Tax and other funding sources, including public grants, private contributions, service or development fees, and other sources of revenue deemed appropriate by the County."</p> <p>Since the inception of the program, 16 projects have been sponsored by the community resulting in the permanent protection of more than 2100 acres of land having high conservation and recreational value. The Stewardship Fund has been well received by the community and proves to be a cost effective way of meeting the County's long term land conservation and outdoor recreational needs. Since 1998, nearly \$500,000 in sales tax match grants have been awarded. Using donations and principals of leveraging, every \$1 of County sales tax funds have been matched by \$6.00 in outside funding.</p> <p>Under the program, all sites are protected by conservation easements and are required to have permanent public access for outdoor recreation. Unless added to the County Forest system, all sites are managed by other organizations or agencies resulting in no custodial costs to the Co. Given current development trends &amp; associated pressures on land resources, there is an inherent need to maintain the County's resource conservation efforts. This accelerated need comes at a time when traditional revenue sources are being reduced or eliminated.</p> <p>The request for continued sales tax financing supports the state goals &amp; objectives of the Chippewa Co. Strategic Plan (2011) to "Coordinate and collaborate with government entities at all levels to ensure effective government services" and to "Provide a safe, healthy, and prosperous environment for Chippewa Co. employees, clientele, and citizens". The request also supports the stated Land Management Objective of the Chippewa Co. Land &amp; Water Resource Mgt. Plan (2015), to "Protect areas of special environmental, natural resource, or open space significance, (Wisconsin Stats. 91.57)".</p> |                   |                            |           |           |        |
| <b>Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                   |                            |           |           |        |
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## Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Justification Form

| Budget Year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Department Name   | Project Name               |           |           |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2030                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | LCFM              | SNOWMOBILE BRIDGE - TBD    |           |           |           |
| Priority                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Total Expenditure | Source of Funding          |           |           |           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                   | Fund Balance / Non-Lapsing | Sales Tax | Borrowing | Grants    |
| Desired                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$120,000         | \$0                        | \$0       | \$0       | \$120,000 |
| Projects should be ranked for the next fiscal year only. Projects for years 2-5 are placeholders.                                                                                                                                              |                   |                            |           |           |           |
| Department Head Recommended Ranking                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                   | Committee Approved Ranking |           |           |           |
| N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                   | N/A                        |           |           |           |
| Project Description and Justification                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                   |                            |           |           |           |
| <p>Planned snowmobile TBD bridge.</p> <p>Bridge grants are requested in March of each year at the request of CVSO, and are paid 100% by WIDNR Grant monies; bridges are identified as needing repair or replacement on an as-needed basis.</p> |                   |                            |           |           |           |
| Additional Action and/or Comments from Committee                                                                                                                                                                                               |                   |                            |           |           |           |
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**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION**  
**ANNUAL 2025 MATCHING GRANT CRITERIA; CHIPPEWA COUNTY**  
**STEWARDSHIP FUND**

The LCFM administers the Chippewa County Stewardship Fund following policy and procedures adopted by the County Board. The fund is used to by the County to: 1). Receive public contributions (\$) and donations of land for conservation purposes, 2). Purchase land or conservation easements for conservation purposes, and 3). Distribute 1:1 match grants to eligible municipalities and non profit organizations to support the purchase of conservation and recreational lands for public outdoor recreational use.

Sec. 6.0 of the County Stewardship Fund Program policy establishes procedures to be used in distributing local matching grant funds to assist eligible municipalities, and non-profit organizations to acquire land for conservation and public use.

Sec. 6.1 of the policy requires that the committee set annual criteria to be used in conjunction with the standing criteria to solicit and evaluate grant applications.

Sec. 6.3 of the policy sets standing criteria to be considered in evaluating and selecting projects.

Under this agenda item, the LCFM committee will review and consider the annual criteria to be used in soliciting and evaluating matching grant applications in 2025.

## **ANNUAL CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING AND SELECTING PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY STEWARDSHIP FUND LOCAL MATCH GRANT PROGRAM IN 2024**

### **Introduction**

A complete outline of standing administrative policy is established in Chippewa County Stewardship Fund Policy and Procedures for Program Administration, (12/7/99). Section 2.0 gives the Land Conservation Committee (LCC) administrative authority for the Program.

Program policy provides for the use of the County Stewardship Fund to assist landowners, municipalities, local units of government, and non-profit organizations to meet land conservation and resource management objectives in the County.

Program policy requires the LCC to establish objectives and set priorities (annual grant application evaluation criteria) for funding allocations on an annual basis.

Applications shall specify all intended outdoor recreational uses.

Applications shall list all parties directly involved with the project proposal and long-term custodial management of the property.

### **Year 2024 Annual Grant Application Evaluation Criteria**

In the Year 2024 grant cycle, primary consideration will be given to:

- a. Applicants who propose projects that will be matched by other grant sources.
- b. Applicants who have not previously received a grant.
- c. Applicants who propose projects with a purchase price of less than or equal to the appraised value. The County will not contribute to a proposed project in which the purchase price is higher than the appraised value, unless unique and extraordinary circumstances warrant paying more than the appraised value, as determined by the LCC.

All applications submitted through the Chippewa County Stewardship Local Matching Grants allocation process will be evaluated based upon the following criteria:

- a. Projects that provide permanent public access for the nature-based outdoor activities, defined in WI Stats. 23.0916(1)(b), including hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, cross country skiing, and any other nature-based outdoor activity designated by the DNR.
- b. All covenants shall be recorded on the deed in perpetuity.

1. Priority will be given to:

- a. Municipal governments (cities, villages, towns) and eligible non-profit organizations that request up to \$50,000 for acquisition of land or easements to establish green space, bicycle or pedestrian trail corridors, or nature-based park space, as identified in a current land use or public recreation, or trail corridor plan.
- b. County committees, non-profit organizations, or municipal governments (cities, villages, towns) that request up to \$50,000 for the purchase of land (or options to purchase), located within or adjacent the County Forest Blocking Boundary, or for acquisition of parcels which will be managed as part of the County park system.
- c. Projects that result in the acquisition of land or conservation easements to protect shoreland corridors or areas of unique geological, environmental, or biological significance.

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2. Additional matching grant guidelines include:

- a. Preference will be given to projects that propose the use of combined funding (applicant match + County match) as a local match toward other State or Federal grant programs.
- b. State and Federal grants may not be used as the applicant's local match for County funds.
- c. Hard contribution from the applicant must be at least 10% of the amount of County funds requested.
- d. No project shall receive no more than \$50,000 from the County Stewardship Fund without County Board approval.

**Further Clarification of Local Match Requirements and Eligible Expenses**

To be eligible for project funds, the applicant must match the amount requested from the County Stewardship Fund. The Applicant's match must consist of 10% hard contribution.

Local expenses, which may be applied as 10% hard contribution, are as follows:

1. Property appraisals.
2. Title Insurance.
3. Survey costs.
4. Recording fees.
5. Legal fees.
6. Donations toward an endowment for custodial management.

Explanatory Note:

Gifts of land value, offered by the landowner to the applicant, may be used for local match but may not be applied to 10% hard contribution.

The value of the gift is calculated as follows:

Gift Value = Appraised value of land or conservation easement minus the Purchase Price

For example: The Smith conservation easement was appraised at \$100,000 but they will sell the conservation easement to a non-profit organization for \$75,000. The Smith's will be giving the non-profit organization a gift valued at \$25,000. The non-profit organization may apply the \$25,000 gift towards their local match, but it won't be counted as part of their 10% hard contribution.

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## **ANNUAL CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING AND SELECTING PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY STEWARDSHIP FUND LOCAL MATCH GRANT PROGRAM ~~IN 2025~~**

### **Introduction**

A complete outline of standing administrative policy is established in Chippewa County Stewardship Fund Policy and Procedures for Program Administration, (12/7/99). Section 2.0 gives the Land Conservation Committee (LCC) administrative authority for the Program.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this pProgram policy provides for the use of theis to establish the County Stewardship Fund to assist landowners, municipalities, local units of government, and non-profit organizations to meet land conservation and resource management objectives in the County. Program policy requiresAnnually the LCC-LCFM Committee to shall establish review objectives and set priorities (annual grant application evaluation criteria) for funding allocations on an annual basis.

This fund may be used to:

1. Purchase land through fee title for future community needs. Including, but not limited to open space uses, access or recreational corridors or other environmental land conservation uses.
  2. Purchase development rights or conservation easements to preserve prime farmland, woodlots, environmental corridors, or planned open space
  3. Purchase land or easements in support of local fish and wildlife habitat development and improvement projects.
- Applications shall specify all intended outdoor recreational uses.

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Applications shall list all parties directly involved with the project proposal and long-term custodial management of the property.

### **Year 2025 Annual Grant Application Evaluation Criteria**

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Applications shall specify all intended outdoor recreational uses.

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In the Year 2025 grant cycle, primary consideration will be given to:

- a. Applicants who propose projects that will be matched by other grant sources.
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4. Priority will be given to:

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- ba. Municipal governments (cities, villages, towns) and eligible non-profit organizations that request up to \$50,000 for Projects that request funds for acquisition of land or easements to establish green space, bicycle or pedestrian trail corridors, or nature-based park space, as identified in a current land use or public recreation, or trail corridor plan.
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- de. Projects that result in the acquisition of land or conservation easements to protect shoreland corridors or areas of unique geological, environmental, or biological significance.
- e. Projects that maximize the sponsor match
- f. Applicants who propose projects that will be matched by other grant sources.
- g. Applicants who have not previously received a grant.
- h. Applicants who propose projects with a purchase price of less than or equal to the appraised value.

Additional

**Eligible Sources Of Sponsor Match**

Sponsor match is that portion of eligible acquisition costs not funded by a State Stewardship grant. The sponsor must provide at least 50% of project costs from non-state sources. Eligible sources of sponsor match include:

- cash from the sponsor and/or third-party contributions.
- funds from a local government or the federal government.
- property value donated by the seller - a "bargain sale"; and
- the value of a property donated to the sponsor or acquired with non-state funds, if the applicant acquired such land within three years of the closing date for the parcel in the application.

2. matching grant guidelines include:

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4. Preference will be given to projects that propose the use of combined funding (applicant match + County match) as a local match toward other State or Federal grant programs.

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6. State and Federal grants may not be used as the applicant's local match for County funds.

7. —

8. Hard contribution from the applicant must be at least 10% of the amount of County funds requested.

9. —

10. No project shall receive no more than \$50,000 from the County Stewardship Fund without County Board approval.

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**Further Clarification of Local Match Requirements and Eligible Expenses**

To be eligible for project funds, the applicant must match the amount requested from the County Stewardship Fund. The Applicant's match must consist of 10% hard contribution.

Local expenses, which may be applied as 10% hard contribution, are as follows Applicant is responsible for any costs associated with:

1. Property appraisals.
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## **CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING AND SELECTING PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY STEWARDSHIP FUND LOCAL MATCH GRANT PROGRAM**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this program is to establish the County Stewardship Fund to assist municipalities, local units of government, and non-profit organizations to meet land conservation and resource management objectives in the County. Annually the LCFM Committee shall review objectives and set priorities for funding allocations.

This fund may be used to:

1. Purchase land through fee title for future community needs. Including, but not limited to open space uses, access or recreational corridors or other environmental land conservation uses.
2. Purchase development rights or conservation easements to preserve prime farmland, woodlots, environmental corridors, or planned open space
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### **Application Evaluation Criteria**

Applications shall specify all intended outdoor recreational uses.

Applications shall list all parties directly involved with the project proposal and long-term custodial management of the property

Priority will be given to:

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- d. Projects that result in the acquisition of land or conservation easements to protect shoreland corridors or areas of unique geological, environmental, or biological significance.
- e. Projects that maximize the sponsor match
- f. Applicants who propose projects that will be matched by other grant sources.
- g. Applicants who have not previously received a grant.
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- the value of a property donated to the sponsor or acquired with non-state funds, if the applicant acquired such land within three years of the closing date for the parcel in the application.

Applicant is responsible for any costs associated with:

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2. Title Insurance.
3. Survey
4. Recording
5. Legal fees.

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**Land Conservation & Forest Management  
Stewardship Fund Summary  
1999-2024**

| Year | Appropriation | End of Year<br>Balance | Project                            | Grant Request | Cost of<br>Project | Approval<br>Date | Number of<br>Acres | Sponsor             | Match<br>Ratio |
|------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| 1999 | \$100,000     | \$100,000              |                                    |               |                    |                  |                    |                     |                |
| 2000 | \$100,000     | \$180,697              | Hallie Nature Preserve             | \$19,303      | \$74,500           | 5/4/2000         | 19                 | Town of Hallie      | 4 to 1         |
| 2001 | \$100,000     | \$280,697              | Lower Long Lake - Playter Property | \$50,000*     | \$77,050           | 4/25/2001        | 59                 | LLL Protection Dist |                |
| 2002 | \$100,000     | 380,697                |                                    |               |                    |                  |                    |                     |                |
| 2003 | \$50,000      | \$380,697              | Boyd Park Nature Preserve          | \$50,000      | \$337,200          | 4/17/2003        | 24                 | CC Land Conservancy | 6.5 to 1       |
| 2004 | \$0           | \$380,697              |                                    |               |                    |                  |                    |                     |                |
| 2005 | \$0           | \$303,976              | Lyberg Wildlife Area               | \$3,250       | \$6,500            | 3/17/2005        | 20                 | Pheasants Forever   | 2 to 1         |
|      |               |                        | McCann Creek Wild Lakes            | \$34,270      | \$412,230          | 6/17/2005        | 240                | W Wisc Land Trust   | 7.5. to 1      |
|      |               |                        | Cherrier Acquisition I             | \$39,200      | \$78,700           | 8/18/2005        | 56                 | Pheasants Forever   | 2 to 1         |
| 2006 | \$50,000      | \$342,277              | Cherrier Acquisition II            | \$100,000*    | \$286,000          | 6/15/2006        | 220                | Pheasants Forever   |                |
| 2007 | \$50,000      | \$359,348              | Patrick Greening                   | \$40,000      | \$161,708          | 4/19/2007        | 77                 | Pheasants Forever   | 4 to 1         |
|      |               |                        | Kemper's Woods                     | \$100,000*    | \$311,500          | 9/11/2007        | 80                 | CC Land Conservancy |                |
| 2008 | \$50,000      | \$358,696              | Hawk Metals                        | \$50,000      | \$277,200          | 2/15/2007        | 720                | W Wisc Land Trust   | 5 to 1         |
| 2009 | \$0           | \$308,696              | Melville Family                    | \$50,000      | \$289,077          | 1/21/2009        | 60                 | Pheasants Forever   | 5.5 to 1       |
| 2010 | \$0           | \$179,302              | Cherrier III                       | \$50,000      | \$345,000          | 8/9/2010         | 66                 | Pheasants Forever   | 7 to 1         |
|      |               |                        | Joas Nature Preserve               | \$26,100      | \$61,310           | 11/7/2010        | 52                 | CC Land Conservancy | 2 to 1         |
| 2011 | \$0           | \$179,302              | Chase                              | \$50,000      | \$454,656          | 4/20/2011        | 340                | LCFM                | 9 to 1         |
| 2012 | \$0           | \$121,897              | Marquardt                          | \$50,000      | \$132,144          | 3/21/2012        | 80                 | Pheasants Forever   | 2.5 to 1       |
| 2013 | \$100,000     | \$221,867              |                                    |               |                    |                  |                    |                     |                |
| 2014 |               |                        | Town of Lafayette                  | \$33,500      | \$67,000           | 10/16/2013       | 9.7                | Town of Lafayette   | 2 to 1         |
|      |               |                        | Donation - Whelen Easement         | N/A           | \$2,767            |                  |                    | Mark Whelen         | N/A            |
|      |               | \$185,600              |                                    |               |                    |                  |                    |                     |                |

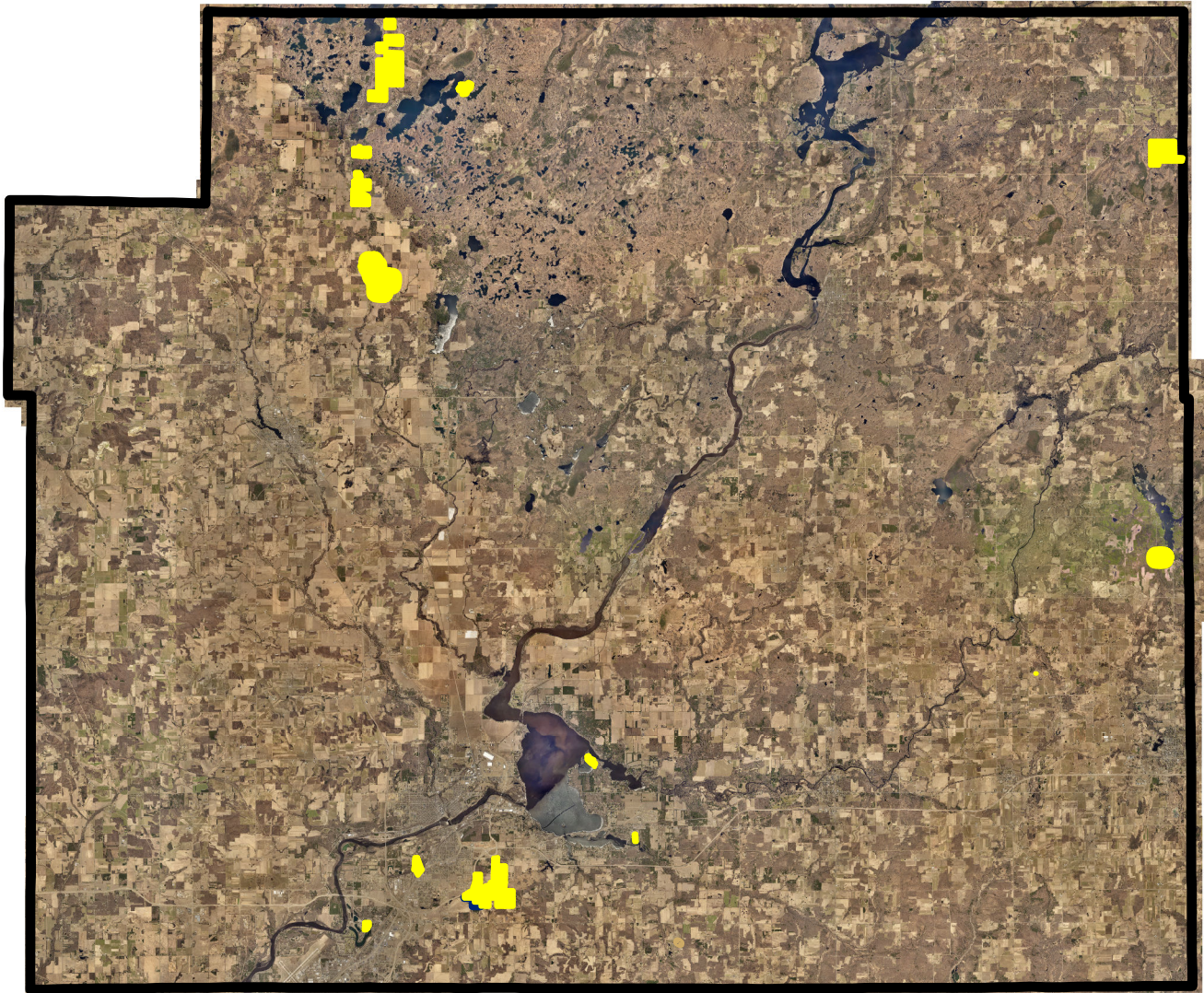
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| Year | Appropriation | End of Year<br>Balance | Project                            | Grant Request | Cost of<br>Project | Approval<br>Date | Number of<br>Acres | Sponsor                 | Match<br>Ratio |
|------|---------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 2015 |               | \$135,600              | Larson - Chippewa Moraine Addition | \$50,000      | \$164,060          | 6/17/2015        | 79                 | West WI Land Trust      | 3 to 1         |
| 2017 |               | \$85,600               | Otter Lake Eskar, South, Ice Age   | \$50,000      | \$152,806          | 7/19/2017        | ~13.3              | Ice Age Trail Alliance  | 3 to 1         |
| 2021 |               | \$85,000               | McCann Creek Fishery Area          | \$50,000      | \$410,600          | 9/15/2021        | ~182.5             | Pheasants Forever, Inc. |                |
| 2024 |               | \$100,000              | Otter Lake East                    | \$50,000      | \$362,330          | 10/23/2024       | ~74                | Ice Age Trail Alliance  |                |

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| *Expenditures fully reimbursed through outside grants or other sources. | **committed but not paid | h:\dcmgr\adm\stewardship\stewardship fund summary | 2/20/2025 |
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Location of Parcels and Conservation Easements  
Acquired Using Matching Grants Through the  
Chippewa County Stewardship Program  
2000-2024



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**Legend**

 Grant Funded: Public Access Component

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**CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING AND SELECTING PROJECTS SUBMITTED TO THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY STEWARDSHIP FUND LOCAL MATCH GRANT PROGRAM**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this program is to establish the County Stewardship Fund to assist municipalities, local units of government, and non-profit organizations to meet land conservation and resource management objectives in the County. Annually the LCFM Committee shall review objectives and set priorities for funding allocations.

This fund may be used to:

1. Purchase land through fee title for future community needs. Including, but not limited to open space uses, access or recreational corridors or other environmental land conservation uses.
2. Purchase development rights or conservation easements to preserve prime farmland, woodlots, environmental corridors, or planned open space.
3. Purchase land or easements in support of local fish and wildlife habitat development and improvement projects.

**Application Evaluation Criteria**

Application request must be \$50,000.

Applications shall specify all intended outdoor recreational uses.

Applications shall list all parties directly involved with the project proposal and long-term custodial management of the property

Priority will be given to:

- a. Projects that provide permanent public access for nature-based outdoor activities, defined in WI Stats. 23.0916(1)(b), including hunting, fishing, trapping, hiking, cross country skiing, and any other nature- based outdoor activity designated by the DNR.
- b. Projects that request funds for acquisition of land or easements to establish green space, bicycle or pedestrian trail corridors, or nature-based park space, as identified in a current land use or public recreation, or trail corridor plan.
- c. Projects that request funds for the purchase of land (or options to purchase), located within or adjacent the County Forest Blocking Boundary, or for acquisition of parcels which will be managed as part of the County park system.
- d. Projects that result in the acquisition of land or conservation easements to protect shoreland corridors or areas of unique geological, environmental, or biological significance.
- e. Projects that maximize the sponsor match.
- f. Applicants who propose projects that will be matched by other grant sources.
- g. Applicants who have not previously received a grant.
- h. Applicants who propose projects with a purchase price of less than or equal to the appraised value.



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**Eligible Sources Of Sponsor Match**

Sponsor match is that portion of eligible acquisition costs not funded by a State Stewardship grant. The sponsor must provide at least 50% of project costs from non-state sources. Eligible sources of sponsor match include:

- cash from the sponsor and/or third-party contributions.
- funds from a local government or the federal government.
- property value donated by the seller - a "bargain sale"; and
- the value of a property donated to the sponsor or acquired with non-state funds, if the applicant acquired such land within three years of the closing date for the parcel in the application.

Applicant is responsible for any costs associated with:

1. Property appraisals.
2. Title Insurance.
3. Survey.
4. Recording.
5. Legal fees.

A complete outline of standing administrative policy is established in Chippewa County Stewardship Fund Policy and Procedures for Program Administration, (12/7/99).

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